



الأكاديمية الدولية - عمان
THE INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY - AMMAN

Parent News

Monday, 1st April 2019

Calendar

Monday, April 1	-Open meeting with Primary Principal, Mr. Andrew Powell, Primary Principal's Office, 8-9 am
Tuesday, April 2	-Director's Open Meeting with parents, Director's Office, 8-9 am -Grade 7 and 8 Trip, (Off- Campus) -Bible competition, 8 am-12 pm
Wednesday, April 3	-Grade 7 & 9 Trip, (Off- Campus)
Thursday, April 4	-G1 Ms Madeline Assembly, Auditorium, 1:30-2 pm
Saturday, April 6	-Secondary School- Bridge Building competition, IAA Campus, 8 am-6 pm -AlHadaf children's visit to IAA, 9:30 am-12 pm
Sunday, April 7	-Al Aman Fund Speaker (Grades 10-12), Auditorium, 11 am-12 pm
Monday, April 8	-Open meeting with Primary Principal, Mr. Andrew Powell, Primary Principal's Office, 8-9 am -G12 Visual Art Exhibition Opening, MPR, 6-8 pm
Tuesday, April 9	-Director's Open Meeting with parents, Director's Office, 8-9 am -G12 Visual Art Exhibition, MPR
Wednesday, April 10	-G12 Visual Art Exhibition, MPR -Quran competition, 8:30 am-2:30 pm
Thursday, April 11	-HAWKS U12 Basketball -HAWKS ALL Track & Field -G3 Ms Sheena Assembly, Auditorium, 1:30-2 pm
Friday, April 12	-HAWKS U12 Basketball -HAWKS ALL Track & Field
Saturday, April 13	-HAWKS U12 Basketball -HAWKS ALL Track & Field -AlHadaf children's visit to IAA, 9:30 am-12 pm
Sunday, April 14	-HAWKS U12 Basketball -Grade 12 Senior Walk
Monday, April 15	-Open meeting with Primary Principal, Mr. Andrew Powell, Primary Principal's Office, 8-9 am -Grade 3: Primary Science Fair, MPR, 10:45 am-12 pm

Primary School News

Dear Parents,

Bake Sale

Last week we held our March Bake Sale with KG 1 providing the various healthy snacks and treats. This was their first time contributing to this fundraising event and the children were very excited and proud to be doing so. Close to 1,400 JD was raised and will be donated to The Humane Centre for Animal Welfare (HCAW). This was a group that was chosen by the Student Council after considering various options and listening to a representative of the HCAW talk about the incredible work that they do.

Lesson Study

In the previous newsletter I mentioned the role our teachers have played in supporting the professional learning of teachers in Jordan. One aspect of continuous professional development that we have recently introduced in the Primary School has been "Lesson Study". A lesson study is the process of creating a lesson as a team, which incorporates collective teacher knowledge. Teachers have been dedicating extra time to work together with the shared vision of teaching the best possible lessons to their students. This involves refining ideas about best practice through careful study of instruction. In addition to enhancing teaching, the process values the long-term learning and development of our students. We are pleased to be pioneers of this practice in the region and appreciate the leadership of Ms Catherine Swann in this area.

Technology Challenges

Last week, Mr Hani Saadi was invited by the PTA to talk about the challenges of technology in our lives. He gave a great overview of the way in which access to the Internet and social media in particular has created challenges for families and changed the ways in which we act and communicate. The tips he provided to parents on ways in which to protect themselves and their children were greatly appreciated by those attending. While there were many takeaways from the session, one resounding point was the need to delay providing children with access to mobile phones for as long as possible.

Science Fairs

Our Science Fairs will take place soon and the dates/ times are featured below.

Monday, April 15 th	Grade 3 Science Fair	MPR	12:45 – 2:00pm
Tuesday, April 16 th	Grade 4 Science Fair	MPR	12:45 – 2:00pm
Wednesday, April 17 th	Grade 5 Science Fair	MPR	12:45 – 2:00pm

Award Winners

I would like to recognise the following award winners:

Bronze Award Winners

Yasmine Al Assaf 3C	Adam Lahham 3D	Zaid Al Akash 1A
Tara Halabi 3C	Raya Al Sardia 2A	Mohammed Kasih 1B
Aysha Salous 3C	Taleen Khoury 2C	

Silver Award Winners

Maya Samman 5C	Hamza Abu Salha 4C	Jessica Wakim 2D
Hashem Al- Rashdan 5C	Basheer Arabiyat 3C	Naser Al Mousa 2D

Farah Zureikat 5C
Abdullah Jada'an 5C
Talal Mansour 5C
Salma Abu Baker 5C
Abdullah Al Dowaiish 5C
Ameer Al Louzi 4C
Mohammed Qawasmi 4C
Maher Al Kilany 4C
Zina Al Abdullah 4C
Ammar Hijazi 4C
Mohammed Al Dabbas 4C

Maria Al Zraiqat 3D
Leen Samhoury 3D
Bashir abu Hejleh 3D
Sara Qanadilo 3D
Bisher Elbarqouni 2A
Riwa Al Qaimari 2A
Ibrahim Al Louzi 2A
Yousef Al Louzi 2C
Bana Bashir 2C
Salma Qawasmeh 2C

Talia Alawneh 2D
Kiyam Qusous 1A
Lareen Kawar 1B
Salma Nasereddin 1B
Hashem Al Salehi 1B
Salma Al Kayed 1C
Hamza Abu Haltam 1C
Karim Musleh 1C
Natalie Kanaan 1C
Mila Maraqa 1D

Gold Award Winners

Omar Nashashibi 5A
Masa Fraij 5A
Jordan Donnelley 5A
Jude Al- Hussein 5A
Faris Ziadat 5A
Hashem Al- Jazy 5A
Saba Hourani 5A
Rashid Shami 5A

Hani Samman 5A
Eleina Imseeh 5B
Omar Al Manasra 5B
Hisham Al Nsour 5B
Mariel Imseeh 4B
Majed Rudeni 2D
Haya Al Zraiqat 2D
Hasan Al Sarraf 2D

Faisal Al Manasir 1B
Noor Al Nims 1B
Yasmeen Wahdan 1C
Talal Bilbeisi 1C
Natalie Kanaan 1C
Zinad Said 1D
Rashed Abu Haltam 1D
Nadine Hanna 1D

Gold with Merit Award Winners

Jordan Donnelley 5A
Maia Gourgourinis 2A
Laith Smadi 2C
Lamia Al Awwad 2D

Miryam Kanber Agha 2D
Sadine Al Bustami 2D
Nadine Bakri 2D
Yasmeen Khoury 2D

Zaki Sayed Ahmed 2D
Yousef Allaham 1B
Bana Qutob 1B
Zeina Alshrouf 1B

Gold with Excellence Winner

Sadeen Al Daoud 5A
Nabeel Sakkijha 1B

Taliya Allahham 1B
Saif Ayoub 1B

Qais Smadi 1B

I hope that you have a wonderful week.

Yours sincerely,

Andrew Powell

Secondary School News

Dear Parents,

UNESCO World Poetry Day

Over the past couple of weeks, staff have been sharing their favourite poems with students. We are finishing off this celebration of poetry with an assembly on the 31st of March where students will perform poetry linked to all of our subject groups. As part of the Assembly, we will also be handing out certificates to students who have participated in the Maths competition and the World Scholars Cup.

Good luck Robotics

In two weeks, our Robotics team will be competing in the final events. They have been busy designing their robot to complete the missions needed. This year the theme is capturing resources from space (energy, meteor mining and so forth). As they come closer to the competition, we know they will be putting in some significant hours. Good luck team!

Acceptance and Interfaith understanding

It was wonderful to see the recognition that HM King Abdullah received for his efforts to bring acceptance and peace to the world, especially through promoting interfaith dialogue and understanding. His Majesty was in Italy this weekend where he was awarded the Lamp of Peace at a ceremony attended by very prominent political and religious leaders. At IAA, we believe that it is imperative for everyone to understand the meaning behind religious events and festivities as it brings our community closer together. Lent is a time of fasting, prayer and almsgiving leading up to Easter. In this upcoming week, Grades 6 to 9 students from our Christian Studies classes will present to their peers on the purpose of Lent and the significance of Easter. To raise awareness about this important practice and holiday, on the 9th of April, the cafeteria will be serving a Lent-based diet.

IAA Bridge is Falling Down

We are proud of all students who participated in IAA's 2nd annual Bridge Building Competition. Four groups of G8/9 students have put in long hours planning, designing and constructing a bridge out of balsa wood that followed specific criteria. On March 26th, all bridges were put to test as the audience impatiently waited to witness the last bridge standing. Only one bridge was able to carry 13kg before collapsing on the cafeteria floor - that is 7kg more than last year's IAA record! Congratulations to the group with the strongest bridge as they compete against other schools. That competition is organised by the Civil Engineering Students of the Jordan University.

The Addams Family

In the first scene, the patriarch of the Addams Family, Mr. Gomez, sings *"Who cares about the world outside and what it wants from you, when you're an Addams, you do what Addams always do!"* And it was that first scene that got us hooked as we watched the delightfully creepy Addams Family and set the tone for a strong, humorous and heartfelt production. The high-quality acting was perfectly complemented against an authentic backdrop, costumes, lighting and sound that greatly elevated the production. We commend all students who had a role, whether onstage or backstage, and know that you did yourselves proud. Thank you to all staff and parents for your dedication and commitment. It is projects like this that develop memories that last a lifetime.

Grade 12 Art Exhibition

Our annual Grade 12 Art Exhibition officially opens at 6.00 pm on Monday 8th April. We are looking forward to seeing the creativity on show this year. All members of our community are invited to the opening and we hope those of you with an artistic interest would support our students on this night as they 'bare their souls' through their art to friends, families and anyone else!

Bible and Quran Competition

Over the next two weeks, our Bible competition (2nd April) and Quran competition (10th April) will be taking place. We would like to thank parents who are involved in these important events for their help and also wish all those participating the very best.

Substance Abuse talk

As part of our ongoing work to educate and highlight to our students current health issues in the community, we are hosting a guest speaker on 9th April who will be talking to Grade 9 to 11 about the rise in the use and abuse of prescription drugs. I am sure you have read about the opioid epidemic in the USA and with the ease of access to over the counter drugs in Jordan it is important that this topic is addressed.

Peer Helpers

Over the next two weeks, students who have applied to be Peer Helpers will be receiving their first training. This team of students play an important role in the school, pro-actively working to work with peers who are struggling with friendships and working with those that need support when things do not go well. I would like to thank the current team who have worked hard on behalf of their peers and wish the next cohort all the best.

Learning beyond the classroom

Over the next two weeks we have students involved in the CMS Environmental summit, the ABS Leadership summit and Grade 7 going to see the ABS production of the Wizard of Oz. We do hope all involved gain much from the experiences.

As ever, IAA is a busy place!

Mr Martin and Ms Zena

PTA's Cyber Safety Workshop

Last week, Mr Hani Saadi - an IAA parent - presented valuable information on cyber security to the IAA community. Mr Saadi gave an overview of the cyber world, digital citizenship, screen time management, cyber bullying, protection tools and setting up family accounts for control. Click on the link to access his presentation as well as useful resources: <https://1drv.ms/f/s!ArxZBrtylolpiacmtQLJoafhtj-3eQ>