

Dear Wellspring Stakeholders and Dear Friends,

As January begins our 15th Open House season of inviting new families and new applicants to join our school, Wellspring has celebrated numerous unique milestones since our first open house in the summer of 2007. At that time, Wellspring had no history to brag about, no graduating class and certainly no Brevet results-only a dream of being the best IB school in the region. Wellspring was brand new, yet it had a passionate and experienced visionary who believed in children and a small collection of enthusiastic educators who wanted to be a part of Wellspring's new philosophy where students would want to learn and take agency in their own learning-an IB school where inquiry rather than rote learning would be everyday experiences embedded into the curriculum.

As we fast forward to January 2021, Wellspring has earned many amazing milestones in a very short time! Our students, teachers and leaders continue to make us extremely proud as each year passes. Our 6th cohort of Grade 12 students-Class of 2021 will graduate this coming June 12th at AUB Assembly Hall. Wellspring has had 8 consecutive years of 100% Brevet pass rate and 6 years of IB Diploma students. Our MYP Grade 10 students continue to meet or surpass worldwide IB marks for their IB Personal Projects while our IB PYP Grade 5 Exhibitions exceed all expectations. Wellspring's students make history every day.

Wellspring's most recent IB accomplishments began with receiving our Diploma Programme 5 Year Evaluation Report in July of 2019 followed by our two most recent 5 Year Evaluation Reports for PYP and MYP. Under the leadership of our programme coordinators Kathleen Saleh DP, Dr. Rita Zgheib MYP, and Ola Itani Zein PYP, Wellspring earned an astonishing 70 commendations in total with PYP earning 37 commendations out of the total! Amazing accomplishments as Wellspring continues to hold the prestigious title as being Lebanon's first and only English Language IB Continuum World School. Sincere congratulations to our three programme coordinators for their continuous dedication.

Further congratulations go to Principals Maha Frangieh and Mirna Raslan, Leen Darghawth PYP Early Years Head, Salia Hoteit Monitoring and Evaluation Director, Abir Makki Strategic Development Director, Librarians Luna Freidy and Farah Chkeir for their departments' work that contributed to various commendations.

Wellspring also recognizes the subject leaders, facilitators, self-study committee members and chair persons who spent hundreds of hours collecting evidence and documentation required before each visit. As preparation for IB visits require additional tech support, a big thank you goes to Loyal Abou Chakra, Rawan El Adawi, Yassar Trad and Tarek Abou Orm who made sure the VL meetings and Internet connections were trouble free!

Equal praise goes out to our passionate teachers and support staff who guide the students, promote student agency and support our learners as they journey through the IB Continuum. We also thank our families who appreciate Wellspring, contribute when asked and understand the value of an IB education.

Finally, I would be amiss if I did not congratulate our wonderful students present, and past, who continue to be our real history makers. This year has been a uniquely, unusual year for our students and their teachers; yet together, Wellspring will continue to weave success stories into the fabric of this amazing institution regardless of an challenge.

I invite all parents to click on the following links to read each of the 5-Year Evaluation Reports for [PYP Evaluation Visit 2020](#), [MYP Evaluation Visit 2020](#), and [DP Evaluation Visit 2019](#). As Head of School, I am extremely proud of these reports, our school and the passion and dedication that are qualities found each and every day at Wellspring.

Wellspring looks forward to our 15th Open House of accepting new families and new children to join our wonderful community of learners and leaders! There is no doubt that 2021-2022 will be an exceptional year, yet Wellspring's unique mission, vision and passion are unshakeable and steadfast.

Sincerely,
Kathleen A. Battah

