



الأكاديمية الدولية - عمان  
THE INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY - AMMAN

# Parent News

## Monday, 29th May 2017

### Calendar

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| Monday    | 29 | --Grade 10 Work Shadowing – Grade 10 out all week<br>--Grade 9 & 11 Trip, (Off- Campus)<br>--Open meeting with Primary Principal, Mr. Andrew Powell, Primary Principal's Office, 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM  |
| Tuesday   | 30 | --Grade 10 Work Shadowing – Grade 10 out all week<br>--Parents Open Meeting with the Director, Director's Office, 9:00 AM – 10:00 AM   |
| Wednesday | 31 | --Grade 10 Work Shadowing – Grade 10 out all week  |
| Thursday  | 1  | --Grade 10 Work Shadowing – Grade 10 out all week<br>--Final Assembly Grade 6 to 9, Auditorium, 9:00 AM – 10:30 AM<br>--Grade 5J Assembly, Auditorium, 13:10 PM – 14:00 PM                           |
| Friday    | 2  | --Grade 10 Work Shadowing – Grade 10 out all week  |
| Saturday  | 3  | --Grade 10 Work Shadowing – Grade 10 out all week<br>--SAT Test  |
| Sunday    | 4  | --Grade 10 Work Shadowing – Grade 10 out all week<br>--Grade 11 Exams<br>--Pre-K Trip (Off-Campus)   |
| Monday    | 5  | --Grade 10 Work Shadowing – Grade 10 out all week<br>--Grade 11 Exams<br>--Grade 9 Exams<br>--Open meeting with Primary Principal, Mr. Andrew Powell, Primary Principal's Office, 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM |

### A Message from the Director

Ramadan Kareem! I would like to wish the IAA community a blessed holy month. This is truly a time to increase one's patience and to focus on generosity, especially to the less fortunate. I urge all parents and children to stay well during this month; keeping yourself hydrated, eating wisely and sleeping right.

What an amazing graduation ceremony we had last Tuesday for the Class of 2017! I am so proud of our graduates. I would like to thank Her Majesty Queen Rania Al Abdullah for her participation and support for the IAA year after year. I would also like to thank our guest speaker, Ms Farah Mohamed, for a fabulous keynote speech. Farah is the Founder of a Canadian organisation G(irls20) and the CEO designate for Malala Fund. Her words certainly sparked inspiration and motivation among our graduates.

Speaking of graduation, I was proud to read the list of admissions for our graduates. They have shown high success rate and have once again proved to be sought after by the top universities abroad. I couldn't be more proud.

This week, our Grade 10 students will start their work experience through work shadowing with physicians, engineers, designers, retail shops and non-profit organisations just to name a few. This is a great opportunity for them to get real hands on experience into the real world.

Today, we have the International Baccalaureate (IB) film crew at school to video shoot the teaching of 'Arabic B' language in the Secondary's IB system. The IAA was selected for the shoot among the IB schools in the Middle East. The crew will be in school for next three days.

And today we need your votes. MBC1 will be airing Qumra2 at 6pm tonight. Today's episode features six IAA students who participated in an adventurous Jordan tour back in March. Voting will last 24 hours from the time of airing the show. Let's all vote for IAA everyone!

Finally, my office is open on Tuesday from 9-10am during Ramadan for parents who wish to see me.

Have a blessed week!

**Hana Kanan, Ed.D.**

**Director**

### **Primary School News**

Dear Parents,

I was certainly impressed and extremely proud of all the students that performed at our Independence Day assembly on Wednesday. It was a wonderful way to celebrate a young country steeped in centuries of culture and tradition.

I trust that you have experienced a positive start to Ramadan and that the month is one of peace and prosperity for our community and the people of Jordan. My thanks go to all those families that have contributed to the food parcels the school has organised for families in need in the city of Jerash.

With the shortened school days, parent access to the Primary School is available from 2pm so that we may expedite a smooth dismissal and do our best to alleviate traffic brought about by both divisions of the school finishing at the same time. Please do note that our staff finish work at 2:30pm and we would appreciate it greatly if all students could be collected by this time.

The following events are coming up as we work our way to the end of the school year:

June 1<sup>st</sup> @ 1pm Grade 5J Assembly

June 8<sup>th</sup> @ 1pm Grade 3A Assembly

June 13<sup>th</sup> @ 4pm Grade 5 Promotion Ceremony

June 14<sup>th</sup> @ 1pm Grade 3-5 End of Year Assembly

Please also note that June 14<sup>th</sup> is the final day of classes and we expect all students to be in attendance. In addition to recognising our Grade 5 students' promotion to Middle School, the Grade 5 Promotion Ceremony will also be an opportunity to recognise those students that have demonstrated general and academic excellence. At the Grade 3-5 End of Year Assembly we will recognise academic and general excellence as well as students that have held key leadership posts. Prefects for the 2017-2018 school year will also be announced at this time. Due to the number of students attending the Grade 3-5 assembly we regret that we are unable to open this event to parents.

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

Bronze Award Winners

|                 |                    |                  |
|-----------------|--------------------|------------------|
| Faris Srouji 5M | Ramzi Awad 2H      | Leen Samhoury 1L |
| Haya Hyasat 4C  | Al Anoud Al Haj 2H | Leen Dahleh 1L   |
| Sama Issa 4C    | Eid Al Halawani 2H |                  |

Silver Award Winners

|                        |                            |                         |
|------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|
| Sanad Al- Shediafat 4C | Tania El Akabi 4M          | Salma Haj Ahmad 2Z      |
| Rashed Samawi 4C       | Ahmed Al Nammari 4M        | Kareem Ghnimat 2H       |
| Mohammad El Fayez 4C   | Rasheed Abu Halimeh 4M     | Lea Zuhir 2H            |
| Jana Zalatimo 4C       | Zaid Quweider 4M           | Karam Imseeh 2H         |
| Sam Al Bay 4C          | Taj Shehadeh 4M            | Ameer Hlyel 2H          |
| Sara Issa 4C           | Rashid Shami 3A            | Salma Ellauzi 2R        |
| Julia Haddadin 4C      | Zaher Jaradaneh 3A         | Sarah Khouri 2R         |
| Yasmeen Halawa 4C      | Tiba Al Khawam 3A          | Mohammed Dabbas 2H      |
| Aoun Zawaideh 4C       | Adeeb Manaa 3A             | Maya Ghokapsh 2H        |
| Karim Mohsen 4C        | Rene Bader 3A              | Fathi Salem 2J          |
| Salma Hamzeh 4C        | Abdel Kareem Abu Khajil 3A | Hayma Al Abadi 2J       |
| Yasmine Shaka'a 4C     | Natalie Haddadeen 3A       | Hamza Abu Salha 2J      |
| Autumn Culled 4C       | Yazan Al Rawi 3A           | Hashim El- Akabi 4C     |
| Jamal Jallad 4C        | Yousef Abdo 3A             | Ali Toukan 1L           |
| Mark Kouri 4C          | Masa Sakkijha 3A           | Ezzlidin Kalbouneh 1E   |
| Rashed Darabseh 4C     | Munira Al Hashimi 3A       | Shaden Bundakji 1E      |
| Khalid Jallad 4G       | Reem Al Basha 2Z           | Ahamad Shanti 1E        |
| Dani Madanat 4C        | Mohammad Al Baghal 2Z      | Suleiman Al- Ghezawi 1E |

Gold Award Winner

|                              |                            |                      |
|------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------|
| Joudi Baker 4D               | Ahmad Odeh 4M              | Slama Abu Baker 3A   |
| Abdel Majeed Al- Shediafa 4D | Yousef Al Ahmad 4M         | Ali Abu Rayyan 3LC   |
| Salma Hamzeh 4C              | Nadeem Al Rawashdeh 4G     | Bana Khoury 3LC      |
| Slama Bawalsa 4C             | Nour Damra 3G              | Hashem Ellauzi 3LC   |
| Juila haddadin 4C            | Layla Agha 3A              | Isabella Maroun 3LC  |
| Haya Hyasat 4C               | Masa Sakkijha 3A           | Yousef Shahrouri 3LC |
| Dani Madanat 4C              | Yazan Al Rawi 3A           | Salma Morrar 3LC     |
| Aoun Zawaideh 4C             | Lara Kilani 3A             | Mohammad Qawasmi 2Z  |
| Yasmeen Halawa 4C            | Abdel Kareem Abu Khajil 3A | Lara Matraji 2J      |
| Sanad Al- Shediafat 4C       | Talal Mansour 3A           | Sanad Damrah 2J      |
| Mohammad Zaim 4C             | Tiba Al Khawam 3A          | Talia Kurdi 2H       |
| Yasmeen Shaka'a 4C           | Joud Zeidan 3A             |                      |

Gold with Merit Award Winner

|                     |                    |                       |
|---------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|
| Raad Sunnaa 5M      | Saif Saleh 4G      | Hamza Al Adwan 3A     |
| Faisal Abu Tayeh 4D | Ali Abzakh 3G      | Maya Samman 3LC       |
| Ali Abu - Lughod 4D | Talal Mansour 3A   | Hashem Al Rashdan 3LC |
| Mohammad Zaim 4C    | Randa Al Fayez 3A  | Jude Al Husseini 3LC  |
| Salma Bawalsa 4C    | Salma Abu Baker 3A | Zaid Al Nammari 2R    |
| Julia Haddadin 4C   | Zena Amarneh 3A    | Salma Toghoj 2R       |
| Yousef Al Ahmad 4M  | Joud Zeidan 3A     | Jude Saadi 2H         |

Gold with Excellence Award Winner

|                  |                      |                      |
|------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Husam Baloula 4G | Zena Amarneh 3A      | Nasser Abu Ragheb 2R |
| Salma Bawalsa 4C | Zahraa Al Dulaimi 2Z | Sejal Al Azzawi 1L   |

Wishing you a wonderful week.

Yours sincerely,

***Andrew Powell***

***Primary School Principal***

## *Secondary School News*

Dear Parents,

We hope you enjoyed the long weekend and Ramadan Kareem. On Thursday, we had an excellent assembly that celebrated what it is to be Jordanian. The theme was to highlight Jordanians from all walks of life who have, in their own way, done so much to build the diverse and robust community that is Jordan today. We hope that our students went home reflecting on how they can also become one of the 'future stars' of Jordan.

As part of their summative assessment for Drama, the Grade 9 students scripted, planned and conducted a "Game Play" production this past Friday night. The settings were the classrooms, hallways, theatre, Community Square, library, athletic centre; all transformed into an illusion of a fantasy video game. This is a new form of interactive theatre, where audience members were willing "spect-actors" and assumed the roles of characters within a specific scenario. The players improvised lines and actions, but most importantly worked together in order to achieve the goals of their characters. Since the outcome was unpredictable, there was drama, tension and excitement, which only magnified as the game played on into the early morning hours. Congratulations to everyone involved.

There is no letup in our activities this week. We have a Theatre Trip taking place on Monday to ICS to watch a production by the Freedom Theatre, a contemporary theatre company that aims to bring to life the struggles of occupation in Palestine through imaginative work.

On Monday, we also have the IB in school filming for footage for their Teacher Support Material that they make available to all IB schools through their web based resource pages. We are very pleased that we have been chosen to be part of this initiative, and that we can therefore be part of the support given to schools and teachers all over the world.

The final SAT test of the academic year takes place on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> June – we wish all our Grade 11 students who are taking the exam the very best.

Starting this week until the 5<sup>th</sup> of June, the Grade 10s will start their work experience. They have chosen an occupation which is of interest to them and will spend some time shadowing a person(s) working in this field. This is a great opportunity for them to get real hands-on insight into an occupation that appeals to them. We hope that this experience allows for our students to recognise the importance of life-long learning in pursuing career opportunities.

The G11s will start their exams on June 4<sup>th</sup>; G9s on June 5<sup>th</sup>; G7-8 on June 6<sup>th</sup> and G8 on June 7<sup>th</sup>. and G6-8 on June 7<sup>th</sup>. Once students complete their exams, they are allowed to go home early. It is important that students come to each exam prepared with the correct materials. Information on what to bring for each exam can be found in the Exam Revision Booklet that students can access via Moodle from the News Forum and PSHE page. On each exam day, students should also bring in the textbook for the subject that they are examined on. A reminder that students will only receive their end of year reports if all textbooks and library items are handed in by June 13<sup>th</sup>. Library items should be returned by June 1<sup>st</sup>.

There was a recent report in the UK Guardian newspaper about the growing link between increased sleep deprivation in children and dropping levels of concentration at school. The link we sent a few weeks ago about how to best prepares for exams emphasized the importance of sleep as part of that preparation. Ramadan obviously disrupts normal patterns for children, but the upcoming weeks are important for our students to maintain normal, if not better than normal, hours of sleep.

This is our final week of classes for the Grades 6 to 9 and 11 students. There will be an end of year assembly this Thursday, where we can reflect on a great school year, celebrate student learning and say good-bye to leaving staff members.

**Zena Muhtaseb**  
*Head of Middle Years*

**Martin Thompson**  
*Secondary School Principal*

### **Library News**

The IAA Libraries are hosting a Summer Reading Challenge called “The Amazing Reading Race” for students entering Pre-K through Grade 9. We hope you will use this fun-filled program to encourage your children to read throughout the summer and avoid the dreaded "summer reading slide". A sign up form was mailed out to you to register your children, and additional forms are available at any of the IAA libraries. As a preview, we have created a Pinterest Board of “Books from Around the World” with helpful suggestions <https://www.pinterest.com/taniaantranigia/books-from-around-the-world/>. The registration deadline is 1 June and packets will be sent after the registration closes.

It might not seem like a big deal to give your child a reading break over the summer, but research shows that kids who read during the summer gain reading skills, while those who do not often slide backward. A report from the National Summer Learning Association estimates that it can take teachers “at least a month to re-teach material that students have forgotten over the summer. That month of re-teaching eliminates a month that could have been spent on teaching new information and skills.” (Reading is Fundamental, *Keeping Kids Off the Summer Slide*). Even if you don’t join the Summer Reading Challenge, encourage your kids to read something, anything over the summer—in Arabic and English!

In addition to joining “Read Around the World,” Secondary students have the chance to follow and discuss books on the IAA Reads Blog at <https://iaareads.blogspot.com>. Follow the blog for book discussions, teacher reading selections, and Best Books for Teens. If you have any questions or suggestions, please email Ms. Kathleen at [k.mckim@iaa.edu.jo](mailto:k.mckim@iaa.edu.jo). I am looking forward to having some great online discussions with IAA students this summer!

**Ms. Kathleen, Ms. Dima, Ms. Tania**

