



Dear Keystone and Kilittaşı Community,

Although the weather is freezing, knowing that we can always see the sun warms us up a little. As you know, this week we were expecting a visit and inspection from the Ministry of Education of Prince Edward Island (PEI), Canada. However, due to recent developments in Turkey over the past two weeks, both PEI and WASC have decided to carry out their inspections and visits virtually. We would like to inform you that we will begin these inspections with PEI next week on Wednesday. As we have mentioned in our previous newsletters, we are about to enter a hectic period due to our early registrations. Therefore, would like to share with you the dates and details of some special events taking place in April and June:

## April 23 – National Sovereignty and Children’s Day:

Our celebration, which will include students from KG to Grade 6, will begin at 10:00 AM on the morning of April 23 and will last approximately one hour. Grade 7 and 8 students and their parents are also invited to attend the ceremony.

On this special day, students are encouraged to wear colorful and casual clothes.

As this International Children’s Day was gifted to all the children of the world by the founder of the Turkish Republic, Mustafa Kemal Atatürk, students are welcome to wear traditional outfits representing their own countries or cultures. This would make us very happy!

## Memory from a Past Year's April 23rd Ceremony



## April 12-15 | Exploring Science and Culture: Our Students Are Off to the Prestigious Edinburgh Science Festival!

On Saturday, April 12, a group of 18 students and 2 teachers from our school will travel to Edinburgh, Scotland, to attend the Edinburgh Science Festival, one of the world's oldest and most prestigious science festivals. This remarkable trip, lasting until April 15, promises an exciting and educational experience for all involved. Students will participate in hands-on scientific workshops, interactive experiments, and international student sessions, all aimed at broadening their knowledge and understanding of various scientific fields. This adventure will not only enrich their scientific knowledge but also provide meaningful opportunities for cultural exchange and global awareness.

## May 4-10 | France Trip

Soon, you'll get a glimpse into the wonderful memories from our school's traditional annual trip to France, a journey where our students bring the French they've learned in class to life and fully immerse themselves in the culture.

Our students are traveling to the beautiful city of Nice on the Mediterranean coast of France between May 4-10. Within this special program, our students will receive French language education at a language school and will also have the opportunity to explore the city, have fun, and experience French culture firsthand. We believe it will be a valuable experience in terms of both academic development and cultural enrichment.



## A Unique Opportunity: Embracing the Privilege of a Canadian Diploma for Kilittası and Keystone Students

We are excited to welcome our school founder, Doga Demirsu Doran, to Toronto! For the next two weeks, she will be with us at the school, connecting with both middle and high school students from Kilittası and Keystone Schools. During her visit, Doga will be holding a special meeting where she will listen to the university application experiences of our 12th-grade students and share her personal story of studying in Canada at just 14 years old.

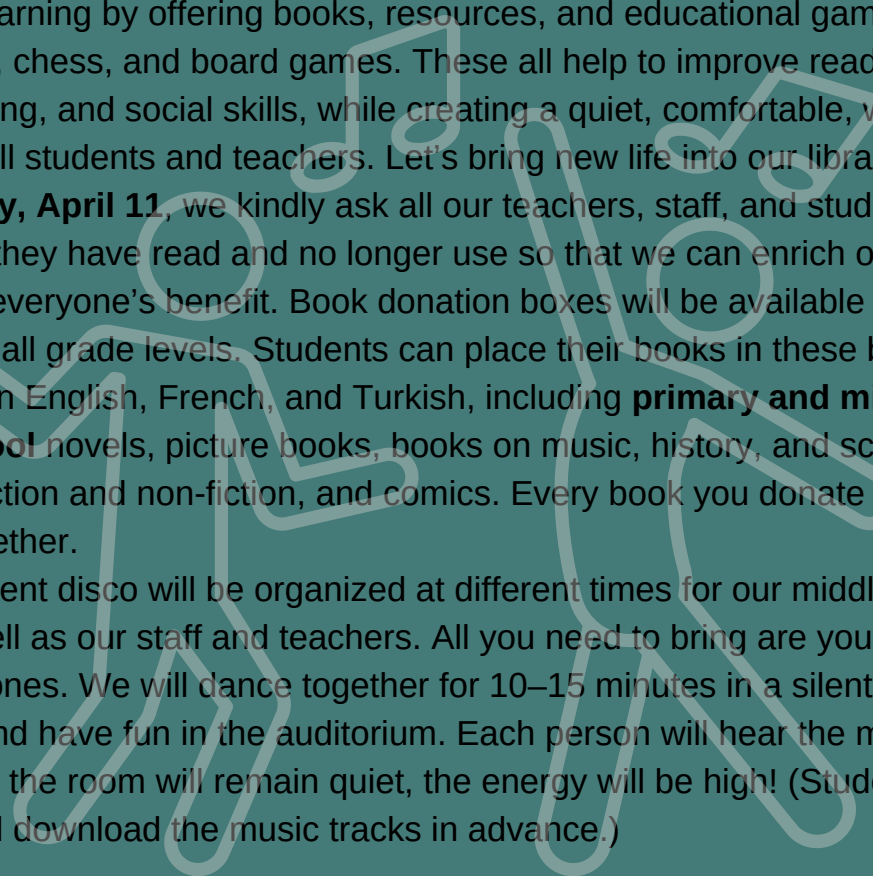
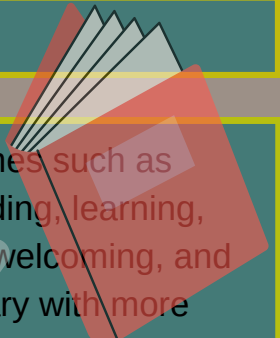
Her journey is a testament to the opportunities that studying in Canada can offer, and she will talk about the unique privilege of holding a Canadian diploma. This invaluable experience is something we are proud to offer to all students at Kilittası and Keystone Schools, opening doors to a world of global opportunities and success.

We look forward to her visit and the inspiration she will bring to our students!

## BOOK DONATION AND SILENT DISCO

Our library supports learning by offering books, resources, and educational games such as Sudoku, word puzzles, chess, and board games. These all help to improve reading, learning, thinking, problem-solving, and social skills, while creating a quiet, comfortable, welcoming, and safe environment for all students and teachers. Let's bring new life into our library with more great books! **On Friday, April 11**, we kindly ask all our teachers, staff, and students to donate well-preserved books they have read and no longer use so that we can enrich our school library's collection for everyone's benefit. Book donation boxes will be available on each floor of the school building for all grade levels. Students can place their books in these boxes. You may send books in English, French, and Turkish, including **primary and middle school** storybooks, **high school** novels, picture books, books on music, history, and science, kindergarten books, fiction and non-fiction, and comics. Every book you donate builds a world we can all explore together.

On the same day, a silent disco will be organized at different times for our middle and high school students, as well as our staff and teachers. All you need to bring are your phones and headphones or earphones. We will dance together for 10–15 minutes in a silent disco atmosphere to relax and have fun in the auditorium. Each person will hear the music through their headset, so while the room will remain quiet, the energy will be high! (Students need to bring their devices and download the music tracks in advance.)



## Take note of these important dates, mark your calendars !

June is going to be filled with many important and proud moments for all of us! We would love for you to **mark your calendars** now, because we have several special celebrations coming up before we head into the summer holidays.

Among the highlights, we will be hosting our graduation ceremonies and celebration parties, moments where we come together to recognize the hard work, growth, and achievements of our amazing students. These events are not just milestones for our students, but for our whole school community, and we are so excited to share them with you.

Stay tuned for more detailed invitations and schedules! We look forward to seeing you there and making unforgettable memories together

### JUNE 3-4 – WELCOME TO PRIMARY SCHOOL PARTY FOR KG STUDENTS

This special celebration, where we will mark the KG students' transition to primary school, will take place on the evenings of June 3 and 4, starting at 4:30 PM and ending at 5:30 PM.

We would be delighted to have our dear KG parents join us on this meaningful day.

### June 11 – Welcome to High School Party:

Our “Welcome to High School” party for Dual 8 and INT 9 students will start at 4:30 PM and last for one hour. The parents of Dual 8 and INT 9 students are kindly invited to attend this event.

### June 13 – Grade 12 Graduation Ceremony:

The graduation ceremony for our Grade 12 students will take place on June 13, starting at 7:00 PM and ending at 8:30 PM. We would be honored to have you, our valued parents, join us on this meaningful evening.

### June 16 – Welcome to the Grade 5 Party:

This transition event for our Grade 4 students will be held with the participation of Dual 4-A / 4-B and INT 4 parents. The homeroom teachers will share more detailed information.



Every year, as a Canadian international school, our students apply to universities all around the world. The application process kicks off in January and continues into the spring, as students start receiving their exciting offers of acceptance.

This year, we've noticed a strong preference among our students for universities in the USA, followed closely by Canada and the UK. (You can see the trend clearly in the chart below!) We are incredibly proud of each and every one of them for their hard work and achievements.

We will soon be sharing a full list of where our Grade 12 students will choose to continue their educational journeys, they have received many wonderful offers, and are now making their final decisions.

In the meantime, we are thrilled to share some fresh news with you:

★ Jana Abu Al Haj has been accepted to the University of Amsterdam to study Economics and Business!

★ Amirhossein Hosseini has been accepted to the University of Edinburgh for Psychology, a university ranked 27th in the world! He has also been accepted to the University of St. Andrews for Psychology!

More exciting updates are on the way, stay tuned!

We are so proud of our students and can't wait to celebrate all their successes with you.

