



الأكاديمية الدولية - عمان  
THE INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY - AMMAN

# Parent News

## Monday, 10<sup>th</sup> February

### 2020

### Calendar

## FEBRUARY

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

# FEBRUARY HOT MEALS

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

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

## *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.

<b>Grade</b>	<b>February...</b>
6	13 <sup>th</sup> and 18 <sup>th</sup>
7	16 <sup>th</sup> and 17 <sup>th</sup>
8	11 <sup>th</sup> and 12 <sup>th</sup>
9	9 <sup>th</sup> and 10 <sup>th</sup>

### **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 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>. 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: 21<sup>st</sup> 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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 11<sup>th</sup> 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 19<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> February as a holiday.

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