



# MAR QARDAKH INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

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## Parent Newsletter

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His Excellency Archbishop  
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Community Service Class

### PYP5- EXHIBITION Sharing the Planet

On Sunday, June 6, 2021 at 10:00a.m. His Excellency



Dr. Warda accompanied by CUE Dean and several principals of schools in Ankawa, as they entered MQIS, the ribbon cutting ceremony took place to start the PYP5 Exhibition entitled Sharing the Planet. Students were anxiously waiting to do their presentation. The dignitaries went to each group and three to four students took turns speaking about their research in area of Climate



Change, Pollution, Natural Disaster, Waste Management, Endangered Species, Over Population, Pandemics and Deforestation. Students did a great job in sharing what they learned about their researched project. They appeared confident and each took turns presenting his/her part. Commendations go to Mr. Albron and Ms. Matilda for helping these students learn about what we can do to preserve and protect while we share the planet in a healthy way. Ms. Saveen and Ms. Rana, our design teachers assisted the students in preparing for the exhibition.

### Mr. Fahmi Sliwa Babaka

Erbil-Outskirts Directorate of Education

By Tallin, Maryam Solav, Sentya, Marina, Meryam and Carmen



On Tuesday, five of MYP4 Community Service students undertook the challenge of going to interview Mr. Fahmi at his office. The students had a list of questions but kindly asked for permission if they could record the interview. Fahmi Sliwa Babaka is 54 years old. He speaks Kurdish, Assyrian, Arabic and English. He supervises churches and schools like our school but also, Bshara, Um Al maona, Maryamana and more. He also supervises some congregations for Chaldeans. Mr. Fahmi graduated from Salaheddin University in 1989 with a degree in Chemistry. His first job was a teacher at Baharka school where he taught chemistry to 12th graders. Then he became assistant manager of education in Ankawa in 1999. He opened and managed Bahradaran school from 2004 until 2012. In November of 2012 he became a manager of education in Ankawa. Mr. Fahmi is married and has two children-a son and a daughter named Onel and Katrin. Onel is attends an engineering college and Katrin manages a college. God is the one who guided him to teach. His passion was to teach and he successfully did it because of his belief in God. One of his great works is helping refugees and poor people. He welcomed refugees and he was able to offer them good homes like living in empty schools. Then he built schools for them. He also manages the UN organization. He prepared and managed 20 camps with food, clothes and everything needed for these refugees. He also had to manage everything related to nutrition so he prepared 12 thousand food baskets. He is responsible for 202 governmental schools and 13 private schools. He needed to open MQS school because it's different from all governmental schools.



**Principal's Corner-** Last two weeks of academic school year 2020-2021 has been busy. Students were busy in taking summative assessments while teachers worked on getting the grades calculated for all the students. In retrospect, this school year has been challenging to say the least- first in dealing with the pandemic, having online and then face to face school was rather challenging for students, parents and staff. But Thank God we managed to ensure students acquired the skills and concepts they need to move on to the next grade level. Our hard work laid a solid foundation for a better academic year 2021-2022. I want to thank all the parents, staff and especially students for being so cooperative adhering to the guidelines provided. Please be advised that we have hired well qualified teachers for the upcoming school year.

### School Community Participated at the MQIS PYP5 EXHIBITION

By Mileen, Marina, Sentya and Maryam Solav

On Monday, June 7<sup>th</sup> students from other schools in Ankawa as well as parents came to MQIS to see the exhibition. In 8 groups made up of three to four students spoke about how



most of things we do every day can affect the environment and ruin the nature. Each group made experiments so they can explain their research to the visitors. For example, the Deforestation made an experiment showing that when a environment is not healthy

the animals living in it are going to dies but for the healthy environment where it is all green the animals would be healthy. According to PYP5 teacher Mr. Albron, the purpose of the exhibition was to educate and raise awareness in the society.

Ms Matilda, PYP5B teachers stated that she was really satisfied with the results. She said the exhibition was like a ceremony where PYP5 students got promoted to MYP1. Principal Ms. Hala stated she was proud of what PYP5 students made. This is an achievement for everyone. Mina -MYP1a and Sebastian MYP2A said they learned new things on how to share the planet. Two visiting parents Ayman Saaed and Helen found the exhibition to be beautiful and educational. Ms. Rebecca, a teacher from Chesterton stated that she was impressed and enjoyed the detailed information. The project that impressed her was pollution because as she put it students gave the information 'in a cool way!'

