



الأكاديمية الدولية - عمان  
THE INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY - AMMAN

# Parent News

## Monday, 9th October

### 2017

### Calendar

Monday	9	--Open meeting with Primary Principal, Mr. Andrew Powell, Primary Principal's Office, 8:00 AM - 9:00 AM --Grades 10 – 12 Trip, (Off- Campus) --Secondary Parent Session - Available Resources in the Library, Library, 8:00 AM – 9:00 AM --Secondary Parenting Workshop, Secondary Group Room, 8:00 AM – 10:00 AM --Linden US Uni Visit, 9:30 AM – 10:30 AM
Tuesday	10	--Director's Open Meeting with Parents, Director's Office, 8:00 AM – 9:00 AM --Primary Parenting Course, Secondary Library, 8:00 AM – 10:00 AM --Sussex University Visit, 9:30 AM
Wednesday	11	--PSAT - Grade 10 and 11, MPR, 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM
Thursday	12	--Grade 2H Assembly, Theatre, 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM
Friday	13	
Saturday	14	--Grade 9, 10 & 11 Trip, (Off- Campus)
Sunday	15	--American Universities' Visit, 8:45 AM
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 --Layola Marymount Uni Visit, 10:30 AM

## *A Message from the Director*

Dear IAA Community,

I was extremely proud to see the design work of three of our IAA students at the Amman Design Week (ADW). This was the first time ever that ADW hosts the "Amman Design Week Student Exhibition," selecting students across the Kingdom to showcase their work. Our students were part of a mentorship program, where they worked one-on-one with design specialists and experts to develop their ideas into tangible design works. I view this as an experience linking one of our pillars - cultural heritage - to design. I encourage you all to visit the gallery and witness the creativity in design and ideas.

As your children currently undergo their periodical assessments in each subject, I often hear of parents who are stressing out rather than giving their children the right support and reassurance. Please read this article: <http://www.todayonline.com/lifestyle/helping-your-child-cope-exam-anxiety> that ends with a key message stating, "Learning is challenging enough; scolding, threatening or bargaining with your child is not going to get him or her to learn any faster."

Stay connected to our week's calendar of events and activities through our website, IAA mobile application and social media channels. We have a two-day October break on the 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> of this month.

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

Wishing you a wonderful week ahead.

Hana Kanan, Ed.D.

Director

## *Primary School News*

Dear Parents,

This week, our community will be engaged in a number of activities aimed at raising funds for cancer research. At present we have over forty people signed up to run the Amman Marathon on the weekend. On Thursday, our students are encouraged to wear their PE uniforms as grades 1-5 will be participating in a walk around the field. Those students that have purchased fundraising t-shirts will be able to wear them for this event and throughout the day.

Earlier in the year, we practised evacuating the school through a number of announced and unannounced fire drills. This week we will extend our evacuation procedures to include a Code Red walkthrough, which will have our students take shelter in dedicated classrooms and hallways.

Please note that we have Parent Conferences on Monday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> and Tuesday, October 24<sup>th</sup>. A letter will be sent home this week with respect to booking conference times. Parents will be provided with a Target Report at the conference which indicates areas of confidence and areas of development.

Last week, House Leaders and Student Representative Council members were recognised in the newsletter. This week, I would like to acknowledge students that will be acting as Eco and CAS representatives within the school.

Eco Representatives

G3A	Dania Al Sarraf	G4C	Jaffar Al-Husseini	G5T	Salma Qatarneh
G3G	Kareem Ghnaimat	G4P	Hashem Ellauzi	G5C	Mousa Al-Bitar
G3LC	Our Asalai	G4G	Talal Al-Asad	G5CS	Saif Audi
G3M	Mohammad Qawasmi	G4M	Eleina Imseeh	G5MM	Faisal Abu Tayeh

Community Action Service

Grade 5C	Hashem Shreim	Grade 5MM	Hashim El Akabi
Grade 5C	Jannah Hmoud	Grade 5MM	Jafar Al Hashimi
Grade 5C	Salma Hamzah	Grade 5MM	Julia Haddadin
Grade 5C	Yousef Al Ahmad	Grade 5MM	Laila Abu Baker
Grade 5CS	Jana Zalatimo	Grade 5T	A'isha Saket
Grade 5CS	Kareem Al-Taweel	Grade 5T	Ayla Akkawi
Grade 5CS	Maya Sharaiha	Grade 5T	Karam Fakhouri
Grade 5CS	Fares Khayyat	Grade 5T	Saif Saleh

I hope that you will have a wonderful week!

Yours sincerely,

Andrew Powell

## **Secondary School News**

Dear Parents,

It is always a pleasure to meet up with our old students! Over the weekend Mr Martin found himself in Dublin where he was doing some accreditation work at a school for the Council of International Schools. He visited the Royal College of Surgeons and met their student recruitment officer who was very complementary about the quality of IAA graduates. He then had the pleasure of catching up with our students in Dublin, whom he found working hard on their medical journey but are enjoying the experience. They do miss IAA though.

Our Grade 7 students embarked on a star-gazing adventure at Wadi Rum this past weekend, where they had to literally reach for the stars. Wadi Rum is the ideal place to explore the night sky with its minimal light pollution. Students used high resolution telescopes to see the rings around Saturn, the surface of the Moon and various constellations. "Astronomy, as nothing else can do, teaches us humility" by Arthur C. Clarke.

The annual Amman Design week takes place again. The theme for this year is "movement", explored through physical, intellectual, cultural or social dimensions. Amongst the 100 designers and design

firms at the exhibition, three of our students were selected from many participants to showcase their Grade 10 Design projects. Leen Kassawneh, Karim Rahman and Azd Billeh worked with renowned local designers to refine their design skills and to pitch their products to an audience. Leen designed an ergo-egg as a Cerebral Palsy writing aid to help children with limited hand coordination. Karim developed a design solution for cutlery for parents struggling with feeding their infants. Azd designed a wearable strap which addresses the issue of miscarriage with pregnant dogs. Our Design Technology students, from grades 10 to 12, will visit our budding designers this Monday.

The Library Staff strives to provide a friendly and educational environment that supports inquiry-based learning and enhances research skills. Ms. Kathleen, our Head Librarian, will present on the variety of resources available in the Library. Particular focus will be given to online databases, which are valuable and reliable tools to use for research. A must attend to learn about all the resources that students literally have at their fingertips. The session will take place in one of the classrooms in the Library on Monday October 9<sup>th</sup> from 8am-9am.

On Wednesday Oct 11, 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.

Students will be taking their individual and group photos for the yearbook starting this week. The schedule has been emailed to parents. It has also been uploaded on Moodle under the News Forum.

Last week, a number of students started the Toastmasters and Gallup Strength Finder activities. We had a good number sign up and the facilitator of the Gallup course was very impressed by our younger students. So much so that he is realising that more advanced material is going to have to be woven into the course. Well done to all who took part and we hope you enjoy the rest of the sessions and really develop some excellent soft skills in doing so.

Lastly, students who purchased a T-shirt to support cancer research can wear it this Thursday. Some of our students and teachers will be taking part in the Amman Marathon this coming Friday, united in their goal to support cancer patients and cancer research. We wish them all the best and commend them on their efforts to put an end to a disease that has touched far too many loved ones.

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**

We will have a special MakerSpace program in the Primary Library on Tuesday, 17 October. Parents are invited to bring their children for a session in Quilling, from 2:30-3:30pm. There are 20 spots available, 10 for KG1-2 and 10 for G3-5. Please reserve a seat by sending us an email: [library@iaa.edu.jo](mailto:library@iaa.edu.jo)