



الأكاديمية الدولية - عمان
THE INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY - AMMAN

Parent News

Monday, 9th December

2019

Calendar

DECEMBER

9 MON	Open meeting with Mr. Andrew Powell Primary Principal's Office 8:00 - 9:00 AM
10 TUE	Director's Open Meeting with parents Director's Office 8:00 - 9:00 AM Secondary Winter Concert Theatre 2:30 PM
12 THU	G10 Personal Project Exhibition MPR 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM G5 Miss Renée Assembly Auditorium 1:15 - 2:15 PM
16 MON	Open meeting with Mr. Andrew Powell Primary Principal's Office 8:00 - 9:00 AM
17 TUE	Director's Open Meeting with parents Director's Office 8:00 - 9:00 AM
19 THU	Primary Winter Assembly Auditorium 1:15 - 2 :15 PM
22 SUN	Winter Break (Holiday)
23 MON	Winter Break (Holiday)

A Message from the Director

Holiday Greetings IAA!

We have finally made it to the Winter Break and I couldn't be more proud of the stride and progress of these past few months. What a wonderful, prosperous and successful term it was. Our gorgeous Olive Trees, over hundreds of years old, are decorated beautifully with IAA's colors. Shining bright in our community square in this magnificent festive season, much like how our students and faculty that shine every single day. A special thank you goes out to the PTA for their gracious contributions to decorating our campus. I encourage you all to join and support in the events taking place in the coming weeks! Let us come together, as one community, to close the passing of a decade and with courage and grace open the doors of 2020.

In other news, we are also celebrating Dr. Mohamad Hamdan, one of the most important backbones of our community, who was chosen Person of the Year last week by the Abdul Hameed Shoman Foundation. Dr. Hamdan is an accomplished scholar, social worker, educator and family man. We should all look up to this down to earth gentleman who has proven himself a leader, a teacher and more importantly a friend to our beautiful school. Congratulations Dr. Hamdan! We wish you many more fruitful years.

With that note, I would like to wish you all a happy and prosperous New Year and a very Merry Christmas to all those who celebrate!

"May the New Year bring you new grace, new gladness and new glory."
— Lailah Gifty Akita, *Pearls of Wisdom: Great mind*

Warm Wishes,
Hana Kanaan, Ed.D

Primary School News

Dear Parents,

It has been a busy couple of weeks, and I know that there is still much to take place before the Winter break. Now that the weather has turned it is important that students are dressed appropriately for the conditions. Please do label your children's jackets and jumpers in case they are lost and please avoid sending them to school with expensive clothing. All children should be wearing school uniforms.

A variety of illnesses are common during the change of seasons and we do ask parents to monitor their children. The body's immunity tends to be low giving infections an opportunity to attack with dry skin, coughs,

colds, sore throats, and the flu common complaints. Deciding whether to send your child to school comes down to two things: 1) Can your child fully participate in school activities? And 2) Will your child pass something contagious on to his or her classmates? Our nurse is always on hand to support your child.

Last week our counsellors launched our annual Kindness Campaign. December is typically a time of giving and our hope is that all of our community members will go out of their way to be kind to others. This takes many forms, and research shows that the simple act of giving can be as rewarding as receiving. Speaking of which, thank you to all of the families that have provided donations of money and goods for our Winter Campaign. We raised over 1,500 JD at our Bake Sale last week and many people have provided blankets and other goods to help those in need. Thank you!

We have had a couple of stellar assemblies over the past two weeks and I would like to recognize Mr Gordon's class for their spectacular Arabian Nights performance and Mr Kevin's class for an incredible insight into the importance of teamwork. This week Ms Camille's Grade 5 class will be on stage before our KG1, KG2 and choir close the calendar year with our Christmas Assembly.

I'd like to give a big "shout out" to our Grade 5 Girls' football players who experienced their first school tournament a couple of weekends ago. Their energy, teamwork and happiness were simply incredible. Well done girls! Last newsletter I wrote about a planned 3 x 3 basketball tournament. Unfortunately, we have had to postpone this event until the Spring.

Finally, our PTA have organized a talk for parents on communicating with your child (ages 5 – 11) at 8am on Wednesday, December 11th. Sirsa Qursha, a child and parenting specialist will lead the conversation.

This week I am pleased to be able to recognise the following award winners:

Bronze Awards:

Saif Al Awwad 5A	Taraf Al Qudsi 3C	Anoud Mirza 2A
Katie Mace 5A	Juman Al Samhouri 3C	Mila Maraqa 2A
Zaid Dajani 4B	Omar Dajani 3C	Taliya Allaham 2B
Yulixa Houkayem 4B	Tara Al Shanti 3C	Raya Ensour 2B
Faris Musleh 4B	Bisher Elbarqouni 3C	Sammy Almadanat 2B
Sanad Al Samarraie 4B	Layla Haj Hasan 3C	Kiyan Qusous 2B
Sereen Al Taji 4C	Tahseen Shurdom 3C	Ibrahim AlGhezawi 2B
Sara Hijazi 4C	Rahmah Beiruti 3C	Ali Al Rasheed 2D
Omar Toukan 4C	Abdulfattah Alnajjar 3D	Reema Kalouti 2D
Jafar Abdallat 3C	Lamia Al Awwad 3D	Sarah Alsallakh 2D
Basma Al Hashem 3C	Hamzah Mansour 3D	Mariam Elfayez 2D
Ibrahim Al Louzi 3C		

Silver Award

Karim Musleh 2A

Wishing you a wonderful week.

Andrew Powell
Primary Principal

Secondary School News

Dear Parents,

School Uniform on Cold and Wet days

Sunday 8th December saw one of the first cold and wet mornings. This is excellent news for Jordan, however, for those students coming to school without their school jackets it was not so positive. Our campus is one that requires students to transfer between buildings and when it is raining then going to the cafeteria, the library or the sports complex does mean one will get wet. With all the colds and flu that are doing the rounds at the moment it is important that students come to school with their school jackets on such days.

Civvies Day and Bake Sale

Just a reminder the last Civvies Day and Bake Sale of 2019 will be held on Thursday Dec. 19th. Please ensure your children come to school with their 2JD donation to charity if they are wearing civvies.

Winter Campaign – thank you

The Winter Campaign has been a success judging by the number of bags of clothes, books and toys that are piling up in the Religion Rooms. Thank you to everyone who has been involved so far. We are entering the last week of the Campaign and if your children have not yet gone through their ‘stuff’ to see if there are any good quality clothes, books or toys that are no longer needed, then please urge them to do so and bring in what they can to add to our collection.

Winter Concert

Our Winter Concert is taking place on Tuesday 10th from 2.30 to 4.00 pm and involves students from numerous grades performing a wide repertoire of musical pieces. Tickets are 2JD and are available from Finance, and we hope you will come to support our budding musicians. All proceeds will go to the Winter Campaign.

Aladdin – Auditions

A “Whole New World” will be coming to IAA soon as auditions for Aladdin wrap up this week. We had a number of students across all grades sign up to try out for the role of the street-savvy Aladdin, larger than life Genie, adventure-seeking Jasmine and so many more magical characters. The cast list will be released this week. We would like to congratulate everyone who put themselves forward for the auditions. For those who made it into the cast, we wish you the best. For their parents, thank you in advance for supporting our students through what is going to be a busy time as the cast works through the rehearsal schedule. We all look forward to enjoying the show in February.

World Scholars Cup – Grades 6 to 9

Sign-up sheets for the World’s Scholars Cup have been posted around Secondary. Please encourage your children to participate in this event, which will be taking place March 5th – 6th at the IAA. Students need to sign up in teams of three. The WSC has a comprehensive, thematic curriculum that changes from year to year, and invites participants to learn about, research and debate serious global issues. It focuses on collaboration and critical thinking and encourages students not just to work on their existing strengths and skills, but to discover new ones. This year’s theme will be “2020: A World Renewed”. Our students will start training for this competition come January, under the leadership of our Grade 11s. More information will be coming your way.

Grade 10 – Personal Project

In the mission to create independent, life-long learners, the Personal Project (PP) is one of the IB milestones, and the efforts and hard work involved should not be underestimated. We ask our parents to mark their calendars for the PP Exhibition that will take place on the 17th December from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm in the Multi-purpose Room. The students have the opportunity to discuss their projects, answer questions and generally celebrate and be proud! We look forward to having you join us to celebrate the accomplishments of the Grade 10s in this MYP culminating project.

Grade 8 – Community Project

Our Grade 8s are making progress on their Community Projects. They are currently brainstorming and researching various ways on how they can serve their community. A couple of weeks ago, Ms. Zaina Jarda, an officer of the UNHCR, presented to them about the purpose of the United Nations, providing them with some topics they may want to pursue for the CP.

Lost and Found

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. 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.

As this our last newsletter for 2019, we wish you and your family a wonderful holiday and safe travels if you are heading away. Looking forward to seeing you all in 2020.

Sincerely,

Mr. Martin and Ms. Zena

PTA Corner

Season's Greetings IAA Parents,

With only two more weeks left before winter holidays, we've lined up a couple of events to help ease you into the festive mood and send you and your families off into a happy and successful New Year. Mark your calendars and we hope to see you there!

Coming up this Wednesday, December 11th is a not to miss workshop titled 'COMMUNICATION WITH CHILDREN' for ages 5-11 with Sirsa Qursha; a Child and Development and Parenting Specialist with over 14 years' experience working directly with children and families.

The workshop will cover most aspects regarding the definitions of communication and dialogue as well as their importance to parents and children between the ages of 5 and 11. It is a chance for parents to tips on better communication skills as well as practical strategies to ensure successful social and emotional dialogue. The talk will be held at the MPR at 8am, and the talk will be in English.

We are also holding our annual Christmas gathering on Monday, Dec 16 after morning school drop off. Join us at the Community Square and or Cafeteria (depending on the weather) around the beautiful IAA Christmas

Tree. Coffee, hot chocolate, cookies and treats are guaranteed kick start your morning in a festive way. We can't think of a better way to start your day. There will also be a donation box to support the IAA winter campaign in this season of giving.

On that note, we'd like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Be safe and we will see you in 2020!

Best Wishes,
The PTA