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THE INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY - AMMAN

Parent News

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Welcome from The Director

Dear Parents,

This Wednesday marks the 76th Anniversary of our beloved Jordan's Independence! May our country and its wise leadership remain a beacon of hope and tranquility for its kind people, Amen. I look forward to seeing our students beaming with love, gratitude and devotion as they proudly reflect their sense of patriotism while they celebrate this auspicious occasion in this week's assembly. Always proud of our patriots!

Last week, our secondary school students fully embraced their artistic side at the annual drama production, Sleeping Beauty. Our artists have gracefully delivered a performance that was worthy of a standing ovation and a round of applause! I would like to personally extend my thankful wishes and gratitude to all parties that were involved in such a remarkable production! Your colossal efforts and utter dedication enabled all the attendees to enjoy yet another unique experience delivered by our outstanding students.

Emotions are running high as we approach the Class of '22 Graduation Ceremony! As you are aware, the long-anticipated ceremony is taking place next Wednesday, June 1st. Preparations are in full swing and everyone has been working relentlessly to ensure that we deliver a memorable ceremony for our graduates and their families as deserved.

Only a few weeks separate us from the end of a successful academic year! Such a lovely yet challenging journey it has been thus far! I would like to thank you all for your sense of duty, commitment, continuous efforts and dedication throughout the year; I genuinely appreciate every single one of you, no doubt that you will always be the sustaining force of IAA.

Kind regards,
Hana Kanan, Ed. D.

Primary School News

I hope that you and your loved ones are all healthy, safe, and well. It has been a very busy couple of weeks in the Primary School with the continuation of putting our school definition of High- Quality teaching and learning into practice. I have experienced the excellent pedagogy and methodology used in class during my rounds and enjoyed looking at the students' work which was of a sound quality. We also had a smooth running of the Enrichment Programme and the ongoing After School Activities. It will be business as usual in terms of the academic progression, our staff will be proceeding with their planning, going above and beyond to maximize the benefits of the time we have left of this academic year. I am proud to witness the commitment and resilience of our students and hope that this continues over the next month.

This week marks the annual occasion of Jordan's Independence, which is dear to our hearts and minds. This event is always a great opportunity for us to rejoice and embody our school pillar 'Cultural Heritage'. While the public holiday was officially moved to Thursday, May 26th, our Independence Day Assembly remains on Tuesday, May 24th. We will celebrate this occasion with performances from our talented grades 2, 3 and 5 students in the main theatre, starting at 1.00 pm. All primary students are encouraged to wear their beautiful traditional and national outfits to participate in the occasion and enjoy the activities on this special day.

Meanwhile, the Spirit Week in the primary school will be altered slightly as per the newly announced date for the holiday, therefore:

- "Colour Kindness Day" will remain on Sunday, May 22nd
- "Hero Day" will remain on Monday, May 23rd
- "Traditional Dress Day" will remain on Tuesday, May 24th
- "Mad Hat" day will be moved to Wednesday, May 25th

A gentle reminder that the school day will finish at 1 pm on Wednesday, May 25th.

Other dates that might be relevant to you are the Grade Five promotion event and the KG2 promotion assembly. Please add to your diary June 20th for the G5 event and May 31st for the KG2 promotion, more details will be shared with you on Moodle as we approach these dates. Meanwhile, we still have an array of weekly performances on Thursdays as our primary classes continue to dazzle us with their talent. In addition,

the 'Wax Museum' presentation by Grade 2 last week was a prime example of the ongoing work and learning taking place in the primary school. Another sample would be Grade 5 Science Fair in June so watch this space!

On the topic of preparing for the next academic year, we have received many requests from parents regarding the class placement process for their children. A gentle reminder to email us if you feel that there is something that the school should consider about your child and his or her placement during this process. It is important that you inform us via primary@iaa.edu.jo to ensure that all placement information is centralised. Please refer to the guidelines set in the class placement letter which was sent to all parents earlier this month and do remember that all requests should have been submitted by Sunday, May 22nd.

I wish all our community a delightful long weekend and a pleasant fortnight ahead.

Walid Albay

Secondary School News

Dear Parents

These have been a very busy few days for school. Thank you to all of you who came to support our students, both cast and crew, who put so much time and effort into making Sleeping Beauty such a great production for us to enjoy. Congratulations to all of our students whose artwork was on show in the theatre foyer. We have some real talent in school! Talking of talent, congratulations to our Under 14 Boy's basketball team who won all their matches in the tournament at the end of last week. We also had the last of our Diploma exams and our MYP ID E-assessment on Friday. The Avogadro University of Waterloo Chemistry Competition took place last week for the Grade 10s. Grade 11 were in on Saturday for their mock Language A orals. Congratulations to all our students in those grades for completing their exams. We can now look forward to our Grade 12 Graduation on the 1st June.

We are celebrating our Approaches to Learning this week with a special assembly on Monday. These skills are so important to develop in schools today, as they define success in the modern work place. The ability to have transferable skills and aptitudes are critical and much valued by employers. We are looking forward to celebrating how students implement these skills at IAA. Another important trait is to have a sense of service to our community, and this week is the deadline for our Grade 8 students to submit their Community Projects. We are looking forward to celebrating the myriad of different ways in which our students have given the time and imagination to add value to our broader society.

With the re-arranged holiday taking place on Thursday, we have had to alter a few things. This week is dedicated to school spirit, and our SRC have been promoting this.

- Sunday 22nd is Twin Day
- Monday 23rd is PJ's Day
- Tuesday 24th is National Dress Day
- Wednesday 25th is Vintage Day

Please note we will be keeping our Independence Day assembly as planned on Tuesday 24th. As Wednesday is the last of the days this week, we will treat that as our monthly 'civvies day' and collect the 2JD donation for good causes on that day.

Looking further ahead, but keeping with the theme of school spirit, we have our PTA Fun Day on Friday 2nd June. Thank you to our PTA for organising this event as it is enjoyed by so many who come and participate in all the activities that are put on for them. It is great to have this tradition back after such a long time away.

Finally, in the next fortnight, we will be starting with our Grade 5 Transition Programme to Secondary. We are really looking forward to meeting our next group of Secondary students. It just seems so soon! Where has the time gone this year....?!

Yours sincerely

Mr Martin and Ms Zena

Library News

It's that time of year again! Time for the libraries Summer Reading Programme! We have been excitedly preparing for this and it is going to be amazing!

Reading may not be the first thing that comes to your child's mind when they think of the summer, but it is important for our students to continue reading so they can maintain literacy skills and vocabulary developed throughout the year. The benefits are tremendous. Please encourage reading so it becomes an enjoyable and lifelong habit.

Anyone who registers and is a returning student, will be allowed to check-out books from the IAA libraries over the summer and return them at the beginning of the academic year in August. This is an exception that the Libraries and IAA are making to encourage participation in this programme. Please make sure you do not travel with any of the books. After students return their papers in August, our readers will be recognized and awarded a special prize in September.

For the Early Years, students will have a jungle themed 'Tails & Tales' reading chart that they will have to complete and cross off or colour as they read or are read to.

For grades 2 & 3, students will go around the reading board and colour in the boxes whenever they read for 20 minutes. The goal is to colour in all the boxes and complete it all. If they finish it all, they will have read for 1000 minutes!

For grades 4 & 5, students will go around the Readopoly board like the original Monopoly game, using dice to roll and see where they land on the board. They can also randomly select where they want to go if they don't want to use dice. The goal is to cross off all the places on the board or as many places as they can.

For Grades 6-8, students will also go around the Readopoly board. They too can use dice, a random number generator, or choose any space they want. The goal is to cross off as many spaces as possible. Don't forget Chance and Community Investment in the middle of the board!

Summer Reading packets will be sent to primary students and secondary students will be emailed with their Readopoly. Students should read picture books, chapter books, informational books, biographies, poetry, Arabic books or any other language if they prefer. You can also find hundreds of quality books on the internet. Here are some digital resources for primary students you may want to use:

[Primary Summer Reading Links](#)

Here are some digital resources for secondary students you may want to use:

[Secondary Summer Reading Links](#)

Please sign up below according to your child's grade for this academic year 2021-2022:

<https://forms.gle/B3P1QoskbqXkup16A>

Please contact me if you have any questions at d.shakaa@iaa.edu.jo

Have a great week and Happy Independence Day!

Dima Shaka'a

Head of Libraries/Primary Librarian

Sports News

Closing in on the 2021/2022 athletic season, our U14 boys participated in the AAC basketball friendly tournament. It was a year of much uncertainty, resuming sporting activities after the pandemic.

Our U14 boys played 4 matches over the course of two days; Thursday and Friday, and our boys did exceptionally well. They managed to show their character and abilities, as well as their sportsmanship, on and off the court.

As always, we ensured that every single student athlete had the chance to participate in the tournament, nonetheless, we are also planning more friendly matches and events to maximize student-athlete participation.

Once again, I would like to thank all our student athletes, coaches, staff, parents and organizers. Your trust and support is what fuels the Hawks pride.

Another exceptional day for our student athletes. Our U12 girls basketball team participated in the AAC friendly meet hosted at IAA and showed great spirit and sportsmanship throughout the tournament. Our young girls performed really well and managed to get better match by match.

Moreover, our swimmers Mohammad Qaryouti, Sunny Kirreh, Ryan Barhoush, and Ahmad Odeh participated in the Amman Swim League and managed to perform really well in their events.

As always, a huge thank you for everyone involved; coaches, staff, organizers, parents and our amazing student athletes for another wonderful day of sports.