



الأكاديمية الدولية - عمان  
THE INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY - AMMAN

# Parent News

## Monday, 19th February

### 2018

### Calendar

Monday	19	--Open meeting with Primary Principal, Mr. Andrew Powell, Primary Principal's Office, 8:00 AM - 9:00 AM --Primary Parent Conferences --Grade 7 Trip, (Off- Campus)
Tuesday	20	--Director's Open Meeting with Parents, Director's Office, 8:00 AM - 9:00 AM --Grade 2 Wax Museum, IAA Cafeteria, 8:15 AM – 9:15 AM --Careers Day --Primary Parent Conferences
Wednesday	21	--Grade 6 Trip, (Off- Campus)
Thursday	22	--Bake Sale and Non-Uniform Day --Grade 5 & 6 Trip, International --World Scholar's Cup --Grade 1F & Grade 1C Assembly, Theatre, 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM
Friday	23	--Grade 5 & 6 Trip, International --World Scholar's Cup
Saturday	24	--Grade 5 & 6 Trip, International --Grade 7 Trip, (Off- Campus)
Sunday	25	--Grade 5 & 6 Trip, International
Monday	26	--Open meeting with Primary Principal, Mr. Andrew Powell, Primary Principal's Office, 8:00 AM - 9:00 AM

## *A Message from the Director*

Dear IAA Community,

It is good to be back at IAA!

For the past couple of weeks, I was in the US attending the **Council of International Schools'** board meeting as Vice-Chair as well as the **52nd Annual International Leadership Conference & Expo**, organised by the Association for the Advancement of International Education. This year, the main focus of the conference was the safety and security of children, ensuring that every child is provided with a safe environment. There was certainly a great deal to bring back from this conference.

My last leg was the **International Schools Services (ISS)** job fair where we recruited great talents for the 2018-19 academic year.

It is a busy week in both Primary and Secondary, ending with our athletics trip to Dubai on Thursday. 33 students from our U11 and U12 boys Football Teams will be taking part in the **Middle East Unity Cup 2018 (MEUC)**. Good luck to all!

This week also commemorates UNESCO's **International Mother Language Day**, promoting awareness of linguistic and cultural diversity as well as multilingualism amongst students. Language is a very important tool for communication and our mother language is certainly the signature of our culture. We celebrate this every day at IAA and I encourage you to do the same at home in terms of emphasising your first language with your children.

Finally, I am available this coming Tuesday, from 8-9am, for the open meeting at my office. Stay connected to the IAA news through our social media channels and our IAA mobile application.

Warm regards,

Hana Kanan Ed.D.

Director

## **Primary School News**

Dear Parents,

I trust that your children had an enjoyable long weekend but are happy to return to school today.

### **G1 Magic Toy Store & G2 Wax Museum**

We have a busy week on campus with the Grade 1 students sharing their IPC work through a Magic Toy Store and Grade 2 students presenting a Wax Museum of influential people to parents on Tuesday - I know that they are very excited to share the contributions their role models have made to the world and our region in particular.

### **Parent-Teacher Conferences**

We have Parent-Teacher Conferences from 3 – 6pm on Monday, February 19<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, February 20<sup>th</sup>. These conferences are not only a good time to learn about how your child is doing in school, but also an opportunity for you to provide your child's teacher with an insight about their interests, aspirations and what they like to do at home. Good Parent – Teacher Conferences are a two-way conversation in which both parties are working together with the best of intentions to enhance the social, emotional and academic learning of your child. As indicated previously, we encourage our Grade 4 & 5 students to attend the conferences with their parents.

### **Dear2Red Marathon**

The 242 kilometre Dear 2 Red relay race is approaching, and our team of teachers will be running to support the Al-Aman Fund for the Future of Orphans. Established in 2003, the charity is aimed at providing services to help orphaned children successfully transition to adulthood. At our Bake Sale on February 22, caps will be sold for 10JD and wristbands for 5JD. After this date, remaining merchandise will be available for purchase from Finance up until March 8.

### **Award Winners**

I would like to recognise our award winners this week. They are:

#### **Bronze Award Winners**

Laila Abu Baker 5MM

Natalie Al Abed 5MM

Noor Saeed 5CS

Nemat Fakhouri 5CS

Soraya Yasin 5CS

Fares Khayyat 5CS

Saif Audi 5CS

Mark khouri 5CS

Omar Nashashibi 4G

Yara Al Smadi 4G

Selena Al Shakhshir 4G

Sarah Al Far 4M

Ali Toukan 2Z

Adam Khzai 2J

Fares Rashid 2H

Kareem Al- Taweel 5CS  
Dana Yasin 5CS

Mustafa Al- Ma'ayta 4G  
Fulla Al Farhood 4G

Yousef Al Louzi 1F

#### Silver Award Winners

Ahmad Odeh 5CS  
Salma Qatarneh 5T  
Salma Armouti 5T  
Mohammad El-Fayez 5T

Tania El Akabi 5T  
Hisham Al Nsour 4G  
Eleina Imseeh 4M  
Sanaa Al Kiswani 2Z

Salma Kloub 2M  
Imad Al Baghal 2M  
Hamzah Mansour 1F  
Haya Kilani 5T

#### Gold Award Winner

Ghazi Jallouq 5CS

#### Gold with Merit Award Winner

Nasser Abu Ragheb 3S

I hope that you have a wonderful week.

Yours sincerely,  
Andrew Powell

### **Secondary School News**

**Dear Parents,**

**We hope that you were able to enjoy some quality family time in this short February break. We also welcome back our students and teachers from Nepal, and we look forward to hearing about their travels.**

This coming week is most definitely a busy one!

#### **Career Day**

Career-wise, Grade 11 students are going to have academics from the universities of Bristol and Sussex share their insights into what it is like to study in multiple faculties. Then on Tuesday, we have the Careers Afternoon for Grades 9 to 11. Students will have the opportunity to listen to representatives from many different career paths who have given up their time to come and share their insights with our students.

#### **International Mother Language Day**

UNESCO officially declared February 21<sup>st</sup> to be International Mother Language Day as an initiative to promote linguistic and cultural diversity, both essential for sustainable development. This year, UNESCO honours the 70th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and its statement that “no discrimination can be made on the basis of language”. At IAA, we will discuss with our students “what does the world lose when a

language dies". We will also put the spotlight on the Endangered Language Project – a worldwide initiative that aims to preserve languages that are at risk of extinction.

### **World Scholars Cup**

We have a large number of students from Grades 6 to 10 who will participate on February 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> in the World's Scholars Cup. 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 focusses 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 "**2018: An Entangled World**". All the best to our students as they prepare for the upcoming WSC.

### **Learning Beyond The Classroom**

Out-of-class learning continues with Grade 6 and 7 both going to enjoy the Mashrek production this year. We also have Grade 11 students travelling to the newly opened Royal Tank museum on Thursday which explores the military history of the region in the 20<sup>th</sup> Century.

### **Jordan Trail Trip – G7**

It is the turn of our Grade 7 students to embark on a section of the Jordan Trail this coming Saturday. This is the perfect time to escape from the busy city environment and to take in the beautiful scenery of Ajloun.

### **Bake Sale, Dead2Red Marathon**

Finally, just a reminder that it is a civvies and bake sale day on Thursday. As part of this, Grade 10 have teamed up with the D2R running team this year and all money raised on the day will go to Queen Rania's Al-Aman Fund for orphans. In addition to a bake sale, we will also be selling D2R wrist bands for 5JD in order to boost our fundraising efforts. Students who wear their wristbands on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> March to show their support will also be granted another civvies day. Together, we hope to raise a great deal of money for this worthy cause.

Yours sincerely,  
Mr. Martin and Ms. Zena