



الأكاديمية الدولية - عمان
THE INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY - AMMAN

Parent News

Monday, 24th April 2017

Calendar

Monday	24	--International Trip --Open meeting with Primary Principal, Mr. Andrew Powell, Primary Principal's Office, 8:00 AM - 9:00 AM
Tuesday	25	--International Trip --Parents Open Meeting with the Director, Director's Office, 8:00 AM – 9:00 AM
Wednesday	26	--International Trip --G10 IDU mock e-assessment
Thursday	27	--International Trip --Grade 12 Final reports --Grade 3L Assembly, Auditorium, 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM
Friday	28	--International Trip --Grade 12 Final Exams start --Charity Fashion Show, IAA Community Square, 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM
Saturday	29	--International Trip
Sunday	30	--International Trip
Monday	1	--Labour Day (Holiday)

A Message from the Director

Welcome back! I hope your spring break was full of rest and relaxation!

There are only a handful of weeks left before the end of the school year. To this end, I urge parents to ensure that their children are not unnecessarily absent from school and are there on time at 7:45 am.

This week, more than 80 IAA students flew to Spain on a unique athletics trip, aimed at developing their overall athletic and life performance. They are participating in football, basketball, gymnastics, swimming and track and field. The trip will also enrich their cultural experience through learning Spanish, visiting cultural and historical venues.

On Wednesday, the IAA will host its annual Learning Support Conference. The aim of the conference is to raise awareness on learning support in educational institutions and help participants to develop and deepen their understanding of children with extra needs. This event brings together schools, centres and leading psychologists in Jordan.

To end the week, our Grade 11 students have been hard at work for the past months planning and organising a charity fashion show on campus. This is a requirement for their IB studies in completing a programme of Creativity, Activity and Service whereby the money raised will go for charity - Habbet Al-Qamha. Finally, I will be available on Tuesday for the parents' open meeting at my office.

Have a great week!

Hana Kanan, Ed.D.

Director

Primary School News

Dear Parents,

I hope you have had an enjoyable Spring Break with your family. It was wonderful to see so many of our students happy to be back at school and enjoying the opportunity to re-engage with their teachers and classmates.

Prior to the break, we were fortunate to celebrate several exciting events in our Holy Quran Competition, Spring Assembly and Primary Production. I was very impressed with the quality of the performances and am grateful for the hard work that our students and teachers gave to making them such a success. This week we have Grade 3L presenting at our assembly.

Due to the holidays, we have moved our April Bake Sale and non-uniform day to May 4th so please be aware of this slight change. The money we have been raising at these events has been warmly received by associations such as Atfaluna, Caritas as well as families in Anjara and Ajlun.

Throughout the year, teachers have reinforced the importance of arriving on time to their students. Excessive lateness not only sets up bad habits for students, but is also disruptive to those children who arrive at school on time and ready for the National Anthem at 7:45am. Please note that as we move through to the end of the school year, and in line with school policy, students will be permitted to be late twice before being turned away on the third time. Parents will be contacted by the Primary School receptionist so that they are aware of this situation. Students who have medical excuses provided by a doctor will be admitted if the issue is arranged with the school receptionist beforehand. For more information please refer to the Gate Policy section of the Primary School Parent Information Manual.

I would like to wish all our Grade 5 athletes attending the sports tour in Madrid, Spain the best of luck. This is an incredible opportunity to compete internationally and engage with the Spanish language and culture. I trust that it will be a memorable experience.

This week I would like to congratulate the following Award Winners:

Bronze Award Winners

Karim Karajah 3G	Mohammed Al- Lozi 1E	Mohammed Al Bdour 1E
Ameer Hlyel 2H	Zaid Rahahleh 1E	Taj Qusous 1E
Raya Abu Issam 1F		

Silver Award Winners

Jad Haddadin 4G	Izaac Cullen 1C	Raya Qawar 1E
Hana Abu Rayyan 1F	Sejal Al Azzawi 1L	Ayah Abdin 1E
Faisal Qawasmi 1C	Aisha Al Naser 1E	Alia Nashashibi 1E
Izzeldeen Nassif 1C	Tara Halabi 1E	

Gold Award Winner

Ali Abzakh 3G Celina Al Mawajdeh 3LC Jude Al Husseini 3LC
Elbe Knorr 3G Saba Hourani 3LC Farah Jebrel 3LC
Faisal Abu Ragheb 3G Mouj Hijjawi 3LC Tayma Abu Al Issam 3LC
Natalie Hammoudeh 3G Maya Samman 3LC
Gold with Merit Award Winner
Nadine Haddad 5T Sadeen Rashid 3LC

Wishing you a wonderful week.
Yours sincerely,

Andrew Powell

Primary School Principal

Secondary School News

Dear Parents,

We hope everyone enjoyed the break and is feeling refreshed for the final months of the school year. We start with a significant number of students in Spain participating in a whole host of sporting competitions there. This is an exciting new venture for us and one that we aim to make an annual trip, given the quality we believe it will bring to our young sportsmen and women. We are looking forward to hearing all about it on their return.

Over the break, our students were involved in a few activities at the very beginning and end. From April 6 to the 8, a few students from Grades 9 and 10 participated in the Jordan Model Parliament, organised and hosted by King's Academy. Students from many schools discussed, debated and proposed solutions to urgent issues pertaining to Jordan and the surrounding region. This weekend, the last of the IDG Leadership workshops was held at school for our Grade 10 and 11 students who participated. It has been a long journey given that the course started back in October. We hope the students have come away with a better understanding of leadership and their own strengths in this area.

Science, in the real world, is a collaborative activity requiring strong communication and social skills. The Group 4 project involves G11 students working collaboratively in groups on a research question of their choice, based on a chosen theme that they investigate in a real life context using skills and knowledge from the science disciplines (Biology, Chemistry, Physics, and Design Technology). The G11s will present their findings at the Group 4 Exhibition to students in Secondary on Thursday April 27.

We look forward to seeing you at our second MYP Day on Sunday May 7, where students from Grades 6 to 9 will present many of the projects that they have worked on throughout the year. The projects fall under the categories of Science Fair (G6), Technology Fair (G7), Service As Action (G6-9), Interdisciplinary Units (G6-8) and Community Projects (G8). This is a wonderful opportunity for us to recognise their efforts and achievements. The agenda for the day will be as follows:

- 11:45am - 1:20pm G6-9 Assembly in the Theatre to kick start MYP Day
- 1:40pm - 2:30pm G6-9 Gallery Walk
 - G6 Science Fair in Science Area
 - G7 Technology Fair in the Design/Arts Area
 - G8 Community Projects in the Theatre Foyer
 - G9 Personal Projects in the English Pod in the Secondary Building
- 2:30pm - 3:30pm: COMMX - Community Projects presented by some of our Grade 8 students in the Theatre

The Grade 10s will continue revision classes in the next two weeks as they prepare for their upcoming e-assessments, which will take place from May 8 - 19. These e-assessments are unique in that they include animations, simulations, videos, online graphing to make the test-taking experience interactive and engaging for the students. Samples of e-assessments, along with their mark schemes, have been posted on Moodle. Students are required to familiarise themselves with the format along with the online tools that comes with these assessments. Grade 12 on the other hand are about to start their external examinations which have a much more traditional pen and paper feel to them! These examinations run from the 28 April to 17 May. We wish all Grade 10 and 12 students the very best in their preparations and in the actual examinations.

All students in Grades 6 to 9 and 11 will be sitting end of year exams. End of year examinations allow students the opportunity to demonstrate the highest achievement of which they are capable of. Furthermore, they provide students with the opportunity to experience revision and final exams in preparation for external examinations later on in their school career. We will be providing each grade with an exam revision booklet, which includes the exam timetable and topics that will be assessed for each subject. The booklet will be uploaded on Moodle. The dates for the end of year examinations are as follows:

- G6: June 7 – 13
- G7-8: June 6 – 13
- G9: June 5 – 13
- G11: June 4 – 13

Looking at our dates for the next two months, we still have a great deal happening in addition to that mentioned in this newsletter. Overnight trips for Grads 7 and 8, our annual musical concert, Independence Day, Habitat for Humanity trips, El Hassan Silver award, work experience week, field trips for Grade 9, theatre trips, as well as Grade 5 transitions and our many celebratory end of year events to name but a few.

It is going to be very busy, so please keep reading the newsletters and checking your emails from school to keep on top of what is happening.

Zena Muhtaseb

Martin Thompson

Head of Middle Years

Secondary School Principal

