



الأكاديمية الدولية - عمان
THE INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY - AMMAN

Parent News

Monday, 3rd December 2018

Calendar

Monday, December, 3	-AAC U14 Football, (Off- Campus) -Grade 8 Trip, (Off- Campus) -IAA hosting two influential guest speakers for Grades 6 to 10 students. Jana Tamimi and Tarek Al-Bakri, Auditorium, 11-1 pm
Tuesday, December, 4	-Director's Open Meeting with parents, Director's Office, 8-9 am
Wednesday, December, 5	-KG1 Parent Activity -Hour of Code 5M & 5T, 12-1 pm -Hour of Code 5C & 5MM, 1-2 pm
Thursday, December, 6	-Pre-K Teddy Day -G5 Matt Assembly, Auditorium, 1:30-2 pm
Sunday, December, 9	-KG2B and KG2T – The Children's Museum Team Visiting IAA
Monday, December, 10	-KG2R and KG2A – The Children's Museum Team Visiting IAA -Open meeting with Primary Principal, Mr. Andrew Powell, Primary Principal's Office, 8-9 am
Tuesday, December, 11	-Director's Open Meeting with parents, Director's Office, 8-9 am
Thursday, December, 13	-Primary Christmas Assembly, Auditorium, 1:30-2 pm -Majlis Arabi, (Off- Campus)
Friday, December, 14	-Majlis Arabi, (Off- Campus)
Sunday, December 16	-Pre-K Winter Wonderland, 12:45 pm
Monday, December 17	-Open meeting with Primary Principal, Mr. Andrew Powell, Primary Principal's Office, 8-9 am -Grade 10 – Personal Project, MPR, 9-1 pm

A Message from the Director

Dear IAA Community,

As we enter December, I see the end of a successful year and the start of another remarkable one. I wish you and your children a strong finish and an exciting 2019! We have three weeks to go until the Winter Break.

Our Information Day was a very successful event. We had over 70 prospective families who listened to Senior Management and then toured the campus. As much as parents have heard and searched about IAA, they can only experience the atmosphere upon visiting the school and listening firsthand to our Grade 5 Prefects, who led the tour.

Last week, the Secondary school held its annual play entitled "Brainstorm", a community play exploring how teenagers' brains work, and why they are designed by evolution to be the way they are. It was such an exciting, vibrant and electrifying play that perfectly portrays the teenagers' lives. The actors were powerful and authentic and the stage rocked. Such a relatable message to all parents, reminding them what it means to be young. Thank you Antony Nesling, Joanne Walker and the entire team who helped put this show together. Students: I am proud of you. Well done!

To compensate for the hold on local trips, we are bringing in more guest speakers for learning beyond the classroom. Just today, we have two Palestinian storytellers addressing Grades 6-10 on Palestinian history and art: Jana Tamimi - a 12-year-old reporter and Tarek Al-Bakri - a storyteller. Storytelling has always had a meaningful role in Palestinian life and identity. It is an effective tool to unite our youth with their roots and their land.

Speaking of performance, we have our Primary winter assembly coming up with our KG1s and KG2s on stage. Check the calendar on the newsletter as well as the IAA mobile application and our website for more events during this festive month.

Finally, I am available on Tuesday, from 8-9am, for the open meeting at my office.

Stay warm and have a great week!

Hana Kanan Ed.D.

Director

Primary School News

Dear Parents,

As we move towards the Winter Break, our counselling team is leading their annual kindness campaign across the Primary School. In addition to talking about the merits of helping and supporting others, we are attempting to increase the happiness and well-being of all our students by encouraging acts of kindness. While kindness may seem straightforward, it is important that we move beyond simply enabling our children to be the receivers of kindness.

A joint study conducted by researchers at the University of British Columbia and the University of California found that nine to eleven-year-old children who performed acts of kindness or took notice of pleasant places to visit not only improved their happiness quotient but also gained friends during the course of the study.

We hope that through this initiative our students will not only experience the benefits of being more caring towards one another, but feel good about themselves. It would be very helpful if you were to share your experiences of kindness with your children at home over the next few weeks too.

After a week of training, our Peer Mediators are now ready to start their duties. These children work in pairs throughout the younger students' playground and help children to resolve their small problems. Their aim is to ensure that they do their best to help children reach a win-win solution. This is an important role and a great example of student leadership in action.

Each year, the winter weather makes life difficult for our most vulnerable families in the Kingdom and in keeping with our school's mission, we run an annual Winter Campaign. This year we will be helping aid organisations located in Al-Koura Brigade that provides survival assistance for 200 families from the local area. Donation boxes are located at the Primary Reception and funds will help us put together food, clothing and winterisation boxes.

I would like to recognise the following award winners:

Bronze Award Winners

Zaher Jaradaneh 5D	Raya Owies 4A	Celine Ghazal 4D
Massa Madi 5D	Hazem Matouk 4B	Haya Al- Ghazawi 2B
Sarra Abu-Tayeh 5D	Salma Haj Ahmad 4B	Mohamed Morrar 2B
Lara Kilani 5D	Adam Abu- Lughod 4B	Faris Al- Karaki 2B
Sarah Dahleh 5D	Ammar Hijazi 4C	George Al- Nims 2B
Sadeen Rashid 5D	Ameer Al Lozi 4C	Majed Rudeni 2D
Rania Yasin 5D	Kenzi Kalbouneh 4C	Hasan Al Saraf 2D
Sumayah Makanai 4A	Mohammad Qawasmi 4C	Haya Al Zraiqat 2D
Nour Alansari 4A	Sarah Al Salaimeh 4C	Mohammed Aljazairy 2D
Noor Asali 4A	Jenna Ismail 4D	Taraf Al Qudsi 2D
Omar Nashashibi 5A	Leema Barakat 4A	Bana Raad 4A
Tia Shehu 5A	Lamar Sarah 4A	Al Anoud Al Jazy 4A
Sadeen Al- Daoud 5A	Faisal Kardan 4A	Ali Ziada 4C
Joud Zeidan 5A	Daoud Al Daoud 4A	Riwa Al Qaimari 2A
Hisham Al Nsour 5B	Abdullah Abu Halimeh 4A	Salma Toghoth 4A

Silver Award Winners

Said Hijawy 5A	Zaid Jaber 2B
Jude Saadi 4D	Zahraa Al-Dulaimi 4D

Wishing you all a wonderful week.

Yours sincerely,

Andrew Powell

Secondary School News

Dear Parents,

Bake Sale

The third fundraising bake sale took place this past Thursday, organised by the SRC. Over 500JD was raised. Our SRC plan on using the money to plan for upcoming social events.

Brainstorm

What advice would you give your teenage self? A complex topic was brought to life in last week's remarkable Brainstorm production. This multi-layered play explored the lives of our own IAA teenagers, capturing their wild mood swings, whilst brilliantly explaining the intricacies of the teenage brain. We learned that a billion plus neurons fire off information just like the nonstop flood of WhatsApp messages full of emojis and acronyms that pop up every second on their screens. Meanwhile their prefrontal cortex, the part that makes one stop and think, has not yet fully developed; the messy teenage brain morphed into a bedroom scattered with clutter. In the play, the prefrontal cortex took on the role of a parent in an entertaining and touching scene where each actor aptly impersonated one of their parents. At the start, we were asked "what do you see?" We saw honest raw emotions exhibited by a group of teenagers, trying their best to understand and navigate their way through this changing world, as their developing prefrontal cortexes hurry to keep up.

HAWKS Football

It has been a busy couple of weeks on the football field. Our Under 12A team played and were unbeaten in all their matches. Our Under 14 team played their tournament this weekend and have progressed to the knock out stages, well done and good luck! The Under 16 team played their tournament and after a nail-biting final that went down to a penalty shoot-out, emerged victorious as champions. Mabrouk to everyone: players and coaching staff. Yet again the Hawks are setting the standard!

Guest Speakers

On December 3rd, we will be hosting two influential Palestinians. Jana Tamimi is a 12-year-old reporter and Tarek Al-Bakri is a storyteller from "كننا ومازلنا". They will be in the theater from 11am-1pm to speak to our Grades 6 to 10 students about Palestinian history and art. If you are free, please stop by and enjoy the lectures!

Grade 10 – Personal Project

At this stage, the Grade 10 students have received feedback on their Personal Project reports and are implementing the necessary changes. The final report is due on the 4th of December. The Personal Project Showcase will take place on the 17th of December from 9am to 1pm in the Multi-purpose Room. We look forward to having you join us to celebrate the accomplishments of our Grade 10s in this MYP culminating project.

Grade 8 – Community Project

Our Grade 8s are making good progress with their Community Projects. They have brainstormed and researched various ways on how they can serve their community. They are now working on their proposal that includes their goal and its significance to the community.

Sincerely,

Mr. Martin and Ms. Zena

Library News

Dear Parents,

The next IAA Parent Book Club will be on February 11. You have your choice of the afternoon session (1-2 pm) or the evening session (6-7 pm).

If you are interested in joining, please email k.mckim@iaa.edu.jo . I will send you a link to vote for the book we will discuss next.

Thank you.

From The Libraries.