



الأكاديمية الدولية - عمان
THE INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY - AMMAN

Parent News

Monday, 10th February

2020

Calendar

FEBRUARY

11 TUE	Director's Open Meeting with parents Director's Office 8:00 - 9:00 AM
16 SUN	Aladdin IAA Theatre 6:00 PM
17 MON	Open meeting with Mr. Andrew Powell Primary Principal's Office 8:00 - 9:00 AM Aladdin IAA Theatre 6:00 PM
18 TUE	Director's Open Meeting with parents Director's Office 8:00 - 9:00 AM
19 WED	Mid Term Break (Holiday) Grade 11 Trip, (International)
20 THU 21 FRI 22 SAT	Mid Term Break (Holiday) Grade 11 Trip, (International)
24 MON	Open meeting with Mr. Andrew Powell Primary Principal's Office 8:00 - 9:00 AM

FEBRUARY HOT MEALS

WE SHOULD CERTAINLY COUNT OUR BLESSINGS,
BUT WE SHOULD ALSO MAKE OUR BLESSINGS COUNT.

	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	
	2 MANSAF	3 FETTUCCINE	4	5 STUFFED VEGETABLES	6	
	9 PIZZA	10 LASAGNA	11	12 STUFFED CABBAGE	13	
	16 SHUSHBARAK	17 MOLOKHYA	18	19	20	
	23 RICE & VEGETABLES	24 BEEF STROGANOFF	25	26 KOFTA WITH TOMATO SAUCE	27	

A Message from the Director

Dearest IAA Family,

I hope you are keeping warm in this piercing cold weather! As you have surely heard in this past week, we lost a very dear member to our community. Dr. Mohammad Hamdan has left us but his legacy will always remain. I was unfortunately out of town when I heard the sad news, however, in spirit of his legacy and what he persistently ingrained in our minds, I was learning the ways in which we can uplift the caliber of our education back home and in our community. In New York I attended the AAIE (Association of the Advancement of International Education) Annual Conference as well as the International School Services Job Fair. Both events were highly successful and extremely fruitful. At the AAIE conference I was especially enlightened with the discussion on professional development and inclusion. Children with special needs should be taught and educated with the right tools in order to be able to provide proper and equal opportunities of effective learning. We are proudly moving towards a more inclusive community every day. The ISS Job Fair was as successful with a pool of new potential educators that will be an incredible addition to our wonderful family.

“When educating the minds of our youth, we must not forget to educate their hearts.” – Dalai Lama

I wish you a blessed February!

**Kindest Wishes,
Hana Kanan, Ed. D**

Primary School News

Dear Parents,

I hope that you and your family have been able to stay safe and warm despite the cold and inclement weather. We appreciate your flexibility with the late starts and continue to impress upon you the importance of children attending school despite the inconvenience presented by the weather.

Attendance at last week's Parent Teacher Conferences was extremely high and I trust that the opportunities to meet with your child's teachers provided you with additional insights into their learning and approach to classwork. I appreciated the many positive comments about the way in which our programmes have moved from strength to strength over the past few years.

Last week you were alerted to the sad news that Dr Hamdan, IAA's Chair of the Board of Directors had passed away. Dr Hamdan was one of the first people that I met and had the honour of working with when I arrived in Amman in 2016. To me, he has always epitomised the very best of what it means to be Jordanian and possessed the qualities that we strive to instil in our students. Despite Dr Hamadan's many achievements, his position and status, he was an extremely humble man. He had the ability to connect with everybody in a room but make you feel as if you were the most important person there. He was a great advocate for our children, and I know that one of his highlights each year was attending our Grade 5 Promotion Ceremony. Dr Hamadan was an educational visionary, an incredibly intelligent man that worked tirelessly for the betterment of our school and education throughout the Kingdom. He was an incredible mentor to many of the school's senior leaders and his legacy will live on through our actions. Vale Dr Hamdan!

As promised, I am sharing the link to the video of the Primary Production, Once Upon a Lily Pad. The quality of the production and the recording is incredible and I'm sure that many of our production and choir students and their parents will remember the day for years to come.

Five-minute version:

<https://youtu.be/GTb3PKcRQJM>

Complete production:

<https://youtu.be/EJWbxj-lBgE>

Please note due to the challenges presented by the weather, we have decided to postpone the International Schools Assessment for Grade 3-5 until Wednesday and Thursday of this week. These tests assess our students core skills in Mathematics and Literacy and in order for the school to get an accurate reflection of our programmes it is essential that we have 100% attendance. In order to ensure that your son or daughter is able to do as well as they can, it is important that they come to school well rested. Please support your child by ensuring that he or she has slept well and has had a healthy breakfast before leaving home.

While for many of us the weather poses an inconvenience there are many for whom this poses a much more challenging reality. In order to support some of these people in need Ms Sahar has arranged for 2,000 litres of fuel to be sent to Al Baqa' Camp to support 200 families as part of our community outreach initiatives.

Bronze Award Winners:

Kareem Ghnimat 5A

Ghassan Al Khawaja 4C

Bana Jaber 2B

Bana Raad 5B
Sarah Al Salaimeh 5B
Fathi Salem 5B
Mariel Imseeh 5C
Nadia Issa 5C
Zaina Hassuneh 5C
Nasser Abu- Ragheb 5D
Aban Al- Lozi 5D
Salma Toghoth 5D
Maya Ghokapsh 5D
Aisha Al- Naser 4A
Ghina Al Khatib 4A
Hamza Tabra 4A
Leen Dahleh 4A
Rayan Fakhoury 4C
Rakan Imseeh 4C

Shakir Shami 4C
Ahmad Shanti 4C
Salma Abu- Jabarah 3B
Juana Zeidan 3B
Yasmin Sukhtian 3D
Nasser Al Mousa 3D
Karam Rabata 3D
Hussein Hamdan 3D
Yasmeen Khoury 3D
Jana Khalaf 3D
Alberta Dadson 2A
Mohammad Al Omari 2A
Zaid Al Ghezawi 2A
Faisal Al Saheb 2A
Bana Qutob 2A

Tema Al Bdour 2B
Hannah Tabra 2B
Mohammad Zagha 2B
Tarek Al Adnani 2B
Yousef Allaham 2B
Rashed Abu Haltam 2D
Mansour Kloub 2D
Zaid Qwasmi 1B
Aya Dibie 1B
Awni Al Rishiq 1B
Abdelaziz Asfour 1B
Maria Allahham 1B
Jurie Al Qadi 1B
Sarah Al Farouqi 1D
Shamil Zakaria 1D

Silver Award Winners

Al Saif Al Awwad 5A
Jude Saadi 5C
Yaswmin Farraj 4A
Abdulla Fraij 4A
Maia Cubeisy 4B
Maya Dallal 4B
Nadine Dajani 4B
Shaden Bondagji 4B
Leen Samhouri 4B
Mira Nosirova 4B

Katy Hijazi 3B
Laith Smadi 3B
Yaseen Kilani 3C
Tahseen Shurdom 3C
Basma Al Hashem 3C
Haya Al Majali 3D
Masa Al Maslamani 3D
Abdulfattah Alnajjar 3D
Lamia Al Awwad 3D

Mila Maraqa 2A
Qais Smadi 2A
Anoud Mirza 2A
Natalie Kanaan 2A
Kiyam Qusous 2B
Omar Shawareb 2B
Mohammad Zeidan 1B
Iman Hudhud 1B
Dina Al Saadi 1B

Gold Award Winners

Mohammad Al Lozi 4B
Ryan Barhoush 4B
Ali Toukan 4B

Elias Abu Yaghi 4B
Farah Allozi 4B

Jehad Atwan 4B
Zaid Al- Akash 2B

Gold Award Merit Winners

Jehad Atwan 4B
Ali Toukan 4B

Elias Abu Yaghi 4B

Farah Allozi 4B

Wishing you a wonderful week.

**Yours sincerely,
Andrew Powell**

Secondary School News

Dear Parents,

ISA Tests

Grades 6 to 9 will sit the International Schools' Assessment (ISA) online tests, which include mathematical literacy, reading and writing and scientific literacy. All assessments will be done on school laptops, but students are expected to bring their calculators and pen/pencil (for rough work). IAS provides comparative data in relation to other similar schools around the world to give us a sense of how we are doing. We will also use the results to monitor our students' achievement and progress and to evaluate our curriculum against student performance. It is essential for student attendance to be 100% for these days.

Grade	February...
6	13 th and 18 th
7	16 th and 17 th
8	11 th and 12 th
9	9 th and 10 th

Aladdin

"Let's make some magic" the Genie announces before he grants Aladdin's first wish – which is exactly what IAA's upcoming production will be - MAGICAL! *Aladdin* will take us to a whole new world on Feb 16th and 17th. This must-see production will be packed with acting, singing, dancing, transforming the stage into the exotic land of Agrabah. We highly anticipate seeing our favourite characters in action– the strong-willed Princess Jasmine; street-smart Aladdin; evil Jafar and his devious sidekick Iago; sneaky Abu; the kind-hearted Sultan; the greater than life Genie and so much more! Tickets are now on sale at Finance for 5JD. Purchase your ticket right away as both shows are expected to sell out! Congratulations to the entire cast and crew for putting together what we know will be a memorable experience.

United Nations Mother Tongue Day: 21st Feb

According to the UN, every two weeks a language disappears. Languages are the most powerful instruments of preserving and developing our tangible and intangible heritage. Promoting the dissemination of mother tongues serves not only to encourage linguistic diversity and multilingual education but also to develop fuller awareness of linguistic and cultural traditions throughout the world and to inspire solidarity based on understanding, tolerance and dialogue. To mark this day, we will hold a special assembly on the 23rd February to celebrate our Arabic heritage as well as all the other languages that are part of our valuable community at IAA.

MASMUN 2020

Good luck to our 12 Delegates and 1 Chair who are participating in the Modern American School MUN this coming weekend. We have a great delegation going and they have been given some challenging committees and countries to represent. It should be a stimulating weekend for those taking part.

World Scholar's Cup

The theme for this year is "A World Renewed". The deadline for paying the entry fee (55JD) is this Tuesday 11th February. We are pleased to see that more students than ever are signing up for this valuable experience. We will also be starting training for those participating and the details of the dates and times are posted on Moodle.

We wish all parents and students a relaxing break next week as we have Wednesday 19th and Thursday 20th February as a holiday.

**Yours sincerely,
Mr Martin and Ms Zena**