**Salman Sultan**
Acting Middle School Principal

Dear Wellspring Middle School Families,

This month has brought our community together through meaningful learning experiences, shared celebrations, and opportunities to reconnect with the values that shape who we are. As we reflect on this week's journey, we are reminded that what truly matters is not only what we learn, but how we put it into practice through our choices, our behavior, and the way we treat those around us.

## ✸ A GLIMPSE INTO OUR ASSEMBLIES

### Walk the Talk: Let Your Actions Speak!

During one of our assemblies, we explored an important message: **walking the talk**. It is easy to speak about respect, responsibility, honesty, and kindness, but the real challenge is to put these values into practice.

We encouraged our students to remain committed to their words and make sure their actions reflect the values they stand for, both inside and outside school. After all, our character is not defined only by what we say, but by what we consistently do.

**A question for our students:** If someone observed your actions throughout the day, would they see the same values you speak about?

### 🎤 Teachers vs. Students: Who Knows Best?

Our student-led assembly brought a fun and exciting twist! Students and teachers went head-to-head in a friendly competition, tackling challenging questions on general knowledge and a variety of other topics.

The atmosphere was full of excitement, laughter, and healthy competition. It was wonderful to see students and teachers sharing the stage, thinking on their feet, and learning from one another.

A big thank-you to everyone who participated and helped make this assembly such an enjoyable experience!

## INDEPENDENCE MONTH: CELEBRATING OUR ROOTS AND IDENTITY 🇱🇧

Our Independence Month celebrations continue with activities that bring our community closer to Lebanon's traditions, heritage, creativity, and generosity.

This week, our community came together through a series of meaningful activities celebrating Lebanese culture, traditions, creativity, and national identity. Here are some of the highlights:

**Monday, November 16 | Women's Empowerment and Entrepreneurship – Traditional Saj**
📍 Assembly Area

We celebrated women's creativity, entrepreneurship, and valuable contributions through one of Lebanon's most beloved culinary traditions. A special thank-you to WPAC for this wonderful initiative!

**Wednesday, November 18 | Preserving Lebanese Traditional Crafts – Straw Basket Weaving**
📍 Assembly Area

We explored the beauty of traditional Lebanese craftsmanship and celebrated the importance of preserving skills and traditions passed down through generations.

**Thursday, November 19 | WPAC – Sharing Lebanese Generosity**

📍 Assembly Area

We highlighted the warmth, generosity, and hospitality that are at the heart of our Lebanese identity and make our community so special.

**Friday, November 20 | Independence Celebration**

📍 Assembly Area

We came together as one community to celebrate Lebanon, honor our shared identity, and embrace the spirit of unity and belonging that connects us to our land.

📄 **IMPORTANT: REQUIRED DOCUMENTS FOR GRADES 8 AND 9**

As part of the preparation for the Lebanese Official Examinations, the Ministry of Education requires all Grade 8 and Grade 9 students to submit updated documentation, **regardless of whether they are enrolled in the Lebanese or IB Programme**.

Please prepare the following:

**For Lebanese students:**

- One new *Ikhraj Qaid*.
- Two passport-sized photographs.
- The photographs must match the photograph on the *Ikhraj Qaid*.
- Both photographs must be signed and stamped by a Mokhtar.

**For non-Lebanese students:**

- A scanned copy of a valid residency permit.
- One passport-sized photograph.

We kindly ask parents to ensure that the documents meet these requirements so that the school can complete the necessary procedures in a timely manner. **The deadline for submission is Monday, November 30**.

**A FRIENDLY REMINDER FROM OUR SCHOOL NURSE**

Dear Parents,

The health and wellbeing of our students and the wider school community remain a shared responsibility. We kindly ask you to keep the following guidelines in mind:

🤒 **When Your Child Is Unwell**

If your child is unwell, please keep them at home to rest and recover. Kindly avoid giving antipyretic or anti-inflammatory medication simply to reduce symptoms before sending them to school.

**Testing for Flu-Like Symptoms**

If your child develops flu-like symptoms, a rapid test for Influenza and COVID-19 is recommended.

📝 **Missed Examinations**

If your child feels well enough to attend school, they may come in to sit for their examination and leave afterward. Otherwise, a medical report must be submitted to qualify for a make-up examination.

**📪 Reporting Absences**

Please notify the school of your child's absence by emailing either:

- Front Office: cccfrontoffice@wellspring.edu.lb
- School Nurse: cccnurse@wellspring.edu.lb

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation in helping us maintain a healthy and safe school environment.

**💙 A THOUGHT TO TAKE WITH YOU**

**"Your actions are your real introduction."**

As we celebrate our country's independence and reflect on the values that unite us, let us remember that building a strong community starts with each one of us.

Let our words reflect our values, our actions demonstrate our character, and our daily choices make our school and community a better place.

Thank you, dear parents, for being our partners in this journey.

Warm regards,

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