



CHILDREN – OUR PURPOSE AND OUR FUTURE

# EASTWOOD CONNECTIONS

THEME OF THE MONTH – FREEDOM

## MIDDLE SCHOOL IN BEIRUT!

Middle school students spent an amazing autumn day exploring the treasures and artifacts of the AUB museum. With the help of two guides, the students examined ancient relics to learn about local and regional history dating from the Bronze Age to the Byzantine era. History was followed by plenty of exercise, with the students biking their way around BIEL for almost two hours! After exhaustion kicked in, it was off to grab a bite at the local McDonald's. What a great way to spend a school day!



Dear Eastwood Family,

The school year has started and our Eastwood College Family has settled into their routines; it seems everyone is in good spirits and passionate about the new year! I would like to take this opportunity to share with you a personal passion of mine, sailing. Sailing requires plenty of patience and perseverance. It gives life to the age-old saying: if at first you don't succeed then try again.

This is what makes sailing both a sport and a spiritual experience. A sailboat has no engine and so it is dependent on the wind. If the wind dies the sailboat is left waiting in its place in the middle of the sea. Thus, sailors have to wait for a second wind. This second wind represents a second chance; a second chance to continue the journey.

I believe that Eastwood College offers our children both a steady and warm first wind, as well as a second wind that gives an added chance to those who need to start again and succeed. I hope that while sailing through our educational journey we will ride the wind to taste the joys of success.

Warm regards,  
Jenny Gebara

## 3UNION IN CONCERT

On October 25<sup>th</sup>, 3Union made a strong comeback at Eastwood College! After 3 years of being away, they finally returned to rock out with our students. 3Union is a rock band of brothers who love performing for audiences whilst sharing their faith and life experiences. The band left the students in awe, and new fans were running to get signed autographs after the show and take souvenir photos! See more photos on our website and facebook page!



## PETTING AND FEEDING AT ANIMAL CITY

Students of grades 2 and 3 spent a beautiful morning getting to know all the little and big animals at Animal City. Students had the chance to feed the camels, turtles, ostriches, horses, and ponies. They learned how to take care of the animals, what to feed them, how they like to play, and how to interact with them. The children also took turns riding the pony!



## EARLY CHILDHOOD GO TO KAFARSHIMA

Our students of the Early Childhood Department at Eastwood College Mansourieh had the opportunity once again to visit our sister school, Eastwood College Kfarshima on Friday, October 28. It has been a lovely tradition that the students have kept over the years and look forward to it every fall. Everyone had a great time playing and making crafts with the kindergarten students there. It was very interesting to watch children who were total strangers mingle and start playing together so quickly. After a day full of fun, we thanked the Kfarshima teachers and students, and headed back to Mansourieh hoping to visit again soon!



## PARENTS' COMMITTEE- VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Parents' Committee strives to organize school-wide activities, fundraise for the school, and provide an opportunity for families to get more involved with the school. We highly encourage interested parents to get involved. To learn about the Parents' Committee or about possibilities of joining, please email [parents@eastwoodcollege.com](mailto:parents@eastwoodcollege.com) or call the school for more information.

## Find us on Facebook

Eastwood College has joined Facebook and Twitter. Please be sure to join us in cyberspace and keep updated with the latest news and events. Also check our [Website](#) for important [Calendar](#) updates. (Facebook: Eastwood College "The Official Page" )

## STUDY HALL

If you find that your child may need extra support with homework and studying, then the school may be offering after-school study hall. Students could study in a monitored environment and receive tutor-like support. Contact Joelle Khoury for more information. [Joelle.khoury@eastwoodcollege.com](mailto:Joelle.khoury@eastwoodcollege.com)

## STUDENT HEALTH

As the winter season approaches, so do colds and viruses. As a precautionary measure, we will not allow any student to attend school with a severe cold or fever in fear of them contaminating other students. Also, in case of absence, a doctor's report will be required. Please contact our nurse, Ms. Celine Kettaneh for any questions.



## PROGRESS REPORTS

[Progress Reports](#) will be sent out by the end of the month for Grades 7-12. Their purpose is to assess students' academic performance to date. Students will have opportunities to re-adjust their study skills if they see gaps, or continue to work hard if they are doing well. Official [Report Cards](#) will be sent by the end of the trimester.



## November 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	31	1	<b>2</b> Welcome to High School Night 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.	3	<b>4</b> Visit to Salon De Livre in Biel Grades 5, 6,7	5
<b>6</b> Eid el Adha Holiday	<b>7</b> Eid el Adha Holiday	<b>8</b> Eid el Adha Holiday	<b>9</b> Eid el Adha Holiday	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	<b>18</b> Gr. 6 Bake Sale	19
20	21	<b>22</b> Independence Day Holiday	<b>23</b> Progress Reports Distributed Gr.7-12	<b>24</b> American Thanksgiving Day	25	<b>26</b> Islamic New Year
<b>27</b> EWC at the Beirut Marathon Drop off 7:00 am	28	29	30	1	2	3

