



الأكاديمية الدولية - عمان
THE INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY - AMMAN

Parent News

Monday, 24th February

2020

Calendar

FEBRUARY - MARCH

24 MON	Open meeting with Mr. Andrew Powell Primary Principal's Office 8:00 - 9:00 AM
25 TUE	Director's Open Meeting with parents Director's Office 8:00 - 9:00 AM
27 THU	G2 Miss Rula Assembly Auditorium 1:15 - 2:15 PM
2 MON	Open meeting with Mr. Andrew Powell Primary Principal's Office 8:00 - 9:00 AM
3 TUE	Director's Open Meeting with parents Director's Office 8:00 - 9:00 AM
5 THU	World Scholar's Cup IAA Campus 9:00 AM - 9:30 PM
6 FRI	World Scholar's Cup IAA Campus 9:00 AM - 9:30 PM
9 MON	Open meeting with Mr. Andrew Powell Primary Principal's Office 8:00 - 9:00 AM

Primary School News

Dear Parents,

I trust that you enjoyed some quality time with family and friends over the long weekend.

Our after-school activities have recommenced this week and it has been great to see our students engage in a range of fun activities outside of their regular classroom programmes. We have a variety of offerings which include art, chess, gaming and a several academic focused clubs. We also have close to twenty students engaged in a Robotics course through our partnership with the International Robotics Academy. Providing a well-rounded experience for our students is very important, and often from the students' perspective, a lot of fun.

During the week of March 12th, we will be celebrating Book Week. Our Arabic department has organised visits from local authors and we have a range of exciting activities planned, which include a visiting author, Ann Bryant, who will be working with all of our Primary students. Originally from the United Kingdom, Ann left the Royal College of Music to specialise in teaching Early Years and Primary music and found herself writing and producing plays. Her stories have been adapted to performances with the London Philharmonic Orchestra. Our Libraries will be also hosting a Book Fair from March 8th -10th in the MPR lobby where books will be available for purchase from 7:30am- 3:00pm. On March 12th children are encouraged to come dressed as a favourite book character.

This week I would like to recognise the following students:

Bronze Award Winners:

Riyad Said 5B	Jude Haddadin 3B	Hashem Al Saleh 2C
Ameer Hlyel 5C	Yazan Dakkak 1A	Wael Daleh 2C
Husni Al-Omari 3B	Julia Madanat 2D	

Silver Award Winners

Noor Asali 5D	Haya Al Shdeafat 2A	Mohamad Mar'ee 1C
Sereen Al Taji 4C	Reema Kalouti 2D	Eleen Guneimat 1D
Limara Al Asad 3D	Yasmeen Wahadan 2D	Abdullah Bakri 1D
Nadine Bakri 3D	Hana Asali 1C	Shamil Zakaria 1D

Wishing you a wonderful week.

Andrew Powell
Primary Principal

Secondary School News

Dear Parents,

We hope that you were able to enjoy some quality family time during the February break.

Aladdin

Students across all grades worked together to create a show-stopping production of Aladdin. The state-of-the-art lighting and sound, the creative set design and colourful costumes transported us to the enchanting city of Agrabah, where “diamond in the rough” Aladdin learned that his true worth lied deep within. For most of our cast, this experience was a first, but none would be the wiser as they delivered witty lines with impeccable precision, executed choreographed dance routines with enthusiasm, whilst singing songs that took us back in time. There is no question that taking part in such a production promotes collaboration and empathy, stimulates imagination and creativity, allowing actors and audience a chance to experience something truly special. Now that is the power of theatre. Congratulations to the cast and crew for taking us on a “magic carpet ride”. We anxiously anticipate what you have in store for us come next year.

International Mother Language Day

Every two weeks a language goes extinct taking with it an entire cultural heritage. 40% of the world population does not have access to an education in a language they speak or understand. This is only one of the reasons why International Mother Language Day has been observed every year on February 21st as it aims to promote linguistic and cultural diversity both of which are essential for sustainable development. At IAA, we will be raising awareness on this day by celebrating the different mother languages of our students and teachers in an assembly on February 23rd.

Civvies and Bake Sale

We have a Civvies and Bake Sale, organized by the G10s, on Thursday February 27th. They are currently deciding on the charitable organisation that they want to support.

Welcome Back Students from the Umrah Trip

Over the long weekend a number of our Grade 11 students went to Saudi Arabia. By all accounts the trip ran very smoothly and gave all those who took part the spiritual experience intended. It has been a long time since school has run such a trip. We hope to make it part of our annual calendar for Grade 11 students from now on.

Coming Prepared for Class

As communicated to parents last week we would just like to remind you that many students are coming to class without the basic equipment. This causes unnecessary delay to the start of the lesson, resulting in loss of valuable time as students scramble to borrow the most basic of requirements. We need your support in ensuring that our students arrive to class with the following: pens, pencils, eraser, sharpener, ruler, calculator, a bottle of water and laptop with power cable and 3-prong adaptor (if necessary). Thank you

Careers Day for Grade 10 and 11 - Tuesday 3rd March

This year we are holding a careers day with a difference! All of our presenters will be our alumni! Whilst the majority of our alumni are still at university, we are fortunate enough to have our previous students working in all the major fields and in Jordan. This is something we are both proud of and excited about. It will be really interesting for our current students to hear of the experiences of those who went before them.

International Mathematics Competition – University of Waterloo

The IAA Maths club, MATHLETHICS@IAA, has registered IAA in an international mathematics competition sponsored by the University of Waterloo, where participants are from all over the globe. It will be held on the 26th of February. Participation is voluntary, but seats are limited. Students have been informed to notify their Maths teacher if they are interested in taking part.

Practice questions can be accessed from https://www.cemc.uwaterloo.ca/contests/past_contests.html#pcf

World Scholar's Cup

We have a large number of students from Grades 6 to 10 participating on March 5th to the 6th in the World's Scholars Cup. The WSC has a comprehensive, thematic curriculum that changes from year to year. It invites participants to learn about, research and debate serious global issues based on the theme "A World Renewed". 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. All the best to our students in their preparations for the upcoming WSC. A reminder that training sessions take place after school on the following days: Feb 25th, March 3rd and 4th.

Last MUN's of the year

We would like to wish our Chairs, Presidents and Delegates all the best as they participate in the last two MUNs of the year. The coming weekend is Asriyya, and the week after it is at King's Academy. Both are extremely strong and quality MUN experiences and we are sure that our students will benefit a great deal from the experience.

Yours sincerely,

Mr. Martin and Ms. Zena

PTA News

Dearest IAA Parents,

Hope everyone had a fantastic mini break!

Mark your calendars for two PTA events coming up in March!

The topic for this month's Wednesday Talk is on Bullying (Ages 5-12 Years). The talk will take place on the 4th of March 8:00PM at the MPR. We will recognize the different types of bullying, identifying signs of bullying and the use of practical tools to help parents in dealing with children facing the issue. The person leading the talk is Reem Abu Ragheb; a certified ACPI Parenting Coach who has been conducting tailored training workshops for parents on a wide array of topics including family dynamics, confidence & resilience, defiance & discipline as well as body safety education.

Coming up we also have the exciting Annual IAA-PTA Quiz Night! Go ahead and start assembling your teams to get ready to show off your knowledge. Of course, there are prizes for the winning teams as well as delicious food, raffle tickets and a whole lot of amazing giveaways and treats!

Looking forward to seeing you at both events!

**Have a great week,
The PTA**