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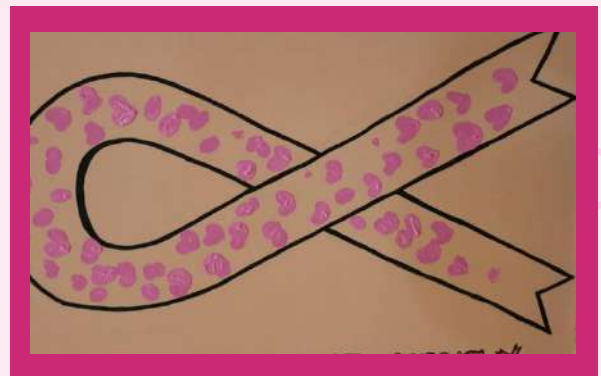
BREAST CANCER AWARENESS DAY

On October 24, 2023, Al Maarifa International School celebrated Breast Cancer Awareness Day with a profound sense of unity, purpose, and jubilation. The school's seniors took the lead by organizing a snack and goodies sale, with every penny raised contributing to the noble cause of breast cancer support. The campus underwent a breathtaking transformation into a pink paradise from the early morning hours, with seniors adorning themselves in various shades of pink, symbolizing the significance of the day and fostering a heartwarming sense of togetherness.

What made these treats even more special was the knowledge that each purchase went directly toward the fight against breast cancer. Their hard work and immense generosity were genuinely inspirational.

Al Maarifa International School's Breast Cancer Awareness Day goes beyond fundraising. It's a day of unwavering support, making a tangible impact, and raising awareness while enjoying and spreading love. A face painting station allowed students and attendees to show solidarity with pink ribbons and slogans. Photographers captured the day's moments, preserving our shared commitment to women's health, a reminder of the collective strength and fun in supporting the cause.

This annual tradition encapsulates the spirit of unity and the belief that, together, we can truly make a significant difference in the world of breast cancer support. It reminds us that by coming together, we can achieve remarkable results and serve as a source of hope for those battling this disease.



THE KARATE CHAMPION

JOUD MAHMOUD MALAK



Joud Mahmoud Malak is a 10th grader who has brought pride to our school. This karate player has won multiple competitions, including The World Karate champion in 2019.

I started off the interview by asking her when she started karate, I was surprised that she started as young as six years old.

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When I asked her why she picked Karate, she responded with a thought provoking answer,

“Karate was the missing piece of my puzzle, it improved me physically and mentally. It enhances my fitness, concentration, discipline, and self-control through vigorous exercises and repetitive movements. These skills can be vital for self-defense. Karate is my escape from life’s challenges, a way to channel my emotions and find clarity amid daily stresses.”

After hearing that, I had to ask her how she stays so disciplined to keep pursuing her passion.

“Learning karate can be discipline-challenging, but I set yearly or more specific goals for myself, and monitoring my progress helps me stay motivated and focused. Finding a training partner or encouraging karate community is encouraging, and I am appreciative of my friends for their support when I face challenges. I also value my coach and family’s support in this regard.”

As a student, its always interesting to hear about how people balance their passions and studies. This is what Joud had to say about that:

“Training usually takes 4 hours of my day, 6 days a week. And through midterm exams, I face difficulties in managing time. I’m forced to be absent for tournaments that would take place on school days. I have no time for projects or daily revisions, I barely solve my daily homework.”

To end the interview, I asked her for some words of advice,

“Stay focused, stay disciplined, and never give up on not only your training, but also your daily life goals. And there’s these 2 quotes that I would always say to myself to keep me on track in both my ups and downs: ‘The more you sweat in training, the less you bleed in battle.’ And it’s not the motivation that leads you to success; It’s the discipline and stamina!”



JUMAN HAKAM KABRAWI

Young Entrepreneur in the Custom Phone Case Business



What challenges did you face when starting your business, and how did you overcome them?

“Managing time efficiently was a big challenge for me. To overcome it, I learned to prioritize tasks, streamline my workflow, and avoid distractions. Balancing academics and my business became easier with effective time management.”

Can you share any future plans or expansions you have in mind for your phone case business?

“In the future, I want to expand my business even more. I'll keep focusing on developing great products and improving our production process. Plus, I'll introduce new services to meet the diverse needs of my customers.”

How did you balance academics with running a business making phone cases?

“I found a balance between academics and running my business by effectively managing my time. Prioritizing tasks and breaking them down into smaller steps helped me succeed in both areas.”

Today, we had the pleasure of interviewing Juman Hakam Kabrawi, an inspiring young entrepreneur in Class 11GSE who has carved her path by establishing her own small business specializing in custom phone cases. Juman operates her business under the Instagram shop username @arts_by_juman.

Can you tell us about the inspiration behind starting your phone case business? What motivated you to enter this particular market?

“Since I was young, I've always wanted to be an artist. Each artwork is like a journey into my soul. I got into marketing and started my own art business because I believe it's the perfect field for creative individuals who love challenges and new experiences. It allows me to combine my artistic aspirations with the ability to perceive things from different perspectives.”

What sets your phone cases apart from others in the market?

“Each artist has their own style. What sets my business apart is the ability to fully customize our phone cases. You can personalize them with your favorite designs, creating a unique accessory that reflects your individuality.”