



الأكاديمية الدولية - عمان
THE INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY - AMMAN

Parent News

Monday, 12th March

2018

Calendar

Monday	12	--KG2O Trip, (Off- Campus) --Primary Parent workshop. Title: Play, Art & The Brain. By Dr. Linda Homeyer, Tiered classroom – Secondary Library, 8:00 AM – 9:30 AM --DP Visual Art Exhibition Opening, MPR, 6:00 PM
Tuesday	13	--KG2J Trip, (Off- Campus) --DP Visual Art Exhibition, MPR --Director's Open Meeting with Parents, Director's Office, 8:00 AM - 9:00 AM --Makerspace (Frame-Making), Primary Library, 2:30 PM – 3:20 PM --The senior production '100', Theatre, 6:00 PM
Wednesday	14	--DP Visual Art Exhibition, MPR --“Compassion for self and others” workshop for Grade 8 - by Dr. Linda & Dr. Marshall, Secondary Tardis Drama Room, 1:00 PM --The senior production '100', Theatre, 6:00 PM --KG2A Trip, (Off- Campus)
Thursday	15	
Friday	16	--Grade 8 Trip, (Off- Campus)
Saturday	17	--Grade 8 Trip, (Off- Campus) --Grade 12 Mocks, MPR
Sunday	18	--Grade 12 Mocks, MPR --Grade 9 Girls Trip, (Off- Campus) --Grade 5 Science Fair Parent Information session, Primary Library Classroom, 8:15 AM
Monday	19	--Grade 12 Mocks, MPR --Grade 6 Parent Coffee Morning, Tiered Classroom, 8:00 AM – 9:00 AM --Open meeting with Primary Principal, Mr. Andrew Powell, Primary Principal's Office, 8:00 AM - 9:00 AM --Grade 4 Science Fair Parent Information session, Primary Library Classroom, 8:15 AM

A Message from the Director

Dear Parents & Guardians,

Another eventful weekend at IAA!

I would like to congratulate the Dead 2 Red team for achieving first place in their division during the 242km race. Thank you parents, students and staff for supporting the event whose proceeds will go to Al Aman Fund for the future of orphans. This is an exercise to teach our children how to be philanthropic and I encourage you to talk to them about giving and let them see that it is a regular part of our lives.

I would also like to salute the U13 and U14 Football Hawks team for their win in Dubai's MEUC 2018. A big thank you goes to our supporting parents and coaches, led by Coach Samer Taha whose dedication, belief in the student athletes and hard work surely paid off!

This week is an artistic one in Secondary with our Grade 12 IB students displaying their Visual Arts exhibit today. I urge you to pass by this week to see their wonderful pieces of art, themed "Still Waters Run Deep." Also this week, Secondary students will take part in the annual secondary production, called "100."

This busy week will end with an overnight trip for Grade 8 on the beloved Jordan Trail. I believe that by the end of this term, most of our Secondary grades would have been there. It is a great trip to experience Jordan on foot, encounter ancient sites and meet locals who live there.

Finally, I would like to wish Grade 10 and 12 students the best as they start their mock exams next week.

I am available this coming Tuesday, from 8-9am, for the open meeting at my office. Stay connected to the IAA news, events and updates through our social media channels and our IAA mobile application.

Have an enjoyable week.

Hana Kanan Ed.D.

Director

Primary School News

Dear Parents,

Book Week – A Success

The school was buzzing last week with the various Book Week activities taking place and I know that our guest authors were inspirational in their delivery of their work. Our students were captivated by the stories that they told and also learned more about the reality of being a published author, which is very much built upon a commitment to hard work and persistence. I know that our children enjoyed Book Character Day and Crazy Socks Day and I would like to thank the many parents who invested in this occasion by working with their children to create homemade outfits.

Dead 2 Red

I would like to express my appreciation to the community for supporting the school's Dead 2 Red team in their fundraising efforts for the Al-Aman Fund. The team worked together to run the 242km from the Dead Sea to the Red Sea and were the first adult team to arrive in Aqaba. An incredible performance! Through the course of the fundraising campaign, over 2,000 JD was raised and will go to providing services to help orphaned children successfully transition to adulthood.

Science Fair

In order to prepare for the Grade 3 – 5 Science Fairs that will take place in April, Ms Rene' will be running Parent Workshops next week. The times and locations are as follow:

Sunday March 18th G5 Science Fair Parent Meeting (Primary Library) @ 8:15am

Monday, March 19th G4 Science Fair Parent Meeting (Primary Library) @ 8:15am

Tuesday, March 20th G3 Science Fair Parent Meeting (Primary Library) @ 8:15am

Award Winners

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

Bronze Award Winners

Adeeb Manna 4M

Marwan Al- Kayed 4M

Omar Al- Ghawi 4G

Kareem Al Saleh 4G

Amjad Almajali 4G

Dania Al Saraf 3S

Hussein Al- Daoud 3S

Salma Kasih 3S

Ali Kachakeche 2Z

Rayan Fakhouri 2J

Yasmin Sukhtian 1I

Haya Al Zraiqat 1I

Tia Ghaith 1S

Silver Award Winners

Sarra Abu Tayeh 4M

Iman Al Mefleh 1I

Tia Naghawi 1F

Yahaya Hoozeer 4G	Mira Khoja 1I	Juana Zeidan 1F
Mohammad Dajani 4G	Zainah Al Jaghbir 1I	Jafar Al Abdallat 1F
Omar Nashashibi 4G	George Al- Nims 1I	Hager Buzeid 1F
Talal Al- Asad 4G	Taleen Khoury 1I	Hashem Al Hamdan 1F
Ahmad Abu Yousef 3S	Norah Ghnaimat 1I	Limara Al Asad 1F
Faisal Shawareb 1S	Sarah Al Bay 1I	Juman Al Samhoury 1F
Ibrahim Al Oudat 1S	Sema Farhan 1I	Rahmah Beiruti 1F
Haya Al Zraiqat 1I	Abdelillah Al Farouqi 1I	Majed Rudeni 1F

Gold Award Winner

Hashem Asfour 5T	Gabriella Gourgourinis 3S	Jazmine Al Jamal 2J
karam Fakhouri 5T	Hannah Fahallah 2Z	Rashed Abu Dahab 2H
Rashed Samawi 5T	Abdullah Shami 2Z	Omar Toukan 2H
Sara Halawa 5T	Hashem Saket 2Z	Zakariyah Hoozeer 2H
Tania El Akabi 5T		

Gold with Merit Award Winners

Saif Saleh 5T	Laith Saoudi 5T	Abdelrahman Al Ahmad 1S
Abdel Majeed Al Shdefat 5T	Salma Haj Ahmad 3S	Abdulfattah Alnajjar 1I
Ahmad Mustafa 5T		

I hope that you have a wonderful week.

Yours sincerely,
Andrew Powell

Secondary School News

Dear Parents,

Spirit Week

A big thank you to the Student Representative Council for organising a successful Spirit Week! The various themes and student-led activities brought everyone together in a positive way. Activities during breaks included three-legged races on the football field, yoga in community square and lip-sync challenges at our Music Corner. Students and staff certainly demonstrated their creativity, musicality, flexibility and school spirit.

The Hawks

It has been a busy week for the Hawks. Our Girls and Boys Under 16 basketball teams have been in action this weekend and had some close matches. Neither team made it to the knock out stages, but the experience of taking part and representing the school is what counts, well done to all who participated. In Dubai this weekend, the Under 13 team won both the 11 and 7-a side tournaments and the Under 14 team won the 7-a side tournament. So 3 titles out of four – not a bad weekend for the footballers at all!

Dead 2 Red

For some time, a group of 10 Primary and Secondary staff running enthusiasts, under the team name “Happy Feet”, have been happily training for the annual Dead 2 Red relay race. They achieved first place, covering a distance of 242 km in 15 hours, 50 minutes and 34 seconds! Congratulations on an amazing achievement. “Only those who will risk going too far, can possibly find out how far one can go” TS Eliot. We are very proud of you.

Thank you to our school community for supporting Happy Feet in their efforts to raise money for the Al-Aman Fund for the Future of Orphans. A significant amount has been raised and we’ll be announcing the exact total shortly.

Robotics Competition

A select number of students have been busy preparing for the First Lego League competition that is taking place Saturday/Sunday. The first day went very well and we hope the second day of competition is a success. The theme is water conservation. The team constructed a robot that controlled water flow, applying the understanding that they gained from their visit to a water plant. We’ll announce their results next week.

G12 Visual Arts Exhibition

It is with pleasure that our G12 DP Visual Arts students present this year’s Arts exhibition. The exhibition celebrates the work of our talented artists who have worked tirelessly over the past two years to create a diverse range of artwork. Please join us on Monday 12th of March at 6pm in the MPR for the opening of exhibition. It will continue through until Wednesday 14th March.

Drama Production - 100

Our senior school production is debuting “100” this week with performances on the 13th and 14th of March. It centres on the afterlives of four characters, who find themselves in this mysterious void that exists between life and death. There, they must choose one memory from their lives in which to spend eternity. This is an intriguing play that takes us on a path of self-discovery. Alongside dealing with serious questions, the play also seeks to bring a sense of wonder, lightness and fun. It is suitable for students in grade 8 and above. Tickets are being sold, as usual, through Finance. Seats are limited, so purchase your tickets right away.

Grades 10 and 12 Mock Assessments

This is the last week in school for Grade 10 and 12 before their mock examinations. The Grade 10s are almost finished with their e-portfolios – just putting the final touches on their work. We urge parents to treat this week like any other. Despite what students may claim, the best revision they can do is in school with their teachers. It is more about how to use content than the content itself that enables students to score excellent grades. This will be the focus of teaching in school this week. As for the mocks themselves, we wish both Grades every success. Please note that during the examination weeks, students are expected in school for their exams only. They also must be in full school uniform when taking them.

You are a large part of your child’s success, especially as they head into final exams. Here are some ways you can help:

- Set time aside for study each day of the week, in a quiet location free from distractions (put the phone away).
- Students should avoid junk food, carbonated drinks, energy drinks and caffeine. Instead, they could snack on fruits, vegetables and whole grains.
- Insist on reasonable bed times (minimum 8hr) as getting enough sleep is critical for the brain to function well.

- Have your child write down questions for their teachers if they are not sure of a concept or skill. All of our teachers are available for extra help.
- Remind your child to redo old assessments and to practice past papers.

Sincerely,
Mr. Martin and Ms. Zena

Sports News

U13, U14 Hawks in Dubai's MEUC.

This weekend our student athletes participated in an 11-a-side and a 7-a-side football tournament in Dubai's MEUC and managed to win a tournament each.

It was a great atmosphere and an amazing performance and sportsmanship from our teams, and we would like to thank all the student athletes for their hard work on and off the field. Thank you parents and coaches for your endless support.

Go IAA Hawks!



Library News

Whew! The libraries are taking a small breather to catch up with all the bookish activity we had across campus last week. We hope that students will remember last week as one of the best-ever book weeks. Shifting gears this week, we have a Makerspace event this Tuesday, 13 March. We will continue our celebration of Dr. Seuss by making Seuss-themed photo frames. Sign-up is limited to 10 KG students with parents and 10 Primary students with parents. Registration is now open at library@iaa.edu.jo. The goal of the Makerspace programme is for parents and their children to relax together while making a product that is accessible and yet challenging in the hour we have together.

World Poetry Day is upcoming on Wednesday, 21 March. The Secondary Library will be involved in various poetry-themed activities in the Secondary, while the KG Library prints poems as gifts for every teacher. If you have a dormant reader, you may want to try this technique I'm using with my daughter. Get a book with short, subject-based poems (ex. Silly Science Poems) and follow these steps:-

1. read for understanding
2. read for rhythm and rhyme
3. child reads again for fluency

It has worked wonders for her reading confidence, understanding and fluency. Just think of why Dr. Seuss books are so popular with kids. The short, silly rhymes appeal to their imagination and they have FUN with them.

March is also Media Mentor Month in some countries. In order to get our students off total dependence on electronic devices, why not use this month as a chance to try new activities that bring parents and students closer to understanding the positive role technology could play in our lives. For example, try learning a new skill with your child by watching an instructional YouTube video. Search online for a new recipe and make it with your child. Try Pinterest or Yummly for ideas. Or write down three things you are grateful for that mobile devices make possible. Hopefully, you will find some time to discuss electronics with your students. As Heitner says, "True screen wisdom is about relationships. It's about the kinds of connections we can have with one another. It's about trust. And balance."

Happy Balancing.

Ms. Kathleen
For the Libraries