



الأكاديمية الدولية - عمان
THE INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY - AMMAN

Parent News

Monday, 14th May 2018

Calendar

Monday	14	--G10 e-assessments --Grade 8 Trip (Off- Campus) --Portrait of A Graduate Lineup, Community Square, 7:45 AM – 7:50 AM --Open meeting with Primary Principal, Mr. Andrew Powell, Primary Principal's Office, 8:00 AM - 9:00 AM
Tuesday	15	--Director's Open Meeting with Parents, Director's Office, 8:00 AM – 9:00 AM --MYP Day, 9:30 AM – 2:15 PM --G10 e-assessments
Wednesday	16	--G10 e-assessments
Thursday	17	--Final Grade 12 DP Exam --Primary School Ramadan Assembly, Auditorium, 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM --G10 e-assessments
Friday	18	--G10 e-assessments
Saturday	19	--Grade 10 MYP Celebration, Auditorium
Sunday	20	--Senior Walk, 1:30 PM
Monday	21	--Open meeting with Primary Principal, Mr. Andrew Powell, Primary Principal's Office, 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM

A Message from the Director

Dear IAA Community,

A handful of weeks remain until the end of the year!

This week marks several celebrations at IAA. We commence with the unveiling of our long-awaited Portrait of A Graduate. Once again, I would like to thank the entire IAA community for the valuable inputs that led to a comprehensive and well-defined graduate portrait:

- *Resilient*
- *Adaptable*
- *Responsible*
- *Confident*
- *Independent*
- *Genuine*

It is these traits of an IAA student that make our school unique, reputable and one of the best in Jordan.

In a couple of days we observe Ramadan and on this occasion, I would like to wish everyone a blessed month, one that will take us through the end of the term.

On celebrating milestones, we have our Grade 10 celebration next Saturday and our Grade 12 graduation next Tuesday, May 22. Preceding the graduation ceremony is our Senior Walk, which is becoming an IAA tradition, bringing our community together, inspiring our younger students and serving as a memorable moment for the seniors themselves. Last year, it was an incredibly emotional time for me as I reflected on how far the graduates have come, especially that many of them this year have been at IAA since KG1.

Finally, for parents who wish to see me, my office will be open this Tuesday from 8-9 am. During Ramadan, the hours will be **9-10 am** every Tuesday.

Ramadan Kareem.

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. At our recent assembly, I was once again overwhelmed by the quality of our children's voices and look forward to being equally moved by our Girls' Choir who will feature prominently at our upcoming Ramadan Assembly later in the week.

Ramadan

As we prepare for the Holy month of Ramadan, a number of structures are in place to support our children. The school day has been modified to 9 am – 2:15 pm and we have arranged for students that are fasting to be able to relax in the atrium during breaks so as to avoid the heat. Teachers will be sensitive to student needs and please do dialogue directly with your child's teacher should you have any concerns.

Holy Quran Competition

Congratulations to our Religion Department and all of those students that participated in the Holy Quran Competition last week. Our children were impressive in the way in which they held themselves, recited Surahs and responded to the judging panel. I am pleased to be able to recognise the following students who won awards:

1st Place: Zaid Jaber, Abdullah Al Shami, Aya Abdin, Joud Zeidan, Abdel Majeed Al Shdeafat, Abdel Kareem Abu Khajil

2nd Place: Salma Toghoth, Zaina Toghoth, Akram Abu Khajil, Rashid Al Shami, Aisha Al Saket, Tala Morrar, Layla Baareh, Aya Abdin

3rd Place: Ibrahim Al Louzi, Aisha Al Naser, Ameer Al Louzi, Noor Al Shdeafat, Laila Abu Baker, Zahraa' Al Dulaimi, Mariam Al Saket

Award Winners

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

Bronze Award Winners

Sunny Kirreh 5MM

Jafar Al Hashimi 5MM

Ameer Hlyel 3M

Saif Al Khawaldeh 5MM

Taj Al Bustanji 4M

Karam Imseeh 3M

Silver Award Winners

Karim Mohsen 5MM

Omar Al Ghawi 4G

Leen Quweider 2Z

Matilda Sandstrom 5CS

Hashem Al Rashdan 4P

Fulla Al- Farhood 4G

Yousef Al- Shahwan 5CS

Farah Jebrel 4P

Bashir Abu Hejleh 2J

Mark Khouri 5CS

Yasmine Abu- Omar 3G

Aisha Al Nasser 2J

Massa Al Kilani 5CS	Tarek Al- Jamal 3G	Natalie Khatib 2J
Nemat Fakhouri 5CS	Adam Abu- lughod 3G	Leen Samhour 2J
Sara Al- Far 4M		
<u>Gold Award Winners</u>		
Lamar Al Ashram 5CS	Reem Al- Basha 3G	Manasa Al Heeti 2H
Maya Sharaiha 5CS	Naya Akkawi 2Z	Juman Al Samhour 1F
Sarah Dahleh 4M	Raya Qawar 2J	Hamzah Mansour 1F
Jude Al- Hussein 4G	Suleiman Al Ghezawi 2J	Faisal Al Shawareb 1S
Ali Abzakh 4G	Maia Cubeisy 2J	
<u>Gold with Merit Award Winners</u>		
Husam Baloula 5MM	Ali Abzakh 4G	Nora Sharaan 2H
Salma Bawalsa 5MM	Farah Saliba 3G	Alia Nashashibi 2H
Natalie Al Abed 5MM	Jyda Kamal 3G	Sara Al Dowaiish 2H
Faisal Abu Tayeh 5MM	Yara Saoudi 2Z	Rashed Abu Dahab 2H
Ghazi Jallouq 5CS	Jamal Semreen 2H	
Yahya Hoozer 4G		
<u>Gold with Excellence Award Winners</u>		
Omar Toukan 2H	Zakariyah Hoozeer 2H	Abdelrahman Al Ahmad 1S
Jehad Atwan 2H	Haya Sunnaa 2H	Abdulfattah Alnajjar 1I

I hope that you have a wonderful week.

Yours sincerely,
Andrew Powell

Secondary School News

Dear Parents,

Diploma and MYP External Exams

Are well under way. In fact the Grade 12s are drawing to an end and their final exam is on Thursday. Grade 10 finish the next day on Friday 18th. So far so good! We have been pleased with the exams and the positive response from the students.

Ramadan

Ramadan Kareem. In anticipation for this important time, we communicated our Ramadan hours to parents a few weeks ago. Students need to be at school for playing of the National Anthem in the Community Square by **8.45 am** at the latest. Classes will finish at **2.15 pm**. The Ramadan timetable will start on Wednesday or Thursday this week.

Composting for Better Soil

As part of their Service As Action unit, the Grade 6 students are currently working on a composting project, which has been introduced to them in their PSHE classes. They have learned about the process and benefits of composting. They then applied what they have learned to bring organic composting to life at the IAA campus.

Grade 6 are maintaining and feeding the compost pits, where each section is racing to create the most compost. We welcome any compost materials that you can bring in with your child. This can include fruit/vegetable scraps, coffee grounds, eggshells, tea bags and coffee filters...just to name a few. Our outcome is to promote healthy and sustainable living for everyone!

Supporting Theodore Schneller School

As the Holy Month of Ramadan approaches, the Secondary Religion Department has coordinated with the Theodore Schneller School in Jordan to provide them with a variety of educational items to help improve their teaching and learning. A letter has been sent to parents last week providing more information on items that students can donate. The one item that we listed as priority is the children's story, in either Arabic or English. The last day for students to bring in the items is May 16.

G9 Personal Project

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 Mr. Donald at d.cleary@iaa.edu.jo.

End of Year Exams

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 5th – 12th
- G7-8: June 4th – 12th
- G9: June 3rd – 12th
- G11: June 3rd – 12th

MYP Day

Our MYP Day on Tuesday May 15 is drawing closer and preparations are under way. The projects we are celebrating fall under the categories of Science Fair (G6), Technology Fair (G7), Community Projects (G8), Personal Project Pitches (G9), Service As Action (G6-9) and Interdisciplinary Units (G6-8). The agenda for the day will be as follows:

9.30am - 1040am

- G6-9 Assembly in the Theatre to kick start MYP Day
- G6-9 students will be presenting on their Service As Action and Interdisciplinary Units

11:30am - 1:00pm

- G6 Science Fair in Science Area
- G7 Technology Fair in the Design/Arts Area
- G8 Community Projects in the G6 Pod (upper floor)
- G9 Personal Projects in the G7 Pod (upper floor)

1:00pm – 2:15pm

- COMMx - Community Projects presented by some of our Grade 8 students in the Theatre

We look forward to seeing you there.

Sincerely,
Mr. Martin and Ms. Zena

Library News

If you haven't already, please join the Summer Reading Programme. Registration remains open for KG1 to Grade 5 until 24 May. After that, we will pass out the packets to each homeroom. For registration papers, please visit any of the Libraries or email library@iaa.edu.jo for more information.

Secondary students will be participating in a different kind of summer reading programme. We are putting the finishing touches on it now, and they will learn more about this programme in their English classes.

I hope you will have time to attend the MYP Day on Tuesday, 15 May. Students who have completed projects with Ms. Rawan in the Media Lab this year will have their work on display in the DT area. We are proud of our Media Lab and what the students can accomplish using technology in their classes.

This is a reminder that KG and Primary students' last day for Library classes is Thursday, 24 May. The final day to turn in materials is Sunday, 3 June. After that, invoices will be issued for lost books and must be paid for in the Finance Office. Please be patient with the Library staff regarding lost books. If children sense that their parents are anxious with the Librarian, it may cause them to feel nervous and/or have a bad impression of the Library, which will affect their love of literature and learning. We will work together so that your child has a positive Library experience at IAA. More often than not, the books are found, and there is no problem. Occasionally, books are not found, and as per IAA Policy, parents are liable for the book. Speaking from experience with my own children, some places to look for lost books are under car seats, in the trunk of the car, in bookshelves at home, under beds and coffee tables, under the sofa, mixed in with DVDs, in playhouses or in old book bags or backpacks. Our staff also thoroughly checks in their library, the hallways, classrooms, resource rooms and other libraries in case a book has been misplaced in those locations. If you have any questions or concerns about lost library books, please see Ms. Kathleen, Head of Libraries, in the Secondary Library or email me directly at k.mckim@iaa.edu.jo.

In my email last week, I came across a great post listing "11 Benefits of Reading" (<http://selfhelpfix.com/benefits-of-reading.php>). I know I have experienced some of these benefits. What about you and your children?

- 1) Reading Takes Your Mind off Your Troubles
- 2) Reading Feeds the Craving Mind
- 3) Reading Improves Your Quality of Conversations
- 4) Reading Engages Your Imagination
- 5) Helps You Tap into the Mind of Creative Thinkers
- 6) All Leaders and Successful People Read
- 7) Reading Stimulates Your Creativity
- 8) Reading a Book Can Improve Your Health
- 9) Reading Can Help You Solve Your Problems
- 10) Reading Helps You to Grow
- 11) The More You Read, the More You Know

Happy Reading!

Ms. Kathleen, Ms. Dima, Ms. Tania for the Libraries