

SPOTLIGHT



ADVANCED LEARNING SCHOOLS - RIYADH



From the superintendent Neil Hugo

At the beginning of this school year I received a letter from Mr. Gerry Steiert, the Boys' Principal, saying that he and

his wife would be leaving ALS at the end of this school year. The Board immediately instigated a world wide search and a thorough search took place. A member of the Board joined me along with Ms. Kathy Khayatt for the interview process and we are pleased to announce that we will be joined by Mr. Aaron Kombol and his wife at the start of the 2018/19 school year.

Mr. Kombol already has experience of the Kingdom, being the current principal at the Dahran High School.

Mr. Kombol has written to the ALS community and the text is below.

Dear ALS Parents & Community:

My name is Aaron Kombol and I am the incoming Boys' Principal of Advanced Learning Schools. I wanted to share how much I am looking forward to being part of the ALS community and working with you. I also want to tell you a little bit about my background and about family.

First of all, I want to thank Mr. Hugo and the Board for giving me the opportunity to become

the next Boys' Principal of ALS. It is an honor to be entrusted with the responsibility of leadership and something that I never take lightly. I'd also like to thank the current administrative team for their work in allowing me to step into a great situation for an incoming principal.

During my recent job search, I was blessed by having multiple opportunities available to my family as we looked for our next position. I chose ALS because I believe my skill set will have a significant and positive impact on ALS, I have a strong belief in the IB program, and lastly, my family and I enjoy living in the Kingdom. I declined other opportunities as I want to be here working with the staff and students at ALS.

I am originally from the State of Washington and began my teaching career in 1991, teaching mostly Chemistry and Biology at several different high schools. In addition to my teaching, I was also very active in athletics, coaching a variety of sports and serving as Director of Athletics. After my teaching career, I served as Assistant Principal at Ferndale High School in Washington State for eight years and then Director of Special Projects again in Ferndale School District for another four years. In 2011, I was asked to take over as Principal at Ferndale High School. After four years of serving as Principal of FHS, I finally agreed with my wife to make the move to work internationally. I was recruited to lead the

students and staff at Dhahran High School, in Eastern Saudi Arabia. DHS is the 'crown jewel' of International Schools Group as we run the IBDP program, AP Capstone Program, and have a full athletic and music programs. DHS students are admitted to the finest universities in the world.

After three very successful years at the school and in line with the high school graduation of my oldest daughter, the time is right for my family to move on. I will definitely miss my students and staff at DHS but the time is right for a new path in my career.

Moving with me to Riyadh will be my wife Rita

and one of my daughters. Mrs. Kombol and I have been married for over 20 years and have two daughters. Rita is a school counselor/ learning support teacher and will also be working at ALS.

In closing, the Kombol family is very excited to embark on this new part of our lives and join the ALS team. I look forward to meeting and working with all of you.

Thank you,
Aaron Kombol
Incoming Boys' Principal



ALS K-5 End of Year Celebration

We will be holding the End of Year Celebration in the school's Multi Purpose Room on **May 8th and May 9th 2018**.

One performance will include the Girls from Grade 4 and 5 and one will include the boys from G4 and 5.

You will be sent tickets for one of the performances so that we give everyone the opportunity to get a really good view of their children. Please keep these dates free so that you can see your child perform.

End of this school year

This school year ends on Tuesday May 15th. This is a very short year and so we would like ALL students to attend school until the very last day as classes will continue until 2.30pm on that day.

Please do not book flights earlier.

Important Information

Main school - 011 2070926

Please remember you can always email a staff member if you have any concerns or queries.

Their email will be their initial followed by their family name, then @alsschools.com For example:

Neil Hugo - nhugo@alsschools.com

Boys' principal Gerry Steiert - gsteiert@alsschools.com

K-3 & Girls principal - Kathy Khayatt - kkhayatt@alsschools.com