



الأكاديمية الدولية - عمان
THE INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY - AMMAN

Parent News

Monday, 5th March 2017

Calendar

Monday	5	--Book Fair --Open meeting with Primary Principal, Mr. Andrew Powell, Primary Principal's Office, 8:00 AM - 9:00 AM --Saviour Pirotta Visit --Grade 5 Trip, (Off- Campus)
Tuesday	6	--Saviour Pirotta Visit --Grade 5 Trip, (Off- Campus) --Director's Open Meeting with Parents, Director's Office, 8:00 AM - 9:00 AM --Book Fair
Wednesday	7	--Grade 5 Trip, (Off- Campus) --Book Fair
Thursday	8	--Grade 7 & 8 Trip, International --Book Fair --The 21st Dead2Red Relay Running Race
Friday	9	--Grade 7 & 8 Trip, International --The 21st Dead2Red Relay Running Race
Saturday	10	--Grade 7 & 8 Trip, International --The 21st Dead2Red Relay Running Race --SAT Exam
Sunday	11	--Grade 7 & 8 Trip, International
Monday	12	--Open meeting with Primary Principal, Mr. Andrew Powell, Primary Principal's Office, 8:00 AM - 9:00 AM

A Message from the Director

Dear Parents & Guardians,

The IAA community took part in the fourth Teacher Skills Forum this week, held at the Dead Sea. This annual and regional event is organised by QRTA and in partnership with the International Baccalaureate Organization. Our staff participated and even led professional development workshops and two students gave a splendid introduction for our sponsored keynote speaker, Alan November – a leader in education technology.

The Book Week spirit is hovering at IAA this week, an event among many others that fosters a reading community. We have visiting author Saviour Pirotta and other renowned Arab authors who will visit our school this week. I cannot stress enough on the importance of reading and being role models ourselves certainly has its ripple effect on our children.

This week ends with the Dead2Red relay and I would like to wish the participating staff the best of luck in their mission that demonstrates duty and leadership to our community. Also, our U13 and U14 Boys Football Teams are heading to Dubai this week for the Middle East Unity Cup 2018. Good luck! You always make us proud.

Please stay connected to the IAA news, events and updates through our social media channels and our IAA mobile application.

I am available this coming Tuesday, from 8-9am, for the open meeting at my office.

Have a wonderful week.

Hana Kanan Ed.D.

Director

Primary School News

Dear Parents,

Book Week

We are celebrating our love of literature this week with Book Week. We have a variety of activities on offer which include special guest readers and the opportunity for our students to work with local and international

authors. As such, we are pleased to be able to host Abeer Al- Taher, Margo Malatjalian, Taghreed Al Najjar, Sawsan Al-Haj Hassan, Dima Eimesayel as well as Saviour Pirotta who is flying in from the United Kingdom. In keeping with the fun nature of the week, our students are encouraged to wear a Book Character Hat to school on Monday and on Thursday we will be having a Crazy Sock Day. There will also be a variety of vendors on campus this week should you wish to pass by and purchase some reading material for your child. Book vendors will be based in the atrium from 7:30am – 3pm throughout the week.

Teacher Skills Forum

This weekend, a number of our staff attended the Queen Rania Teacher Academy - Teacher Skills Forum at the Dead Sea. This is the largest educational conference in Jordan and featured a highly regarded keynote speaker, Alan November. I'd like to congratulate Ms Melinda Martin and Ms Hannah Van de Kemp for their work as ambassadors of the school through their facilitation of an excellent workshop on formative assessment.

Award Winners

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

Bronze Award Winners

Mohammad Karyouti 3G

Jad Aldien Hammoudeh 3G

Leanne Badreddine 2H

Yaqout Abu- Al Haj 3G

Bader Bakheet 3G

Silver Award Winners

Hamza Abu- Salha 3G

Nadine Dajani 2H

Sara Al Dowais 2H

Rakan Kardan 3G

Omar Toukan 2H

Jyda Kamal 3G

Gold Award Winner

Raya Oweis 3G

I hope that you have a wonderful week.

Yours sincerely,
Andrew Powell

Secondary School News

Dear Parents,

U12 Basketball

Our Under 12 Girls and Boys basketball teams had a wonderful weekend on court, notching up some great wins against tough competition and coming out top in both of their tournaments. Amazing! Congratulations to all of our young sporting stars.

KAMUN & Habitat

As ever, the weekend saw a huge amount of our students involved in numerous activities. The King's Academy MUN had a delegation of over 30 of our students attending. The Habitat 4 Humanity trip on Saturday introduced a lot of our Grade 9 students to this service opportunity. There will be a few sore limbs after the exertions of mixing cement and building walls!

Grade 10 Eco-Park

In their visit last Thursday to Sharhabil Bin Hassneh EcoPark, our Grade 10 students saw Jordan at its best. They took in the biodiversity of their surroundings as they hiked through the trails. They observed sustainable development models in practice, such as ecotourism, solar-powered water heaters, composting and water purification systems. This trip gave them a greater appreciation for the urgency to preserve the Jordanian landscape, and the realisation that sustainable development is successful when it involves collaboration and active involvement from the local communities.

Robotics

Our team is preparing for the competition this coming weekend. A huge amount of time and effort has gone into getting their robot task ready and researching to present on the theme of this year's competition, which is all about effective water supply. We wish our team all the very best.

Visiting Author

We are looking forward to inviting Saviour Pirotta to Secondary; a best-selling author known for his stories of world myths and legends. He will be working with our Grade 6 students over two days. We have ensured that the workshops are directly related to the writing skills we are developing in our current units of study, so they should be fun and valuable afternoons.

Spirit Days

Our Student Representative Council have taken the initiative this year to organise some spirit days. Thus, you will be sending off your children to school in various states of array this week. On Tuesday, it is Twin day; on Wednesday it is time to come to school comfortably dressed for Pyjama day and then on Thursday it is Vintage day. I would like to ask all parents to dig deep into those wardrobes and rediscover those flairs and kipper ties! Looking forward to seeing those costumes on Thursday!

Dead 2 Red

This weekend, a number of our staff will be competing in the annual Dead 2 Red relay race. We are raising money for the Al-Aman Fund for Orphans. Many of our students are already wearing the blue wristbands to show their support. We hope the SRC will be able to reach 100% coverage of our students and teachers by Thursday.

Football in Dubai

It is not only the staff who are active next weekend. We wish the 30 Grade 7 and 8 footballers flying off to Dubai all the very best for their competition. We hope they can emulate the excellent results of our Grade 6

students. I have no doubt that they will also enhance the reputation of the Hawks as a side that values sportsmanship and respect on and off the field.

SAT exams

Another round of SAT exams will take place next weekend. We wish all those students in Grade 11 who are chasing places at colleges and universities in the USA or at American institutions in Europe and the Middle East all the very best as they chase the scores they want to achieve.

Senior Play: 100

Looking ahead, tickets have now gone on sale for '100' our senior drama production. It is appropriate for students in Grade 8 and above. We hope that students, staff and parents will come out to support those students who have been putting in long hours to bring this production to life. Tickets are available from finance and the performances are on the evening of Tuesday 13th and Wednesday 14th March.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Martin and Ms Zena

Sports News

U12 Hawks Basketball

This weekend, our U12 Hawks Basketball boys and girls teams participated in the AAC tournament. Our teams showed our Hawks pride with an amazing undefeated performance throughout the tournament.

Library News

Book Week is well underway. The teachers are ready, the book sale is set and our visiting author, Saviour Pirotta, is here.

In the KG and Primary, there are too many fun and exciting book & author activities, that I will refer you to your child's Moodle page for more information. Teaching staff have really gone out of their way to make memorable classroom events for your children, so please take a minute or two at some point to ask them what they learned about books and authors during IAA Book Week. A special note of thanks goes to Ms. Alia for organising local authors to come read for Arabic classes.

The following bookshops are represented at the Book Fair and have reasonably-priced Arabic and English Books: Yarmouk Bookshop, Dar Al Hayyat, Dar Al Manhal, University Book Centers, Maktabetcom.com and Mazaya books. Their staffs are waiting to talk to your students and to you about the best book choices for fun reading at home. Please come and take advantage of this wonderful time to shop for quality children's literature under one roof.

Visiting Author, Saviour Pirotta, arrived this morning, despite missing connections from the UK due to the “Beast from the East”. Saviour will perform his stories with KG2 and G1 and conduct interactive writing workshops for G2-6. His presentations will enhance units in the curriculum, such as Guided Reading, *Pourquoi* Tales, Fictional Narratives and Authors & Texts, to name a few. The books have been delivered to students who pre-ordered them. Mr. Pirotta will be signing them during 2nd break in the Primary Atrium. *Mark of the Cyclops* and *The Secret of the Oracle* are available for 9 JD each and can also be purchased from the Author’s Table in the Primary Atrium during 2nd break until Tuesday, while quantities last.

In other news, your librarians are busy with professional development opportunities this week. Ms. Dima was sponsored by Follett School Solutions to attend the Teacher Skills Forum at the Dead Sea. Ms. Kathleen presented, “Librarians in the IB MYP/DP Context” and Ms. Rawan is presenting on “Digital Citizenship”. It is wonderful to have an opportunity to represent the IAA Libraries at such an event.

On Monday, the KG and Primary Libraries will be closed because 6 library staff are being trained on the newest version of Follett Destiny, our library catalog. This training will help us make it easier for students, parents and staff to find and check-out books. We open our doors again on Tuesday.

Finally, the librarians will attend a conference at King’s Academy this weekend, where Ms. Kathleen will have an opportunity to share the IAA MakerSpace program with attendees. Again, we are proud to represent IAA Libraries in Jordan.

It’s a busy week to be sure. If you are on campus, feel free to stop in and say hello.

For the Libraries,

Ms. Kathleen