



الأكاديمية الدولية - عمان
THE INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY - AMMAN

Parent News

Monday, 14th October

2019

OCTOBER

14 MON	Open meeting with Mr. Andrew Powell Primary Principal's Office 8:00 - 9:00 AM G9 Parent Coffee Morning MPR 8:00 - 9:00 AM
15 TUE	Director's Open Meeting with parents is cancelled this week as the Director is travelling
17 THU	I'MUN, IAA
18 FRI	I'MUN, IAA
19 SAT	I'MUN, IAA
21 MON	Open meeting with Mr. Andrew Powell Primary Principal's Office 8:00 - 9:00 AM
22 TUE	Director's Open Meeting with parents Director's Office 8:00 - 9:00 AM G7 Parent Coffee Morning MPR 8:00 - 9:00 AM
23 WED	Mid Term Break
24 THU	Mid Term Break
28 MON	Open meeting with Mr. Andrew Powell Primary Principal's Office 8:00 - 9:00 AM

Primary School News

Dear Parents,

I trust that you had an enjoyable day at the PTA Family Fun Day. It was great to see so many people there enjoying themselves and connecting as a community. My thanks to all of the PTA committee members for their hard work, as well as all of our volunteers that helped on the day. This is a key fundraiser that helps support various initiatives in the Primary and Secondary schools.

As our students are now settled into their school routines we have tightened our application of the gate policy. While we appreciate that this may mean that families are leaving home five or ten minutes earlier it does have a positive carry-on affect into the classrooms where we are able to commence classes at 8am sharp.

After school activities and sports have now commenced and it is great to see children having the opportunity to participate in a range of offerings including learning Spanish, playing chess and participating in various arts and crafts. We have once again included Robotics as an ASA offering and appreciate the support of IRA with this.

Last weekend was the annual cross-country tournament which is held at ICS each year. A strong contingent of IAA runners were in attendance and bettered their personal bests. Of significant interest was that IAA had multiple divisional winners. One of whom was Basheer Arabiat who won first place in the twelve and under division and second place in the fourteen and under division despite having just turned nine. Salma Fraij should also be recognised for an incredible performance. Both of these runners have promising futures.

A letter will be sent home later this week regarding the booking process for Parent Teacher Conferences, which will take place during the day of Tuesday, November 5th. Please do mark this day in your calendars. There will not be regular classes for students, but we do hope that our older children will attend the conferences with their parents. In the meantime, should you need to speak to a teacher prior to this event and please call our receptionist who will be able to assist.

Please do take note of these upcoming events:

Wednesday, October 16th Second Step Child Protection Parent Workshop @ 1:15 pm

Thursday, October 17th Grade 1 Summer Reading Celebration @ 2:45 pm

Tuesday, November 5th Parent Teacher Conferences (8:00 am – 4:00 pm)

Finally, Ms Sahar and a number of our staff travelled to Mraigha Village last week to deliver food, bags, stationery and clothes to children at the kindergarten there. She was met with open arms and appreciation for our efforts to support these children. Thank you for all of your donations.

I hope that you have a wonderful week.

Andrew Powell
Primary Principal

Secondary School News

Dear Parents,

PTA Fun Day

Congratulations to our PTA for putting on an event that truly lived up to its name. Its success stemmed from their efforts and hard work as they spent countless hours planning and organizing for this big day. It was a fun day for all as games and entertainment targeted all age groups. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped out and to everyone who attended.

Amman Design Week

The theme of last week's Amman Design event was 'Possibilities', inviting the creation of a story through the art of making. We are proud to see six of our students, from Grades 10 to 12, showcase their innovations at the Student Exhibit, as the journey to get there required commitment, diligence and resilience. We were also proud to see one of our alumni in a key organizing position this year. Our Grades 10, 11 and 12 had the opportunities to visit the Student Exhibit as well as view the work of local and regional designers across a range of disciplines. They challenged their understanding of design, reminding them that creativity has no boundaries and knows no limits. We look forward to seeing our students continue the tradition of showcasing at Amman Design Week.

I'MUN 2019

The 17th to 19th will be a busy one for our students as they become Delegates, Chairs, Presidents, Press Corps and many other roles. The leadership team of students have been working for well over 6 months to make this conference a reality and it is going to be our biggest yet. We are looking forward to seeing our students enjoy the challenge and wish them all good luck.

Grade 7 Activity Evening

On Thursday this week Grade 7 will be staying after school for a team building evening with a difference. We partner up with Kursi Wa Khatib and invite to campus Jordanians who have overcome their disabilities and achieved great things. We hope their inspirational stories and the interaction with them will further build understanding and empathy amongst our students.

Rotary Walk – Friday 18th of October

We are pleased to be able to support the Amman Rotary Club and host their annual fundraising walk. The funds will go to their campaign to eradicate Polio (which, very unfortunately, is making a comeback in some countries in our region due to the instabilities they face). Tickets are being sold by Finance and by Ms. Zaina Zananiri. The walk will circulate King Hussein Park and it should prove to be a lovely way for families to enjoy some activity together whilst supporting a good cause. We hope you can join in.

PSAT for G10 and 11

On Wednesday Oct 16th, we will administer the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test (PSAT) to all Grade 10s and 11s. This test assesses three major components - Critical Reading, Mathematics and Writing. Besides using the PSAT to measure student's standard when compared to other students in his/her age group, it can also help to highlight areas of strengths and/or weaknesses. This is a useful diagnostic test even if students are not, at this moment, going to the USA or American Colleges. Students are required to come prepared to the exam with a ruler, 2 HB pencils, eraser and calculator.

G10 – Personal Project

The G10s are now working on their written report for the Personal Project. Progress reports of how the G10s are doing with the PP have been emailed home. We are devoting many PSHE sessions for G10s to work on their

report; however, it is important that our students meet with their supervisors to get feedback on their work. The deadline to hand in their draft for the PP is on November 10th.

Majlis Al Arabi

The 5th annual Majlis Al Arabi will be taking place from November 22nd – 23rd, in collaboration with the Al-Asriyya School. The theme will be “Our Future Unites Us”. Controversial issues related to the Arab region will be dissected using the Arabic language as the mode of communication. Please encourage your children, if they are in Grades 8 to 11, to participate as delegates as it is necessary that they think for themselves and develop their own opinions on issues that are literally taking place in their backyard. Deadline to sign up to participate in Majlis Al Arabi is Thursday Oct 17th.

Sincerely,

Mr. Martin and Ms. Zena

PTA Corner

Hello IAA!

Congratulations on a fantastic Family Fun Day last Friday!

A massive thank you to everyone who supported Friday’s Family Fun Day in which we ended up selling close to 2672 tickets. Children of all ages enjoyed a wide range of activities from Laser Tag and Zip lining to face painting. Families got a taste of a variety of cuisines while strolling through the shopping bazar. Amman’s favorite radio station Mazaj FM was also blasting through the speakers!

A big shout out goes to everyone who made Friday’s event a huge success; Thank you Parents, Teachers, Security, Coach Samer and his team, Blue Angels and all the runners and sponsors and huge warm thank you to everyone who showed up in support of the school. Brilliant team effort everyone!

It is worth mentioning that empty plastic water bottles were collected from the day and sent to recycling. Bottle caps were also collected to be sent to Green Wheels. Finally, a special thank you goes to everyone who helped pick up any trash that was left behind after the fun day as part of a clean-up campaign with Ahel Al Balad in keeping our school and community clean.

COMING UP THIS WEEK is a Fit Mom Session with Widad Fakhouri. Our trial class last Wednesday was a hit and we’re looking forward to our first official class starting this Monday at 8am. If you haven’t registered already, you still have time! See all details below.

IAA/PTA FIT MOM is BACK!

Challenge yourself and get in shape with Fitness Coach, Pilates Instructor and Master Trainer **Widad Fakhouri!**

Grab your mat, water bottle, and workout clothes and get ready for an awesome **ladies only** workout!

Monday and Wednesday from 8:00am-8:45am.
From October 14 - November 6.
8 classes for 80JOD payable at finance.
Location: IAA Field.

Free Trial on Wednesday, October 9



Regardless of your fitness level, grab your mat, water bottle, and workout clothes and get ready for an awesome ladies only workout!



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SPRIGT AND START
THE DAY RIGHT!" -
WIDAD FAKHOURI**