

Newsletter homepage



Sunday, 22nd November 2015

Message from the Director

Dear IAA Community,

First, allow me to extend my deepest congratulations to the **IAA Hawks Volleyball team!** So proud! The **U14 Volleyball girls' team** took home the **first place trophy at the AAC tournament** this past weekend. Furthermore the **U14 boys placed 3rd** in the AAC tournament, with all other age groups across sports exemplifying superb sportsmanship and athleticism. Thank you to our **IAA Hawks coaches**, led by Coach Samer Taha, for their dedication and school spirit.

It is now my very great pleasure to present to the IAA community an **exciting development!** The IAA decided last term to embark on a project that would not only ensure **IAA remains at the forefront of technology trends** in the world, but also **offer our parents and staff a convenient, user-friendly tool** to support communication efforts between us. Hence **the IAA MOBILE APPLICATION!** Our brand new app is among the first for schools in Jordan, and we are excited to be among the **pioneers** in the area of mobile communications in Jordan. The features are numerous, and they are designed to **make life easier** for all! Enjoy:

Staff directory which allows you to search and email staff directly from your mobile device.

Our up-to-date and detailed **calendar**. You can save entries directly to your device.

Constant **news** updates. Read and share directly to your social media.

Push notifications to your IAA **alerts** box. Keeps you posted!

Photo/video galleries. Automatically save and share memorable moments with your friends and family.

An IAA fee **calculator**. All the details you need, including uniform.

Our campus **map**, in case you lose your way!

Links to useful school sites, such as **Moodle, Libraries, Panorama, Rubicon Atlas** and the IAA **website**.

IAA **social media** links.

And **more...**

You can download the app from either the **Apple App Store** or the **Google Play Store** – simply **search 'IAA'** and download. New versions and updates will be made available with additional features in the future. We hope you will make the most of this **wonderful and easy-to-use tool**.

Finally, the IAA has been sharing with you the first of its **'IAA Experience' video series**, the aim of which is to **inform our community about our programmes, culture and goals** as a school. You are strongly encouraged to **please watch** these, as they are **brief but informative**, especially when taken together. It is so very important to IAA that our parents are informed and involved with the school in order to achieve these goals together in service of our students' success, both today and tomorrow. This week, **'The IB at the IAA'** will be released in order to provide some **information about the IB programme and the reason for its highly respected status in the world as a rigorous and effective pre-university programme**.

Have a great week.

Hana Kanan, Ed. D.

IAA Director

Secondary School News

Dear Parents,

I really enjoyed the PTA Bingo on Friday night. It has been long time since I have played, and I now remember why it is so frustrating when you have one number left, it doesn't turn up and someone else gets to shout out Bingo and claim the prize. Mr Walid got into the swing of things and started calling the old-fashioned way: 'cup of tea - number three', 'knock at the door - number four' etc. There were some great prizes, which was all the more frustrating as I didn't win any! Thank you to all who were involved in organizing and who supported the event.

The Hawks had a great weekend of sports. Our under 14 football made it to the semis but got knocked out by RNES. However, the Under 14 girls volleyball and the U12 boys football were unbeaten in all their matches. The girls were crowned champions in their AAC tournament. Looking ahead to this week the Under 18 girls Volleyball start their competition, and the U16 Girls football are playing their final to see who will be crowned champions in Amman for that category. Well done and good luck to all. It is great to see so many of our students competing.

Last week, our Grade 9 and 11 students went to see the Malala film and then came back to discuss questions that directly link to our curriculum in both Grades. The feedback I got from staff and students was very positive, and I think everyone was made to think how inspirational our individual actions can be. On that note, a lot of our Grade 10 students are coming to the end of their personal projects, and over the past few weeks, we have had students raising awareness about issues on TV, on the Radio and, we had a lovely photographic exhibition in school. It is great to see students pursuing their interests outside of the classroom like this. Another group of talented students who brought their skills and passion to an audience were our Grade 12 drama students, who put in some powerful performances on Thursday afternoon. I think the audience were truly affected by what they saw.

This week the focus in school is our own I'MUN conference. This student-led conference is going to be the biggest yet with over 250 delegates in attendance. As ever, we are very happy to be sponsoring students from a school that could not normally afford to attend, and over the past 4 weeks our Grade 11 students have been training this delegation on campus. There are going to be some long days for our organizing team this week, and I wish them the very best of luck as they put the finishing touches to this project together.

As we move into the cold part of the year, we are promoting a winter charity drive in Secondary. More details will be sent through to you shortly. However in summary, we will be aiming to support a number of orphanages with donations of new and used clothes (in particular coats and shoes). Please keep an eye out for the details of this initiative, and support if you are able. I am also pleased to hear that Grade 8, who have the bake-off on the next civvies day (10th December), will be using the money they raise to support a school in a disadvantaged area of Amman.

Finally, I have always thought the start of the day is very important, and my stomach has always agreed with that sentiment! I was passed this web link that suggests we should all consider how we start the day and make sure we do what is necessary to ensure we maximize our learning potential through the day. <http://www.theguardian.com/lifeandstyle/2015/nov/17/healthy-breakfasts-fuel-better-school-results-says-study>

Martin Thompson
Secondary Principal

Primary School News

Last week was Global Enterprise week and the school, under the auspices of the Queen Rania Centre for Entrepreneurship, released a video on Enterprise in the Primary School. The Enterprise Programme has really grown since its inception last year, with the children participating in really authentic learning experiences. Thank you to Ms Cynthia and the IPC planning team led by Ms Emma who collaborated on the video.

I was really proud of the way the Prefects led the new parents through the school at the Information day. They were so confident and knowledgeable about the school, its purpose, mission and values. It is lovely to have the confidence of knowing that the students share the message and values of the school. On the subject of enrolments please encourage anyone who wants to apply for the school to do so. As with every year, know that there will be many disappointed applicants who are not accepted. Getting an application in early is always a wise idea. This can be done by contacting Nour in the Admissions Office. Our next major admissions event will be held on Saturday 16th January, when we screen our Pre-K and KG-1 applicants. Other screenings will be done on a need-basis depending on if there are any vacancies in a grade level.

Thank you very much to Ms Emma for the great work you did with the IPC workshop. Next week, I will be taking the workshop on assessment and reporting. This has become a bit of an annual event where I outline the reporting process as reports are due before the Christmas break. There will be a hiatus in workshops until we get past the Winter break and the accompanying parent interviews.

The school continues to hum with activity. The Pre-K are doing lovely work with their animals theme. There are many field trips underway. I am also particularly proud of the work being done in maths and science.

Congratulations to our award winners this week:

Jiezel Billeh 5MM
Leen Samhouri 5MM
Aiysha Tarawneh 5MM
Marian Khubeis 5S
Karissa Houkayem 5S
Mira Matraji 4D

Bronze Award
Farah Saadi 4M
Jana Madi 4M
Aisha Saket 3G
Faisal Abutayeh 3G
Karam Fakhouri 3G
Khalid Jallad 3G

Nadeem Al Rawashdeh 3G
Salma Qatarneh 3G
Tania Al-Akabi 3G
Issam AlSaket 3J
Nadine Baqain 2R
Jaffar Al Hussein 2R

Have a great week

Martin Blackburn

Primary Principal

Middle School News

Dear Parents/Guardians,
 Many thanks to our PTA for organizing Bingo Night over the weekend. The atmosphere was relaxing, the company was wonderful, and who knew that Bingo could be such a great social activity! A lot of planning and preparation took place behind the scenes, and the dedication and efforts of our PTA are always very much appreciated.

Thank you to all of our parents who were able to attend the Parent-Teacher conferences last week.

While interviews are over, communication between home and school remains an important part of your child's success. Our teachers will continue to communicate to you of any academic and/or behavioural concerns.

Congratulations to Talal Shami, Omar Fakhouri, Yahia Khalifeh, Jad Hijjawi, Ameer Maya, Ayman Al-Fadel, Ali Hamzeh, Rahma Al-Bunnia and Khaled Baker for completing 100 levels of English typing! Congratulations also to Osama Khater who completed 160 levels of Coding. To celebrate their accomplishments, they enjoyed a Civvies Thursday and chose two of their friends to enjoy the same reward.

All the Grade 9 students went to City Mall last Wednesday to see "He Named Me Malala". After the trip, they broke into their discussion groups to unpack specific questions. Many thanks to our Peer Helpers for facilitating the discussions. Students discussed the message of the documentary, particularly how education is a basic human right and how opportunities in education can change a society. The Grade 9 students are in the process of writing their reflections, and we look forward to reading and sharing them with the IAA community.

I'MUN is 4 days away! 9 schools, 270 delegates and a total of 350 participants will take part in this academic simulation. The aim is to educate students about current global events, effective communication and multilateral diplomacy as it applies to the theme of "Sustainable Development". Students take on roles as diplomats from a certain country, research that country's perspective on specific international issues, debate, deliberate, consult and then discuss solutions to world problems. Students can also develop leadership skills by leading the building of a coalition, chairing a committee and even managing the conference as a whole. All the best to our students as they prepare for this important event. For more information about the MUN experience, please refer to the following site - <http://www.internationaleducationtrust.net/resources/downloads/GlobalEngagementGuide.pdf>

On a similar theme, the Grades 6 to 8 Science Fair projects will be based on the Sustainable Development Goals set by the United Nations. An email was sent out to the parents of Grades 6 to 8 regarding the International Robotics Academy (IRA) offering Science Fair training to enable our students to integrate Science, Technology, Engineering and Math. Students can select one of three classes to attend, where each class focuses on one theme. Themes to be covered include "Affordable and Clean Energy", "Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure" and "Sustainable Cities and Communities". Classes will start on 29th November. Registration and payment must be done by 26th November. Seats are limited. For more information, please contact the IRA at 06-581-1216 or check their website at www.ira.edu.jo.

At this stage, the Grade 10 Students should have received comprehensive feedback from their supervisors on their Personal Project report. It is highly recommended for them to make appointments to meet with their supervisors. On another note, it is great to see that our students' Personal Projects are raising awareness about relevant environmental, health and social issues. We look forward to our students showcasing their achievements at the Personal Project exhibition on 17th December. More details will follow. The final report is due on 9th December.

Lastly, our Lost and Found is almost reaching carrying capacity. There are many school sweaters, jackets, water bottles, pencil cases, bags (just to name a few items) that need to go home with their rightful owners. So if your child comes home missing an item, please remind them to visit the Lost and Found.

Zena Muhtaseb
Head of Middle Years

Calendar

Sunday	22	
Monday	23	
Tuesday	24	-ONE SCHOOL/ONE STORY/ONE VOICE - Malala Lecture Series, 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM, Secondary Library, Tiered Classroom
Wednesday	25	-Primary Parent Workshop (Reporting), MPR, 8:00 AM - 8:50 AM
Thursday	26	-Grade 2 St George Church Visit, Madaba, 9:00 AM - 1:30 PM -Grade 1D Assembly, Theatre, 1:15 PM - 2:00 PM -I'MUN, IAA Campus, 4:15 PM - 11:00 PM
Friday	27	-I'MUN, IAA Campus, 8:45 AM - 6:00 PM
Saturday	28	-I'MUN, IAA Campus, 8:45 AM - 6:00 PM
Sunday	29	

Sports News

Secondary Library

The Library needs help from Secondary Students. We are considering what electronic resources to purchase for next year, and it would be very helpful if students could take a survey at the following link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NQK62B>

ONE SCHOOL/ONE STORY/ONE VOICE

Our first Community Book Chat is this Tuesday, 24th November, in the Secondary Library Tiered Classroom, from 6-7. Anyone parent, staff member or Secondary student who is reading, has read, or is thinking about reading the book is invited. The discussion among our parents, students and staff is a very important part of this programme. The goal is to get the entire school reading, thinking and discussing books. For more information, please see our website <http://iaaonestory.weebly.com>.

On Wednesday, 18th November, Grades 9 and 11 had the opportunity to watch the movie at the Grand Cinemas, City Mall. When we returned to school, there were some interesting responses and discussions about the issues in the film. To find out more about the film and to see pictures of our visit, please see <http://iaaonestory.weebly.com>, and click on the link for #HeNamedMeMalala.

Here is what some students are saying about the book on *Destiny Quest*:

"*I Am Malala* is an incredible book. You need to read it, and I will tell you why you need to read it. Malala Yousafzai is an amazing girl. She stood up for her education, and for that she got shot by the Taliban on the way to her house. Most people thought she would not survive, but she was not scared of dying or getting shot. All she cares about is helping girls go to school in Pakistan and made her own movie. I would rather you read the book first then watch the movie. I recommend this book to ages 10 and up."—Sarah Betogan

"This is an amazing book about a girl called Malala, who was shot by the Taliban because she stood up for education for girls....I recommend this book to people from ages 10 and up."—J. A.

Media Lab

Students consume so much media every day by watching videos, looking at photographs and images, and trolling through many forms of social media. It is important that they also create media to share it with others. In the Media Lab, students are motivated to share media and can reach a larger audience than our immediate community. In our most recent Grade 10 Arabic Language A media project about Palestine, we taught students to edit videos using green screen "chromakeying". This technique is commonly used for television news broadcasts. When a meteorologist is usually seen standing in front of a large map during live television *newscasts*, in actuality, he or she is standing in front of a green background. Film editors then isolate green color using professional video editing software to make the value transparent, allowing another image/video to show through, creating the appearance that a reporter is "on location" or pointing at an actual map.

Primary Library

The Primary Library has been teaching *Destiny Quest* skills to Grades 2 and 3. They are now able to search for a book and find its title and call number. They are also learning how to narrow their search by location, pages and even publication year, so they can get more effective results in their search. Grades 4 and 5 reviewed the different fiction genres that are available in the library. They now start thinking about what genre they want to read and why it is interesting to them according to its different characteristics.

Kindergarten Library

The KG Library this week will be sharing a picture-book version of Malala's story to Grade 1 students. The Grade 1 Team came up with the topics for discussion, which students will discuss with their teachers after the library lesson. Who taught Malala to be strong? What is important to Malala? Why do boys and girls need an education?

Ms Kathleen, Ms Dima & Ms Tania

IAA Librarians

More News

What a fun Friday night it was. Teachers and parents playing bingo and enjoying the valuable prizes in a very relaxed and casual atmosphere. We would like to thank you all for being part of this wonderful night and making it a successful and memorable one. We couldn't have done it without you.

IAA PTA

More News

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IAA Information Day on 15th November 2015

The International Academy-Amman will be hosting an 'Information Day' for prospective parents who are interested in enrolling their children in IAA on Sunday, 15th November. The event will be from 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm and will start with a brief presentation in the Auditorium to provide an overview of the school. It will be followed by a tour of the IAA campus and its state-of-the-art facilities, including the Pre-K facilities – the new entry level at IAA.

Please encourage your friends/relatives who are interested in the IAA to attend this event and to

submit applications for admission as early as possible, as places for the next academic year (2016-2017) are limited in both Primary and Secondary.
Thank you.



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Please note that spaces for the next academic year (2016-2017) are limited. We encourage prospective parents to attend the 'Information Day' and to submit applications for admission as early as possible.

IAA Information Day

Sunday, 15th November 2015

2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

IAA School Auditorium

King Hussein Parks, Sa'eed Khair Street

Please call 06-5502055 Ext 3 to confirm your participation in this event.

Children are welcome to attend.

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