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Parent News

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Parent Teacher Conference

A Message from The Director

Dear IAA Community,

Welcome to the first week of the second semester! It's truly refreshing to see our students and staff are still eager to seize a brand new semester with the same high spirits and morale they started the academic year with. Allow me to thank you all for your sense of duty, commitment, colossal efforts and dedication you have demonstrated throughout the first semester!

I am thrilled to announce that the recruitment season is looking up with an admirable number of applicants! Despite the fact that we have a remarkable teaching staff in place with a low turnover rate, we are extremely eager to meet more of the amazing educators this world has to offer to ensure reaching new heights in the years to come. On that note, we have enthusiastically welcomed Mr. Martin and Mr. Walid back to school last week after they returned from London where they attended the Search Associates Annual Job Fair. Similarly, I will be visiting the US this week to attend the ISS (International School Services) EDUrecruit Job Fair. As such, the weekly parents' meetings on Tuesday shall be postponed until my return on the week of February 19th, 2023.

Undoubtedly, the success of our esteemed and exceptional school is due to the foundation it was built on, which is of mutual respect, trust, and inclusiveness. Maintaining such success throughout the years to come can only be achieved by adopting a solid strategic plan and paving the way for it to be carried out forcefully and energetically. Consequently, fruitful meetings and collaborations with the school's stakeholders are ongoing to ensure they have an insight into the progress made in setting up our strategic plan for the coming years, and I would like to personally thank everyone that took part in said meetings thus far for your continuous support, dedication, diligence, and efforts! Wish you all a fruitful February, and please ensure keeping your children warm in this cold weather.

Kind regards,

Hana Kanan, Ed. D.

Primary School News

Dear Parents,

Warm greetings to you and your family. With term two officially starting this week, it is business as usual in the primary school. We are looking forward to an eventful and productive schedule ahead. The next few weeks will be busy with important events taking place so please mark down in your agenda the dates announced in this newsletter.

Reports

As many of you now, the end of term one reports has been issued to parents last **Thursday, January 26th**. As always, we hope that you will find the reports informing about the progress of your child and detailed in terms of strengths, areas for development, and means to move forward with their learning. If you have not received your child's email by now, please email us on primary@iaa.edu.jo stating your child's name and class.

Parent-Teacher conferences

We have our second Parent-Teacher Conferences scheduled for this year. The date for these meetings is **Tuesday, February 7th** from 8 am – 4 pm. The conferences will take place in a hybrid mode following the results of the parents survey. The day will be split so that we will have Zoom interviews in the morning and face to face meeting in the afternoon. Details on the logistics will be communicated to you once they are finalised.

After Schhol Activities

I am pleased to announce the resumption of the primary after school activities programme which will kick off soon. Our G1 – G5 students will be able to choose from a wide range of fun and learning activities outside the classroom setting. We will continue to schedule these sessions on Sundays and Wednesday of each week and carry this all the way through to December. The clubs letter was sent on **Thursday, January 26th** so please ensure that you sign up your child(ren) as soon as possible to ensure that you get your first choice as the clubs have set number of spaces.

Early Years Events

Please allow me to share with you the following exciting events takeing place in Early Years;

Pre-K:

-Rocket Workshop on Wednesday, February 8th between 1:45 - 2:30 pm. Parents and students will be making rockets from collected materials and other related activities.

-Astronaut and Alien Dress up Day for students on Thursday, February 9th.

KG1:

-KG1 will be having visititors from Al Ma'wa Nature and Wildlife Centre February 12th - 16th. **KG2:**

-Shadows and Light Afternoon on Monday, February 13th from 1:45 to 2:30 pm. The event will focus on Science activities and exploration for parents and students. Students will be demonstrating their knowledge and understanding of Day time, Night time and Shadows.

Community Efforts and Charity Support

Finally, I would like to thank everyone for your support and participation in last week's Bake Sale and Non – Unoform. IAA will use the money generated from the event to support 'Tabanni', a non-profit animal welfare organization, here in Amman. The centre has already visited the school and talked to our students about their endeavours and their work.

Yours sincerely,

Walid ALBay
Primary Principal

Secondary School News

Dear Parents

End of Semester 1 Reports

The main focus for this week will be the End of Semester 1 Reports. We are releasing these in a staggered process as Grade 12 need to have their Transcripts to universities by the 1st February. Therefore, we will send them home at these times:

- Grade 12: Tuesday 31st January
- Grades 6 to 11: Thursday 2nd February

Parent Conferences

These are scheduled for Tuesday 7th February. On this day, there will be no school for students. However, we do strongly encourage students to attend the conferences with their parents. Thank you to everyone who completed the short survey. We had a very good response. The results were a near 50/50 split between those who prefer Zoom to those who prefer Face-to-Face. We will be releasing information on how to book appointments towards the end of this week, but please note that for now:

- Tuesday 7th February: 8.00 am to 11.30 am Zoom Parent Conferences
- Tuesday 7th February: 12.30 pm to 4.00 pm Face to Face Parent Conferences

Congratulations Grade 6!

The Grade 6 students came together magnificently last Thursday and put on a wonderful Bake Sale. Not only did they sell everything they brought, they raised over 1,000JD for the “We Love Reading” charity. This is a total never before seen on such days. They have set the bar very high for the next grade to take on the challenge. Thank you to all the parents who helped their children with this initiative.

Students busy!

It is great to see so many students busy in their activities. Our Robotics, Jordan Young Scientists and DIDI teams are preparing for their competitions, and the rehearsal schedule for the school play is full. We had a strong delegation at NOSMUN this weekend. The feedback was that they really enjoyed the experience and the topics discussed. We already have our delegation set for the Ahliyyah MUN. **Watch out for letters about the Assriyah MUN coming soon.** After that we have our last MUN of the year: Modern American in March. We have Grade 9s going to Ahliyyah this week to watch a production. We now have two Toastmaster groups taking place every week that are developing our student’s public speaking skills. Finally, Coach Samer is very pleased with the number of students signing up for the sporting programme. This is great to see!

Lateness to School

We are noticing that a significant number of our students, though arriving “just” on time at the gate, are arriving late to morning registration. This is a critical time that starts at 8.20am, and students must attend. During that time, our Tutors make sure that announcements are shared, and that their students are getting organized for the day. They discuss with them any academic and/or social issues and encourage them to achieve their personal best. For many of our students, it is a matter of leaving ten minutes early from their house to avoid the busy traffic. Please work with us to ensure that our students arrive to school in time for morning registration.

Winter Uniform

Finally, with much needed rain forecast for the week ahead and with the colder temperatures it brings with it; please make sure your children are well wrapped up for school and that they wear proper coats so they do not get soaked and cold before entering the buildings. A reminder that coats can either be school issue, or black, dark blue or brown. We always worry when seeing students arrive with inappropriate clothing for the conditions.

Thank you

Mr Martin and Ms Zena

Library News

It will be World Read Aloud Day on Wednesday February 1st. This celebration is in honor of the power of reading aloud and to promote literacy all around the world. We will be reading stories in the Primary and KG libraries along with our regular lessons and if you'd like to do some activities with your children, here's a great link for some ideas-

<https://www.litworld.org/worldreadaloudday> - join some virtual live events and read alouds from all over the world.

Each year, more and more students are getting hooked on graphic novels. They are great for reluctant readers and for readers who need extra literacy support because they allow them to understand the plot through images. Many classic literature has been written in graphic novel form like To Kill a Mockingbird, Anne of Green Gables, The Illiad and many more. Research shows that reading graphic novels not only supports the development of text-based literacy skills, but it also strengthens student's higher-level graphic literacy skills, an important tool for critically evaluating the information they consume online. Our libraries have a large collection of graphic novels. All our books are available through

https://iaalibrary.follettdestiny.com/common/welcome.jsp?context=saas908_8500260

Our upcoming Book Week will be from February 19-23 and we are planning some great events and activities. More information will be relayed in the next newsletter and on Moodle.

Have a wonderful rest of the week,
IAA Libraries Team