



الأكاديمية الدولية - عمان  
THE INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY - AMMAN

# Parent News

## Monday, 27th November

### 2017

### Calendar

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
Tuesday	28	--Director's Open Meeting with Parents, Director's Office, 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	29	--Bake Sale and Non-Uniform Day --Grade 10 & 11 DP Theatre Students' Trip, (Off- Campus) --HAWKS Swimming, 5:00 PM – 6:00 PM & 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM
Thursday	30	--Prophet Mohammad's Birth Date (PBUH) (Holiday)
Friday	1	--HAWKS Swimming ALL
Saturday	2	--HAWKS Swimming ALL --SAT Test --HAWKS Swimming, 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM
Sunday	3	--UBC Visit, 10:30 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
Monday	4	--Open meeting with Deputy Primary Principal, Deputy 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,

What a remarkable week! Every year, I am truly amazed by **I'MUN**. This year's theme was well chosen and well debated. Thank you Secondary staff and students for raising the bar every year! Stay tuned for **Al Majlis Al Arabi** on December 8 that will showcase our students' debating skills in our mother tongue: **the Arabic language**. We have two motivational guest speakers for Majlis this year: one is a social entrepreneur who established many programs in Jordan such as Hikmat Road Safety – Mr Maher Kaddoura and another who became the first Arab woman to win a NASA competition at 22 years of age – Ms Ayat Amer. I am sure that both will spread their inspiration amongst students from the public and private schools.

I was also happy to meet prospective parents last Monday during our **Information Day** and was even happier to receive much positive feedback from them. Thank you Admissions team, Primary and Secondary Principals, staff and students who made this meeting a success.

I came across an article the other day (*posted below*) that I would like to share with all IAA parents who tend to be anxious as their children are undergoing exams. It all boils down to believing in your children and celebrating their skills. You can do that by talking about how well they are doing, using positive language and encouraging them to focus on what they are doing – not what their friends are doing. Encouragement and praise are so vital in today's competitive society, and hence we need to help our children remain strong and have belief in who they are.

Our week ends on Wednesday as we observe the birth of Prophet Mohammad (PBUH) on Thursday. Right after that long weekend, we have our annual drama production, ***Into The Woods*** that should not be missed. And speaking of drama, we have our annual drama trip to **London** coming up as well as our ski trip to **Switzerland**. Time is whizzing by quickly! We are already highlighting December's activities!

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

Have a great week and **Mawlid Nabawi Mubarak!**

**Hana Kanan, Ed.D.**

**Director**

Dear Parents,

The exams of your children are to start soon. I know you are all really anxious for your child to do well.

But, please do remember, amongst the students, who will be sitting for the exams, there is an artist, who doesn't need to understand Maths.

There is an entrepreneur, who doesn't care about History or English literature.

There's a musician, whose Chemistry marks won't matter.

There's a sportsperson, whose physical fitness is more important than Physics..like Schooling

If your child does get top marks, that's great! But, if he or she doesn't, please don't take away their self-confidence and dignity from them.

Tell them it's OK, it's just an exam! They are cut out for much bigger things in life.

Tell them, no matter what they score, you love them and will not judge them.

Please do this, and when you do, watch your children conquer the world. One exam or a low mark won't take away their dreams and talent.

And please, do not think that doctors and engineers are the only happy people in the world.

With Warm Regards,  
The Principal.

## **Primary School News**

Dear Parents,

There was an overwhelmingly positive turnout to the screening of *Wonder* last week and I know that there were many important themes addressed through the story. While understanding differences certainly featured strongly, the importance of fostering positive personal relationships, especially within families also figured prominently. Our librarians have focussed on these themes in their work with our students over the past fortnight.

This works connects nicely with the commencement of our annual schoolwide kindness campaign. This year, in addition to engaging in intentional acts of kindness and thoughtfulness, our classes will be decorating their classroom doors to represent these practices. While kindness certainly impacts others, there is also evidence that being kind also makes us happier and fosters more productive and healthier relationships.

We have a number of Parent Mornings still to come before the Winter Break. They are:

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 recognise our award winners this week. They are:

### **Bronze Award Winners**

Jamal Jallad 5T	Jaffar Zalatimo 2J	Juman Al Samhouri 1F
Salma Haj Ahmad 3A	Bashir Abu Hejleh 2J	Mona Mustafa 1F
Suleiman Al Ghezawi 2J	Sara Hijazi 2J	Raya Al Saadi 1F
Sejal Al Azzawi 2J	Imad Al Baghal 2M	Zoe Al- Nims 1F
Maia Cubeisy 2J	Sarah Kachakeche 2M	Tia Naghawi 1F
Ghassan Al Khawaja 2J	Yara Saoudi 2Z	Mohammad Morrar 1S
Jazmine Al Jamal 2J	Tara Halabi 2Z	Yasmeen khoury 1S
Raya Qawar 2J	Juana Zeidan 1F	

### **Silver Award Winners**

Saif Saleh 5T

Hannah Fathalah 2Z

Please note that I will not be available for drop-in parent meetings on Monday, December 4<sup>th</sup> due to my involvement in an international education conference. Mr Walid will be available in my absence.

I hope that you have a wonderful week!

Yours sincerely,

Andrew Powell

## Secondary School News

Dear Parents,

I'MUN 2017, *Greed for Glory*, has officially come to an end. It was a grueling yet educational with three days filled with intense debates on a variety of international issues that demand immediate attention. We continued this year with our aim to encourage action amongst the youth. The Human Rights Council assessed the current state of Rohingya in Myanmar. The Economic and Social Council discussed the rebuilding of the economy of post-conflict Syria. The Security Council looked at brokering peace in the Saudi-Yemeni Conflict. These were just few of the issues debated. Congratulations to the I'MUN 2017 team. Your hard work and efforts translated into a wonderful learning experience for many students, as everyone worked together to address some of the most pressing issues in our world.

A special thank you to our keynote guest speaker- Ms. Sara Ferrer Olivella. We were fortunate to have the Country Director of the UN Development Programme of the Jordanian office deliver a powerful message that focussed on how she always tries to make her decisions based on the outcomes for those most vulnerable in society, to ensure that the *Greed and the Glory* do not take precedence! She also inspired delegates with stories of her amazing journey and career in some of the world's most remote and dangerous places, as she tried to deliver the goals of the UN to those who are most in need.

It was also a busy weekend for our Under 12 Boy's Football team as they won four out of their five games. Coach Samer was proud to see them play with focus, determination and courage. Congratulations to our Hawks on their efforts, hard work and surpassing their personal bests. We are very proud.

To quote Cinderella, "opportunity is not a lengthy visitor". Do not waste the opportunity to watch IAA's production of *Into the Woods* on December 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>. This tale follows the intertwining paths of timeless 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. This production of acting, dancing and singing will appeal to everyone. Tickets will go on sale at the Finance Department this week for 5JD. Do not delay, purchase your ticket right away!

This coming Wednesday we have a Civvies Day and Bake Sale. It is being run by the Grade 8. We wish them every success as they raise money for their chosen charity. The usual reminder goes out to parents that students must have their 2JD donation to charity if they are to wear non-uniform on Wednesday.

We wish everyone a safe long weekend.

Sincerely,

Martin Thompson and Zena Muhtaseb

## *Sports News*

U12 Boys AT AAC.

Our U12 boys participated in the U12 Amman Athletic Conference's friendly tournament over the weekend, where they played against different schools and put on stunning performances and demonstrated great sportsmanship.

Thank you organisers, coaches, referees, student athletes and parents for the support and positive feedback.