



الأكاديمية الدولية - عمان
THE INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY - AMMAN

Parent News

Monday, 7th May 2018

Calendar

Monday	7	--Grades 6 to 9 Trip, International --Open meeting with Primary Principal, Mr. Andrew Powell, Primary Principal's Office, 8:00 AM - 9:00 AM --Pre-K M Trip, (Off- Campus)
Tuesday	8	--Grades 6 to 9 Trip, International --G10 e-assessments --KG1 I Trip, (Off- Campus) --Director's Open Meeting with Parents, Director's Office, 8:00 AM – 9:00 AM --Information session for Parents - Harvard, Pomona, Stanford & Wellesley Universities, IAA Auditorium, 5:30 PM – 7:00 PM
Wednesday	9	--Grades 6 to 9 Trip, International --G10 e-assessments --Holy Quran Competition, Theatre, 8:00 AM – 2:30 PM --KG1 Z Trip, (Off- Campus)
Thursday	10	--Grades 6 to 9 Trip, International --G10 e-assessments --KG1 J Trip, (Off- Campus) --Grade 3S Assembly, Theatre, 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM --Bake Sale and Non-Uniform Day
Friday	11	--Grades 6 to 9 Trip, International --G10 e-assessments
Saturday	12	--Grades 6 to 9 Trip, International --G10 e-assessments
Sunday	13	--G10 e-assessments
Monday	14	--G10 e-assessments --Grade 8 Trip, (Off- Campus) --Portrait of A Graduate Lineup, Community Square, 7:45 AM – 7:50 AM --Open meeting with Primary Principal, Mr. Andrew Powell, Primary Principal's Office, 8:00 AM - 9:00 AM

A Message from the Director

Dear IAA Community,

Congratulations to our IAA gymnasts for participating in the Amman Athletic Conference (AAC) Gymnastics Meet. I heard it was a remarkable performance. Also, our swimmers came back from Dubai's MEUC with gold, silver and bronze. Bravo!

The past week was a happening one and I was delighted to see the plethora of talent that our students possess from fashion, to music performances and even car design!

As the holy month of Ramadan approaches, I would like to remind you all of our shorter day; students are expected at IAA by 8.45am and the school day ends at 2.15pm for both primary and secondary students. On this occasion, let us not forget the true meaning of Ramadan: a time for self-reflection, developing compassion and clarity of mind. And there isn't a better time to remind our children of these values.

The launch of IAA's Portrait of A Graduate has been postponed until next Monday, May 14 due to the gusty winds we experienced this morning. I hope to see you all there. This project was developed to derive a statement that describes graduating students from IAA. A committee, made up of teachers, PTA and administration worked hard to compile input from the entire IAA community that even included alumni. The derived traits stem from our pillars of leadership, duty, cultural heritage and acceptance. I would like to thank the team and all those who shared their valuable time to help build our portrait.

This week, we have visitors from Wellesley, Stanford, Harvard and Pomona who will give a presentation about their respective institutions.

Graduation is nearing and the excitement is summiting. We will soon share with you the live streaming link for the ceremony. I wish the Grade 12s the best of luck in their external exams.

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

Enjoy your week.

Hana Kanan Ed.D.

Director

Primary School News

Dear Parents,

Sports Day

Last week's Sports Day was an incredibly successful event and I would like to recognise Coach Samer and his team for their ongoing commitment to our students, and the development of our physical education programme. Our students had lots of fun and I know that our younger ones were especially thrilled to have their parents attending the day. It was a great community event! Congratulations to the Zara Wild Cats for being the eventual winners.

Portrait of A Graduate

On Monday, May 14, the entire community is welcome to attend the launch of IAA's Portrait of a Graduate, which will take place after the National Anthem in the Community Square. Over the past six months, a diverse team has been working under the guidance of Dr Lois in order to identify a portrait that represents students that graduate from IAA.

Holy Quran Competition

This Wednesday is the Holy Quran Competition and over sixty children from Grade 1 – 5 have qualified to participate. Students have been assigned specific Surahs to memorise, which they will recite in front of their peers, parents and a judging panel. The judges will also ask students questions about the assigned Surahs. Parents are of course encouraged to attend this event which will take place in the Auditorium at 9am.

Bake Sale & Non-Uniform Day

As Ramadan will take place shortly, we have moved our final bake sale and non-uniform day for the year forward to this Thursday, May 10. A separate letter will be sent to parents regarding this.

Award Winners

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

Bronze Award Winners

Ahmad Al Nammari 5MM	Sadeen Al Adwan 5MM	Salma Malhas 3M
Taj Shehadeh 5MM	Khalid Jallad 5MM	Raya Abu Issam 2M
Talya Sakkijha 5MM	Hashim El Akabi 5MM	Salam Zuriekat 2M
Subhi Ghanameh 5MM	Dana Darabseh 5MM	Selina Zmily 1C
Sanad Al Shedaifat 5MM	Zaid Al Nammari 3M	
Samar Shami 5MM	Celina Allaham 3M	

Silver Award Winners

Julia Haddadin 5MM	Laila Abu Baker 5MM	Sadine Al Bustami 1S
Ghassan Kanber Agha 5MM		

Gold Award Winner

Salma Bawalsa 5MM	Muhyeddin Al Ghezawi 2Z	Layla Baareh 2M
Faisal Abu Tayeh 5MM	Rakan Imseeh 2H	Sama Bushieha 2M
Natalie Al Abed 5MM	Leen Dahleh 2H	Salman Abu Dahab 2M
Husam Baloula 5MM	Daniel Atassi 2H	Juman Al Samhour 1F
Zaina Hassuneh 3S	George Akkawi 2H	
Taj Qusous 2Z	Leanne Badreddine 2H	

Gold with Merit Award Winners

Yulixa Houkayem 2H

Yasmin Farraj 2M

Faisal Qawasmi 2M

Nadine Dajani 2H

Maya Dallal 2M

Aysha Salous 2M

Sarah Kachakeche 2M

I hope that you have a wonderful week.

Yours sincerely,

Andrew Powell

Secondary School News

Dear Parents,

Overview of Previous Week

Last Monday, the G11s put on a lovely Fashion Show and many members of the IAA community came out to support. The G11s found this to be a rewarding and a valuable learning experience. We also raised a considerable donation for **دار الزهراء للمسنين** which is fantastic!

Last Thursday, the Grade 10s had their final revision classes. We stamped the end of the week with a barbeque, wishing them all the best in their upcoming preparations for e-assessments. Those assessments will take place from May 8th until the 18th. They are unique in that they include animations, simulations, videos, online graphing to make the test-taking experience interactive and engaging.

The SAT exam on Saturday had a large number of Grade 11s participating. We look forward to seeing the results in a couple of weeks' time. Hopefully, this will be the last sitting for many of our students as they get the scores they need, nice and early.

Formula 1 Competition

This past weekend marked the eighth annual Formula 1 competition. The IAA F1 team brainstormed different designs of model cars and transferred one of them into a physical model. Even though their model car did not place in the speed category, they were awarded the "Judges Award" as the judges felt impacted by our F1 team the most. This experience certainly achieved its aims to develop skills in problem solving, project management, innovation, collaboration and marketing. Our F1 team is looking forward to participating next year in this multi-disciplined challenge as they now have a deeper understanding of their strengths and areas of focus.

Quran Competition

On Wednesday May 9th we wish all the students from Grade 6 to 8 taking part in the Quran competition the best of luck.

Spain Trip

Our students have safely arrived in Spain for this trip and we are sure that they will be enjoying the mix of sporting and cultural activities arranged for them. We look forward to hearing about their wonderful experiences on their return.

Gymnastics

Congratulations to our gymnastics team that competed over the weekend. Coach Samer was so pleased with the development of this talented squad and judging by the impressive number of gold medals we picked up – he has every right to be.

MYP Day

Looking ahead to next week, our MYP Day on Tuesday May 15th, is drawing closer and preparations are under way. The projects we are celebrating fall under the categories of Science Fair (G6), Technology Fair (G7), Community Projects (G8), Personal Project Pitches (G9), Service As Action (G6-9) and Interdisciplinary Units (G6-8). The agenda for the day will be as follows:

9.30am - 1040am

G6-9 Assembly in the Theatre to kick start MYP Day

G6-9 students will be presenting their Service As Action and Interdisciplinary Units

11:30am - 1:00pm

G6 Science Fair in Science Area

G7 Technology Fair in the Design/Arts Area

G8 Community Projects in the G6 Pod (upper floor)

G9 Personal Projects in the G7 Pod (upper floor)

1:00pm – 2:15pm

COMMx - Community Projects presented by some of our Grade 8 students in the Theatre

We hope to see you there.

Sincerely,

Mr Martin and Ms Zena

Sports News

IAA Participates in AAC's Gymnastics Meet.

Our IAA Gymnasts participated in the AAC gymnastics meet last week and performed remarkably well. Thank you coaches, students, parents and staff for all the support and hard work.

IAA Hawks Swimmers Participate in Dubai's MEUC.

Our Hawks swimmers, Lara Aklouk, Sayf Hatabeh and Farah Rawashdeh put on a fabulous performance last week at the Dubai MEUC swimming tournament and brought back medals: 7 gold, 5 silver and 3 bronze. Go Hawks!

Library News

The IAA Libraries are happy to announce the Summer Reading STAR! Challenge, a colourful and fun-filled way to motivate your kids to read all summer long. The Summer Reading Challenge is designed to fit kids of all ages. Simply follow the reading times for your children on their reading “bingo cards” and let the fun begin.

They will read in all sorts of magical places to fill in their card. When they hit BINGO, they get a coupon; when they get a complete BLACKOUT (filling every square) they get a golden ticket to return to the IAA libraries in the Fall.

To get started, we will send sign-up forms home or you can go to your library to complete a form for each child and send it back to the library by Wednesday, 23 May. Only children who have signed up will be able to participate in the Fall surprise if they have completed the challenge and earned their “Golden Ticket.” Those who request packets, will receive them in their child’s homework folder the following week. If you have any questions, please ask a librarian. Everyone who participates can come to the Library from 24 to 31 May to check out up to 5 books per child. This is a special timing for participants. The Libraries will not be open over the summer.

For questions, please email library@iaa.edu.jo.