

Sunday, January 21st

Calling All Bookworms!: The Emirates Airline Festival of Literature

For the first time ever, our ABIS students in grades 6 - 10 will have the opportunity to head to Dubai the weekend of March 8th to attend the Emirates Airline Festival of Literature! Now in its 10th year, the LitFest is an amazing opportunity to hear authors talk about their books, the writing process, and many other topics.

In order for us to take advantage of a special hotel deal, we need to know who will be joining us by this Wednesday, January 24th. Read the details below (and check out the LitFest website: <https://www.emirateslitfest.com/>), then send in your permission slip either in person or via email to Ms. Brewer (a.brewer@abisoman.com).

Who? Students in grades 6 - 12 (Parents are invited to come along as chaperones and possible drivers!)

When? Friday, March 9 - Saturday, March 10 (with a possible addition of Thursday, March 8th, for 11th and 12th graders to attend a special "university day").

We will leave early in the morning on the first day of the festival to arrive in time for the 10am session and return home after the 5pm session on Saturday.

Where? LitFest takes place at the Intercontinental Hotel in Festival City. We will stay at either the Crown Plaza Hotel (Festival City) or the Rove Hotels located nearby.

What? Students will attend six sessions over the two days that will allow them to see a variety of authors speak about their books, their writing, and how literature is changing the world. At the end of each talk, students will be able to participate in the "Q&A" session, then have the opportunity to purchase books and have them signed by the authors. In between sessions, students can relax at the festival, interview authors, read books, and enjoy the atmosphere of literature.

Cost? Approximately 100 OMR, depending on the number of people (Price includes festival cost and hotel; transport to be determined; food and book purchases not included!)

Sign me up!

If you would like to join us on this adventure, return this permission slip to Ms. Brewer by **Wednesday, January 24th**, either in person or via email (a.brewer@abisoman.com). Please note we will book based on this permission, so it is considered a commitment.

My child, _____, in grade _____ will be attending the trip.

I will / will not (please circle) be able to join as a chaperone and possible driver.

If driving, I would be able to take _____ children in my car.

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____