



الأكاديمية الدولية - عمان
THE INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY - AMMAN

Parent News

Monday, 16th October

2017

Calendar

Monday	16	--Open meeting with Primary Principal, Mr. Andrew Powell, Primary Principal's Office, 8:00 AM - 9:00 AM --Grade 10 Parent Coffee Morning, Tiered Classroom, 8:00 AM – 9:00 AM --Secondary Parenting Workshop, Secondary Group Room, 8:00 AM – 10:00 AM --Grade 9 to 11 Sports Morning, 8:00 AM – 10:30 AM --Layola Marymount University Visit, 10:30 AM
Tuesday	17	--Grade 6 Parent Coffee Morning, MPR, 8:00 AM – 9:00 AM --Primary Parenting Course, Secondary Library, 8:00 AM – 10:00 AM --LAU Visit, 9:30 AM --Makerspace (Quilling), Primary Library, 2:30 PM to 3:20 PM
Wednesday	18	--Primary Parent Morning: I Read Arabic, MPR, 8:00 AM – 9:00 AM --Pomona College Visit, 9:30 AM --Cardiff , Newcastle, uclan, franklin, Richmond, American university of Rome and Webster Visit, 10:30 AM
Thursday	19	--Grade 5CE Assembly, Theatre, 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM
Friday	20	--Grade 10 Trip, (Off- Campus) --Family Fun Day, 11:30 AM – 5:30 PM
Saturday	21	--Grade 10 Trip, (Off- Campus)
Sunday	22	--Grade 2H Trip, (Off- Campus) --UK University Group Visit, 9:00 AM
Monday	23	--Grade 2Z Trip, (Off- Campus) --Grade 1 Trip, (Off- Campus) --Grade 7 Parent Coffee Morning, MPR, 8:00 AM – 9:00 AM --Open meeting with Primary Principal, Mr. Andrew Powell, Primary Principal's Office, 8:00 AM - 9:00 AM --Secondary Parenting Workshop, Secondary Group Room, 8:00 AM – 10:00 AM --Primary Parent Conferences (Surname A-G), Primary Classrooms, 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Primary School News

Dear Parents,

We ended the week with a beautiful assembly that not only showcased the work of our Grade 2 students but celebrated the achievements of our community. Led by Ms Sahar and Ms Melinda, our families have raised over 3,000 JD to support research into cancer. On Thursday we held a walk, supported by the PTA in recognition of those families affected by cancer. Many of our teachers and parents took part in the Amman Marathon as part of this fundraiser. There are some great photos of the events on the school's Facebook page. This week we have a Parent Morning on Wednesday, November 18th which focusses on I Read Arabic. This is a computer platform designed to increase children's vocabulary, reading fluency and reading comprehension. The session commences at 8am in the MPR and we look forward to seeing you there.

Please note that we have Parent Conferences on Monday, October 23rd and Tuesday, October 24th. A letter went home regarding the booking of meeting times via Moodle last week. If you have difficulty logging on, please feel free to contact our IT Department by emailing moodlehelp@uaa.edu.jo. Our administrative staff in Primary are also available should you have any questions. If you are unable to make an appointment to meet with our Arabic medium staff due to their available times being booked, we will open an additional afternoon on Wednesday, November 1st from 2:30 – 3:30pm for walk-in visits for select teachers.

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

Bronze Award Winners

Akram Abu Khajil 5T Ghassan Al Khawaja 2J

I hope that you have a wonderful week!

Yours sincerely,

Andrew Powell

Secondary School News

Dear Parents,

Thank you. Your support for our cancer fundraising initiative this week was tremendous, and we sold over 500 t-shirts at IAA! Add to that what ICS raised, our contributions to those in need will be very significant. For all those who ran the marathons on Friday – well done! The next thing to support is the PTA Fun Day this Friday. Last year, it was a huge amount of fun for all the family. This year, they intend to make it even bigger and better.

The sporting season is beginning and the Hawks have been in action. Our girls volleyball teams started with winning ways last week and over 50 students took part in the cross country at ICS this weekend. Our athletes put in some great times and results and came back with a host of gold, silver and bronze medals. Talking of

winning, congratulations to Leen Kaswaneh who came first in the Amman Design week competition for students. Wonderful news and we hope our three students entries from this year will inspire others to 'go for it' next year.

Over the weekend, we had nearly the whole of Grade 11 take part in a Habitat for Humanity trip. This is a first to have so many students involved, and it is great to see so much interest. It was a beautiful day to be working outside and the students really got involved in some hard physical activity. When they left the site, a lot of progress had been made, substantial walls existed where none had been before.

Busy week for our Grades 11 and 12 with universities on campus every day and sometimes large groups of them. They will be representing the US, UK, Europe and the Middle East. Grade 12 students are beginning to send the 'submit' button on their applications with Early Decisions for the US and Medicine and Oxbridge for the UK all due. We have students shooting for all of these, and we wish them all the best!

Quite an active week ahead as well. We have the Grade 9 to 11 Sports Day on Monday. A separate letter has been sent about this. Students may come in their school PE Kit and are not expected to change back into school uniform for the rest of the day. We are also hoping to have Grade 10 participate in an overnight trip on the Jordan trail this coming weekend. Time to get away from the urban environment and relax in the beautiful countryside of the Ajloun area as they complete a 35+km trek over the two days.

Over the course of last week and this week, some Grade 11 and Grade 12 Biology and Chemistry students have participated in the international ISBCC competitions. We are looking forward to finding out how well they have done in the global league tables next month.

We are offering two valuable extracurricular activities – Origami for G6-9 and Paper Coiling for G8-9. Experts in the Arts of Origami and Paper Coiling from the Jordan Origami Academy, will be conducting 12 one-hour sessions. Our students have met with these experts in last week's PSHE classes, where they showed them various Origami and Paper Coiling creations. Please encourage your children to participate as these activities are more than just beautiful craft ideas. They develop sequential thinking, temporal spatial and math reasoning skills. A letter was sent out last week providing more details for this afterschool activity.

Lastly, this week we also start our 'Coffee Mornings', where we hope to gain feedback from you as to the start of the year for these grades:

Mon 16th (8.00 - 9.00am): Grade 10 in the tiered classroom (Library)

Tues 17th (8.00 to 9.00am): Grade 6 in the tiered classroom (Library)

Yours sincerely,

Mr Martin and Ms Zena

PTA Corner

Dear IAA Community:

The PTA Executive Committee takes pleasure to announce the most exciting and successful event of the year - The IAA Family Fun Day on Friday, October 20th , 2017 from 11:30 a.m-5:30 p.m. There will be many exciting games and activities for the whole family , DJ, a variety of mouthwatering food and snacks, as well as a bazaar. Bring your family and friends and join the fun!! Hurry up get your tickets from the finance!!

Library News

Last week, IAA Librarians attended the Jordanian National Book Fair to make our annual order of Arabic books. زيارة معرض عمان الدولي:

تم يوم الأربعاء الموافق 2017/10/4 افتتاح فعاليات معرض عمان الدولي للكتاب، حيث يشارك في هذه الدورة 350 دار للنشر من دول مختلفة. وقامت مكتبة الروضة بزيارة المعرض واطلعت على دور النشر وقامت بشراء قصص شيقة وكتب وأخرى علمية إنجليزية مناسبة للأطفال باللغة العربية مصورة.

لقد قامت مكتبة الابتدائي بزيارة معرض عمان الدولي للكتاب الكائن في طريق المطار. تعرفنا على دور نشر جديدة، وقمنا بشراء بعض الكتب الجديدة و المفيدة و التي تعزز اللغة العربية، مثل "لسانك حصانك" الذي يعد من الكتب التي تمزج بين الاستمتاع و تحسين اللغة العربية و ايضا قصة "حوار في الفيسبوك" يهدف الى تعليم كيفية التعامل و التصرف في مواقع التواصل الاجتماعي. مس ليال و مس روند

قامت مكتبة الثانوية بزيارة معرض عمان الدولي للكتاب لشراء كتب قيمة وجديدة للمطالعة الحرة أو لكتابة الأبحاث وأوراق العمل. الكتب متنوعة ولجميع الأعمار. من الروايات العربية : أرض زيكولا، أرواح كليمنجارو، موت صغير، الشراع المقدس، شيفرة بلال، الأيام. من الكتب التاريخية: الحرب العالمية الأولى والثانية، موسوعة تاريخ العرب، تاريخ الأندلس، مدينة بيت المقدس وكتب اخرى عن الآثار والتاريخ والجغرافيا. ومن القصص القصيرة: عين القمر، جوهرة الجواهر، عنب تشرين، أسطورة البحر، كوب من العصير، جلجامش. نتشوق لرؤيتكم لمطالعة الكتب الجديدة.

The Kindergarten Library is introducing students to different Authors and Illustrators. This week our focus is on Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler. We showed a video of Axel while he sketched his first sketch for the book *Gruffalo* and explained how illustrators use different techniques to create a final product.

In the Primary Library the students will be learning more about using Destiny Quest, the library catalog. This will be the first time the 2nd graders will be using this feature and it will be very exciting to see all their search results displayed on their screens. They will search for books and use some of the features of Destiny like narrowing their search by location and pages. The older students will also be learning about more features of Destiny but we'll be going into more details. This enhances their ICT skills and enables them to use what they

learn in class in the libraries as well. As for the 5th graders, they will be learning about privacy and passwords through our digital citizenship curriculum.

The Secondary Library hosted Grades 6 and 8 for literature classes, so parents of those students should expect to see their children with books in hand, or at least, in their backpacks. I've been very pleased with the students' enthusiasm and selections. We've also hosted music classes, who are using a trial of Grove Music Online from Oxford University Press to complete research on units of inquiry. Grade 10 Science has also been visiting to learn about science-specific databases and resources we have to offer, such as SIRS Issues Researcher, Questia and Today's Science.

It's a very busy time in the library, and a great time to be a librarian.

For the Libraries,

Ms. Kathleen, Ms. Dima, Ms. Tania, Ms. Tamara, Ms. Dana