



الأكاديمية الدولية - عمان
THE INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY - AMMAN

Parent News

Monday, 22nd November

2021

Calendar

NOVEMBER 21

23 TUE

Session with Secondary Parents on Student Safeguarding

Time: 09:00 am to 10:00 am

Location: on Zoom

A Message from The Director

Dear IAA Community,

"I would maintain that thanks are the highest form of thought and that gratitude is happiness doubled by wonder."

-Gilbert K. Chesterton.

In the spirit of Thanksgiving, I humbly believe this quote is a perfect reflection of what I experience on daily basis working in the educational field! Every day, I marvel at the incredible devotion of our staff and their unique ability to teach and inspire our children. Every day, I am reminded of how resilient and immensely inspiring our future leaders truly are. And every day, I celebrate and honor the astonishing and continuous support of our parents and community! A massive thank you to each and every single one of you for being an essential part of this thriving community, and happy Thanksgiving to all those **celebrating the harvest and blessings of the previous year with a heart full of gratitude.**

I believe that the success of IAA and its students is built on a foundation of mutual respect, trust, and inclusiveness. Our dedicated teachers and staff are on a mission to nurture a culture of fairness and love, as they are all focused on the goal of providing a safe learning environment for our students and families. Therefore, I would like to remind you of the support systems we have in place, which include our grade leaders, tutors, administrators and counselors, along with the Student Protection Lead (SPL), whose main role is to record, report and investigate any serious issues brought to their attention by the counselors on behalf of our students, or directly by parents and teachers that involve significant concerns over our students' overall health and wellbeing. Always be reminded that IAA is fully committed to supporting our students during the school day and beyond.

Today, we will be hosting our annual Information Day, an exciting time for all of us here at IAA! Always happy and proud to meet with new prospective families as we proudly share our achievements and vocalize all the special attributes and qualities of IAA. Please be reminded to contact our Admissions Department should you like to register an additional family member in the school as the deadline to submit applications is December 9th, 2021.

Last week, our first Parent-Teacher Conferences of the current academic year went very smoothly! Thank you all for dedicating the time and effort to check on your children's academic progress. Both parents and teachers continue to strive for excellence in each and every classroom and to cultivate an open and positive school climate for our children.

On another positive note, allow me to extend my deepest congratulations to the IAA Hawks Football team! So proud! Our U14 boys and girls played in the AAC U14 football tournament and exemplified superb sportsmanship and athleticism! Thank you to our IAA Hawks coaches, led by Coach Samer Taha, for their dedication and school spirit!

Thank you all for your continued support and cooperation, and for being such an integral part of our community.

Kind regards,
Hana Kanan, Ed. D.

Primary School News

Dear Parents,

I would like to convey to you the progress our students have made since the start of this academic year. The growth they have shown over the past few weeks has been impressive and is a testament to the quality of teaching IAA provides. Guided by our definition of high - quality teaching and learning, our teachers continue to provide students with learning opportunities that focus on acquiring knowledge, applying it to new situations, synthesizing information, and solving real-world problems. At the same time, teachers ensure that learning is inspirational, individualized, interactive, and innovative. As such, we will continue to have an emphasis on

learning preferences by providing, inclusive and differentiated learning experiences, quality classroom instruction that ignites curiosity and motivation, and interventions for all of the students.

Our Parent-teacher conference was another testament to the progress our students have made. A conference that has been successful in providing you with the opportunity to openly discuss with teachers your child's progress, that carried away a lot of positive practices. Our teachers certainly felt that their efforts were appreciated which I know will inspire them to continue to give their very best to their students. If you have missed a meeting please feel free to touch base with your child's teachers and they will be more than happy to arrange a meeting with you

Winter is well and truly upon us! While we are thankful for the much-awaited rain, we kindly ask that you send your children to school wearing warm clothes to protect them from any Winter chills. Please make sure your child has their overcoat with them each day for school and remember to have your child's name marked on the inside. We are also thankful to our community for sending students to school wearing face masks and cooperating with temperature checks at dropping off and dismissal time.

Our primary students are enjoying the IAA Book Week starting from Sunday, November 21st until Thursday, November 25th, reading books and immersing in activities that encourage them to read. We will be ending this week with the non-uniform day where students are encouraged to dress up as one of the characters, in the story they read while donating money to support 100 Families in the south area of Jordan, Al Quwayrah village.

We appreciate your children's regular participation in supporting the school's charity and efforts and rest assured, we do report to our students the journey's end of their contributions. Just as well, we are still receiving items and donations for this year's Winter campaign as per the 'CAS' letter sent this month.

Yours sincerely,

Walid AL Bay
Acting Primary Principal

Secondary School News

Dear Parents

Book Week and Civvies Day

We are currently celebrating book week with a number of initiatives. One being DEAR (Drop Everything and Read). We are asking our **students to bring hard copies of books/magazines to read on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday**. We also have our students reading to students in Primary. We are supporting a local book seller. Thursday 25th is our November civvies day. We urge our students to come dressed as their favourite book character. All funds raised will go to support a charity that works with communities in Jordan to obtain appropriate reading materials. On that note, we are also holding a 'snap' book drive and **if you have unused**

children's books at home that could be useful to others in our community in Amman, please send them to the Secondary reception.

Uniform and Winter

Now that the temperatures are dropping, it is important that students come to school well prepared for the changing weather. We would just like to remind parents that coats can be the school jacket or very plain dark (Black/Brown/Blue) jackets. Jumpers must be the school hoodie. We have noticed a number of students coming to school with very brightly coloured coats or jumpers, and these are not allowed.

Parent Conference Feedback

We hope you all found the parent conferences ran smoothly. Using the zoom platform, we again had many more parents attending the conferences than in the past. Moving forward, we hope the discussions will help students focus on the skills highlighted in order to better master their subjects.

Guest-speakers

This week will certainly be a busy one where guest-speakers are concerned. For the G9 interdisciplinary unit, "Is Amman's tap water safe to drink", we have water resource engineers from USAID coming in to share their expertise on Jordan's water treatment system. We also have a nutritionist presenting to our Grades 7 and 8 about the components of a healthy diet. Lastly, we have another nutritionist who will be presenting to our Grade 10 about diabetes – causes and effects. We welcome this valuable knowledge from the experts.

Annual School Play

Auditions are taking place this week for our annual school play. It is Sleeping Beauty this year. We would urge any budding thespians amongst our students to go for it!

Activities and Sports

Following on from the success of Majlis, we have our annual I'MUN conference this weekend. It is looking like it will be one of the largest we have hosted. We wish all the students who are working so hard to make it a success the very best in their endeavours. We are also extremely pleased to see that sporting fixtures are increasing for students of all ages. I would like to congratulate all those who took part in the U14 football competitions this weekend, playing and having fun in challenging weather conditions. It is great that we have these competitions to focus on and give meaning to all that training we see taking place.

Safeguarding Presentation to Secondary Parents

IAA is fully committed to promoting the safeguarding and protection of all our students. In addition to the support systems we have in place that includes our grade leaders, tutors, administrators and counsellors, we also have the Student Protection Lead (SPL). Ms. Zena will present to secondary parents on the role of the SPL and highlight key elements of the school's safeguarding policy on Tues Nov. 23rd from 9am to 10am. Please check your inbox as her zoom details have been sent to all the parents.

Yours sincerely

Mr Martin and Ms Zena

Library News

It's Book Week! Book Week is a celebration of books and reading and we are doing that by taking our primary students to many different countries in the world, hence our theme, Read Around The World. They will get to experience different cultures, stories, facts, and magnificent views of the countries. We are excited for the many activities that will be going on in the primary this week. Our students have already made some brilliant and original bookmarks for our competition and they will be voting for the most creative this week. There will also be daily library questions and a daily DEAR (Drop Everything and Read). On November 25, students are invited to come dressed as a favourite book character and are encouraged to bring a book. The libraries have arranged for an online book fair through a local publishing house, Yarmouk Distribution Center, who will provide our school with an online catalog where students can choose and buy books, and you will get free delivery to your houses. Here is the link if you would like to buy books this week:

<https://forms.gle/A2qj3stV5bcbvp9U6> .

As for the secondary, we are very proud of our Student Representative Council for their leadership in organizing book week at the secondary level. The secondary students will be participating in activities throughout the week including Drop Everything and Read (DEAR) and the online book fair. A group of dedicated 11th grade library volunteers will also spend time as "reading buddies" in primary classrooms, providing a valuable model for our younger readers. On Thursday, secondary students will join primary school in dressing up as their favorite Book Character. This non-uniform day will raise money for [We Love Reading](#), who works across Jordan to foster a life-long love of reading. Once our children learn to read, we forget that they still enjoy listening to a good story read aloud by an experienced reader. We encourage you to grab a book, your secondary child, and share a moment reading together this week. Need inspiration? Check out our recommended reading lists on the library website, including these newly arrived [Arabic books](#).

We also have a Book Drive so please donate any books you do not need and we will get them to underprivileged schools. A table will be set up in the primary reception and secondary library for this. We hope you enjoy this week as much as we've enjoyed planning it!

The IAA Libraries Team

Sports News

We are back to school competitions and it was a rainy evening full of fun and games.

Our U14 boys and girls played in the AAC U14 football tournament and played amazingly well. The sportsmanship and attitude that was displayed was worthy of the gold medals our students took home.

We are proud of our student athletes for the wonderful performances they managed to put together throughout the tournament. A huge thank you for our parents for showing understanding and support for us during our preparations for this tournament, which was difficult for us in these times with the limitations of COVID-19 restrictions.

A huge thank you for our coaches as well for being a huge part of the development of our student athletes and the healthy environment that they created.