



الأكاديمية الدولية - عمان
THE INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY - AMMAN

Parent News

Sunday, 25th March 2018

Calendar

Monday	26	--Grade 12 Mocks, MPR --Grade 7 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
Tuesday	27	--Grade 12 Mocks, MPR --Grade 10 Trip, (Off- Campus) --Colour Run – Secondary --Bake Sale & Non-Uniform Day (Secondary) --Grade 2 Trip, (Off- Campus)
Wednesday	28	--Grade 12 Mocks, MPR --Grade 10 Trip, (Off- Campus) --Grade 6 Trip, (Off- Campus)
Thursday	29	--Grade 12 Mocks, MPR --Grade 10 Trip, (Off- Campus) --Grade 6 Trip, (Off- Campus) --Bake Sale & Non-Uniform Day (Primary)
Friday	30	
Saturday	31	
Sunday	1	--Spring Break (Holiday)
Monday	2	--Spring Break (Holiday)

Primary School News

Dear Parents,

Spring Assembly

I was incredibly impressed by the quality of our Spring Concert last week. Our Grade 1 and Grade 3 class performances were especially engaging and our choir was superb. It was great to see how proud of themselves our students were, and this has carried on into the classroom this morning. We have particularly talented children at IAA and I am pleased with the opportunities available to them. Such a performance would not be possible without the hard work and dedication of our teachers and I would like to recognise our Religion Department and especially our music teachers, Ms Samia and Mr Issam.

Grade 1-3 Science Fair

Thank you to the many parents that made the time to come to our Grade 3-5 Science Fair parent presentations last week. Attendance was especially high and commitment to the school and our children was strongly evident. This year, we have made a concerted effort to ensure that more of the Science Fair projects takes place at school. I am looking forward to seeing our students share their work when we return from the Spring Break.

Award Winners

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

Bronze Award Winners

Abdullah Al-Oudat 5CE

Munira Al- Hashimi 4G

Yasmeen Al Saudi 4M

Israa Al Abdullah 4M

Isabella Maroun 4M

Eid Al Halawani 3LC

Alanood Haddadin 3LC

Aban Al Lozi 3LC

Salman Abu Dahab 2M

Shaker Shami 2M

Shafiq Hourani 2M

Faisal Qawasmi 2M

Maya Dallal 2M

Silver Award Winners

Joudi Baker 5CE

Mira Al Agha 4G

Nabila Karyouti 4G

Omar Manasra 4M

Tayma Abu- Al Issam 4M

Maya Samman 4M

Layla Agha 4M

Jordan Donnelly 4P

Zena Amarneh 4P

Nora Sharaan 2H

Manasa Al Heeti 2H

Fares Rashid 2H

Daniel Atassi 2H

Raya Qawar 2J

Ghina Al Khatib 2J

Suleiman Al Ghezawi 2J

Yasmin Farraj 2M

Sama Busheiha 2M

Malak Haijawi 2M

Faisal Qawasmi 2M

Gold Award Winner

Jude Saadi 3LC

Omar Rasheed 2M

Ahmad Shanti 2M

Hasan Malkawi 2M

Faisal Qawasmi 2M

Sarah Kachakeche 2M

Jehad Atwan 2H

Yulixa Houkayem 2H

Gold with Merit Award Winners

Imad Al Baghal 2M

Izzeldeen Nassif 2M

Sarah Kachakeche 2M

Nour Kilani 2M

Salma Kloub 2M

Gold with Excellence Award Winners

Salma Kloub 2M

I hope that you have a wonderful week and a safe and relaxing Spring Break.

Yours sincerely,
Andrew Powell

Secondary School News

Dear Parents,

Thank You

On behalf of all the staff in the Secondary School, we would like to express our gratitude to the parents and students of Grade 12 who, this week, presented everyone with a certificate thanking us for our work and in recognition showed that a tree had been planted in Jordan for each one of us. We think this is a lovely gesture and one that will benefit the country. Thank you.

There is rarely a quiet moment in Secondary!

Over the weekend

A lot of students were involved in activities. Our Grade 11s were out in the field near Ajloun doing some research and others participated in the Assryiah MUN. I am pleased with the leading roles that many of our Grade 8 delegates are now taking in these conferences. The MUN club at IAA has some real strength in depth now.

Hawks Basketball

The weekend saw our Under 14 boys and girls taking part in a tournament, the last tournament of the year for this sport. The boys just missed out on a semi-final spot with some very tight results just not going our way. The girls went through some very tense games and secured their place in the semi-finals which are to be played on Monday. All the best to them.

Bible Competition

Today, we have our annual Bible competition. Congratulations to all students who are participating and to Ms. Sahar for all her hard work behind the scenes in organising this event.

Visit from students at King's College, Taunton

Today we have 9 students from the prestigious King's College, Taunton in the UK visiting IAA. They will spend time with our Grade 11, swapping life stories and developing their international and intercultural understanding. This is a two-way process of course and we are sure that their presence at IAA will enrich the experience of our own students.

Grade 9 Trip to Arabic Play at ANS

We also have our Grade 9 students going to see an Arabic play this Wednesday at a local school. However, the activities do not end here...read more to find out.

End Polio Campaign and “Nourishing Life In Colour” Run

On Tuesday March 27, we have a Civvies Day and G8 Bake Sale combined with our annual Colour Run. The G8s are preparing what we know will be a mouth-watering selection of savoury treats and tasty desserts. Proceeds from the Bake Sale will be donated to the Rotary Club to support them in the eradication of polio worldwide. Last year, we raised enough funds to vaccinate over 10,000 children against this disease – we look forward to breaking our record the second time around.

As for the Colour Run, organised by the Student Representative Council, we aim to see how many families in Jordan we can feed in the month of April. If 40JD can feed a family of four for one month, then with a registration fee of 20JD that includes a t-shirt and set of coloured powder, we aim to support over 150 families! The Colour Run will be taking place during Period 7. Please encourage your children to participate in this important service event.

G10 El Hassan Silver Award

After their mock e-assessments, the G10s will take part in the El Hassan Silver Award’s “Adventurous Journey” from the 27th until the 29th of March at Dibeen and Ajloun. This journey is all about personal growth, self-reliance, perseverance and responsibility. It encourages students to develop an awareness of Jordan’s natural environment and the importance of protecting it. It also pushes them out of their comfort zone to work on new skills.

G6 Petra Trip

On March 28th and 29th, the Grade 6 students will be going on an overnight trip to Petra as part of an interdisciplinary unit between Individuals and Societies and Arabic. Petra is believed to have been established as early as 312 BC as the capital city of the Arab Nabataeans. Students are expected to design a leaflet about Petra, which includes pictures of relics left by the Nabataeans. They will then present their findings in class and reflect on the impact of the achievements and innovations of the past on today’s world.

Coffee Mornings

The grade-specific Coffee Mornings have started again. This is an opportunity for you to raise any issues, concerns, suggestions you have regarding the specific grade. All sessions will take place from 8am to 9am in the Library. The dates are as follows:

- G7 March 26th
- G8 April 16th

2nd Progress Report Card

We have reached the half-way point of second semester. This means that the 2nd progress report card for G6 to G9 and G11 will be emailed to parents on the 29th of March. G12 students will receive their final report card on the 26th of April.

It just remains to wish everyone a wonderful break. If you are travelling, we wish you safe journeys.

Sincerely,

Mr. Martin and Ms. Zena

Sports News

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Library News

While we all look forward to the hope of personal renewal and feelings of goodwill during the Easter season, not everyone looks forward to a two-week vacation with down time for our kiddos. It's tempting, and more often the fact, that our kids get too much screen time during breaks, simply because they're bored and "there's nothing else to do". The struggle is real.

Here are some tips from Common Sense Media about getting kids off devices which might come in handy, no matter if you are on a Jordanian "staycation" or travelling abroad. Enjoy your time with less hassle when it comes to electronics.

5 Strategies for Getting Kids Off Devices

By Christine Elgersma, 1/20/2017

"Just a sec," say nine out of 10 parents answering an email when their kid asks them for something. If it's hard for *us* to jump out of the digital world, just imagine you're 3 and the lines between fantasy and reality are already blurred -- then throw in a super-engaging, colourful, fun and immersive experience. Or you're 5 and each episode of *Mutt & Stuff* on the Nick Jr. app is better than the last. Or you're 8 and you're almost finished building something amazing in *Minecraft*. Why would you ever want to stop?

This is why getting kids off their devices is so tough. And when threatening doesn't work, and you discover the research that two-minute warnings aren't the best option either, what can you do? Thankfully, the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) has some new guidelines around screen use that ease some parental guilt, but you still need to get your kid off the iPad at some point. Aside from being a strong role model, try these tips to minimise conflict and find the balance we're all seeking.

- **Have another activity lined up (bonus points for making it seem fun).** For the youngest device users, transitions are hard -- period. Even if the next "to do" is a "must do" (such as eating lunch), tell your kid what's

coming next. You can rehearse the process: "When I say stop, it's time for the iPad to go night-night. Let's see how fast you can flip it shut! As soon as it's asleep, we can sneak into the other room and paint."

- **Use visual and sound cues to help kids keep track of time limits.** For kids who don't yet know how to tell time, try a timer that can help put them in charge of the process: "When the time is up, it'll look and sound like this."
- **Find apps with built-in timers.** Video streamers like Cakey and Huvi throw parents a bone and have internal timers so the app stops on its own. Then it's up to the parent to make sure kiddo doesn't just jump into another app.
- **Tell kids to stop at a natural break, such as the end of an episode, level, or activity.** It's hard for kids (and adults!) to stop in the middle of something. Before your kid gets on a device, talk about what they want to do or play, what will be a good place to stop and how long they think it'll take. Set the limit together and hold to it, though a little wiggle room (a couple of minutes so they can finish) is fine.
- **Discuss consequences and follow through when kids test the limits.** When all else fails, it's important to have discussed consequences for when your kid won't give it up. For little kids, the line can be something like, "If it's too hard to turn off, the tablet has to go away for a whole day." For older kids it's more about keeping devices in a public space, setting expectations and enforcing them. If they show you they can be partners in moderating and regulating themselves, there can be more flexibility.