



الأكاديمية الدولية - عمان
THE INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY - AMMAN

Parent News

Monday, 5th November

2018

Calendar

Monday, November 5	-Open meeting with Primary Principal, Mr. Andrew Powell, Primary Principal's Office, 8-9 am
Tuesday, November 6	-Director's Open Meeting with parents, Director's Office, 8-9 am
Wednesday, November 7	-Primary Parents - Personal body safety session, MPR, 8:00 am
Thursday, November 8	-HAWKS U14 Soccer -Pre-K Pumpkin Day -G4 Natasha Assembly, Auditorium, 1:30-2 pm
Friday, November 9	-HAWKS U14 Soccer
Saturday, November 10	-HAWKS U14 Soccer
Sunday, November 11	-HAWKS U14 Soccer -Coffee morning (Grade 8), MPR, 8-9 am
Monday, November 12	-Open meeting with Primary Principal, Mr. Andrew Powell, Primary Principal's Office, 8-9 am
Tuesday, November 13	-The Secondary Parent-Teacher Conferences -Director's Open Meeting with parents, Director's Office, 8-9 am
Wednesday, November 14	-The Secondary Parent-Teacher Conferences -Primary Parents: I Read Arabic, MPR, 8-9 am
Thursday, November 15	-HAWKS U12 Soccer
Friday, November 16	-HAWKS U12 Soccer
Saturday, November 17	-HAWKS U12 Soccer
Sunday, November 18	-HAWKS U12 Soccer
Monday, November 19	-Open meeting with Primary Principal, Mr. Andrew Powell, Primary Principal's Office, 8-9 am -Info Day, 2-4 pm

A Message from the Director

Dear IAA Community,

It is with profound sadness that I commence my letter with my condolences to the Jordanian community and especially to the families who lost their loved ones in the raging floodwaters that hit the Dead Sea last week. Allah yir7amhum.

Consequently, and as I had mentioned earlier, the Ministry of Education has suspended all school trips until further notice. This applies to both local and international trips.

We now start another six weeks of school, taking us to our Winter Break.

Our annual IAA Information Day is coming up on November 19. New parents and guardians are invited to the school to learn about the upcoming school year and know more about the school from our senior management team. Like every year, I will be more than happy to meet the new faces and proudly share our achievements.

Finally, I am available on Tuesday, from 8-9am, for the open meeting at my office.

Have a good week and stay warm.

Hana Kanan Ed.D.

Director

Primary School News

Dear Parents,

Our hearts go out to the families and friends of all of those children and adults that lost their lives or were injured at the Dead Sea recently. A tragedy such as this has the potential to bring communities closer together and we took time on Sunday as a whole school to pray for those who lost their lives. While we reach out to support those around us, it is also important to take a moment to recognise and appreciate those whom we hold dear.

As indicated in a recent parent communique, we have suspended all school trips until further notice.

As part of our child safeguarding efforts, our counsellors will be working with our KG1 to Grade 5 students over the coming weeks to ensure that they are aware of personal body safety. Ms Maria and Ms Sophie will be leading a Parent Morning on this topic on Wednesday, November 7th at 8:00am in the MPR for interested parents. They will provide you with an overview of how they will approach the topic with our students and provide advice on how you may support your children at home.

We also have a Parent Morning dedicated to I Read Arabic programme at 8am on Wednesday, November 14th in the MPR.

This week I would like to recognise the following award winners:

Bronze Award Winners

Joud Saadi 4D

Katy Hijazi 2D

Nadine Bakri 2D

Hiam Kharouba 2A

Sadine Al Bustami 2D

Wishing you all a wonderful week.

Yours sincerely,

Andrew Powell

Secondary School News

Dear Parents,

We hope you enjoyed the break and that your children feel refreshed, reenergised and ready for this next 7 week section of the school year. There is a lot taking place in the next seven weeks and we wish all those students involved in the plays, conferences, sporting fixtures, exhibitions and other activities all the very best.

G7 Bake Sale

Congratulations to our Grade 7 students, who worked as a team to raise over 650 JD in their bake sale. Their chosen charities were the White Bed Society, World Food Organisation, Tkiyet Um Ali and the King Hussein Cancer Foundation. All are worthy organisations to support.

Coffee Mornings

Thank you to all parents who attended the Middle School Coffee Mornings. Your feedback was extremely valuable, and we are in the process of sharing it with our staff. It is important that we know what we are doing well, and what we could do to ensure that our students' learning is optimised. We have the G8 Coffee Morning left. The date has been changed, and it will take place on Sunday Nov. 11 in the MPR from 8am to 9am.

G8 Community Project

As the G10s are working on their reports for the Personal Project, the G8s will soon be embarking on their Community Project (CP) journey. 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, has presented to the Grade 8 Parents this past Sunday on the expectations of this project.

G10 Service As Action Project

As part of their Service as Action project, G10s will explore topics on the role of government, society, and the global community in providing and ensuring fairness and development. In doing so, the students will be conducting local and regional research on the following topics: mental health/illnesses, female empowerment, poverty, homelessness, child labour and social security. They will then present their research findings and actions plans on November 15th from 12.00 to 3.15pm in a Community Forum in the MPR. All parents are invited to attend.

University Applications

The first round of university applications have passed and we had many students applying for medical schools and Oxbridge in the UK and early action/early decision in the USA. We wish them all the best of luck as they chase these very competitive places.

First Progress Report

The first progress report will be sent electronically to you on November 8th. The purpose of this report is to give an initial indication of your child's progress since the beginning of the school year. It is important to pay close attention to your child's "Approaches To Learning" skills, which include research, thinking, communication, self-management and social. There is often a link between these skills and the grade.

Parent-Teacher Conference

The Parent-Teacher Conferences will take place on the 13th and 14th of November. This is an important time to share ideas and information with your child's teacher. You should also discuss ways to help your child develop strengths and overcome challenges. Students are encouraged to attend. Information will be coming out soon about how to register for meetings.

Sincerely,

Martin Thompson and Zena Muhtaseb