



الأكاديمية الدولية - عمان
THE INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY - AMMAN

Parent News

Monday, 16th April 2018

Calendar

Monday	16	--Grade 8 Parent Coffee Morning, Tiered Classroom, 8:00 AM – 9:00 AM
Tuesday	17	--Director's Open Meeting with Parents, Director's Office, 8:00 AM – 9:00 AM --Open meeting with Primary Principal, Mr. Andrew Powell, Primary Principal's Office, 8:00 AM - 9:00 AM
Wednesday	18	
Thursday	19	--Grade 5CS Assembly, Theatre, 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM
Friday	20	
Saturday	21	--Grades 8 and 9 Bridge-building competition, IAA, 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM
Sunday	22	--Grade 10 Trip, (Off- Campus)
Monday	23	--Open meeting with Primary Principal, Mr. Andrew Powell, Primary Principal's Office, 8:00 AM - 9:00 AM --Grade 3 Science Fair, Multipurpose Hall, 10:45 AM – 12:00 PM --SCREENAGERS AT IAA, Theatre, 6:00 PM

A Message from the Director

Dear IAA Community,

Welcome back! I hope your spring break was full of rest and relaxation!

There are only a handful of weeks left before the end of the school year. To this end, I urge parents to ensure that their children are not unnecessarily absent from school and are there on time at 7:45 am.

I was in Leiden, Netherlands at the beginning of the month to attend the **Council of International Schools (CIS)** Board meeting in the capacity of Vice Chair of the Board of Trustees. It was a fruitful meeting and we had great

discussions on the continuing evolution of education. The CIS is a membership community committed to high quality international education.

Next week, IAA will host a viewing of the award-winning documentary, **SCREENAGERS**. This will take place on Monday, 23 April 2018 at 6pm at the IAA Theatre. The film describes our tech-saturated world and probes into the vulnerable corners of family life and depicts messy struggles over social media, video games and academics. It offers solutions on how parents can help their kids navigate the digital world. The documentary is created and directed by Delaney Ruston, a physician and film director. I strongly urge you to attend the special screening that tackles the complexities and challenges of modern parenting.

Stay connected to more IAA news, events and updates through our social media channels and our IAA mobile application.

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

Have an enjoyable week.

Hana Kanan Ed.D.

Director



Primary School News

Dear Parents,

I trust that you have enjoyed the Spring Break and the beautiful weather that has been on offer. We have an incredibly busy term ahead and I would like to reiterate the importance of children being at school on time and for close to the remaining 100% of school days as possible. Research from multiple countries and institutions indicates a very strong correspondence between school attendance and academic success, even in the Early Years.

Science Fairs

Next week, we have our Science Fairs and I am looking forward to seeing our students share their work. Please note the dates below:

Monday April 23 G3 Science Fair from 10:45am – 12pm in the MPR

Tuesday, April 24 G4 Science Fair from 10:45am – 12pm in the MPR

Wednesday, April 25 G5 Science Fair from 10:45am – 12pm in the MPR

Sports Days

The following week we will have our Sport Days on Monday, April 30. Students from KG2 – Grade 5 should come to school in their PE uniforms and house t-shirts as well as a water bottle. Like last year, the day will be focussed on providing the students with a range of fun and engaging team-focussed activities.

Award Winners

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

Bronze Award Winners

Al Anoud Abu Al Haj 3LC

Ahmad Asali 2Z

Leen Quweider 2Z

Silver Award Winners

Yousef Shahrouri 4D

Yousef Abdo 4D

Farah Zureikat 4G

Bana Khoury 4D

Salma Morrar 4D

Jude Al- Hussein 4G

Haya Al- Salehi 4D

Nour Damrah 4P

Ameer Al Lozi 3S

Masa Fraij 4D

Talia Shanti 4P

Mohammed Al- Dabbas 3S

Massa Madi 4D

Saba Hourani 4P

Leanne Badreddine 2H

Rashid Shami 4D

Zaher Jardaneh 4P

Hiam Kharouba 1S

Rene Bader 4D

Loulwa Al- Tayeh 4G

Lamia Al Awwad 1S

Talal Mansour 4D

Lara Kilani 4G

Zaid Saleh 1S

Abdel kareem Abu Khajil 4D

Gold Award Winner
Mohamed Morrar 1S

Gold with Merit Award Winners
Nadia Issa 3S

Gold with Excellence Award Winners
Joud Zeidan 4D

Salma Abu Baker 4D

I hope that you have a wonderful week.

Yours sincerely,
Andrew Powell

Secondary School News

Dear Parents,

We hope everyone enjoyed the break and is feeling refreshed for the final months of the school year.

Colour Run and Polio Bake Sale

The last week of school before the break saw student leadership in action. Our Student Council did a wonderful job with the colour run. It was a great success and those who took part helped raise enough money to feed 75 Jordanian families for a whole month. A wonderful gift to give! Our Grade 8 have really engaged with the *End Polio Now* campaign and actively wanted another bake sale in order to purchase even more vaccines. With all the terrible news from Syria and Yemen and danger of Polio becoming established in those two conflict zones again, this is really important work.

MindUP Session for Parents

We are working on the MindUP teaching curriculum and framework with our G6s. The focus is to help our children achieve and maintain focussed attention and encourage mindful action. A representative from MindUP will be presenting a session to our parents (G6-12) on relationships, promoting a healthy dialogue and supporting emotional development of our children. It will take place on the 17th of April from 830am to 1030am in the MPR. If you would like to attend, please drop us an email at secondary@iaa.edu.jo.

G6 Workshop on Brain Awareness

Brain Awareness Week is a global campaign to promote the benefits of brain research. The official week is in March; however, this Monday a guest speaker will be joining our G6 students. She will present an interactive workshop on how the brain works, neuroplasticity and compare the effects of growth and fixed mindsets on the brain.

G8 Community Project

The Grade 8 students have wrapped up their Community Projects, which encourage them to explore their right and responsibility to implement service as action in their community. They have submitted their process journal extracts, the project plan, the registration form and the signed academic honesty form. They will now

present their projects to each other. Presentations that are strongly communicated and that demonstrate responsible action through learning will be selected to present to all secondary on MYP Day on May 15.

G6-8 Presentation on Drug Awareness

The PTA has invited Dr. Larissa Al-Uar, Co-founder of “Tobacco Free Jordan” and the “LaLitadkhin” NGO, to present to our G6-8 students about psychoactive substances (including alcohol) and drug related risks.

Grade 10 – Revision Weeks

For the next three weeks, the G10s will be revising concepts for the various subjects and linking them with Orientation in Space and Time. In addition, they will be preparing for the “Interdisciplinary Learning” e-assessment, where they have to make connections between Language and Literature with Science, with a focus on natural and human landscapes and resources. The IB has recently published the interdisciplinary pre-release material, which contains background information and sources that students need to understand in order to successfully complete this examination.

Grade 12 – Preparing for Externals

Grade 12s will be in school this week to revise their mock exams with their teachers. Their external examinations will take place from the 27 April to 17 May. We wish our Grade 12s the very best in their preparations and in the examinations.

Bridge Building Competition

Four groups of G8/9 students have put in long hours planning, designing and constructing a bridge out of balsa wood that follows specific criteria. Before the break, all bridges were put to the test as the audience waited impatiently to see the bridge that can withstand the greatest load. It was a close race, but only one bridge carried 6.2kg before it collapsed on the cafeteria floor. The group with the strongest bridge has advanced to the next round, where they will put their bridge-building skills to test as they compete against other schools in Amman on April 21. Congratulations to all of the other participants. We are proud of their efforts and of their bridges.

IELTS testing at IAA

This coming weekend, we host the British Council on campus as they facilitate IELTS testing for our Grade 11 students. By organising it at IAA, we hope to reduce the burden on parents and students in getting this required test in order to be able to meet university and visa requirements for those who wish to study overseas. Good luck to all.

A Glimpse Ahead

Looking at our dates for the next two months, we still have a great deal happening in addition to that mentioned in this newsletter. Our Music Concert, Talent Show, Fashion Show, Independence Day, Habitat for Humanity trip, fieldtrips, as well as Grade 5 transitions and our many celebratory end of year events to name but a few.

It is going to be busy so please keep reading the newsletters and checking your emails from school to keep on top of what is happening.

Sincerely,
Mr. Martin and Ms. Zena

Sports News

Dear IAA Community,

Our athletic season is almost over with two more events in the pipeline: the SAISA Track and Field event as well as the AAC Gymnastics tournament.

This weekend, IAA hosted the MEUC Track and Field, with teams coming from different countries to participate in this wonderful event. Our IAA Hawks athletes took time off their final days of holiday to participate in that event. They performed extremely well with amazing new numbers broken and lots of gold, silver and bronze medals for our athletes.

I am extremely proud of their achievements and of their sportsmanship during this event.

A big thank you for the supporting parents who granted us their valuable time to volunteer in our event. And a big thank you for all the staff, coaches, cleaners and referees for running this event smoothly.

Coach Samer Taha
Athletics Director

SCREENAGERS AT IAA

IAA will host a viewing of the award-winning documentary, SCREENAGERS, on Monday, 23 April 2018 at 6pm at the IAA Theatre.

This screening explores the struggles over social media, video games, academics and internet addiction. This is for PARENTS ONLY. The duration of the documentary is 1.5 hours and tickets cost 7JD per person, available from Finance starting today.

Only 450 tickets will be available on a first come, first served basis, which is the full capacity of our theatre.

For more information about the film, please see the website: <https://www.screenagersmovie.com/>

