



الأكاديمية الدولية - عمان
THE INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY - AMMAN

Parent News

Monday, 10th September 2018

Calendar

Monday	10	-MYP Sciences & Design Information session (Grade 6-10), Auditorium, 8-9 am -Parent Information Afternoon (Grade 4) -Open meeting with Primary Principal, Mr. Andrew Powell, Primary Principal's Office, 8-9 am
Tuesday	11	-Islamic New Year
Wednesday	12	-Dr. Hana's business plan presentation to parents, Tiered Classroom, 8-10 am -Parent Information Afternoon (Grade 5), 2:45-3:45 pm -G9 Trip, (Off- Campus)
Thursday	13	-G9 Trip, (Off- Campus) -Pre K parent Afternoon, 11:30 am -G5MM Assembly, Auditorium, 1-2 pm
Friday	14	-G9 Trip, (Off- Campus)
Monday	17	-MYP Mathematics & Art Information session (Grade 6-10), Auditorium, 8-9 am -Open meeting with Primary Principal, Mr. Andrew Powell, Primary Principal's Office, 8-9 am
Tuesday	18	-MYP Individuals and Societies and Physical and Health Education Information session (Grade 6-10), Auditorium, 8-9 am -Director's Open Meeting with parents, Director's Office, 8-9 am
Thursday	20	-Grade 7 Trip, (Off- Campus)
Friday	21	-Grade 7 Trip, (Off- Campus) -G11 Teambuilding Overnight Trip, (Off- Campus)
Saturday	22	-G11 Teambuilding Overnight Trip, (Off- Campus)
Sunday	23	-E-assessment session (Grade 10 ONLY), Auditorium, 8-9 am
Monday	24	-Open meeting with Primary Principal, Mr. Andrew Powell, Primary Principal's Office, 8-9 am

A Message from the Director

Dear IAA Community,

After two full weeks of school, everyone has settled into a great working routine. Students have been reviewing the school wide expectations and teachers have been reinforcing the things students can do to help their learning.

I was pleased to meet many of you at the Welcome Back Reception & Recognition Ceremony last week. It was a wonderful opportunity for all to become acquainted as the community embarks on yet another promising year. I would like to thank His Excellency Professor Mohammad Hamdan, Chairman of the IAA Board of Directors, for his inspirational address that evening that highlighted important achievements in the areas of academic performance, community building and leadership.

Next Wednesday, I will be giving my Business Plan presentation at 8 am in the Secondary Library's Tiered classroom and I look forward to seeing you to share with you the goals and objectives at IAA for the coming years.

Trips have resumed and we already have a Jerash and Wadi Rum overnight in the pipeline. Stay in the know pertaining school activities, events and trips by visiting our website's calendar, downloading the IAA mobile application and following us on social media.

Finally, for parents who wish to see me, my office is open on Tuesdays from 8-9 am. This Tuesday though, marks the Islamic New Year and the school will be closed. On this occasion, I would like to wish you a prosperous new year!

Hana Kanan Ed.D.

Director

Primary School News

Dear Parents,

We have had a great start to the school year and I have appreciated the overwhelmingly positive impression that has been made during the first weeks of school. Our students appear happy, engaged and full of energy.

Thank you to the many parents that have attended our Parent Information Sessions. We've received a lot of positive feedback about the school and our programmes. This week we have our Grade Three, Four and Five teams presenting in the MPR.

Our youngest students have made a fantastic transition to Pre-K and our Early Years team has enjoyed sharing in a range of fun, interactive activities. On Thursday, September 13th Pre-K parents are invited to share juice and biscuits as a way of celebrating the start of their children's school journey. It will also be a great way to meet other parents and your child's teachers.

As part of our commitment to our children's social and emotional wellbeing, we have commenced the delivery of the Second Step programme throughout the school. Students are provided lessons that highlight empathy, emotional management, problem-solving and life skills. In addition to a weekly lesson, students also have the opportunity to connect and reflect upon what they have learned with their experiences in and outside of the classroom. A letter was sent home on Sunday with specific details about the programme and online access to home connection activities and resources.

Wishing you all a wonderful week.

Andrew Powell
Primary Principal

Secondary School News

Dear Parents,

As we start the third week of school, we are pleased to see that routines are in place and that classes are making good progress with the first units of work. We have also had busy weekends. Two weekends ago, a large number of students from Grades 7 to 12 received extensive training from our School Counsellors on being Peer Helpers. They are a great asset as they help students build and maintain connections with their peers.

There have been numerous parent meetings held at school and we would like to thank all who attended. This past Thursday, the Grade 6 students spent the night at IAA, where they took part in teambuilding activities. On the same day, the student volleyball team demolished the teacher team! It was a great event, played with great spirit and we hope it will be the first of many such community games to take place this year. Talking of community, it was great to see the outgoing SRC arrange their last event of their tenure when they provided a breakfast for the ancillary staff at IAA and took time to thank the staff on behalf of the students for all the work they do to make IAA the wonderful and safe learning space that it is.

Student Representative Council

Now that the Head Boy and Head Girl have been announced, elections for class representative for the Student Representative Council will take place this week for grades 6 to 11. We wish those students who put their names forward all the best. We applaud them on their courage to stand in front of their peers and teachers to present their ideas and initiatives for this academic year.

Extracurricular Activities

Our extracurricular activities continue to offer a nice balance between athletics, enrichment activities and academic support. Activities that have already started include Athletics, Model United Nations and auditions for this year's drama production *Brainstorm*. As activities come on line, they will be promoted to students through Moodle and at Registration. Where activities require additional payment, letters will be sent home and when activities require late busses for those using the service this will be arranged. We encourage our students to take part in our activities, since they can further develop their creativity, communication, leadership and social skills. Stay tuned for further information!

Overnight Excursions

Many overnight excursions are also taking place in the upcoming weeks and details will be sent home prior to each trip:

- Grades 7 and 8 students will be attending separate trips on Sept. 20th and 27th, respectively. In collaboration with Jordan Echo, these grades will be working on various skills that include communication, team-building and leadership.
- Grade 9 students will participate in a weekend expedition in Wadi Rum from Sept. 12th until the 14th. Activities will involve hiking, orienteering and safety.
- Grade 11 students will be having their overnight teambuilding experience in early October.

Model United Nations

For Grades 9 to 11 students interested in participating in the first local MUN at Montessori, it is important that they register with Mr. Matthew as soon as possible. This event will take place at the end of September. We ask our parents to encourage their children to participate as it is a great opportunity to research current issues and to debate and negotiate such issues in a cooperative and diplomatic manner

MYP Information Sessions

We have started our MYP seminars for parents last week. On Sunday, our Heads of Department for Arabic, English and Spanish will present on Languages in the MYP. On Monday, we will address Design and Science in the MYP. Both start at 8am in the Theatre. We look forward to seeing you there.

Yours sincerely,

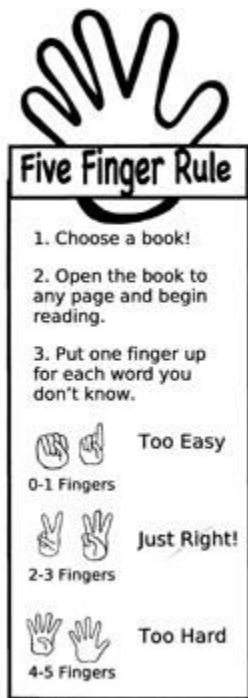
Mr. Martin and Ms. Zena

Library News

Our first MakerSpace will be on Tuesday, 18 September from 2:30-3:20 pm in the Primary Library. This MakerSpace is for **KG students** only. We will have a second one for Primary students in the month of October. We will be making pencil cases! If you would like to sign your child, please send an email to library@iaa.edu.jo. We are limited to 20 spaces, so sign up quickly. MakerSpaces are designed for parents to work with their children in a fun, relaxing atmosphere, so please come with your children. We love to see our MakerSpace moms.

The first meeting of the IAA Parent Book Club is Monday, 1 October, from 1:30-2:30 pm in the Secondary Library Conference Room. Our book is the 2009 winner of the International Prize for Arabic Fiction, *Azazeel* by Yousef Zaidan. The discussion is in both Arabic and English, so feel free to pick up a copy (in either language) and join us.

The students at the Primary Library were very excited last week because they got to check out books for the first time this year! For all grades, we are concentrating on how to pick the right book using the 5 finger rule. Students are asked to open to any page in the book and start reading. If they find more than 3 words on a page that they don't understand, then they should try and find another book. There are also age-appropriate books on tables for each grade. We are also reviewing how to use Destiny Discover, our library catalog, that is accessible from home as well.



The KG Library started the year off with a quick tour of the library to locate and identify the different sections of books and resources. We learned about the library rules and necessary book care. As of last week, students have been taking books home.

For Secondary Students, we have just added Oxford Premium Reference to our database collections. These resources should be especially helpful to DP students as they write the Extended Essays and various subject-area research papers. Along with Britannica, Questia and other archives, our students have thousands of resources at their fingertips.

We encourage parents to drop by to borrow books and enjoy our extensive collection.

From The Libraries,
Kathleen McKim