



الأكاديمية الدولية - عمان  
THE INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY - AMMAN

# Parent News

## Monday, 29th January

### 2018

### Calendar

Monday	29	
Tuesday	30	--Director's Open Meeting with Parents, Director's Office, 8:00 AM – 9:00 AM
Wednesday	31	
Thursday	1	--Grade 3M Assembly, Theatre, 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM
Friday	2	--Grade 9 Trip, (Off- Campus)
Saturday	3	
Sunday	4	--KG1Y Trip, (Off- Campus)
Monday	5	--Open meeting with Primary Principal, Mr. Andrew Powell, Primary Principal's Office, 8:00 AM - 9:00 AM --KG1R Trip, (Off- Campus)

### A Message from the Director

Dear IAA Community,

Welcome to our second term of the 2017-18 academic year.

I hope that the first term was one that enriched your children's knowledge and skills, results of which you have seen in their report cards (in the case of Primary) and will see this week (in the case of Secondary).

Next week, I will be attending the 52<sup>nd</sup> Annual International Leadership Conference & Expo in the USA , organised by the Association for the Advancement of International Education. This global conference brings international leaders to share their insights on educational programmes and what they will look like in the next decade and beyond, observe cutting edge examples as we move to shape the future global educational landscape.

I will also be attending the Council of International Schools' board meeting as Vice Chair as well as the International Schools Services (ISS) job fair for recruitment for the 2018-19 academic year.

I would like to wish the adventurous Grade 11 Nepal team all the best on their trip next week. I hope that this trip allow our students to embrace nature, experience the local culture in Nepal and more importantly instill in them our IAA pillar of Acceptance. Accepting people of all kinds has numerous benefits for this generation, hopefully one that would impact their lives positively.

Finally, I am available this coming Tuesday, from 8-9am, for the open meeting at my office. I will be away for the next two meetings.

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 am writing to you from London where I am attending the Council of International Schools Recruitment Fair. I've found the opportunity to speak with other school leaders and prospective candidates to be a reaffirming experience as we have much to be proud of at IAA. The passionate way I speak about our children and faculty has been commented upon by numerous people and reflects the pride and sense of purpose that we have at the school.

### **Reports**

Reports were emailed home on Thursday and I trust that they are reflective of your child's progress at school. With Parent-Teacher Conferences scheduled to take place on Monday, February 19<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, February 20<sup>th</sup> it is a good time to sit with your child to discuss and set goals for the remainder of the school year.

### **Grade 5 Poetry**

I'd like to recognise our Grade 5 students and teachers this week for their poetry exhibition that took place last week. I was particularly moved by many of their reflections on our school and Amman. We will be posting a sample of their work on our Facebook page shortly.

### **Award Winners**

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

Bronze Award Winners

Yousef Al- Shahwan 5CS	Talal Mansour 4D	Sarah Dahleh 4M
Massa Al Kilani 5CS	Salma Abu Baker 4D	Layla Agha 4M
Mathilde Sandstrom 5CS	Salma Morrar 4D	Jude Al- Hussein 4G
Lamar Al Ashram 5CS	Yousef Abdo 4D	Rashed Abu Dahab 2H
Aoun Zawaideh 5C	Karim Karajah 4G	Yousef Al Louzi 1F
Sadeen Rashid 4D	Jordan Donnelly 4P	Iman Al Mefleh 1I
Yousef Shahrouri 4D	Sarra Abu Tayeh 4M	Mira khoja 1I
Wasm Al lozi 4D	Maya Samman 4M	George Al- Nims 1I
<u>Silver Award Winners</u>		
Aisha Saket 5T	Karam Fakhouri 5T	Zoe Al Nims 1F
Jamal Jallad 5T	Nadeem Al Rawashdeh 5T	Husni Al- Omari 1I
<u>Gold Award Winners</u>		
Laith Saoudi 5T		

I hope that you have a wonderful week.

Yours sincerely,  
Andrew Powell

## **Secondary School News**

Dear Parents,

### **Report Cards & Parent Conferences**

First semester has officially come to an end. Report cards will be sent electronically to parents on February 1<sup>st</sup>. 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. Once the booking details are released with the report card, parents are encouraged to make appointments with the teachers to discuss their child’s progress and attainment. At these meetings, the teacher may provide parents with study techniques or organisational methods to improve their child’s performance. The conferences will take place on the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> of February.

### **Assembly**

We would like to commend the G10 students and their teachers of Humanities Arabic and Language and Literature (Arabic and English) on the powerful interdisciplinary assembly that they presented to the G6-9 to highlight the struggle of the Palestinians. In English, they read *I Saw Ramallah* by Mourid Barghouti; in Arabic they read Ghassan Kanafani’s *Return to Haifa*; in Individuals and Societies-Arabic they studied the Arab-Israeli conflict. The assembly was a culminating task that reflected their learning and understanding, from these three disciplines, of the critical situation in Palestine. They shared with the audience poetry, memoirs, narratives, musical performances and documentaries that portray the everyday struggle of Palestinians. They reminded us that it is our responsibility to find the stories of our ancestor’s, learn from them and use them to advocate for the Palestinian’s right to live in freedom and peace.

### **Bake Sale**

We would like to thank our Grade 9 students who worked together to deliver a successful and “sweet” bake sale. Their efforts will be much appreciated by their chosen charity - “Eradeh”. This nonprofit Jordanian organisation is committed to empowering youth who are diabetic to have a better quality of life and to have fair treatment in society. Its aims are three-fold- awareness and educational support and empowerment; and research and development. A worthy organisation to support.

### **NOSMUN**

Many of our students, particularly Grade 8 and 9, had a busy weekend participating in the MUN conference, organised by the National Orthodox School. It was a joy to see them passionately and confidently discuss and debate topics that they have become extremely knowledgeable about. Some of the topics explored included the Qatar-Gulf conflict, status of Turkey’s European Union membership, and currency wars just to name a few. Many said that this experience taught them to listen attentively to the different perspectives, to ask thought-provoking questions, to formally debate in a public forum. Congratulations to all those who took part in NOSMUN!

Sincerely,  
Mr. Martin and Ms. Zena

### **Library News**

In 1994, a landmark report by Keith Curry Lance concluded that well-resourced libraries were a major indicator of improved literacy scores school-wide. IAA has kept ahead of the curve when it comes to promoting the library as an invaluable resource. I am happy that libraries play a vital role in life at IAA for students and parents. Here is a Top-Ten list of things kids will miss if they don’t have a school librarian in their school:-

1. Synthesizing information from diverse perspectives;
2. Resources that will broaden their global perspectives. *Our collections include stories from around the world.*
3. Help with history fair, science fair projects. *Our databases are perfect for finding authoritative and accurate information for projects like the Wax Museum and Science Fairs.*
4. Accepting learning as a life skill, not just an academic necessity. *We support the IB Character Profile, helping our students with critical thinkers and inquirers.*
5. A place to solve problems. *Students can find information at the point of need or change their outlook on a research question by using library resources.*
6. Using information ethically. *We support IAA students in learning Academic Integrity and Digital Citizenship.*
7. Writing a thesis statement or a critical question. *Libraries aid in the research process from initial inquiry to reflection on a finished project.*
8. A connection between the outside world and the classroom. *Special speakers and authors from around the world use the library venues as a place to connect with students.*
9. Project-based learning and the critical thinking skills it teaches them. *IB and IPC units of inquiry are enhanced when students use library resources.*
10. Book fairs...

And speaking of Book Fairs, the IAA Annual Book Fair will be held at IAA from 4 to 8 March in the Primary Atrium in conjunction with the Primary School Book Week. This is always a fun time for students who enjoy new books and dressing up as storybook characters. Ms. Tania is already planning some Dr. Seuss-themed activities for KG and PreK. If you have any ideas or suggestions or would like to be a guest reader in the library, please send us an email at [library@iaa.edu.jo](mailto:library@iaa.edu.jo).