



الأكاديمية الدولية - عمان
THE INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY - AMMAN

Parent News

Monday, 30th September 2019

Calendar

SEPTEMBER - OCTOBER

30 MON	Open meeting with Mr. Andrew Powell Primary Principal's Office 8:00 - 9:00 AM
1 TUE	Director's Open Meeting with parents Director's Office 8:00 - 9:00 AM G6 Parent Coffee Morning MPR 8:00 - 9:00 AM
3 THU	G5 Mr Matthew Assembly Auditorium 1:15 - 2:15 PM
8 TUE	Director's Open Meeting with parents Director's Office 8:00 - 9:00 AM G8 Parent Coffee Morning MPR 8:00 - 9:00 AM
10 THU	G3 Miss Sheena Assembly Auditorium 1:15 - 2:15 PM
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

A Message from the Director



Dearest IAA Community!

Reading the sections from Primary and Secondary have truly made my day. So much has happened on and off campus and it has only been just over a month since IAA opened its doors again. Kudos IAA! The board has also had a very special month. One very significant highlight was Dr. Rana Imam, our latest addition to the Board of Directors. Dr. Rana is a highly accomplished individual who has also served as Chair of the PTA. How excited we all are to have her join our growing IAA family. Welcome Dr. Rana we are so very pleased to have you!

In other news, our legendary fun day is coming up. The campus is buzzing with preparations and we can't wait to see you all. Over the weekend the Board has gone through a successful two day training on governance and management presented by Mr. John Chandler. This is John's third time training the board. We have touched on

a wide range of topics all to understand how we can excel as members of the IAA community and improve it with each day.

Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much. – Helen Keller

Hana Kanan Ed.D.
Director

Primary School News

Dear Parents,

School is now in full swing and we have had some wonderful celebrations of student work. Our Grade 5 students from Ms Carolyn's class opened our assembly series with an exceptional performance, providing students with advice on how to navigate the return to school with a positive mindset. Ms Natasha's class furthered their message and connected it to what we can do to support our environment. Our Early Years students have had a number of their weekly assemblies and Pre-K celebrated Children's Day with their parents last Wednesday.

Our fundraising initiatives started last week with our first Bake Sale of the year, which was hosted by our Grade 5 students. The Primary School raised over 1,600 JD which will be used to support a kindergarten in Mreigha, South of Maan. Should you have any items that you would like to donate there is a collection point in the Primary Reception area.

Student Council elections have taken place and I am pleased to be able to share the Grade 2-5 representatives for this school year. The following students were elected by their peers:

Grade 2: Naya Imseeh, Zaid Al Akash, Zinad Said & Leila Abu Lughod
Grade 3: Zaid Jaber, Ayla Haddad, Riwa Al Qaimari & Karam Rabata
Grade 4: Christina Imseeh, Nadine Dajani, Rayan Fakhouri & Sasha Abu Sawwa
Grade 5: Amal Nazrieva, Fathi Salem, Celina Allaham & Mohammad Al-Baghal

Learning is a continuous process and this week our classroom and learning support teachers commenced a blended professional development experience through Stanford University. Over the next few months they our teachers will be examining current practice in the area of Mathematics and applying this to their classroom practise.

I hope that you have a wonderful week.

Andrew Powell
Primary Principal

Secondary School News

Dear Parents,

It now seems like the summer holiday was a long time ago, as we settle into the routines of the school year!

Student Representative Council

We completed our elections for the Student Representative Council. We thank all the students who participated in the election and presented their ideas and initiatives to their grades. We congratulate those who were voted in to serve their peers. We had the first formal meeting last week, and we are looking forward to seeing what this group of dynamic students can do to enhance the school this year.

Teacher Office Hours

As the first month of school comes to an end, students are starting to sit for summative assessments in some of their subjects. Teachers have posted their office hours, which are taking place during lunch and/or after school. If students would like any further help with a subject, they must take initiative by coordinating with the teacher a suitable time for additional help.

Parent Coffee Mornings:

Now that our formal meetings for our curriculum have ended, it is time to invite parents to join us for some opportunities to feedback on how the start of the school year has gone. The first ones are:

Grade 10: Monday 7th October at 8.00 am

Grade 8: Tuesday 8th October at 8.00 am.

Messages will be sent closer to the time to confirm venues.

Grade 6 Bake Sale and Civvies Day:

We brought our appetites, and Grade 6s did not disappoint. Congratulations on a successful Bake Sale. Thank you to all the parents of Grade 6 who supported their children on the day. An impressive 974.5JD was raised and the proceeds will be donated to the Humane Centre for Animal Welfare, King Hussein Cancer Research and Sacred Heart Special Needs Centre.

Music in Secondary:

This year, we continue to raise the profile of music in Secondary. There are so many opportunities for students to participate. We have the Acapella singing group and a number of School Bands. Ms Obeida and Ms Yara can answer any questions about those, and they would really like for you to encourage your children to participate.

Thursday Team Building Evenings

This past weekend, the Grade 6 students had a wonderful evening at school, participating in many fun sporting and teambuilding activities. This coming Thursday it is the turn of Grade 8 and then on Thursday 17th we will be organising an evening for Grade 7. Letters for Grade 8 have already been sent home. I hope these evenings will be well supported as these experiences form the bedrock of so many good memories from school.

School Trips

Grade 6: As part of the “Tools for History and Geography” unit for Individuals and Societies- Arabic, the Grade 6 students will visit the Amman Citadel on Monday 7th October.

Grade 10 to 12 Design Students: A number of our Design students will also be visiting the Amman Design Week on Monday 7th October at which we have 5 of our own students exhibiting their projects. To have so many chosen from IAA to participate is a great honour and a mark of the strength of the Design programme in our school.

Model United Nations

It has been a busy start to the year and over the last two weekend we have had nearly 40 delegates attending the Amman Academy and Montessori MUN conferences along with 8 students acting as either Chairs or Presidents. I was particularly impressed with our new Grade 8 students who were chosen to start their MUN journey at Montessori this weekend. Their maturity and preparation was plain to see and for some of them to be given best delegate or the runner up position was simply remarkable.

I’MUN 2019

On the topic of MUN, we are getting close to our very own conference. Students from Grades 8 to 11 who wish to participate as delegates have to inform Ms Samah by the end of Monday 30th September. This year we anticipate our conference to be the biggest and best yet, and we want to make sure our delegates shine by starting a full training programme now.

Hawks 2019/2020

We have been very heartened to hear about the numbers of students turning up for try-outs and the size of our sports clubs this year. I know Coach Samer and his team are very pleased that they are going to be able to field numerous teams for our tournaments. Now that we are settling to the training schedules, I urge all participants to commit to their sporting commitments and enjoy their training.

Grade 12

As you may have seen on the school social media this has been a busy few weeks for Grade 12 and College Counselling as we have had numerous universities visiting the campus. In addition, we had the mock Grade 12 Art exhibition last week where our students showed off some excellent work. Grade 12 is also in the midst of their first major deadline which is the Extended Essay on Tuesday 1st October, and then they also have the first important SAT exam of the year on the 5th October. Good luck to all!

Grade 10

The G10s have submitted their final product / outcome of their personal project, along with their process journal extracts. It is important for them to have met with their supervisor to evaluate their product against the success criteria and to receive feedback on the extracts. The focus now is on the writing of the report. PSHE sessions will be used to introduce the requirements for the report.

Further Enrichment Activities

We are just putting together our planning for other enrichment activities in school. We have exciting initiatives underway for an environmental club. The cast of the play are busy rehearsing, and we will be announcing through Moodle and letter about other activities that students can join later in the coming week. As this information is shared, we would urge you to encourage your children to participate in some extra part of school life as it will be very rewarding for them.

World Teachers' Day

Last (but definitely not least!) October 5th is World Teachers' Day. We would like to thank our teachers for the care and commitment they demonstrate in the classroom.

Busy times!

**Sincerely,
Mr. Martin and Ms. Zena**

Library News



Students in Grades 2-5 will celebrate their Summer Reading success on Thursday, October 10, from 2:45-3:30 in the Multipurpose Room. Parents of readers, please don't forget to send your pictures to library@iaa.edu.jo. The celebration for G1 will take place the following Thursday, October 17, from 2:45-3:30 in the G1 Area. We hope to see you all there.

Parents, please join us for a "Literary Evening with Ibtisam Barakat" on Saturday, 2 November at 7pm in the IAA Theatre. Ibtisam Barakat is a Palestinian-American author who has written two young adult novels as well as several childrens' picture books in Arabic. Tickets are free, but they are limited and going quickly. Please RSVP with the number of seats to library@iaa.edu.jo.

The Primary Library has kicked off the year with the new and updated library catalog, Destiny Discover. The students were excited to see the new interface and features and use them in the library. They have also been learning about online safety through our Digital Citizenship curriculum. The library has 2 very informative and educational resources along with Destiny Discover that students are encouraged to use for classwork and homework: *Britannica* and *PowerKnowledge Life Science*.

The KG Library introduced students to our theme for the year in the libraries: The United Nations Sustainable Development Goals. We will explore some fiction and non-fiction bilingual literature related to our goals in the upcoming months to include: No Poverty, Zero Hunger, Good Health and Well-being, Quality Education, Gender Equality, Clean Water and Sanitation, Life Below Water & Life on Land.

Last Thursday afternoon, the Primary Library hosted an optional teacher training for Encyclopedia Britannica, led by our representative from the UK, Mr. Robert Hutchinson. It was wonderful to gather with around 20 teachers from PreK to G12 to discover how the advanced features of this resource can be helpful to teachers and students.

There are many events and activities coming up from the library. Please stop by to find out more.

**For the Libraries,
Ms. Kathleen**

Sports News



A Message from Coach Samer!

Our athletes participated in different competitions over the summer representing our school and country proudly. Here are the amazing medals they won. Congratulations to our beautiful Hawks!

Farah Rawashdeh 4 Gold
Lara Aklouk 3 Gold
Rabab Barhoush 3 Gold and 1 Silver
Sayf Hatabeh 2 Gold 2 Silver
Denize Qursha 2 Gold 1 Silver 1 Bronze

We couldn't be prouder! Go IAA Hawks!

**Kind Regards,
Coach Samer**