



الأكاديمية الدولية - عمان
THE INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY - AMMAN

Parent News

Monday, 13th January

2020

Calendar

JANUARY

13 MON	Open meeting with Mr. Andrew Powell Primary Principal's Office 8:00 - 9:00 AM
14 TUE	Director's Open Meeting with parents Director's Office 8:00 - 9:00 AM
16 THU	Primary Production Auditorium 1:15 - 2:15 PM
20 MON	Open meeting with Mr. Andrew Powell Primary Principal's Office 8:00 - 9:00 AM
21 TUE	Director's Open Meeting with parents Director's Office 8:00 - 9:00 AM
23 THU	G4 Mr Graham Assembly Auditorium 1:15 - 2 :15 PM Grades 9-12 Visit Off- Campus
26 SUN	Second Semester Starts
27 MON	Open meeting with Mr. Andrew Powell Primary Principal's Office 8:00 - 9:00 AM

A Message from The Director

Hello and Welcome to the first newsletter of the year!

I hope you all had a well-rested break and are ready to seize the New Year. Sadly, I need to start off this letter with a heavy heart at the loss of one very special member of our community. Dr. Hala Hammad passed away this last December and our hearts and prayers are with her family and loved ones. Dr. Hala served as board member of our school and lived a full and highly successful life. She graduated from Utah State University in 1982 Phi Kappa Phi and specialized in the healthy development of children in developing years. She attained a doctorate in Curriculum Development and Supervision in Early Childhood Education as well as a M.Sc. in Family and Child Development while serving as a regional consultant in Family Development and Parenting Education. If you thought it stops there you thought wrong. She also planned curricula, educational programs that enhance child development, trained and supervised the career development of early childhood professionals and was a consultant for international agencies including the UN and regional Arab Countries. She fought long and hard for the prevention of domestic violence and focused on the emotional development of children through literature, play and art. Dr. Hala's life is one to be celebrated and looked up to, we should all learn from this force of a woman that fought for what she believed in and led such a positive change in her community. Rest in Eternal Peace dearest Dr. Hala Hammad, you will be missed!

In other news, recruitment season is looking up with an admirable number of applicants. Mr. Martin will be heading to London this Wednesday to attend the annual job fair and I will be visiting the US in February to attend the ISS (International School Services) recruitment fair. We are extremely eager to meet the amazing educators this world has to offer. I wish you a fruitful January, please keep your children warm in this cold weather.

**Kindest Wishes,
Hana Kanan Ed. D**

Primary School News

Dear Parents,

I trust that you were able to spend some quality time over the Winter Break and that your children are well rested for the semester ahead. I was very pleased with the positivity on campus last week and it was wonderful to visit classrooms and reconnect with our teachers and students.

Prior to the break we had a number of highlights that I'd like to mention. Firstly, our Grade 5 students participated in the Hour of Code from December 16th – 19th along with millions of other students in over 180 countries. This has been a regular event for our students for the past few years and is a great way for our students to celebrate their weekly coding activities that take place as an integral part of our curriculum.

Ms Camille's class treated us to an amazing assembly. Various Greek Gods joined us on stage, giving us an entertaining insight into Greek mythology. While the students put on a great show and looked incredible I was extremely proud of the growth that many of the students demonstrated with respect to their confidence, stage presence and ability to speak in public.

On the final day prior to the Break KG1, KG2 and our choir hosted the annual Christmas Assembly. This was an incredible event and the audience were in awe of how cute and talented our students are. Some of our Christian Studies students shared a little about various Christmas traditions and we ended school in the most positive of ways. While many teachers deserve recognition for supporting this event, particular credit needs to go to Ms Samia and Mr Issam for their leadership. They are both incredibly talented and inspiring educators.

Our next major event will be the Primary Production which will take place on Thursday, January 16th and parents are most welcome to attend. Production students from Grades 3 - 5 have been working with Mr Issam and the choir with Ms Samia. The production will be in Arabic and is an adaptation of the musical *Once Upon A Lily Pad*. The story centres on a frog who lacks confidence in himself. As he wanders around the pond he is envious of the other creatures and what they can do. Until, that is, he finds a talent of his own.

Our efforts to support those in need throughout Jordan were bolstered prior to the break. Primary Bake Sale contributions that will be used for the Winter Campaign have now topped 3,000 JD in addition to over 2,000 JD collected at Finance and the Primary reception area. Community donations of warm blankets, clothes, food and fuel have also been very well received. Our CAS students helped Ms Sahar finalise packing of goods for distribution to over vulnerable 150 families in Tibneh Village (Irbid governorate) on Thursday. A further 50 families in the Al Koura area were able to benefit from our efforts, along with a Special Needs school, which appreciated much needed clothes and supplies.

Now that winter has arrived snow packs have been issued to students in case school has to be closed due to inclement weather. Each grade level team has prepared work that will allow students to spend time on their reading, writing and mathematics skills. When you receive the package of work, please put it in a safe place so it is ready in the event of a snow day.

Finally, our teachers are most grateful to the PTA for their efforts to make them feel special during December. Staff were treated to a wonderful Teacher Appreciation Brunch as well as a lovely morning coffee to celebrate Christmas.

This week I am pleased to be able to recognise the following award winners:

Bronze Award Winners:

Salma Haj Ahmad 5A	Raya Abu Issam 4B	Zoe Al- Nims 3A
Abbas Hamdan 5A	Maya Dallal 4B	Natalie Al Maslamani 3A
Amal Nazrieva 5A	Mira Nasirova 4B	Sadine Al Bustami 3A
Raya Oweis 5A	Karam Hamdan 4C	Nazz May Farris 3A
Cekine Yousef 5A	Natalie Khatib 4C	Laith Al Ma'ayta 3B
Rakan Qawasmi 5A	Basheer Arabiyat 4C	Huda Shahrouri 3B
Hayama Al Abbadi 5B	Sejal Azzawi 4C	Ayla Haddad 3B
Jude Malkawi 5B	Loulwa Belbeisi 4C	Norah Ghnaimat 3B
Hazem Matouk 5B	Hayat Bani Amer 4C	Yousef Mustafa 3C
Celine Ghazal 5D	Shaker Al Saadi 4C	Haya Al Majali 3D
Maya Ghokapsh 5D	Yasmine Al Assaf 4C	Faisal Shawareb 3D
Haya Atmeh 5D	Adam Khazi 4D	Yasmin Sukhtian 3D
Noor Asali 5D	Aysha Salous 4D	Nadine Bakri 3D

Mohammad Al- Baghal 5D	Bashir Abu Hejleh 4D	Salma Al Qawasmeh 3D
Adam Abu- Lughod 5D	Hannah Fathalah 4D	Sultan Al Adwan 2A
Sumayah Makanai 5D	Imad Al Baghal 4D	Natalie Kanaan 2A
Lara Matraji 5D	Muhyeddin Al Ghezawi 4D	Qais Smadi 2A
Lamar Sarah 5D	Malak Sunna 4D	Alya Al Kayyali 2A
Abdulla Friaj 4A	Leanne Baddreddine 4D	Qais Smadi 2A
Mira Tbakhi 4A	Jazmine Al Jamal 4D	Rashid Al Rabi 2B
Yasmin Farraj 4A	Ayah Abdin 4D	Salma Zalloum 2C
Zakariyah Hoozeer 4A	Sama Bushieha 4D	Elita Saeed 2C
Jamal Semreen 4A	Yara Saoudi 4D	Abdulla Khawaja 2D
Alisha Zakarneh 4A	Taj Qusous 4D	Hashem Al Smadi 2D
Abdulla Al- Rasheed 4A	Suleiman Al Ghezawi 4D	Saeed Kamouna 2D
Talal Rudaini 4A	Sasha Abu Sawwa 4D	Laith Odeh 2D
Ayla Haddadin 4A	Salma Kloub 4D	Iman Hudhud 1B
Maia Cubeisy 4B	Naya Akkawi 4D	Odai Semreen 1B
Jaffar Zalatimo 4B	Omar Rasheed 4D	Dina Al Saadi 1B
Shaden Bondagji 4B	Zaid Saleh 3A	Lana Al- Samaraei 1B
Sara Qanadilo 4B	Abdelrahman Al Ahmad 3A	Mohammad Zeidan 1B
Faisal Qawasmi 4B	Sameer Kashour 3A	Lelas Al Louzi 1C
Leen Samhour 4B	Zaid Jaber 3A	Hashem Abu Haltam 1C
Elias Abu Yaghi 4B	Mona Mustafa 3A	Osama Sukkari 1C
Nadine Dajani 4B	Avantika Chandani 3A	Eleen Guneimat 1D
George Akkawi 4B	Taleen Khoury 3A	Maryam Salous 1D
Haya Al Sour 4B	Hashem Al Hamdan 3A	Sanad Suradi 1D

Silver Award Winners

Sumayaha Makanai 5D	Mohammad Al Lozi 4B	Anoud Mirza 2A
Atef Al- Kayyali 5D	Sanad Al Samarraie 4B	Naya Imseeh 2A
Farah Allozi 4B	Yulixa Houkayem 4B	Zaid Al Akash 2B
Ali Toukan 4B	Rayan Barhoush 4B	Hashem Al Qaryouti 2D
Elias Abu Yaghi 4B	Jazmine Al Jamal 4D	Rashed Abu Jbarah 2D
Jehad Atwan 4B	Sasha Abu Sawwa 4D	Sanad Suradi 1D
Malak Haijawi 4B		

Silver Award Winner

Karim Musleh 2A

Wishing you a wonderful week.

Andrew Powell
Primary Principal

Secondary School News

Dear Parents,

We hope you all had a wonderful break. We ended 2019 on a festive note with our annual winter assembly. Our students took center stage to present on their achievements as a grade, perform a play (our “living” Christmas Tree was welcomed back with warm applause), recite poetry, play instruments and sing holiday songs. It was a great reflection of all that was accomplished in first semester. We look forward to seeing what second semester has in store for us, and we encourage our students to take part in extracurricular activities as it can be extremely rewarding.

Personal Project Exhibition

The Grade 10s completed their Personal Projects before the break. We enjoyed the PP exhibition that showcased our students’ work - a blend of innovativeness, creativity and service. We do hope our Grade 10s will continue with this work in Grade 11 as many projects would be suitable for CAS. Thank you to everyone: students, supervisors, librarians and parents who supported our students through this journey.

Subject Changes

Grades 6, 7 and 8 will be swapping their Creative Arts subjects as of the 19th of January. The Grade 6 Spanish/Design swap will also be taking place at the time. We hope all the classes enjoy the new material.

Snow Protocol

As we are moving into the colder months when snow and poor weather conditions can disrupt our lives, we would like to remind you that there is a special snow protocol should our students not be able to come to school. We will follow the usual school day, where teachers will be online and posting work on Moodle for the classes they would be taking on that day. Thus, we have the least disruption to learning and the work the students do will build on the prior content in the current unit. It is our expectation that students will spend time working during any school closure days.

Feeling Under the Weather

We have come to the time of year to expect cold and flu symptoms. Some of these are unavoidable, nevertheless we can all do our part to keep everyone feeling healthy. Ensure that your child is getting at least 8 to 10 hours of sleep every night. Make sure that time is made for them to have a nutritious breakfast. They must dress appropriately for cold weather, which means wearing their school sweaters and winter jackets. Lastly, if your child shows any of the following symptoms, it is best for them to stay at home (even if they have an assessment)– fever, persistent coughing, vomiting and diarrhea...just to name a few. If they should miss an assessment, they are required to bring in a doctor’s note right away. We have seen too many incidences last month of students coming to school with the aforementioned symptoms. This just delays their recovery and increases the chances for other people to get sick.

Information Sessions

We will be holding a number of information sessions in January so mark your calendars. The sessions for next week are as follows:

Transition from Grade 8 to 9 (Information Session for Parents of G8)

On Tuesday January 14th, there will be a Grade 8 to 9 transition information session for parents in the MPR from 8am-9am. This will be an opportunity for us to discuss, with parents of our Grade 8 students, the next chapter of their child's educational journey. We will also introduce the subject packages offered in Grade 9.

Personal Project (Information Session for Parents of G9)

The Personal Project (PP) is a year-long project where each Grade 9 student chooses a specific goal to work on. This project gives students the opportunity to showcase their talents in unique and creative ways. Our MYP Coordinator, Ms. Hala, will present to the Grade 9 Parents on Monday January 20th, from 8am to 9am in the Theater, on the expectations of the project.

Extended Essay (Presentation to Grade 11 Parents)

All DP students are required to successfully complete the three elements that make up the core of the DP model- Theory of Knowledge; Creativity, Action & Service; and the Extended Essay (EE). The EE provides students with the opportunity to engage in personal research in a topic of their own choice, under the guidance of a supervisor. Ms. Jo Walker, our EE Coordinator, will present to the Grade 11 Parents on Sunday January 26th, from 8am to 9am in the Theater, on the expectations of this essay.

We have started busy! We wish you well for the New Year.

Mr. Martin and Ms. Zena

PTA Corner

Dear IAA community,

Happy 2020! We hope that the New Year is off to a great start and that you enjoyed your holidays with friends and family.

For our monthly talks, we would like to invite you to the talk coming up this Thursday January 16th on "Gaming for Children" by Counselor-Trainer Helena Sayegh @ 8:15am at the MPR.

Attendees will learn:

- The healthy ways in administering gaming at home
- The different types of game addiction and learning the proper tools on how to manage them
- Recognizing safe games and setting rules for media and daily entertainment

We look forward to seeing you there! Please note that the PowerPoint slides will be in English and the talk will be in Arabic.

Also, coming up end of March is the much awaited Annual Quiz Night. The IAA PTA Quiz Night is a yearly event attended by IAA parents, teachers, and friends. If you are interested in sponsoring the quiz night, or promoting your business by providing gifts for the raffle, please drop us an email at pta@iaa.edu.jo or call Maha Hawatmeh Imseeh on +962 (79) 500 0506.

Looking forward to seeing you at our events.

Have a great week

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