



الأكاديمية الدولية - عمان
THE INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY - AMMAN

Parent News

Monday, 15th May 2017

Calendar

Monday	15	--G10 e-assessments --Grade 5/6 Students' Transition Week --KG2 Trip, (Off- Campus) --Grade 9 Trip, (Off- Campus) --Open meeting with Primary Principal, Mr. Andrew Powell, Primary Principal's Office, 8:00 AM - 9:00 AM
Tuesday	16	--G10 e-assessments --KG2 Trip, (Off- Campus) --Secondary School Major Musical Concert, Auditorium, 6:30 PM
Wednesday	17	--G10 e-assessments --KG2 Trip, (Off- Campus) --Grade 9 Trip, (Off- Campus) --Grade 5 Parents Transition Into Grade 6 Meeting, MPR, 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM
Thursday	18	--G10 e-assessments --Grade 8 Trip, (Off- Campus) --Primary Sports Day G3, G4, G5, IAA Track, 8:30 AM --Grade 1C Assembly, Auditorium, 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM
Friday	19	--G10 e-assessments --Grade 8 Trip, (Off- Campus)
Saturday	20	
Sunday	21	--Grade 10 Trip, (Off- Campus) --Primary Sports Day KG1, KG2, G1, G2, IAA Track, 8:00 AM --Grade 5 Parents MYP Introduction, MPR, 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM
Monday	22	--Grade 10 Trip, (Off- Campus) --Open meeting with Primary Principal, Mr. Andrew Powell, Primary Principal's Office, 8:00 AM - 9:00 AM

A Message from the Director

This week is yet another busy one, involving trips, sports events and a musical production. We commence the week with the Grade 5 transition. These students, and for the very first time, will visit our Secondary school and be exposed to MYP's Science, Design, Visual Arts, Drama and Spanish in preparation for next year. This will serve as an introduction for their upcoming milestone and promotion into Secondary.

Speaking of Secondary, I am looking forward to attending their Musical Production on Tuesday. The School Choir and Band have been hard at work to present their annual musical flair. I encourage all to attend what will be an unforgettable experience at our Theatre.

To wrap up the week, our Grades 3-5 students will showcase their athletic skills during our annual Sports Day on Thursday. The earlier years in Primary will hold their sports day next Sunday.

Also on Thursday, our Grade 8 students are in for an overnight challenge course excursion to Jerash. Such trips certainly increase the students' critical curiosity and ability to cope with change. These visits are an integral part of our curriculum, providing a learning experience for every child as well as supporting their social and emotional development. The IAA strongly believes in such activities beyond the classroom and as a result has organised over 69 trips since the beginning of the academic year for both the Primary and Secondary students. This is a 25% increase from the previous year.

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

Enjoy the week!

Hana Kanan, Ed.D.

Director

Primary School News

Dear Parents,

This is a really satisfying time of year when students have grown and matured in such a wonderful way. I have enjoyed some conversations with classes and individuals who are certainly riding on a wave of positivity and pride in their achievements, and confidence in who they are as members of our community.

It is also the time of the semester that we begin to prepare for the school year ahead. Our Grade 5 students have been engaged in a series of transition days in Secondary and have returned excited at the prospect of so many new experiences that lay ahead of them. In early June, we will also have the opportunity for each grade to experience a small taste of life in the grade above them as they spend an hour being introduced to the programmes that they will engage in next year.

Our staff will begin the complex task of arranging classes for the 2017-2018 school year. A detailed letter will go home this week to the parents of prospective KG1 – Grade 5 parents with details about this process.

I will be speaking with our Grade 4 students this week as we look to appoint key student leaders as prefects. This is a great opportunity and selection will be based on the strength of a student's ability to act as a positive role model for others. This process involves a written application completed at school, consultation with

teachers and a review of academic progress and behaviour. Shortlisted applicants will then be interviewed by the Primary Principals, with prefects being announced on the final day of school.

We have our Grade 3-5 Sports Day taking place this Thursday, May 18th and KG1 – Grade 2 classes scheduled for Sunday, May 21st. Grade 5 parents should be aware of the Middle School Information session on May 17th and the Middle Years Programme presentation on May 21st. Our Independence Day Assembly is on May 24th.

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

Bronze Award Winners

Mohammed Khater 5M	Reem Al- Gaaod 5M	Riyad Said 2Z	<u>Silver Award</u>
Tamara Sboul 5M	Samar Shami 4G		<u>Winners</u>

Idrise Odeh 5M	Sarah Halawa 4G	Laila Abu Baker 4G	
Hashem Asfour 4D	Abdullah Tahabsem 4G	Zina Al- Abdullah 2R	<u>Gold Award</u>
Sadeen Al Adwan 4G	Soraya Yasin 4G		<u>Winners</u>

Raad Sunnaa 5M	Ghassan Kanbar Agha 4D	Salma Salem 4G	<u>Gold with Merit</u>
Laith Saoudi 4D			<u>Award Winners</u>

Tina Hinnawi 5M	Hashem Al Kurdi 5M	Reina Imseeh 5M	Wishing you a wonderful week.
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Yours sincerely,

Andrew Powell

Primary School Principal

Secondary School News

Dear Parents,

This past weekend marked the seventh annual Formula 1 competition. Our students worked hard these past few months brainstorming designs for model cars, which they then recreated into a physical model that produced the maximum speed. On the day of the competition, their miniature F1 car placed 4th in the speed category. The judges were also impressed to see our students use this competition to raise awareness about the “End Polio Now” campaign. This competition certainly pushed our Grade 11s to complete complex engineering challenges and to learn through experience in a team-centric environment.

Also this past Saturday, IAA hosted over 9 schools and 250 athletes for the gymnastics competition. Once again, our athletes proved themselves as they jumped, leaped, flipped and exceeded all expectations. We commend them on their efforts, hard work and surpassing their personal bests.

Our Grade 7 students went on a trip to the Dana Biosphere Reserve. They left Saturday morning and came back on Sunday. They had the opportunity to experience Jordan's spectacular scenery, nature and wildlife. We look forward to hearing about their adventures.

We have another exciting week ahead of us. Our School Choir and Band have been rehearsing extremely hard for the upcoming Music Production taking place on May 16th at 6pm in the Theatre. Our students look forward to showcasing their talents and efforts, and we are thankful to Mr. Ahmed Radaideh for his dedication and commitment to developing what we know will be another unforgettable musical experience. Please join us on this day, so do not delay...purchase your tickets right away!

After their e-assessments, the G10s will take part in the El Hassan Youth Silver Award's "Adventurous Journey" from the 21st until the 23rd of May at Wadi Rum. This journey is all about personal discovery and 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. For further information regarding this trip, please contact Mr. Hazem (h.abujafar@iaa.edu.jo). The payment for this trip is due on the 16th of May.

All Grade 9 students have been assigned a supervisor for the Personal Project (PP). The expectation is for them to have met with their supervisors in order to get feedback on their goal, product and action plan. Grade 9 parents should take the time to discuss with their child their PP topic; what is their goal, why they chose it and how they plan on achieving it. For further information about the PP, please contact Ms. Hala Asaad (h.asaad@iaa.edu.jo).

We are also fast approaching the end of year exams. End of year examinations allow students the opportunity to demonstrate the highest achievement of which they are capable of. Exam revision booklets for G6-9 have been uploaded on Moodle. The dates for the end of year examinations are as follows:

- G6: June 7th – 13th
- G7-8: June 6th – 13th
- G9: June 5th – 13th
- G11: June 4th – 13th

Lastly, the Grade 5 students will be joining us this week to get a taste for Secondary School life. They will be exposed to Science, Design, Visual Arts, Drama and Spanish in the MYP and will participate in a number of activities to ensure that they have a smooth transition come next academic year. We look forward to welcoming the Grade 5 students to the Secondary School.

Zena Muhtaseb
Head of Middle Years

Martin Thompson
Secondary School Principal

Library News

Dear Parents:

The End of Year Library Timings for KG and Primary have been set. Thursday, 18 May, is the last day for checkouts. Wednesday, 24 May is the last day for classes. Please return all library materials by the 24th to prevent any confusion with the Finance Office when picking up your child's report card.

Please don't forget to sign up for our Summer Reading Programme. We already have over 40 students signed up, but we would like to see more. Please let us know if you would like a copy of the sign-up sheet by stopping by or emailing k.mckim@iaa.edu.jo. If you are wondering how to get the books, don't worry, the libraries have you covered. After registration has closed, we will mail out lists and resources for you.

It is difficult to motivate children to read, especially at this particularly busy time of year. Here are some tips to help them along (<http://www.readwritethink.org/parent-afterschool-resources/tips-howtos/motivating-teen-readers-30110.html>):

Think of reading as a social activity. You can start visiting book and author-related blogs where readers come together to discuss books. Writers like David Walliams, whose titles are wildly popular with young readers, have websites where students can read and chat about the books they and their peers enjoy. Teens can also start their own blogs or social networking accounts on sites like GoodReads, where they share their reading responses with others and build virtual bookshelves of what they have read (and want to read).

Celebrate the Rights of the Reader. In his book, *Rights of the Reader*, Daniel Pennac insists on our inalienable rights, such as the right to read anything we want, to reread, to skip pages, to read aloud, and even to not finish a book. Share these empowering rights with your children. Consider customising a Reading Record Chart to reflect these rights.

Read together. Have your child recommend a book for you, and you can in turn recommend a book for your child. After you have both read each others' selections, set aside a special time for talking about the books.

Check out recommended book lists. Visit libraries and bookstores, and read published book reviews, to find out the latest books recommended books.

Watch the movie. Ever hear the expression, "The film was good, but the book was better"? Well, find out! Sometimes a child will be motivated to read a book because they liked the movie-or because a well-known film is coming out based on a book.

Happy Reading.

Ms. Kathleen, Ms. Dima, Ms. Tania