



الأكاديمية الدولية - عمان  
THE INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY - AMMAN

# Parent News

## Monday, 27<sup>th</sup> Jan 2020

### Calendar

#### JANUARY - FEBRUARY

<b>27 MON</b>	Open meeting with Mr. Andrew Powell Primary Principal's Office 8:00 - 9:00 AM
<b>28 TUE</b>	Director's Open Meeting with parents Director's Office 8:00 - 9:00 AM  G9 Trip, International
<b>29 WED</b> <b>30 THU</b> <b>31 FRI</b> <b>1 SAT</b> <b>2 SUN</b>	G9 Trip, International
<b>3 MON</b>	Open meeting with Mr. Andrew Powell Primary Principal's Office 8:00 - 9:00 AM  G9 Trip, International
<b>4 TUE</b>	Director's Open Meeting with parents Director's Office 8:00 - 9:00 AM  Parent Teacher Conferences  G9 Trip, International
<b>5 WED</b>	G9 Trip, International
<b>10 MON</b>	Open meeting with Mr. Andrew Powell Primary Principal's Office 8:00 - 9:00 AM

## *A Message from the Director*

Hello IAA Family!

It has been quite a hard working month for us all. I just arrived back from London after attending the AIE (Alliance for International Education) meeting alongside founder Dr. Jeff Thompson and other renowned educators. This year, Dr. Jeff has decided to resign as chair of the board of trustees and is now succeeded by Mr. Norm Dean who will surely continue wonderfully in his legacy. We are all looking forward to his new era of learning. Coming up, I will be travelling to New York to attend the AAIE annual meeting as well as the ISS job fair. It is going to be a highly fruitful and productive week, inshallah. Due to my travels, Tuesday's meeting of next week will be cancelled. If you urgently need anything please do not hesitate to contact Dana Hamzouq.

I would also like to point out that with recent news of the Corona Virus spreading we need to all take care hygienically and watch out for ourselves and others around us. Thankfully, Jordan has still not been hit by this global virus but we always should be precautious and careful when it comes to the health and safety of our children. As a preliminary precaution measure we are changing the liquid soap in the bathrooms to anti-bacterial soap and also placing hand sanitizer in the classrooms all over campus. We are also constantly exploring implementing hygienic measures if need be.

I wish you all a productive and successful end of January!

Kindest Regards,

Hana Kanan, Ed.D

## *Primary School News*

Dear Parents,

I'm sure that many of you are pleased that we have a bright and sunny week ahead of us. I know that our students will be happy to get outside after a week of inclement weather. We have had a busy start to the New Year, especially with conferences taking place next week.

Parents should have received notification that our booking system is now open for Parent Teacher Conferences, which will take place on Tuesday February 4<sup>th</sup> from 8am – 4pm. There will be no school for students on this day although Grade 4 & 5 students are encouraged to attend the conferences with their parents. The booking platform is through Moodle and will remain open until noon on Monday, February 3<sup>RD</sup>. Grade Leaders have placed a list of specialist teachers that work with each class to help you with bookings.

On Thursday, January 16<sup>th</sup> we were treated to an incredible performance of Once Upon a Lilypad. I'm sure that many of our production and choir students will remember the day for years to come. There are some fantastic photos on the school's Facebook page and a video of the production will be made available shortly. I was incredibly proud of all of the students and teachers involved in the production and most grateful for our PTA support. Mr Issam, Ms Samia and Ms Lina in particular have made an extraordinary impact on our students over the past few years and we have developed fantastic performing and visual arts programmes at the school.

With winter upon us we have students sick with colds and flu. As a school we have been implementing regular deep cleaning regimes at school. We ask that parents are proactive when students are ill and have a fever by keeping them home from school so as to limit the potential spread of any illness.

This week I am pleased to be able to recognise the following award winners:

Bronze Award Winners:

Rakan Kardan 5A	Raya Al- Saadi 3B	Mahmoud Abu Khazneh 2B
Hashem Dahleh 5A	Abeer Dajani 4C	Omar Shawareb 2B
Zina Al Abdullah 5A	Maria Al Zraiqat 4C	Sarah Al Saket 1A
Daoud Al Daoud 5A	Fares Rashid 4C	Maya El Bue 1B
Salma Al Al Faraj 5A	Nora Sharaan 4C	Hashim Al Karaki 1B
Saif Al Naimat 5A	Raya Qawar 4C	Yousef Abu Feilat 1B
Salma Ellauzi 5A	Salman Abu Dahab 4C	Asem Hindawi 1B
Salma Haj Ahmad 5A	Tia Naghawi 3C	Hana Asali 1C
Fuad Halawh 5A	Abdulsalam Jebrel 3C	Aileen Al Naimat 1C
Abbas Hamdan 5A	Mariam Jaber 3C	Kenzie Janakat 1C
Salma Kasih 5A	Hasan Al- Sarraf 3C	Mohamad Mar'ee 1C
Ghazi Khalifeh 5A	Yaseen Kilani 3C	Sanad Al Momani 1C
Bisher Maraqa 5A	Abdelillah Al Farouqi 3C	Rabab Kilani 1C
Jad Massimi 5A	Sarah Al Bay 3D	Yahya Atari 1C
Raya Oweis 5A	Sema Farahan 3D	Tajeddin Arkhagha 1C
Leema Barakat 5B	Limar a Al Asad 3D	Abdelaziz Maghaireh 1C
Salma Dajani	George Al- Nims 3D	Kenzy Abdallah 1C
Gaby Gourgourinis 5C	Haya Al Ghezawi 3D	Aisha Haj Hasan 1C
Rashed Abu- Al Dahab 4A	Giorgio Fontana 2A	Saya Al Kurdi 1C
Ali Kachakech 4A	Jad Al Qasem 2A	Lyana Alayyan 1C
Sanaa Al Kiswani 4A	Haya Al Shdeafat 2A	Jouri Ellauzi 1C
Adam Lahham 4A	Rashed Freij 2B	Saif Jaber 1c
Christina Imseeh 4A	Saifeddin Nasereddin 2B	Waleed Tbakhi 1C
Mariam Al Hawamdeh 3B	Wael Shokerat 2B	Jafar Khalifeh 1C
Zainah Al Jaghbir 3B	Hashem Kanber Agha 2B	Ahmad Al Faouri 1D

## Silver Award Winners

Katie Mace 5A	Zaid Dajani 4B	Miryam Kanber Agha 3C
Rakan Qawasmi 5A	Hayat Bani Amer 4C	Yousef Allaham 2B
Celine yousef 5A	Sara Hijazi 4C	Ibrahim Al Ghezawi 2B
Zahraa Al Dulaimi 5B	Haya Sunnaa 4C	Waleed Tbakhi 1C
Zakariyah Hoozeer 4A	Maia Gourourinis 3C	Saif Jaber 1C
Faisal Qawasmi 4B	Riwa Al Qaimari 3C	Tajeddin Arkhagha 1C
Faris Musleh 4B		

Wishing you a wonderful week.

Andrew Powell  
Primary Principal

## **Secondary School News**

Dear Parents

### **Semester 1 Reports**

First semester has officially come to an end. Report cards will be sent electronically to parents on 30<sup>th</sup> January. We encourage our students and parents to take this opportunity to reflect on how the school year is going. The report card provides important indicators of progress in both academic achievement and the “Approaches To Learning” skills. Please note that the grades for both Coding and the Interdisciplinary Unit have been included in the GPA.

### **Parent Conferences**

These are scheduled for Tuesday the 4<sup>th</sup> February. The booking system is now open and you can book appointments with teachers in the normal way through Moodle. As usual, we encourage your children to attend with you.

### **ISTA Festival**

Last weekend the ISTA Theatre Company came to Amman and eight of our students participated in a great three day festival. As well as schools from Jordan, there were students from the Middle East and Asia also in attendance. There is no doubt that all of our students left with great memories, new friends, new ideas and new skills, all of which will contribute to their journeys through school.

### **IAA represents Jordan in Japan**

We are very excited that three of our Grade 9 students will be representing Jordan at a Global Summit held at the Ritsumeikan School in the beautiful and historic city of Kyoto in Japan. During the summit

they will be performing traditional Jordanian music and dance for all the delegates and running classes from their stall to bring to life particular Jordanian customs and art. The summit is an opportunity for young minds to come together to gain exposure to other cultures and ways of thinking, nurture friendships and build skills such as leadership and teamwork that will benefit our students now and in the future. We are sure that our students will be excellent ambassadors for Jordan.

### **Coding Competition**

A select few students who have shown great aptitude for coding in Grade 8 have been entered to participate in the Qatar National Scratch Coding Competition. Working with Ms Reham they will be testing their coding skills to a number of challenges and we wish them all the best.

### **Aladdin**

Rehearsals are well under way for Aladdin, which will be performed to the school community on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> and Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February. Dates for your diaries!

### **Bake Sale and Civvies Day**

On January 30<sup>th</sup>, we will have a Civvies Day. The Bake Sale on that day will be organised by our Grade 9s. They are currently deciding on the charitable organisation that they want to support.

### **Bridge Building**

The American Society of Civil Engineers, as part of the Jordan University Chapter, will organize the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual bridge building competition for Secondary Schools in Amman. This competition is open for students in Grades 8 to 10. The competition will offer teams the opportunity to demonstrate knowledge of structural design principles in the construction of a balsa wood bridge. Each school can only have one team representing them at this event on the 4<sup>th</sup> of April. This means that prior to the big event, we will organize our own IAA Bridge Building Competition. The team whose bridge meets the specifications and can withstand the largest load will advance to the final competition to represent IAA. Please encourage your children to participate in this valuable learning opportunity. Deadline for students to sign up is Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> February. The sign up sheets are by the Design Labs

### **Model United Nations**

Last weekend saw 13 Delegates and 3 Chairs participate in the National Orthodox School MUN. Grade 8 and 9 have two more opportunities to participate this year, at the Modern American and Al Asriyya School MUNs and Grade 10 and 11 have those two and the King's Academy MUN. All take place in February and March. The details, costs and deadlines have been shared with students in registration and we would urge students to participate.

### **World Scholars Cup**

We have the largest number of students signing up for the World Scholars Cup this year which is excellent. The competition will take place on the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> March and we will be shortly writing to the parents of those involved with more details and the cost of participation. We are very pleased that so many teams wish to represent IAA. The soft skills of collaboration, critical thinking, debate, articulation and many more that are developed in this two day competition are invaluable.

### **ISA Tests**

This year we will be trialling the online ISA Tests and we will also be running the Science option of the ISA Tests. Due to the technicalities involved in running online tests (we will be using school laptops only) we have spread the ISA testing calendar over a longer period of time and will only be doing one grade at a time. It is very important that your son/daughter is in school on these days. The dates are as follows:

- Grade 9: Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> and Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February
- Grade 8: Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February
- Grade 7: Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> and Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February
- Grade 6: Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> February

Yours sincerely

Mr Martin and Ms Zena