



الأكاديمية الدولية - عمان
THE INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY - AMMAN

Parent News

Monday, 4th December

2017

Calendar

Monday	4	--Open meeting with Deputy Primary Principal, Deputy Primary Principal's Office, 8:00 AM - 9:00 AM --HAWKS Swimming, 5:00 PM – 6:00 PM & 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM
Tuesday	5	--Director's Open Meeting with Parents, Director's Office, 8:00 AM – 9:00 AM --HAWKS Swimming, 5:00 PM – 6:00 PM & 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM --HAWKS Gymnastics, 5:00 PM – 6:00 PM & 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM --Secondary School Production -Into The Woods, Theatre, 6:00 PM --Grade 12 Trip, (Off- Campus)
Wednesday	6	--Primary Morning - Second Step Character Education, MPR, 8:00 AM – 9:00 AM --HAWKS Swimming, 5:00 PM – 6:00 PM & 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM --Secondary School Production -Into The Woods, Theatre, 6:00 PM --Grade 11 Trip, (Off- Campus)
Thursday	7	--HAWKS Swimming, 2:30 PM – 3:30 PM --HAWKS FOOTBALL U16
Friday	8	--HAWKS FOOTBALL U16 --Majlis Al-Arabi --Grade 6 Trip, (Off- Campus)
Saturday	9	--HAWKS Swimming, 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM --HAWKS FOOTBALL U16 --Majlis Al-Arabi
Sunday	10	--HAWKS Swimming, 5:00 PM – 6:00 PM & 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM --HAWKS Gymnastics, 5:00 PM – 6:00 PM & 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM --HAWKS FOOTBALL U16
Monday	11	--Open meeting with Primary Principal, Mr. Andrew Powell, Primary Principal's Office, 8:00 AM - 9:00 AM --HAWKS Swimming, 5:00 PM – 6:00 PM & 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM

A Message from the Director

Dear IAA Community,

This week, we celebrate **The Hour of Code**. This is a worldwide event that introduces coding to students, inspiring them to learn more and leaving them feeling empowered. At IAA, and for the next two weeks, we will be involving Grade 5, 6 and 7 students in online games that are based on codes. While this event provides a valuable gateway into coding for students, building and maintaining their interest in this skill happens on a weekly basis during the entire school year, during the Coding lesson. Today's learners, our future workforce, will need to know how to programme machines, applications and other platforms that are becoming necessary these days.

From coding, we go to the woods and I encourage you all to bring your children to our drama production **Into The Woods** next Tuesday and Wednesday. This annual event is one that makes me proud, seeing our talented students display their creativity, self-confidence, leadership, teamwork and public speaking skills on stage.

On the wellness front, the IAA Wellness Programme has announced the launch of the **Ta3zeeleh** initiative this week. Please talk to your children about that project, as I cannot stress enough on the importance of community involvement. More information can be found on our social media platforms and website. Our IAA pillar of **duty** is one which instills in our students a sense of commitment to serve the community selflessly, with no expectation of recognition in return.

This coming weekend is a busy one, with **Al Majlis Al Arabi** taking place on campus. The students have been working hard in preparation for the two-day event, themed "Our Future." Various hot topics will be tabled and debated during sessions that also involve students from public schools. IAA students have been training them on the art of debate and it has been a great experience for both. Bravo Majlis team!

Finally, I am available this Tuesday from 8-9am for parents who wish to see me.

Have a great week!

Hana Kanan, Ed.D.
Director

Primary School News

Dear Parents,

We have a busy week ahead of us with various activities taking place in and out of the classroom. The Hour of Code takes place in schools around the globe this week as an initiative to broaden participation in the field of computer science. Our fifth-grade students work in this area once a week and the activities they engage in are crucial in further developing reasoning, logic, problem solving skills and creativity. Ms Reham, our ICT specialist will be working with teachers this week to highlight this area of our curriculum.

The Secondary production of *Into The Woods* takes place on Tuesday and Wednesday at 6pm this week. Tickets are 5JD and can be purchased at Finance. A lot of time and energy has been devoted to the production and it promises to be great entertainment.

Our counsellors are piloting the Second Step programme in KG1 and KG2 at present. This is a curriculum which promotes the development of strong social and emotional skills in children. This is particularly important for

our students and over time we hope to introduce the programme across all grades in the school. Ms Sophie and Ms Maria will be presenting a Parent Workshop on this initiative on Wednesday at 8am in the MPR. In previous years, Primary School reports have been sent home prior to the Winter Break. This year, we will be sending reports home towards the end of January which is the actual end of the academic semester and in line with practices taking place in Secondary. This will provide our students and teachers with the opportunity to more fully engage in the curriculum covered in the first semester with a more accurate reporting of progress. We have a number of Parent Mornings still to come before the Winter Break. They are:
Wednesday, December 6th @ 8am Second Step Character Education
Wednesday, December 13th @ 8am Portrait of a Graduate – please note change of date
I would like to recognise our award winners this week. They are:

Bronze Award Winners

Dani Madanat 5CS Ghazi Jallouq 5CS Shaden Bundakji 2H

Please note that I will not be available for drop-in parent meetings on Monday, December 4th due to my involvement in an international education conference. Mr Walid will be available in my absence.
I hope that you have a wonderful week!
Yours sincerely,
Andrew Powell

Secondary School News

Dear Parents,

The third fundraising bake sale took place last Thursday, organised by Grade 8. The healthy competition motivated each tutor group to work together, and the outcome was a “sweet” bake sale. We are pleased to announce that 800 JD will be donated to their chosen organisation, Al-Hadaf, to support them in their mission to inspire orphaned children and refugee families in Jordan to achieve positive changes in their lives.

As we approach the final three weeks before winter break, it is full speed ahead at IAA where we have many exciting events coming up. Here is a glimpse of what to expect...

The Hour of Code is a global movement that takes place every year. It started out as an introduction to Computer Science, a field that nurtures problem-solving skills, logic and creativity – a strong foundation for success in any 21st century career path. Its aim is to broaden participation in this field and to show that everyone can learn the basics. It has since spread worldwide in over 180 countries and has become a celebration of Computer Science. Our Grades 6 and 7 will participate in the Hour of Code on December 3rd. They will complete Minecraft challenges by incorporating skills that they have learned in their Coding lessons.

Into The Woods will take center stage at IAA for two consecutive evenings this Tuesday and Wednesday to an almost sold out audience! It promises to be the perfect blend of storytelling, singing and dancing. Whether you have or have not seen it before, get ready to be enchanted! The cast and crew, under the directorship of Ms. Tatiana, have been working nonstop to bring their characters to life and to transform the stage into a magical forest. Do not miss the idealist Baker, hopeful Cinderella, lonely Rapunzel, carefree Red Riding Hood, Jack the dreamer, the twisted Witch, and so many more. Thank you to Ms. Tatiana and the cast and crew for all of their efforts and commitment and for giving us what we know will be an unforgettable experience.

This upcoming weekend, IAA will once again host the 3rd annual Majlis Al Arabi conference, in collaboration with the Al-Assriyya School. The theme will be “Our Future”, and the assembly follows the MUN framework, where our students tackle controversial issues related to our region by using the Arabic language to express

their opinions and ideas. For the past couple of months, our students have been training a large number of students from various Madrasati schools on the rules and procedures of the MUN. We wish everyone involved all the best in their preparations for this important conference.

Apart from these larger events, we also continue to make learning contextual and expose our students to the usual educational experiences beyond the classroom. This week Grade 12 Economics students are visiting the Central Bank to hear first-hand about macroeconomic policies. Grade 11 are going to ABS to enjoy their Arabic production and finally Grade 6 are going to do some of the Jordan trail at the weekend in order to give them a better sense of the wonder and beauty of their environment.

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 14th of December. The Personal Project Showcase will take place on the 18th 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.

The Grade 12 students are also putting on the finishing touches to their Extended Essays. Students have chosen challenging topics to explore in this practical preparation for undergraduate research. For this graduating class, the IB has introduced a new element - a Research Reflection Space for students to reflect on their learning process throughout the essay. The deadline to submit their reports is on the 14th of December.

Lastly, our Lost and Found is close to reaching carrying capacity. There are many school sweaters, jackets, water bottles, pencil cases, bags (just to name a few items) that need to go home with their rightful owners. So, if your child comes home missing an item, please remind them to visit the Lost and Found. Before we go on winter break, any unclaimed items will be donated to charity.

Sincerely,

Martin Thompson and Zena Muhtaseb