

SPOTS



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MONTH AT A GLANCE (K-12 All School Event; PS = Primary School; ES = Elementary School; MS = Middle School; HS = High School; DAAPA; MESAC/EAC)

Welcome to the SPOTS calendar. We encourage parents to check weekly as occasionally dates or times may change.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	WEEKEND
14 PS/ES Day 3 MS/HS Day 6	15 PS/ES Day 4 MS/HS Day 7	16 PS/ES Day 5 MS/HS Day 8	17 PS/ES Day 6 MS/HS Day 1	18 PS/ES Day 7 MS/HS Day 2	19 20
HS Exams (see schedule in HS section of SPOTS, page 10)					
		DAAPA 6 th Grade Parent Coffee Morning 8:15am The Lime Tree Café Sheikh Zayed Road RSVP to stayintouchwithdaams@gmail.com	DAAPA Sophomore Mom's Coffee Baccio Gelato after exam drop-off	Ramadan begins Ramadan timing in effect 8:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.	
21 PS/ES Day 8 MS/HS Day 3	22 PS/ES Day 9 MS/HS Day 4	23 PS/ES Day 10 MS/HS Day 5	24 PS/ES Day 1 MS/HS Day 6	25 PS/ES Day 2 MS/HS Day 7	26 27
Ramadan timing in effect 8:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. HS Exams (see schedule in HS section of SPOTS, page 10)					
				Last Day of School 12:00 noon Dismissal	

ALL SCHOOL NEWS

DAA EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Do you love helping children learn? DAA is seeking great candidates for **four new learning support educational assistants next year**. These are not classroom EAs, but will be new full-time positions that directly support children who need extra learning support in different subject areas. Two positions will be filled in DAA's Primary School (KG1-Grade 2), one position in its Elementary School (3-5), and one position in its High School (9-12). The EA contract offers paid school holidays and summer vacation with school day hours of 7:30 – 3:30. Husband sponsorship and a high school diploma (minimum) are required. If you are looking for a meaningful position, or are looking to get back into the workforce, **please send your CV today to Robin** at r.hoyt_daa@gemsedu.com.

LOST AND FOUND

Please be sure to check the lost and found for any items which may have been left at school.

All items remaining at the end of the year will be donated to charity over the summer. Thank you.

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ALL SCHOOL NEWS

FROM THE SUPERINTENDENTS OFFICE

Dear DAA Families,

It has been a terrific school year and the finish line is in sight! We've passed several more important annual traditions—our High School graduation, the Grade 5 Completion Ceremony, and the Grade 8 Graduation—in the past week. Exams have started in the high school, and culminating projects, units, and assessments are happening across the school. As this is our last full edition of SPOTS for the year, I would like to remind or alert parents to several important matters.

First, regarding tuition, you should have received the invoices for your children's 2015-16 tuition this week. I apologize again for the delay in issuing these invoices. Earlier this week you should have received a SMS and an email that announced an extension for those families who pay tuition using the NBAD GEMS Co-Brand card. I am pleased to announce that this deadline has been extended even further to July 25, 2015. I hope this extension will allow more families to avail themselves of this discount opportunity.

Second, last month we announced that GEMS had engaged a new uniform supplier for 2015-16. As a courtesy to our families, we are making special arrangements for Threads to sell uniforms on DAA's campus the week before school starts in August. You can purchase your child's uniform at the Al Quoz Outlet or, if you want to take advantage of our special arrangements, you can plan to purchase your child's uniform at DAA from August 20-29. School begins for students in Grades 1-12 on Sunday, August 30, and for KG1 and KG2 students on Monday, August 31. If you ever braved the lines at Zak's on that final weekend, you'll know why this opportunity is a good one!

Third, please remember that Ramadan begins later this week, most likely on Thursday, June 18. It has been a few years since Ramadan fell during DAA's school year, so I would like to remind all of our families that Ramadan provides an important opportunity for our school community to show its appreciation and respect for Muslim culture and customs.

School hours for students: 8:30am to 1:30pm from Thursday, June 18, through Wednesday, June 24
8:30am to 12:00pm on Thursday, June 25

Please note that teachers and DAA staff are required to be at DAA from 8:00am to 2:00pm on the days indicated above, as per UAE labor law and that no school-provided ASAs will occur. Out of respect for the holy month and for fasting students, staff and parents, eating and drinking will be prohibited in the public areas of DAA. We ask that eating and drinking is confined to the cafeteria and home room areas as to avoid offence. Muslim students who are fasting will have access to our prayer rooms and quiet areas in the libraries during lunch time.

In the PS and ES, students continue to eat lunch at regular timings, although teachers do their best to reduce the visibility of water bottles and to encourage students to be discreet and respectful. For students who may be fasting, our prayer room, the library, or one of our OT rooms is available as a quiet area.

In the MS and HS, food and drink are restricted to cafeteria only. Students who are fasting have the option of going to prayer room or to the library.

We ask that all parents and visitors to DAA during the dates indicated above observe the following rules:

- Please dress more conservatively than usual when you are visiting DAA;
- Please do not eat, drink, or chew gum in public places during the daytime, including in the car; and
- And finally, please show sensitivity, understanding, and respect to those who may be fasting.

Finally, I was asked by several parents of graduating seniors to share my welcome address from this year's graduation, which I have included on the next page.

I wish you all tremendous summer holidays. For those families who will not be returning to Dubai and DAA, I wish you the best. For those of you who will be returning, I look forward to working with you again in the next school year. Thank you all for your continued support!

Kind Regards,
Jim Hardin, Superintendent / CEO

Commencement Welcome June 4, 2015

Good evening. On behalf of Dubai American Academy, it is my great pleasure to welcome you to this evening's commencement ceremony for the Class of 2015. Thank you, parents, families, distinguished guests, and friends, for joining us this evening to celebrate the accomplishments of our students, and to wish them well as they become DAA's newest alumni. Welcome teachers and administrators; thank you for all you have done to prepare these students for this moment.

Most importantly, I would like to welcome our soon-to-be graduates. Tonight marks a special moment in your lives. It will eventually be surpassed by other more important events, milestones, and accomplishments, but for now, enjoy this moment. You are surrounded by close friends and after tonight you will never be together again in such a number. You are also joined tonight by your parents and other family members, as well as by your teachers, coaches, and counselors—in short, all of the people who love you, care about you, and who are proud of what you have accomplished.

When you wake up tomorrow morning—or afternoon—the world will be just a little different. Tomorrow you begin separate journeys, but I hope you will always remember and be grateful to those people who have invested so much in you—especially to your families. I hope in years to come you will also remember DAA fondly. I appreciate that tonight you're mostly excited about your long-awaited and much-anticipated freedom, but I think in the future you will look back at DAA as a special place and you will be more aware of what you experienced here. You have studied in a remarkably diverse school with remarkable peers and teachers.

I spoke to one of your mothers recently—don't worry, I won't reveal whose mother—who shared her excitement about what she knows you will discover about yourself over the next year. She has struggled over the last two years during the periods when you most doubted yourself most. It might've been a chemistry test that you were studying for or an English commentary or your extended essay—there are almost too many moments like these to count in an IB student's life. I remember my own son, who graduated from DAA last year, coming home one night during his junior year and announcing, "Dad, I am pretty sure that I'm the dumbest person in Mrs. Nelson's English class." Whether that was true or not, I knew that the real issues were that my son's classmates were exceptional, that the IB programme has a knack for humbling even the strongest student, and that my son lacked perspective because DAA and schools like it had been his only reality. My son returned to Dubai after his first semester at university with a new-found confidence and drive that neither my wife nor I had ever witnessed. He also possessed an awareness that what he had experienced during his four years at DAA was unusual. (*To graduates*) I hope that one day soon you will all share a broader, deeper understanding of what you have experienced here, and that your own confidence and self-efficacy will grow as you gain perspective over the coming months and years.

I spoke to another one of your mothers recently—again, don't worry, I won't reveal you—who told me that the reason you and she picked DAA a few years ago was because you sensed that it was *normal* here for students to care about school. That seems like a simple observation, but there's more to it. Human beings normalize their behavior within their social context, for better and for worse. What's become normal at DAA, thanks to students like you and teachers like you, is for students to give their best effort, unapologetically, even on small assignments. (*To graduates*) I happen to know you have driven your teachers crazy on occasion when you needed to know why your grade was only a 98% instead of the 99% you thought you deserved, but the fact that you *cares* is what really matters. (*To teachers*) And to all of the teachers attending tonight, please know that inspiring your students to care about learning is the single most important thing that you do. The best among you do this brilliantly in myriad ways and the most telling evidence of your success is in the sheer effort students are willing to give your classes.

I spoke to a DAA father recently—don't worry, you're safe, his children are much younger than you—who made an interesting comment that I would also like to share. HS graduates around the world are being told this weekend to find their passion in life and pursue it. That's great, but it's hard to know at eighteen what you want to do with the rest of your life. How does one *find* his or her passion exactly? Clearly, you need to try and experience many things. However, what this father told me actually concerns *recognizing* your passion as opposed to *finding* it. You will know your passion when you can completely lose yourself, when the hours you invest in study or work feel like minutes, and when you harbor no trace of bitterness or irritation at the passage of time. You'll be able to sit for hours and work on some small problem or challenge. Others will have moved on, but you will find satisfaction, pride, and even pleasure in something that is difficult. That's when you'll know you've discovered your passion.

(*To graduates*) What you will understand in the years to come is that the world is full of people who do their duty half-heartedly, grudgingly and poorly. On behalf of all of your teachers, we hope you will choose not to be like them. Whatever is your passion in life, do it as fully and unapologetically as you possibly can. We hope that you will cultivate your integrity and develop your talents fully. But we also hope that you will remember to be the first to laugh at yourself. There is a pandemic of self-righteousness in the world today, a narcissism that is very destructive and dangerous. A self-effacing sense of humor and the sense of perspective that invariably must accompany it will contribute much to the sanity of our world.

Congratulations, Class of 2015. Thank you for all you have contributed to this school to make it a better place. I wish you great success in your futures. Good luck, and godspeed. Thank you.



DAAPA NEWS

DAAPA (DAA Parents Association) is an active parent association dedicated to enriching the lives of DAA students and community, promoting cooperation between DAA parents, staff and administration and spreading the "culture of kindness" that is at the core of DAA's values. All parents/guardians of DAA students are *automatically* members of DAAPA.

DAAPA IN THE MIDDLE SCHOOL

The **6th grade parents** will have their last **parent coffee meeting** to take place on Tuesday, **June 16th at 8:15 am** at **The Lime Tree Café Sheikh Zayed Road** (opposite Gold & Diamond Park, near First Gulf Bank metro bridge, along service road from Al Thanya Street) (for location map please see <http://www.thelimetreecafe.com/Pages/Page.aspx?PageID=6>). There's no special agenda, we are only looking for an opportunity to meet before the summer to catch up, bid farewell or get prepared for 7th grade. Please RSVP to stayintouchwithdaams@gmail.com if you'll be attending.

DAAPA IN THE HIGH SCHOOL

Dear 10th grade moms,

Please join us for a last sophomore mom's coffee on the last exam day, Wednesday 17 June 2015.

We'll celebrate that we're almost junior moms. See you at exam drop off at Bacio Gelato!

Margot Veraart & Marilou Courtot
DAAPA Grade 10 Representatives



PRIMARY POINTS (Kindergarten 1 - Grade 2) *Make sure to read the corresponding DAAPA NEWS section of this issue of SPOTS for all the latest Primary School parent sponsored events!*

FROM THE PS PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Primary School Parents,

Normally Nathalie and I work on SPOTS together (well, at least we talk about it!), but for this final full SPOTS I wanted to write to you personally as we wrap up the year and I finish my time as DAA's Primary School Principal.

I wanted to write because I want to share with you some of the things that I will always remember about my time at DAA because I think it is these very things that make DAA a special place. I have worked in many schools, and these are things that stand out to me as special here at DAA, and if you have not been part of a number of schools, they are things that are worth appreciating for as long as you are in Dubai and at DAA! I know I appreciate them!

- **The Events!** UN Day, UAE Day, BINGO Night, Movie Nights, Souk Day, Maker's Day, Sports Day, monthly assemblies, concerts, Coffee Mornings, Fall Festival, Thanksgiving, Parent Engagement Week, World Language Week, Week of the Arts... the list goes on! We (the school and DAAPA) do more for kids and families at DAA than any school I have ever been associated with, and though it can be a bit exhausting, it is totally worth it!
- **Family Engagement:** There are sometimes bumps in the road, but the visibility of our parents and their commitment to engaging with us at school as partners in their child's learning is fantastic!
- **The Culture of Kindness:** It is not just a line we use- the Culture of Kindness permeates throughout the Primary School and though we all make mistakes sometimes, our kids (and adults!) do a wonderful job modeling kindness to each other every day.
- **The Growth Mindset:** There are great teachers at many schools around the globe, but I promise you, you will rarely, if ever, find a group of educators that is as dedicated to continuous growth and improvement as the fabulous educators in DAA's Primary School- and throughout DAA. This makes a huge difference not just because it leads to better teaching and learning, but because our teachers model for your kids, on a daily basis, that to learn and grow requires trying new things, taking risks, sometimes failing, reflecting, and learning forward.
- **DAA's fabulous kids:** Part of what is special is the diversity at DAA- I will always remember when my daughter had a birthday party and we realized there was a child present from every continent (except antarctica). This is norm at DAA- children from around the world in every classroom. More than this, however, I will remember the joy in their eyes and their smiles as they play and learn in this wonderful place.

Be looking in the teacher blogs for any other end of year announcements. The important dates are:

- June 16th or 17th: Class parties (be flexible in case Ramadan is called early).
- June 24th: Report Cards e-mailed out.
- June 25th: Half Day. All students, including KG1, released as 12pm.

Thanks for a wonderful year, safe travels, and have a joyful and restful summer!

Warm regards,

Scott Wilcox
Primary School Principal
Dubai American Academy



ELEMENTARY ESSENTIALS (Grades 3-5) *Make sure to read the corresponding DAAPA NEWS section of this issue of SPOTS for all the latest Elementary School parent sponsored events!*

FROM THE ES PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Congratulations to our Grade 5 Class of 2015! Thank you to all the parents in attendance, it was wonderful to see so many of you there. All the best to our grade 5 students as they enter Middle School!

MAP Results: On Sunday, we will send home MAP results with this year's growth indicated (from Fall 2014 to Spring 2015). In the document you received last week, this current year's growth score was not indicated.

ES Yearbook Orders: Pre-orders for the yearbook sales are finished, but you can still obtain your yearbook @ 100dhs from the ES office. Please note, this yearbook will only include classes and activities of Grades 3, 4, and 5 and will be distributed the last week of school.



From the Library: The ES Library Book Souk was a big success! We had 117 student participants, and hundreds of books changed hands. "Shoppers" left with smiles, and stacks of new titles for summer reading. Thank you to all who participated--we plan on making this a new June tradition in the library.



Report Cards: Report Cards will be emailed home on Wednesday, June 24th. Please ensure that all textbooks and library books have returned to avoid having your report card held.

Last day of school: Thursday, June 25th at 12pm.

FROM THE COUNSELOR

HOLIDAYS ARE APPROACHING

We are all looking forward to the summer holidays and time out from the stress of homework, projects, after school activities and the traffic chaos of the school run. But, just when parents start gearing down as the school year draws to a close, someone is sure to mention the dreaded words 'What are you going to do to prevent your child from falling victim to "summer brain drain?"

IS IT INEVITABLE?

Children do not need to fall victim to "summer brain drain" as there are many fun ways that parents can encourage children to engage in activities that will prevent this "summer slide". Kate Eshleman, a child psychologist says that during the holidays parents can turn almost any activity into a learning experience. This teaches kids that learning is not something that only happens in the classroom and it encourages them to grasp the idea that learning is fun and can go on anytime and anywhere.

TIPS TO PREVENT SUMMER BRAIN DRAIN

Think of your summer vacation as a teachable moment and use opportunities to get your kids reading, doing math, learning geography without them even realizing it. If you plan to travel let kids go online to one of the travel sites to help "research" the journey to and from the vacation site as well as interesting places to visit around the vacation site. Find things for kids to measure or add up, talk about the weather or the oceans these activities may help exercise young minds.

ELEMENTARY ESSENTIALS, continued

Make sure your child is reading. Research shows that children who are not reading will lose many of the skills and information gained during the school year. Lisel Rosenthal suggests organizing a book club for kids. It is a great way to foster a love of reading and get kids talking about books. Utilize the public libraries, take kids to bookstores and allow them to choose books they would like to read for fun.

Museums, the zoo, aquarium, planetarium, concerts and parks also provide opportunities for learning while having fun. Have kids keep a journal (writing skills) of their activities and perhaps e-mail friends and relatives about what they are doing.

Build or bake. When kids build or bake they learn about reading directions and measuring and it is good for their self-esteem when they create and share the finished product.

KEEP IT BALANCED AND KEEP IT FUN

It is probably a good time now to think of how to keep these young brains stimulated and bodies moving over the summer vacation. Keep it simple, fun and exciting. But don't forget that summer is also for relaxing, playing, taking time off and just being a kid.

MIDDLE SCHOOL MESSAGES (Grades 6-8) *Make sure to read the corresponding DAAPA NEWS section of this issue of SPOTS for all the latest Middle School parent sponsored events!*

FROM THE MIDDLE SCHOOL OFFICE

Grade 8 Completion Ceremony: Congratulations to all 8th grade students for your successful completion of the Middle School program. Sincere thanks to all parent volunteers for your support in preparing to send our 8th graders off so well!!! The refreshments and decorations in the cafeteria both after the ceremony and at the dance in the evening this past Thursday, were amazing!! . . . and the students had a great time!

Semester 2 Reports: Reports will be emailed to all parents on the last day of school.

Yearbooks: While we have yet to confirm the actual date, we plan to issue yearbooks to students on Sunday, or Monday, June 21st or 22nd. Should students wish to purchase a yearbook, please pay at the MS/HS main reception desk.

TRC/Library Book Returns: Notices have gone out to all students and parents regarding book returns. Students are responsible for returning all textbooks and library books before the last day of school. Semester 2 reports will be withheld should there be outstanding materials due to the TRC or Library.

June Assembly: Our final assembly of the year will take place this Thursday, June 18th. All students should wear colour house shirts with jeans and closed toed shoes - no shorts please.

MAP Test Results: Your child's Measures of Academic Progress™ (MAP) test results were sent home last week via their Science class. These tests provide a snapshot of your child's academic growth from year to year in the areas of Reading, Language Usage, Mathematics and Science.

MAP testing provides us with additional information that helps us monitor student growth over time. One resource to help you better understand MAP testing is the NWEA Parent Toolkit which was created as a resource and guide for parents. It includes Frequently Asked Questions, Tips for Parents, and a list of web sites for parents and kids. It can be found at <http://www.nwea.org/support/article/930/parent-toolkit>. If you have any specific questions about your child's MAP testing results, please do not hesitate to contact a Middle School Counselor, Tom Eberhardt or Rebecca Catlin.

Have a great week MS!

Warm regards,
Andrew Ball and Joan Wiens,
MS Admin Team

HIGH SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS (Grades 9-12) *Make sure to read the corresponding DAAPA NEWS section of this issue of SPOTS for all the latest High School parent sponsored events!*

FROM THE HIGH SCHOOL OFFICE

What just happened.....



Prom

The Prom was held in the Waldorf again this year on May 29 with a Paris theme. All students looked wonderful and it was a night full of memories. Good luck Class of 2015! (see picture)

DAA Mini-MUN conference

Raagini Sarkar and Rhea Hebbar organized the second internal MUN conference at the beginning of the month where students from the MUN club and new recruits from Grade 8 in Middle School discussed pressing issues of international significance over two days. The MUN club provides students with an opportunity to engage with global affairs and citizenship. (see pictures below)



Career Talks

The Counselors invited 4 speakers to address our students last week. Students heard from Dubai Cares about the charity industry, a US diplomat about life working in different countries, a life-coach and an artist (see picture left) who argued that doing what you love is key to being happy.

Mindfulness session

One of the best ways to deal with the demands of High School is to be Mindful. Ms. Jen Crick conducts a series of breathing exercises with her students to become more focused and relaxed for the day ahead. (see pictures below)



HIGH SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS, continued

FROM THE HIGH SCHOOL OFFICE, continued

She Summit

Ms. Emily Jardine and Mrs. Jilene Murray brought students to the S.H.E Summit at Wellington International School last week.

"The SHE Summit consists of events across the globe intended to support and inspire current and future female leaders." The panelists were great and one was a DAA parent, Ms. Rania Rostom, who is Chief Innovation and Communication Officer at GE MENAT. (see picture right)



Harvard Book Award

Our own Harvard alumni, Primary School Principal, Mr. Scott Wilcox, presented the Harvard Book Award to Munira Alrubaiian (Grade 11) on Tuesday June 9. Munira was taken aback but really thankful for the book prize.

END OF YEAR RETURN PROCEDURES FOR TRC MATERIALS – HIGH SCHOOL

Please follow these guidelines for the collection of all TRC Resources at the end of year.

High School: The last day for returning student books is on the exam day of the course.

- All students will receive an exam permit to take the exam (this will mean that they have been to TRC to return their books and spoken with TRC staff.
- All students are required to return the books/novels of the subject in which they will be taking their exam. So if they have two exams on the same day, they will have to come to the TRC twice to receive their exam passes and turn in books.
- Lost/damaged books will have to be paid for by the student concerned. In case the book/resource is found, the money will be refunded. Report cards, diplomas and transfer certificates will be held until all accounts are cleared.

Thank you for your continuous help and support.

Souraya Itani,
HS TRC

QUICK REFERENCE TO SEMESTER TWO EXAMS 2015

Grades 9 + 10

TIME	June 14	June 15	June 16	June 17	June 18
Classroom	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs
8:00 - 9:30	History 10 Math 9	English 10 Science 9	Math 10 English 9	Science 10 History 9	Conflicts
	BREAK	BREAK	BREAK	BREAK	BREAK
10:30- 12:00	French II, III, IV	Spanish II, III, IV	Arabic IV	Conflicts	

* conflicts on Wednesday and Thursday, June 17-18

IB I Exams (Grade 11)

TIME	June 14	June 15	June 16	June 17	June 18	June 21	June 22
Classroom	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Sun	Mon
8:00-9:30	English SL English 11	Math St Math Ap	History	Psychology	Geog/ ITGS Biology SL	Spanish HL/ SL AB	Computer Science/ Chemistry 11
8:00-10:00	English HL	Math SL Math HL			Biology HL		
	BREAK	BREAK	BREAK	BREAK	BREAK	BREAK	BREAK
10:45-12:15	Business	French HL/ SL/ AB	ESS / DT / Chemistry	Economics	SEHS / Physics	Arabic SL/HL	Music
10:45-12:45						Theatre Studies Conflicts	Conflicts

* conflicts on Sunday, June 21 and Monday, June 22 (10:45-12:15)

TIME	June 18	June 21	June 22
Classroom	Thurs	Sun	Mon
8:30-10:00	Geog/ ITGS Biology SL	Spanish HL/ SL AB	Computer Science/ Chemistry 11
8:30-10:30	Biology HL		
	BREAK	BREAK	BREAK
11:15-12:45	SEHS / Physics	Arabic SL/HL	Music
11:15-1:15		Theatre Studies Conflicts	Conflicts



ATHLETICS AND ACTIVITIES

EAC

Emirates Athletics Conference

2015/2016 School Year

Tryouts for season 1 will start for Swimming and Volleyball on Sunday, August 30th (first day back), so make sure you are prepared. The first 2 weeks of tryouts are listed below so save them somewhere safe over summer and come back raring to go.

Week 1 Tryouts for Volleyball will be Varsity and JV only, with U14 tryouts starting Sunday, September 6th.

Tryouts for Varsity/JV and U14 Swim teams will start Sunday, August 31st. Please check the notice boards next week for which athletes are required each day.

Jodi O'Reilly, DAA Important Dates, ECC/JEAC, ES Gym, Holidays, Holidays/Important dates, HS Gym, HS Pool, Matches, MESAC, MESAC/EAC/JEAC, Synthetic Pitch, JEAC							Sep 2015 (Dubai)
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
30	31	1	2	3	4	5	
First Day 3pm - Var/JV/14 3pm - VB/JVB VB 4:30pm - VG/JVG VB	3pm - Var/JV/14 3pm - VG/JVG VB 4:30pm - VB/JVB VB		3pm - Var/JV/14 3pm - VB/JVB VB 4:30pm - VG/JVG VB	3pm - Var/JV/14 3pm - VG/JVG VB 4:30pm - VB/JVB VB	9am - Var/JV/U14	9am - VG/JVG VB 9-11am - VB/JVB VB	
6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
MESAC meeting @ ASD @ ASD 3pm - U14G VB 3pm - Var/JV/U14 3pm - VB/JVB VB 4:30pm - U14B VB 4:30pm - VG/JVG VB			3pm - U14G VB 3pm - Var/JV/U14 3pm - VB/JVB VB 3-4:30pm - U14B VB 4:30pm - VG/JVG VB	3pm - Var/JV/U14 3pm - VG/JVG VB 3-4:30pm - VB/JVB VB	ASD Nancy Crosser 9am - U14G VB 9-11am - Var/JV/U14 11am - U14B VB	9am - VG/JVG VB 9-11am - VB/JVB VB	

2014/2015 Recap

As the 2014/15 school year draws to a close it is time to recap and look towards next year.

This year has been one of DAA's most successful ever MESAC and EAC years, with over three quarters of our teams finishing in the top 3 positions and 16 EAC Champion teams. At MESAC competitions, for the first time ever, no DAA team finished below 4th place, with 22 minor placings and 5 Championships. Our Forensics and Academic Games programs finished with their best results, taking out Gold in some of the Academic Games Divisions and having the most finalists that DAA has produced in Forensics events. The Senior Fine Arts Festival was fantastic to watch as they celebrated the arts cultures within MESAC.

We have seen the successful introduction of the JEAC league for grade 4/5/6 athletes participating in soccer, swimming, basketball and track and field, with DAA fielding teams in all categories. The Next Wave program, run and organised by a DAA parent, has gone from strength to strength with athletes making their way onto Under 14 teams in Volleyball and Basketball.

DAA families have hosted over 300 visiting athletes and students. The Booster Hut (courtesy of our fantastic parents) found a permanent new home in the HS Gym foyer and introduced hotdog and popcorn days. With the support of the Booster Hut, our inaugural Athlete of the Year Awards Banquet was held, with nearly 250 parents, students and coaches present.

Farewells and thanks have been said to our Graduating and leaving athletes and coaches and it is on this note I would like to say my farewells and thank yous. I am moving on, after 7 years at DAA, and 6 years as the Athletic Director, but know that I leave our MESAC and EAC program in great hands. Emily Rentsch will be moving from the MS PE Dept to the Athletic Director's office at the front of the HS Gym and I wish her all the best as she takes over the programs. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time at DAA and think of all Leopard teams as my own.

Good luck and all the best to all my Leopards. Have a safe and restful summer.

Miss Jodi O'Reilly,
Athletic Director

COMMUNITY NOTES

KILIMINJARO CYCLE CHALLENGE

If you would like to register your guess for a donation of AED 10 and a chance to win, please contact Katy Jones, DAA Parent Relations Executive for details (k.jones_daa@gemsedu.com).



Support the 'Kili Crew' as they ride their way to the top of Kilimanjaro!



NON STOP CYCLING FOR 72 HOURS!

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PRIMARY/ELEMENTARY SCHOOL MENU



	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
MAIN COURSE					
PROTIEN (1)	CHEESE & QUINOA MEATBALLS	THAI BEEF CURRY	MIX COOKED LEAN CHICKEN	BEEF WITH WARM LENTILS	BEEF LASAGNA
PROTEIN (2)	TUNA POTATO BAKE	CHICKEN & VEGETABLE STIR FRY	CHICKEN MEXICAN FILL	FISH & NOODLES	SALMON & PESTO PASTA
VEGETARIAN	LOW FAT CREAMY SPAGHETTI	QUESADILLAS	VEGETABLE & RICOTTA	DRIED TOMATO & RICOTTA STUFFED MUSHROOM	VEGIE PATTIES
RICE/POTATO/VEGETABLE - VEGETARIAN					
CARBOHYDRATES	*	TOMATO RICE	PAPRIKA BAKED POTATO WEDGES	SWEET POTATO FRITTERS	*
LIVE PASTA a la carte station					
PASTA	PASTA - SPAGHETTI	PASTA - TRICOLOUR PENNE	PASTA - BOWTIE	PASTA - TRICOLOUR FUSSILI	PASTA - PENNE
SAUCES	SAUCE CAPRESE	ARABIATTA (V)	CHICKEN MEAT BALL TOMATO SAUCE	SAUCE AMATRCANA	TOMATO ROASTED VEGETABLE SAUCE
	CILANTRO PESTO SAUCE	CARBONARA WITH TURKEY BACON	SPINACH CREAM SAUCE	PARSLEY CREAM SAUCE	MUSHROOM & GREEN PEAS SAUCE
SALAD					
SALAD	TABBOULEH	STUFFED SAVOY CABBAGE	COLESALW WITH ORANGE YOGHURT	GREEK SALAD	SPICED PUMPKIN & BEETROOT SALAD
YOUR CHOICE OF JUICE					
JUICE	APPLE JUICE	COCKTAIL JUICE	MANGO JUICE	APPLE JUICE	ORANGE JUICE
OR MILK					
MILK	MILK - LOW FAT	MILK - LOW FAT	MILK - LOW FAT	MILK - LOW FAT	MILK - LOW FAT
WATER					
WATER	WATER	WATER	WATER	WATER	WATER

CAFETERIA MENUS

MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL MENU

					
	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
MAIN COURSE					
MAIN PROTEIN 1	LEMON CHICKEN	MINCEMEAT PIE	THAI CHICKEN	GRILLED CHICKEN WITH BROWN SAUCE	FISH FINGER WITH TARTAR SAUCE
MAIN PROTEIN 2	SHANGHAI CHICKEN	CHICKEN TIKKA DRY	ORIENTAL ROAST CHICKEN	BEEF MEAT BALLS WITH TOMATO SAUCE	MOROCCAN CHICKEN
MAIN PROTEIN 3	GRILLED FISH WITH CHOPPED PARSLEY	MUSHROOM STUFFED CHICKEN WITH CREAM SAUCE	FISH & LEEK GRATIN	GARLIC LIME OVEN BAKED FISH	BAKED PARAMESAN CHICKEN
VEGETARIAN (1)	BEANS PROVENCALE	PUMPKIN CURRY	SAUTE GARLIC THREE BEANS	STIR FRY VEGETABLES	CHANA MASALA (Chickpea)
RICE/POTATO/VEGETABLE - VEGETARIAN					
RICE	MUSHROOM RICE	STEAMED WHITE RICE	VERMICELLI RICE	LEMON RICE	CUMIN RICE
POTATOES	GREEK STYLE LEMON POTATO	ITALIAN STYLE CHEESE POTATO	MEXICAN POTATO	ALOO JEERA	DILL POTATO
VEGETARIAN (2)	BOILED MARROW & CARROT	GARDEN VEGETABLES	BROCCOLI POLONAISE	FRENCH BEANS SAUTE	SPINACH CHEESE PIE
LIVE PASTA a la carte station (12aed)					
PASTAS	PASTA - SPAGHETTI	PASTA - TRICOLOUR PENNE	PASTA - BOWTIE	PASTA - TRICOLOUR FUSSILI	PASTA - PENNE
SAUCES	SAUCE CAPRESE	ARABIATTA (V)	CHICKEN MEAT BALL TOMATO SAUCE	SAUCE AMATRCANA	TOMATO ROASTED VEGETABLE SAUCE
	CILANTRO PESTO SAUCE	CARBONARA WITH TURKEY BACON	SPINACH CREAM SAUCE	PARSLEY CREAM SAUCE	MUSHROOM & GREEN PEAS SAUCE
SALAD BAR - PRE PACKED (1=6aed, 2=10aed, 3=14aed)					
PROTIEN SALAD	POTATO BACON SALAD	CHICKEN HAWAIIN SALAD	THAI CHICKEN NOODLES SALAD	CHICKEN SALAD WITH GRAPES	COUSCOUS SALAD
VEG SALADS	ROASTED VEGETABLE PASTA SALAD (V)	GREEK SALAD	POTATO, GREEN ONION SALAD	FATOUCHE SALAD	CALIFORNIA CHICKEN SALAD
	BABAGANOUSH	PEACH SALAD	SWEET POTATO SALAD	TOMATO, CORN & BELL PEPPER SALAD	CHICK PEA & TOMATO w/CORIANDER (V)
SALAD BAR - MAKE YOUR OWN, SMALL PACK (1=6aed, 2=10aed, 3=14aed) - VEGETARIAN					
CONDIMENTS	TOMATO, CUCUMBER, LETTUCE, ARABIC PICKLE, SWEETCORN, SLICED BLACK OLIVE, RED KIDNEY BEAN, CHICKPEAS				
PANINI & SPECIAL WRAPS (13aed) - CHICKEN					
	PANINI W/ CHICKEN & CHEESE	PANINI W/ CHICKEN & CHEESE	PANINI W/ CHICKEN & CHEESE	PANINI W/ CHICKEN & CHEESE	PANINI W/ CHICKEN & CHEESE
	PANINI BREAD BROWN	PANINI BREAD BROWN	PANINI BREAD BROWN	PANINI BREAD BROWN	PANINI BREAD BROWN
	CHICKEN	CHICKEN	CHICKEN	CHICKEN	CHICKEN
	SLICED CHEESE	SLICED CHEESE	SLICED CHEESE	SLICED CHEESE	SLICED CHEESE
DAILY SPECIALS (13aed)					
	TORTILLA WRAP	TORTILLA WRAP	CHILLI CON CARNE	TORTILLA WRAP	
	CHICKEN FAJITA WRAP	CHICKEN SHAWARMA WRAP	TACOS	CHICKEN QUESADILLA	JACKET POTATO
	REFRIED BEANS	CHEESE - GRATED	CHEESE - GRATED	CHEESE - GRATED	
	CHEESE - GRATED	JALAPENO	LETTUCE	LETTUCE	
	LETTUCE	LETTUCE	TOMATO	TOMATO	
	SLICED PICKLE CUCUMBER	SLICED PICKLE CUCUMBER	SLICED PICKLE CUCUMBER	SLICED PICKLE CUCUMBER	
	TOMATO	TOMATO	GARLIC SAUCE	GARLIC SAUCE	
SMOOTHIES (10aed)					
	MANGO	MANGO	MANGO	MANGO	MANGO
	STRAWBERRY	STRAWBERRY	STRAWBERRY	STRAWBERRY	STRAWBERRY
	BANANA	BANANA	BANANA	BANANA	BANANA

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