



الأكاديمية الدولية - عمان  
THE INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY - AMMAN

# Parent News

## Monday, 20th November

### 2017

### Calendar

Monday	20	--Open meeting with Primary Principal, Mr. Andrew Powell, Primary Principal's Office, 8:00 AM - 9:00 AM --Parent Information Day, Theatre, 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM --HAWKS Swimming, 5:00 PM – 6:00 PM & 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM
Tuesday	21	--Director's Open Meeting with Parents, Director's Office, 8:00 AM – 9:00 AM --Grade 8 Parent Info Session - Community Project, MPR, 8:00 AM – 9:00 AM --HAWKS Swimming, 5:00 PM – 6:00 PM & 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM --HAWKS Gymnastics, 5:00 PM – 6:00 PM & 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM
Wednesday	22	--Primary Parent Morning: Digital Citizenship, MPR, 8:00 AM – 9:00 AM --HAWKS Swimming, 5:00 PM – 6:00 PM & 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM
Thursday	23	--HAWKS FOOTBALL U12 --I'MUN --European Universities Visit, 8:00 AM --HAWKS Swimming, 2:30 PM – 3:30 PM
Friday	24	--HAWKS FOOTBALL U12 --I'MUN
Saturday	25	--HAWKS FOOTBALL U12 --I'MUN --HAWKS Swimming, 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM
Sunday	26	--HAWKS FOOTBALL U12 --HAWKS Swimming, 5:00 PM – 6:00 PM & 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM --HAWKS Gymnastics, 5:00 PM – 6:00 PM & 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM
Monday	27	--Open meeting with Primary Principal, Mr. Andrew Powell, Primary Principal's Office, 8:00 AM - 9:00 AM --HAWKS Swimming, 5:00 PM – 6:00 PM & 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM

## *A Message from the Director*

Dear IAA Community,

I look forward to meeting prospective parents this afternoon during the **Information Day** and I cannot wait to share our story with them. Our vision of providing a unique educational experience has unfolded into a stunning album of accomplishments. Just looking back at the past four months, and since the start of our academic year, I clearly see our holistic approach to education. The link <https://youtu.be/tv4R0b6Tuws> speaks louder than words!

This week, I'MUN kicks off at IAA with over 400 students from nine different schools. The event is under the patronage of Her Majesty Queen Rania Al Abdullah and will take place from November 23-25. Our guest speaker this year is Ms Sara Ferrer Olivella, UNDP's Country Director, who will inspire our students as they debate the theme "**Greed For Glory?**" It is worthy noting that the first Model United Nations was held in St. Lawrence University, New York in 1949. Since then, this conference has become an annual one and has grown rapidly across schools in the Middle East as an extracurricular activity that equips our students with leadership and communication skills as well as learning about the world in this era of globalisation.

I would like to thank our Library team for their **#choosekind** campaign and I urge all parents to talk about acts of kindness with their children and encourage them to seek opportunities every day in order to create a positive impact on someone's life.

Finally, I am available this Tuesday from 8-9am for parents who wish to see me.

Have a great week.

Hana Kanan, Ed.D.

Director

## *Primary School News*

Dear Parents,

Welcome to a new week! Over the past month I have ventured back into the classroom in a teaching capacity; in one instance to cover a medium-term teacher's absence and in the other, to lead a mathematics initiative.

Working in this capacity has been an overwhelmingly positive experience. I have enjoyed strengthening my relationships with students, while also providing them with engaging learning experiences.

One of the things that I have appreciated has been our students' willingness to engage in more contextual style learning experiences. These rich tasks have required children to work in group situations and seek solutions that are grounded in logic and prior knowledge that make sense to them, rather than simply following procedures set out by teachers. These experiences have certainly tested our children's resolve but are providing a much deeper learning experience and deeper levels of conceptual understanding. I look forward to continuing this work and sharing our students' learning with you in the near future.

There is an exclusive viewing of *Wonder* starring Julia Roberts and Owen Wilson at Taj Cinemas for Grade 2 to Grade 5 students from 5:15pm on Tuesday, November 21<sup>st</sup>. This movie fits nicely with the IAA Libraries' emphasis on the pillar of Acceptance this month. Our librarians are using the picture book, *We're All Wonders* in their library lessons, which is the basis for the book.

Our upcoming Parent Mornings are as follows:

Wednesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> @ 8am Digital Citizenship

Wednesday, December 6<sup>th</sup> @ 8am Second Step Character Education

Wednesday, December 13<sup>th</sup> @ 8am Portrait of a Graduate – please note change of date

I would like to remind you that students should only be wearing the official IAA school uniform. Should students be wearing jumpers, sweaters or coats that do not comply with our school uniform expectations, we may ask them to call home and have you bring appropriate clothing to school for them.

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

**Bronze Award Winners**

Adam Abu- lughod 3G	Hannah Fathalah 2Z	Rawia Hamad 1I
Omar Hyasat 3G	Taj Qusous 2Z	Laith Smadi 1I
Raya Oweis 3G	Sanaa Al Kiswani 2Z	Tahseen Shurdom 1I
Sumayah Makanai 3G	Muhyeddin Al Ghezawi 2Z	Abdelrahman Al ahmad 1S
Jyda Kamal 3G	Husni Al Omari 1I	Maryam Al Adhami 1C
Reem Al- Basha 3G		

I hope that you have a wonderful week!

Yours sincerely,

Andrew Powell

**Secondary School News**

Dear Parents,

Thank you to all of our parents who were able to attend the Parent Teacher conferences. While the parent-teacher conferences are almost 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.

There are numerous opportunities for students to find extra help with their subjects at school. Teachers have office hours in subjects where students often ask for more help and these are run after school from 3.20 to 4.20pm:

**Maths:** Grades 6 – 8 Monday, Grades 9 – 10 Wednesday, Grade 12 Studies Sunday and Wednesday, Grade 12 SL Wednesday, Grade 12 HL Wednesday

**Arabic:** Grades 6 to 8 Sunday, Grades 9 to 10 Monday

**English:** All grades Sunday

It was a great weekend for the Hawks. Football this time. The under 14 and under 18 girls made it to the final of their competitions but both teams just lost out in close matches. The under 14 boys and the under 18 boys both qualified to the knock out stages unbeaten. The semis and finals will be played this week and we wish them all the very best. The Hawks continue to do so well.

Excitement mounts as the countdown for *Into The Woods*, the magical musical production, has begun. On December 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>, you have the opportunity to watch an exhilarating tale that follows the intertwining paths of familiar characters on a journey found only in the woods. Happily ever after is just the beginning for the Baker and his Wife; Jack and the angry Giant; Cinderella; Little Red Riding Hood and the Wolf; Rapunzel and her Prince; and the Witch. "Be careful what you wish for" is the theme, and we don't need to wish for a full

house on both days. As, once the tickets go on sale at the Finance Department, people will rush in to buy them because this is one play that is a must see.

I'MUN 2017 is three days away! 9 schools and nearly 400 students 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 "Greed For Glory?" 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.

As the G10 Personal Project is in its last stages of finalising the report, the G8 Community Project (CP) has officially started last week. The CP challenges our students to engage in issues facing Jordan or the global community and to address them through service learning. There are many forms that service can take including direct service, advocacy or research. Ms. Randa Battikha, our CP Coordinator, will present to the Grade 8 Parents on Tuesday Nov. 21<sup>st</sup>, from 8am to 9am in the MPR, on the expectations of this project.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Martin and Ms Zena

## **Library News**

Dear Parents,

We would like to thank you for your support of the IAA One School/One Story. Please join us this Tuesday at Taj Mall for an exclusive IAA Screening of the movie "Wonder". This is an opportunity to grow with our children, to learn how to #choosekind and put our Pillar of Acceptance into action.

Due to the screening, the MakerSpace for tomorrow has been postponed until January.

In KG, Ms. Tania has been teaching our students to #choosekind by including the picture book, WE'RE ALL WONDERS. IAA Senior Leen Khasawneh has shared her work on behalf of people with cerebral palsy with KG students, helping them to understand that every person is unique.

**Kathleen McKim**

Head of Libraries/Secondary Librarian

## *Sports News*

### **Swimming Arab Competition:**

Lara Aklouk and Sayf Hatabeh represented our national team in the Arab Competition in Egypt last week. Lara won a bronze medal in the 200m butterfly, whilst Sayf won silver for coming in at second place in both the 4x50 IM and 4x50 Free. Congratulations to both!

### **IAA Hawks Football Teams Participate in the AAC U14 and U18 Tournament**

The U18 Girls won the semi-finals 3-2 after a hard-fought match coming first in their group. As for the U18 boys, they were the team to watch! The team topped its group undefeated, followed by a great performance in the semi-final, which they eventually lost on penalties 3-2. The team left the tournament with bronze medals. On the other hand, the U14 boys played an amazing tournament at ABS, with a wonderful spirit all the way to the final. They eventually lost. Their spirit was wonderful and the match was entertaining.