



الأكاديمية الدولية - عمان
THE INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY - AMMAN

Parent News

Monday, 5th June 2017

Calendar

Monday	5	--Grade 10 Work Shadowing – Grade 10 out all week --Grade 11 Exams --Grade 9 Exams --Open meeting with Primary Principal, Mr. Andrew Powell, Primary Principal's Office, 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM
Tuesday	6	--Grade 10 DP Transition Week --Grade 11 Exams --Grade 9 Exams --Grade 7 and Grade 8 Exams Week --Parents Open Meeting with the Director, Director's Office, 9:00 AM – 10:00 AM
Wednesday	7	--Grade 10 DP Transition Week --Grade 11 Exams --Grade 9 Exams --Grade 7 and Grade 8 Exams Week --Grade 6 Exams Week --G10 Celebration, Auditorium, 14:30 PM – 16:00 PM
Thursday	8	--Grade 10 DP Transition Week --Grade 11 Exams --Grade 9 Exams --Grade 7 and Grade 8 Exams Week --Grade 6 Exams Week --Grade 3A Assembly, Auditorium, 13:10 PM – 14:00 PM
Friday	9	--Grade 10 DP Transition Week --Grade 11 Exams --Grade 9 Exams --Grade 7 and Grade 8 Exams Week --Grade 6 Exams Week
Saturday	10	--Grade 10 DP Transition Week --Grade 11 Exams --Grade 9 Exams --Grade 7 and Grade 8 Exams Week --Grade 6 Exams Week
Sunday	11	--Grade 10 DP Transition Week --Grade 11 Exams --Grade 9 Exams --Grade 7 and Grade 8 Exams Week --Grade 6 Exams Week

Monday	12	--Grade 10 DP Transition Week --Grade 11 Exams --Grade 9 Exams --Grade 7 and Grade 8 Exams Week --Grade 6 Exams Week --Open meeting with Primary Principal, Mr. Andrew Powell, Primary Principal's Office, 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM
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A Message from the Director

This week, on Wednesday, Grade 10 students will celebrate their completion of their MYP requirements, moving on to the IB Diploma Programme. This is a very exciting milestone! Congratulations and good luck next year.

Also, next week, on June 13, Grade 5 students will have their moment in the spotlight as they bid farewell to the Primary School and transition into Secondary School. Again, I wish them success in their MYP years.

You must have all received a parent survey link yesterday. Please take the time to complete it to allow us to continually improve our school and student achievement. Here is the link:
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/IAAParentSurvey2017>.

We have two more weeks of school left. What another great year it has been! The year’s events, trips, assemblies and memorable moments are all embodied in this year’s Year Book. This precious record is now available at Finance. I encourage you to purchase your copy before the year ends.

Please note the following important dates:

Last day of school for students: Wednesday, June 14

Last day for teaching staff: Thursday, June 15

Last day for Admin staff: Thursday, June 22

Finally, my office is open on Tuesday from 9-10am during Ramadan for parents who wish to see me.

Enjoy your week!

Hana Kanan, Ed.D.

Director

Primary School News

Dear Parents,

With just over a week of school remaining in the 2016-2017 school year, I find myself reflecting on the incredible growth our students have made. This week, I spent an extended period of time in PreK listening to those students talk about a field trip that they had recently returned from. It was incredible to see so many students demonstrate confidence in themselves, a willingness to engage with adults, and the ability to articulate their experiences. Very different from the beginning of the school year!

As we prepare for the next school year, I have commenced interviews with aspiring prefects. It is wonderful to hear these students talk about their time at the school, relate their experiences and actions to the Four Pillars and talk about their aspirations for the future. Our student leadership is in good hands.

It is this time of year that many parents want to express their gratitude to our teachers. We do have a very strict gift policy and I do want to remind you that teachers may only receive small gifts such as chocolates or a bouquet of flowers.

A letter was emailed home yesterday asking parents to participate in a parent survey. Your feedback is important and it will help make our future school planning more meaningful. The survey is conducted anonymously and it is important to us that you complete it as honestly as possible.

The following events are coming up as we work our way to the end of the school year:

June 8th @ 1pm Grade 3A Assembly

June 13th @ 4pm Grade 5 Promotion Ceremony

June 14th @ 1pm Grade 3-5 End of Year Assembly

As mentioned in last week's newsletter, please note that June 14th is the final day of classes and we expect all students to be in attendance. In addition to recognising our Grade 5 students' promotion to Middle School, the Grade 5 Promotion Ceremony will also be an opportunity to recognise those students that have demonstrated general and academic excellence. At the Grade 3-5 End of Year Assembly, we will recognise academic and general excellence as well as students that have held key leadership posts. Prefects for the 2017-2018 school year will also be announced at this time. Due to the number of students attending the Grade 3-5 assembly we regret that we are unable to open this event to parents.

This week, I would like to congratulate the following Award Winners:

Bronze Award Winners

Celina Allaham 2Z

Silver Award Winners

Zaid Al shakhshir 5MM

Hasan Malkawi 1E

Manasa Al Heeti 1C

Haya Kilani 4M

Leen Dahleh 1L

Rayan Fakhouri 1C

Wasem Al lozi 3G

Basheer Arabiyat 1L

Salma Zurikat 1C

Hashem Shreim 4M

Nour Kilani 1L

Yara Saoudi 1F

Rasheed Abu Halimeh 4M

Yasmin Farraj 1L

Layla Baareh 1F

Abdullah Al Oudat 4M	Rashed Abu Dahab 1L	Fawziya Al Muntheri 1F
Rakan Qawasmi 2H	Shakir Shami 1L	Rakan Imseeh 1F
Salma Kasih 2H	Shafiq Hourani 1L	Yulixa Houkayem 1F

Gold Award Winner

Laila Kasih 5MM	Sara Al Far 3G	Jazmine Al Jamal 1C
Kinan Ali 5MM	Naya Aryan 3G	Raya Qawar 1E
Laya Baloula 4M	Adam Abu- Lughod 2J	Aisha Al- Nasser 1E
Zaina Toghoth 3M	Kenzi Kalbouneh 2H	Ali Toukan 1L
Rania Yasin 3G	Gabriella Gourgourinis 2H	

Gold with Merit Award Winner

Yasmin Salem 5MM	Massa Madi 3M	Tala Aattari 3M
Faisal Abu Tayeh 4D	Nadine Baqain 3M	Sanad Hajjawi 3M
Laya Baloula 4M	Eleina Imseeh 3M	Omar Nashashibi 3G
Mustafa Al- Ma'ayta 3M	Yahya Hoozeer 3M	Jamal Semreen 1L

Gold with Excellence Award Winner

Abdel Majed Salameh 5T	Jordan Donnelly 3G
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Wishing you a wonderful week.

Yours sincerely,

Andrew Powell

Primary School Principal

Secondary School News

Dear Parents,

Our penultimate newsletter of the year – and what a year it has been. On Thursday last week, we held our celebration assembly when we took a snapshot of the year and presented it on stage. It took two

hours of packed presentations before we finished and there was so much we did not cover. Wow! In and out of the classroom, on the field and on trips, we have done so much and everyone left the theatre on a real high (and a little scared at how quick time seems to fly by).

We were happy to have guests in to receive donations from our various fundraising initiatives. A special mention must be made to Grade 8 and their SAA Campaign to support the Rotary Anti-Polio campaign. That we raised enough funds to vaccinate over 10,000 children against this disease is just incredible!

At this time of year we celebrate what we have achieved in the past year and also begin to plan for the next academic year – it never stops! However, in moving forward we would really like to have your input in the process. We have created a survey which can be accessed using this link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/IAAParentSurvey2017> Whilst the survey is quite long, we would really like to hear your views on IAA and the service we offer you and your children. The more we can consider the views of all our stakeholders then hopefully, the better we can ensure we deliver the very best of learning experiences.

Back in March, we had our combined CIS/NEASC/IB evaluation visit, and a complimentary report from that visit has been received by us. The Visiting Team was impressed by our articulate, well-mannered students who directly aspire to the values represented by the Four Pillars and project them through their actions. There were valuable suggestions, which will be built into our school strategic plan for the next academic year. Thank you to the school community for the work that led up to this evaluation visit. We are proud of our achievements, and we will maintain our drive to continuously improve.

The research is clear that children who do not read during the summer can lose up to three months of reading progress and that loss has a cumulative, long-term effect. The IAA Libraries is putting together a summer reading list for G8 and G9, along with a blog that they can access to comment on their reads. G6 and G7 students have the opportunity to sign up for “The Amazing Reading Race”, where they will receive a “Reading Race” passport with the challenge of reading one book per continent over the summer holiday. For more information, please contact Ms. Kathleen at k.mckim@iaa.edu.jo.

End of year assessments start this week, and we would like to wish all our students the very best. It is important that students come to each exam prepared with the correct materials. Information on what to bring can be found in the exam revision booklet that can be accessed via Moodle from the News Forum and PSHE page.

On each exam day, students should also bring in the textbook for the subject that they are examined on. All students have been given a “book return” form to complete that confirms their return of all textbooks and library items. It is important that they are organised and have these completed and handed in to their Grade Leaders by June 13 (11:15am) to ensure that end of year reports are distributed on the final day of school. Bus services have been altered for the return journey so students in Grades 6 to 8 and Grade 9 can take the bus home after their exams at 11.15am.

We will hold a special event to celebrate our G10’s completion of the MYP. This is a milestone in their educational journey. We want to recognise their hard work and efforts especially in the final year of the MYP; a busy time as they completed the Personal Project, Service As Action, e-portfolios and

onscreen assessments...just to name a few. We look forward to celebrating their success with our G10 parents and their families on June 7th at 2:30pm.

Lastly, the editors of Ibda'ana are proud to present the Spring Edition of the IAA Arts Anthology. This edition is full of stunning art pieces, poetry, photography and creative writing from our talented IAA students. A must read for everyone! This edition certainly showcases our gifted writers, artists and photographers. You can access the anthology from the News Forum on Moodle.

Zena Muhtaseb
Head of Middle Years

Martin Thompson
Secondary School Principal