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Parent News

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Calendar

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Mid Term Break

Primary School News

Warm Welcome

I hope that this newsletter finds you and your family safe and in good health. Yesterday marked our 100th day at school for this academic year and still our activities are going strong! Primary students dazzled us last week during the music concerts, PreK were ready to 'Fly to Space' in their astronauts and alien costumes, Grade 2 had a fabulous shopping day in their own grocery store while wearing their self-made and creative t-shirts and Grade 3 impressed everyone that attended their Science Fair with their presentations and knowledge. Many activities are still in store so please do try to keep up with us!

Parent – Teacher Conferences

Last week's Parent Teacher Conferences were a great success in a number of ways. The availability of our online platform certainly made meetings more convenient for many parents. It was evident from the conversations I had with parents, and also the feedback from teachers, that there were many positives to be taken away. Our teachers certainly felt that their efforts were appreciated which I know will inspire them to continue to give their very best to their students. Should you have missed a meeting please feel free to touch base with your child's teacher and they will happily arrange to meet.

Donations for Syria and Turkey

We were deeply saddened by the tragic news coming from Syria and Turkey. Our hearts go out to those affected and we pray for the safety of everyone. As a school community, it was essential for us to contribute to the national effort aimed at supporting the sufferers of this devastating event. Thank you for taking part in yesterday's charity collection, all funds will be channeled through to the Jordan Hashemite Charity Organization. From a student wellbeing perspective, this is a delicate matter for primary age children therefore, we leave it to your discretion to discuss details with your child at home. However, if your child is asking questions and you are not sure how to answer, our counselors will be more than happy to have a conversation with you or your child

Class Assemblies

Over the past few weeks, we have been enjoying some fabulous performances delivered by primary classes as they have held their assemblies. These have been a great way to have fun and develop the social and creative attributes of students while coming together to listen to a story and sing a song. Similarly, the Music & Art shows were a big hit and it was lovely to see smiling, happy students performing on stage to their peers and parents as well as showcasing their artistic traits. Our teachers have very much appreciated your efforts in supporting school events and we look forward to the next round of performances scheduled in March.

Gate policy Reminders

Kindly be reminded that students must be present on campus no later than 8:15 am. Students who arrive after 8:20 am will be listed as late; lateness will be permitted only two times per semester and the student won't be allowed entrance to the school in case of a third lateness as indicated in our gate policy. The school gates will be closed at 8:30 am and students who arrive after closing the gates will be denied entrance and sent home. For KG1 parents, all children in KG1 are subject to the IAA gate policy from semester two which started on January 29th.

Wishing you a pleasant couple of weeks ahead

Walid Albay

Primary School Principal

Secondary School News

Dear Parents,

It is nice to be starting a week that does not look to have any reason for late starts or online days! Thank you for your support and flexibility in making the Parent Conferences and Online Learning of last week a success and helping limit any learning loss due to the poor weather conditions.

Student of the Month

Congratulations to our students whose progress has been recognized in certain subjects for the month of January. The names of these students can be accessed from the following link:

<https://padlet.com/yhoozeer/student-of-the-month-january-2023-2d1ckkfgazs5>

Activities

In the next two weeks before our February/March break, we have a busy time. Students are involved in numerous activities. Our Track and Field athletes are competing this week in a large tournament at ABS. We have members of the Jordan Young Scientist competition coming to video our student entries on Thursday, and next week we have an assembly to celebrate Mother Tongue around the world. We also have our next Civvies Day and Bake Sale coming up on February 23rd. Our Grade 7s will be organizing that Bake Sale, and they are in the process of selecting the charitable organization that they want to support.

Book Week

The 19th to 23rd of February is also our Book Week. Colleagues in the Library have done a lot to incentivize reading that week. I hope that many of our young readers will enjoy completing their 'reading passports'. In addition, to the passports there is a host of other activities taking place, all of which have been shared with students directly and over Moodle.

MUN

MUN continues: The next one we will support is the Asriyya MUN. It is on Thursday 23rd to Saturday 25th February, and entries for it are closing soon. We need to send our delegation details away on Tuesday 14th February, so please register and pay for the MUN by the end of that date.

Supporting Syria/Turkey

Thank you to everyone who supported our snap collection for the tragedy that has impacted Northern Syria and Southern Turkey. The money will be channeled through the Hashemite Charitable Organisation, in order for resources to support the official Jordanian response.

Cafeteria

Finally, feedback from your children is very positive about the introduction of EspressoLab into the cafeteria. We hope they are enjoying the change in menu and the greater breadth of choice available.

Yours sincerely

Mr Martin and Ms Zena

Library News

It's Book Week next week! Book Week is a celebration of books and reading and our theme for this year is 'One World, Many Stories'. We are excited for the many activities that will be going on in the school next week. In the primary, our students are making some amazing and original bookmarks for our competition and they will be voting for the most creative one during Book Week. There will also be daily library questions with prizes. There is an emphasis this year on our cultural heritage and our language and we've collaborated with our Arabic department to plan all the events locally. We have invited talented local authors, puppet shows in Arabic and a hakawati (a storyteller) that will mesmerize our students with stories from our folklore. On Thursday, February 23, all students are invited to come dressed as their favorite book character and are encouraged to bring the book.

The secondary students will also be participating in activities throughout the week. In the library, students have picked up their reading passports and are reading from around the world. There will be a scavenger hunt and fun questions with prizes as well. Ms. Malak will be having a 'design a book cover' competition which I'm sure students will enjoy. They will join the primary students in dressing up as their favorite book character on Thursday.

We will be having a Book Fair in the Theater lobby as well throughout the week with book vendors so make sure you pass by in the morning or afterschool to buy some books from our local vendors. There will be a Book Drive so please donate any books you do not need and we will get them to underprivileged schools. A table will be set up in the primary reception area and the secondary library for this. We hope you enjoy this week as much as we've enjoyed planning it!

We encourage you to grab a book, your primary or secondary child, and share a moment reading together during Book Week.

Have a wonderful week!

The IAA Libraries Team