



الأكاديمية الدولية - عمان  
THE INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY - AMMAN

# Parent News

## Monday, 28<sup>th</sup> May 2018

### Calendar

Monday	28	--Open meeting with Primary Principal, Mr. Andrew Powell, Primary Principal's Office, 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM
Tuesday	29	--Director's Open Meeting with Parents, Director's Office, 9:00 AM – 10:00 AM --Introduction to MYP meeting with G5 parents, MPR, 9:00 AM – 10:30 AM
Wednesday	30	
Thursday	31	--Final Assembly Grade 6 to 9, Auditorium, 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM --Grade 2M Assembly, Auditorium, 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM
Friday	1	
Saturday	2	--SAT Test --Grade 9 Exams
Sunday	3	--Grade 7-9 Exams --Grade 3LC Trip (Off- Campus) --Pre-K blue class trip (Off- Campus)
Monday	4	--Grade 6-9 Exams --Open meeting with Primary Principal, Mr. Andrew Powell, Primary Principal's Office, 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM --Grade 3M Trip (Off- Campus) --Pre-K red class trip (Off- Campus)

### A Message from the Director

Dear IAA Community,

What an amazing graduation ceremony we had last Tuesday for the Class of 2018!

I am so proud of our eighth cohort. I would like to thank Their Majesties and His Royal Highness The Crown Prince for their participation and support. I would also like to thank our guest speaker, Ms Hala Gorani, for a

fabulous keynote speech. Hala is an anchor and correspondent for CNN International, based in London. Her words certainly sparked inspiration and motivation among our graduates, especially as she showcased the achievements of our graduates.

In sports, we have our one and only female graduate who is the fastest in the 200 and 400 m run, off to Yale on a full athletics scholarship. And we have two who have been contracted with football clubs in Holland and Germany. Space is a field that this cohort has tapped into, one female student was among the team of Jordanians who put the first Jordanian-designed satellite in space. One student even designed an armrest for planes that can accommodate two people and another who used biofuel to fly planes. A water-saving device was another unique design by one student, and that won the Harvard Innovation Initiative. Of course, not to mention the altruistic graduates who volunteer and take initiative in our community.

I was also proud to read the list of admissions for these graduates. They have shown high success rate and have once again proved to be sought after by the top universities abroad, being accepted in the fields of Medicine, Engineering and Law just to name a few. I couldn't be more proud!

I wish them all the best and welcome another cohort, the Class of 2019, whom I am sure will do wonders!

Following graduation, we held our Independence Day assemblies in both Primary and Secondary. I was extremely impressed with our students and their remarkable performance in celebration of our country's culture and tradition. Bravo students and a huge thank you goes to all staff who helped make these two events memorable ones.

Finally, for parents who wish to see me, my office will be open this Tuesday from 9-10 am.

Have a great week!

**Hana Kanan Ed.D.**

**Director**



## **Primary School News**

Dear Parents,

I hope that you have enjoyed the weekend and the various celebrations on offer as part of Jordan's National Day of Independence. I was once again extremely proud and impressed by our students that performed at our assembly on Wednesday. It was a wonderful way to celebrate Jordanian culture and tradition. The colour and variety of contemporary and traditional attire worn by all our students also made for a vibrant and celebrative day.

While most sports have finished for the school year, please do note that swimming will continue until June 11<sup>th</sup>. We also have Hawks Football practice this week on Sunday (KG2, G1 & G2) and Monday (KG1 & G3-5) and Hawks Basketball on Tuesday (G3 – 5) and Wednesday (KG2, G1 & G2).

### **Upcoming Events**

The following events are coming up as we work our way to the end of the school year:

- May 31<sup>st</sup> Assembly (Grade 2 Jonas)
- June 7<sup>th</sup> Assembly (Grade 1 Iona & 1 Stacia)
- June 11<sup>th</sup> Grade 5 Promotion Ceremony @ 5pm
- June 12<sup>th</sup> End of Year Assembly

### **Award Winners**

I would like to recognise our award winners this week. They are:

#### **Silver Award Winners**

Naya Aryan 4P	Hashem Zalloum 4P	Isabella Maroun 4M
Masa Sakkijha 4P	Hashem Al Jazy 4M	Abdullah Fraij 2J
Sanad Haijawi 4P	Elia Al Nims 4M	Sami Saliba 1F

#### **Gold Award Winners**

Mohammad El Fayez 5T	Faisal Abu Ragheb 4M	Rahma Beiruti 1F
Michael Imseeh 5T	Mouj Hijjawi 4P	Mona Mustafa 1F
Hashem Asfour 5T	Nour Dammrah 4P	Hashem Al Hamdan 1F
Ayla Akkawi 5T	Zena Amarneh 4P	Hager Buzeid 1F
Salma Qatarneh 5T	Zaina Toghoth 4P	Ahmad Salem 1F
Jordan Donnelly 4P	Zina Al Abdullah 3M	Raya Al Saadi 1F

Mustafa Al- Ma'ayta 4G	Leen Samhoury 2J	Nadine Bakri 1S
Zaher Jaradaneh 4P	Sara Hijazi 2J	Katy Hijazi 1S
Said Hijawi 4P	Juana Zeidan 1F	Ibrahim Al Oudat 1S
Layla Agha 4M	Majed Rudeni 1F	Maia Gourgorinis 1C

#### Gold with Merit Award Winners

Rashed Samawi 5T	Nadine Baqain 4P	Shaden Bondogji 2H
Salma Qatarneh 5T	Omar Manasra 4M	Daniel Atassi 2H
Haya Kilani 5T	Tala Attari 4M	George Akkawi 2H
Sara Halawa 5T	Eliena Imseeh 4M	Suleiman Al Ghezawi 2J
Karam Fakhouri 5T	Talal Al- Asad 4G	Ghassan Al Khawaja 2J
Hashem Asfour 5T	Abdullah Abu Hassan 3M	Maia Cubeisy 2J
Salma Armouti 5T	Lara Matraji 3M	Maia Gourgourinis 1C
Abdel Majeed Shdefat 5T	Taj Qusous 2Z	Basma Al Hashem 1C
Akram Abu Khajil 5T	Yasmine Al Assaf 2H	Riwa Al Qaimari 1S
Jamal Jallad 5T		

#### Gold with Excellence Award Winners

Abdel Majeed Shdefat 5T	Basheer Arabiyat 2H	Yasmeen Khoury 1S
Yulixa Houkayem 2H	Sara Al Dowaiish 2H	

#### Platinum Award Winners

Laith Saoudi 5T	Omar Toukan 2H	Nour Kilani 2M
Haya Sunaa 2H	Zakariyah Hoozeer 2H	Salma Kloub 2M
Jehad Atwan 2H		

I hope that you have a wonderful week.

Yours sincerely,  
Andrew Powell

### **Secondary School News**

Dear Parents,

#### **Celebrations**

Last week, we celebrated two important occasions. On Tuesday, we had the Graduation of our Grade 12 students. On an emotional night, they were spurred on by our guest speaker Hala Gorani and by themselves to live up to their theme and go out and make miracles. On Wednesday, we were straight

back to work for the Independence Day Assembly and our guest speaker on the day, the charismatic and entertaining Maher Kaddoura reminded us all that we should not wait for others to make miracles happen, and that miracles don't have to be groundbreaking to impact positively on the lives of others. The 'falafel' effect means that each and every one of us can make a difference and build a stronger society. I hope that everyone who heard his talk reflects and acts upon what they heard.

### **Bake Sales – making a difference, one cupcake at a time**

The IAA "bake off" has become a tradition, where each grade worked together to raise money and to spread awareness for their chosen charity. Over 4,000 JD was raised, but most importantly our students collaborated with each other to support worthy causes that included the Al Aman Fund for Orphans, King Hussein Cancer Foundation, Eradeh, Al Hadaf, Tkiyet Um Ali, The Nature Conservancy, End Polio Now Campaign, Zahra House for the Elderly and Royal Health Awareness Society. Congratulations to our students - know that your commitment, hard work and efforts have made a positive difference in many lives.

### **Welcoming Grade 5 Students in Secondary**

The Grade 5 students will be joining us this week to get a taste for Secondary School life. They will be exposed to Science, Design, Drama and Spanish in the MYP and will participate in a number of activities to ensure that they have a smooth transition come next academic year. We look forward to welcoming the Grade 5 students to the Secondary School.

### **Grade 8 Parent workshop on Perfectionism in Teens**

In order to help your children succeed academically and cultivate their wellbeing, our counsellors, Ms. Liz and Ms. Devon, are offering a 1-hour workshop for Grade 8 parents on Perfectionism in Teens. This workshop will be held on Wednesday, May 30<sup>th</sup> at 9am in the Samsung Room of the Secondary Library. Focus will be on how to help your children become less anxious, more effective in their studies and happier.

### **End of Year Exams**

The dates for the end of year examinations are as follows:

- G6: June 5<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> (Study leave on June 4<sup>th</sup>)
- G7-8: June 4<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>
- G9: June 3<sup>rd</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>
- G11: June 3<sup>rd</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> (Study leave and TOK exams 29<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> May, SAT Exam 2<sup>nd</sup> June)

Once students complete their exams, they are allowed to go home early. It is important that students come to each exam prepared with the correct materials. Information on what to bring for each exam can be found in the Exam Revision Booklet that students can access via Moodle from the News Forum and PSHE page. On each exam day, students should also bring in the textbook for the subject that they are examined on. A reminder that students will only receive their end of year reports if all textbooks and library items are handed in by June 11<sup>th</sup> at 12pm. Library items should be returned by May 31<sup>st</sup>.

This is our final week of classes for the Grades 9 and 11. There will be an end of year assembly this Thursday, where we can reflect on a great school year, celebrate student learning and say good-bye to leaving staff members.

Sincerely,  
Mr. Martin and Ms. Zena

### Library News

This is a reminder that KG and Primary students' last day for Library classes was Thursday, May 24. The final day to turn in materials is Sunday, June 3. After that, invoices will be issued for lost books and must be paid for in the Finance Office. Please be patient with the Library staff regarding lost books. If children sense that their parents are anxious with the librarian, it may cause them to feel nervous and/or have a bad impression of the library, which will affect their love of literature and learning. We will work together so that your child has a positive library experience at IAA. More often than not, the books are found, and there is no problem. Occasionally, books are not found, and per IAA Policy, parents are liable for the book. Speaking from experience with my own children, some places to look for lost books are under car seats, in the trunk of the car, in bookshelves at home, under beds and coffee tables, under the sofa, mixed in with DVDs, in playhouses, or in old book bags or backpacks. Our staff also thoroughly checks in their library, the hallways, classrooms, resource rooms and other libraries in case a book has been misplaced in those locations. If you have any questions or concerns about lost library books, please see Ms. Kathleen, Head of Libraries, in the Secondary Library or email me directly at [k.mckim@iaa.edu.jo](mailto:k.mckim@iaa.edu.jo).

With Ramadan coming up, I was encouraged to create a Ramadan Reading List for those days we are blessed with extra time to think and reflect on what matters in life. Our librarians have given their top Ramadan picks, and we have so many more suggestions. For instance, it's a great time to check out a book from our Arabic in Translation series in the Secondary. It's also a very opportune time to encourage your children to read about the history of Jordan.

Ms. Kathleen (Secondary) suggests: *I Shall Not Hate* by Izzeldin Abulaish.

To hear the Gazan experience from a doctor who had been born destitute in the Jabalia refugee camp, to follow his opportunities and setbacks, is a rare gift. This book doesn't sugarcoat Arab-Israeli tensions. In fact, the author teaches quite a bit of history and sheds much-needed light on the internal political workings of Hamas and Fatah. His is not a politically charged mission. It's a humanitarian mission to show that we often have more in common with our enemy than we think. The road to peace begins with listening to what we do not understand, listening in spite of what we are afraid to hear. He lives and writes in the paradox of the horrible hope for Mid-East peace. Hope for a better world. Horror for the incalculable loss and suffering which will continue to spur the disenfranchised to either acceptance and change or revenge and retribution.

Ms. Dima (Primary) suggests: *1001 Inventions and Awesome Facts from Muslim Civilization* by National Geographic.

This is a great book for kids to enjoy. Kids will love reading about the many inventions they know and use today that were invented in some form or another over a thousand years ago. There are lots of facts, photos and fun. Each page is packed with information on little-known history of Muslim civilisation, showing how their achievements still apply to our world today. We often think that people from a thousand years ago were living in the Dark Ages, but from the 7th Century onward in Muslim civilisation, there were amazing advances and inventions that still influence our everyday lives. Inventors created marvels like the elephant water clock, explorers drew detailed maps of the world, women made scientific breakthroughs and founded universities, and so much more!

Miss Tania (KG) suggests: *The Foggy, Foggy Forest* by Nick Sharrat.

This unusual picture book is printed on vellum pages which create a foggy look, allowing children to guess what is behind the "fog". It is an amazing guessing book. Behind each page, you will find a different fairy tale character hiding in the foggy forest. Sharrat depicts each character as a silhouette on one page and then shows a full color image of the character on the next page. The students love guessing on the first page and then turning the page to see if they were right.

Ms. Dana (KG) suggests

### قمر رمضان

تأليف: نعيمة روبرت، ورسوم: سمر براج.  
"عندما يقترب شهر رمضان، نتطلع إلى الأعلى، ننظر إلى السماء، نبحث عن إشارة، نترقب وبشوق ننتظر، ذلك البريق الفضي، ذلك الهلال اللامع، ننتظر ولادة القمر، قمر شهر رمضان..."  
يبعث هذا الكتاب الفرح في قلوب القراء الصغار تماماً كما يفعل قمر رمضان الذي يبشر المسلمين بحلول الشهر الكريم. يشير الكتاب إلى الشعائر الدينية والأنشطة التي يمارسها المسلمون في هذا الشهر. ويتناول الكتاب التغيرات التي تطرأ على شكل القمر وما يزامنها من أحداث في شهر رمضان كليلة القدر وحلول العيد.

Ms. Rania (Secondary) suggests *The Secret* by Rhonda Byrne.

### كتاب السر لروندا بايرن by Rhonda Byrne

من الكتب التي تساعد في تطوير الذات وجلب الطاقة الإيجابية والتفكير الإيجابي وجلب السعادة، وكل ما تجذبه لنفسك هو ما تحصل عليه وهو نوع من جلب التفاؤل للنفس والرضا.  
ويتحدث هذا الكتاب عن كيفية جذب الطاقة الإيجابية وجعلها تؤثر على حياتك بطريقة سليمة، وبالتالي سوف ينعكس ذلك على كل من حولك وبالعكس عن جذب التشاؤم والطاقة السلبية لنفسك فان ذلك سوف ينعكس على سلوكك مباشرة وبالتأكيد سوف ينعكس على كل من حولك ويكون ذلك سبب في جلب التشاؤم والضيق للنفس.  
ملخص الكتاب كن متفائلاً في حياتك ولا تجذب لنفسك الا الطاقة الإيجابية وابتعد عن الأشخاص السلبيين ولا تجذب لنفسك سوا الطاقة الإيجابية.

Ms. Tamara (Secondary) suggests *Sultan Saifuddin Qutuz: Champion of Ain Jalut and the Defeater of Mongols* by Mansour Abdul Hakim.

تمارا هاكوز: السلطان سيف الدين قطز: بطل عين جالوت وقاهر المغول – منصور عبد الحكيم.

السلطان سيف الدين قطز : بطل عين جالوت وقاهر المغول: كتاب يتناول سيرة حياة الملك المظفر قطز بأسلوب لطيف وسهل الإستيعاب، أنصح بقراءته لنعرف عن حياة بطل من أبطال المسلمين الذي لولاه لتغلغل المغول في أهم وأقوى المدن العربية في ذلك الوقت وهي مصر والا لكان انتهى عصر الدولة الإسلامية في جميع الدول العربية. فقد قام المغول بدخول بغداد وعاثوا فيها فساداً وأحرقوا مكتبتها ورموا بكتنها في نهر دجلة وللأسف تحالف بعض أمراء العرب مع المغول خوفاً على حياتهم لكن بعد أن شعروا بالأمان قام المغول بخيانة العهد واستولوا على الإمارات العربية وقتلوا من فيها، حتى جاء قطز في معركة عين جالوت وهزم المغول هزيمة ساحقة واسترد ما أخذ منهم. على الرغم من أن مدة حكمه لم تدم لأكثر من سنة إلا أنه من أكثر السلاطين الذين أثروا في التاريخ العربي والإسلامي.

Happy Reading,

Ms. Kathleen for the Libraries