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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/ECC)

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

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	WEEKEND
OCTOBER 2014					
26 ES Day 4 MS/HS Day 4	27 ES Day 5 MS/HS Day 5	28 ES Day 6 MS/HS Day 6	29 ES Day 7 MS/HS Day 7	30 ES Day 8 MS/HS Day 8	31 1
Middle School Spirit Week					
Middle School WWW Registration Packages sent home JVB VB vs DIA HS gym/ 4:30 pm start VG vs DIA HS gym / 4:30 pm start	DAAPA Middle/High School Breast Cancer Awareness Day and "Pink Sale" DAAPA PS/ES Pumpkin Pick-up DAAPA Annual Primary/Elementary School Hoodie Sale drop-off and pick-up U-14 VB vs ASD HS gym/ 4:30 pm	DAAPA PS/ES Pumpkin Pick-up DAAPA Annual Primary/Elementary School Hoodie Sale at drop-off and pick-up	High School Parent Connect Bunko Game Night RSVP required Middle School WWW Registration Package due by 7:45 a.m.	Primary School Fall Festival and Parade Elementary School Fall Festival and Parade Senior Breakfast Morning Volleyball: Thursday Night Home Game vs ASD 4:30 p.m. start DAAPA HS Fit and Fab RSVP req.	
NOVEMBER, 2014					
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Primary School Parent Engagement Week					
Primary School Parent Coffee Morning: Overview of Reader's Workshop 8:00 am PS/ES Conf. Rm.	Primary School Parent Coffee Morning: Overview of Writer's Workshop 8:00 am PS/ES Conf. Rm.			Middle School Fall Dance	EAC Var. B/G Volleyball DAA Varsity/JV/ U14 B/G Swimming ACS
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Annual DSIB Inspection					
	Jr. EAC Soccer Home Game DAA field 3:30pm start		MESAC JV Boys/Girls Volleyball 12-15 Nov ACS MESAC Varsity B/G Volleyball ESDelhi MESAC V/JV B/G Swimming ASDubai MESAC V/JV Academic Games DAA hosting		

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ALL SCHOOL NEWS

FROM THE SUPERINTENDENTS OFFICE

Dear DAA Families,

Lots of news, congratulations, and thanks to offer this week! I hope you'll take time to read through all sections of SPOTS carefully to remain up-to-date on important school events and programs coming up in the next few weeks.

First, I would like to thank and congratulate DAAPA for putting together a terrific event at Wild Wadi. It was special to be at the park with only other members of DAA's school community. Our students were having a lot of fun, and it appeared parents were, too! DAAPA volunteers do so much for the school, and I am not sure they always get the credit and recognition that they deserve. Thanks to their efforts, and to DAA families' willingness to attend, I think the event was a great success. DAAPA has also been tremendously helpful to our efforts to organize Pink Day and to support Brest Friends, a local support group for women who have been diagnosed with breast cancer. More on that will be provided by our divisions in this edition of SPOTS.

Also, I would also like to thank DAA's Booster Club, which is an affiliate of DAAPA. Several dedicated parents have been working hard over the last few months to create a proper concession stand that will be open during games and special events. Their goal is to support our student-athletes and to make the experience of watching games at DAA more welcoming and pleasant. The grand opening of *The Spot* is next Thursday, October 30 when DAA's Varsity volleyball teams square off against ASD, our rivals down the street. This is a big game for DAA's student-athletes, and we would love for there to be a great turnout to support them. I promise a fun afternoon/evening! Please stop by The Spot, support them with a little business, and say thanks to those terrific parents who contributed so much to make it happen.

There's also a Pumpkin Patch growing in the PS/ES building! The atriums and hallways around the school have been festively decorated for fall. Thank you to all the parents who contributed to this effort to celebrate the change of season!

And thanks also to the ladies who run the Leopard's Den! The Leopard's Den provides PE uniforms and other DAA spirit-wear through their shop in the Middle and High School. Running this shop is a major, ongoing commitment, and I really appreciate the dedication and creativity of the ladies who keep it going. It's a great service to our school that ultimately benefits DAA's students. The Leopard's Den donates their profits to support students around the school, and I really appreciate their thoughtful generosity!

I would also like to thank those parents who attended divisional Coffee Mornings in recent weeks, and to the principals, counselors, and teachers who planned the meetings. Attendance at these events really shows what kind of engaged, supportive parents we have here at DAA! Parent-teacher conferences also occurred in the PS and ES this past week. Most parents were able to attend. The positive home-school relationship in our community is really critical, and I am grateful that so many parents were able to confer with their children's teachers. Conferences in the MS and HS will be happening soon.

I do have one piece of other news to share. DAA received its notice from KHDA last week, indicating that our annual DSIB inspection will occur in two weeks, November 10 through 13. What pleases me a great deal is that the next few weeks will be business as usual at DAA. School leaders and teachers take a healthy bring-it-on attitude about our inspection. I hear stories about other schools in Dubai that stage elaborate productions during their inspections. I don't necessarily fault these schools because the pressure of these high-stakes inspections is great. However, what I would like parents to know is that I take great pride in being part of DAA's faculty because we don't ask our teachers to do anything during the inspection that they wouldn't ordinarily do any other day of the school year. We also do our best to keep the stress and pressure of the inspection away from your children. That's important, I think.

Finally, I have one important KHDA-related request. Each year DSIB surveys parents, teachers, and (older) students. These surveys are an important piece of our inspection. Log-on information for the online DSIB Parent Survey should arrive home with students on Sunday, October 26. I would greatly appreciate if you would spare a few minutes to take the survey. (Look for a small KHDA envelope, which will provide the information you need to take the survey!)

Thank you for your support.

Kind Regards,
Jim Hardin, Superintendent



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 PRIMARY / ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

ES/PS Hoodie Pre-Sale

It's time to prepare for those changing temperatures! DAAPA is holding the annual ES/PS hoodie pre-sale this week in the Primary/Elementary school. Sample sizes will be available to try on. Due to popular demand we can now provide **size 1/2** for our youngest children.

Dates and Times

Monday Oct. 27th Drop-off: 7:30 - 8:15 am
 KG1 Pick-up: 11:45am - 12:30pm / Regular pick-up: 2:30 - 3:15pm

Tuesday Oct. 28th Drop-off: 7:30 - 8:15 am
 KG1 Pick-up: 11:45am - 12:30pm / Regular pick-up: 1:30 - 2:15pm

Price: AED 150 per hoodie (**cash only**).

Hoodies will be available for pick-up in early December



PUMPKIN PATCH PICK-UPS!

If you pre-order a pumpkin or maybe 2 or 3, please remember to stop by on October 27th and 28th to choose your favorite! Collection is first come, first serve. Pumpkins will be available for collection at pick-up and drop-off. Adults should accompany their children for collection as the pumpkins can be heavy. No pumpkins are allowed on the busses.

So, don't forget to Bring your ticket to pick up your pumpkin this coming MONDAY October 27 starting @ 7:30 am.

Monthly Pizza Days will begin this November. If you are interested in helping out on these days please contact stayintouchwithdaaes@gmail.com.

Thank you,
 Arwa, Pilar, Emike and Gigi, DAAPA PS/ES Reps

DAAPA IN THE MIDDLE SCHOOL

Pink Day will be on Monday, Oct. 27. Please support this important cause and help raise awareness by donating a PINK themed baked good on this day or donating a new or gently used scarf to be used by women undergoing chemotherapy. Baked good may be dropped off on Oct. 27 to the MS/HS auditorium foyer between 7:30am - 11:00am. You can also show your support by purchasing baked goods or pink themed jewelry on this day between 11:00 am – 1:00 pm outside the auditorium. Proceeds will go to Brest Friends a cancer support group here in Dubai.

The MS will be having Spirit Week Oct. 26-30 with Student Council organizing fun activities for each day that week. DAAPA will be assisting with some of the lunch hour activities and we are looking for 2-3 parent volunteers to help out between 11:30 am - 1:00 pm on any one of the following days:

- Monday Oct. 27 - help with Snow Cone sales
- Tuesday Oct 28 - help with pizza sales
- Thursday Oct. 30 - help with donut eating competition

If you are interested in helping please RSVP to stayintouchwithdaams@gmail.com with the day you would like to volunteer.


The MS will be having its first dance of the year on Thursday, Nov. 6. This is a MS student only event and students will receive more information in their Life Skills class.


Thank you to the parents who helped us decorate the MS hallway for the Fall festivities and Halloween, we appreciate your help. The hallway looks great and adds a festive touch to the upcoming Spirit Week.


Have a great week,
 Christina Lundgren & Theresa Starta
 DAAPA MS Vice President & DAAPA MS Communications Coordinator


MONDAY, OCTOBER 27TH IS PINK DAY IN THE HIGH SCHOOL


Breast Cancer Awareness
HS/MS PINK DAY AT DAA
MONDAY, OCTOBER 27TH, 2014

 **Pink Bake Sale** – MS/HS Parents, Please support the day by baking or buying pink cookies, cupcakes, muffins, donuts, or any other yummy treats (no nuts please). You can drop off your baked goodies between 7:30 and 11:00am on Monday morning. Items will be sold for 5 dhs each.

 **Giant Pink Ribbon** - Join the High School at 11am on the field to watch them create a giant pink ribbon. Please encourage your MS/HS students to donate 10 dhs on Monday and wear pink to show their support.

 **Scarf Donation** - We will be collecting new or second-hand scarves to donate to new breast cancer patients receiving chemotherapy. You may hand them in at Leopard's Den before Oct. 27th or drop them off with your baked goods on Monday.



 **Pink Bracelets, Pink Nail Bar, and more....** Pink items will be on sale so make sure your student comes prepared with a few extra dirhams.

**All proceeds from the day will be donated to
BREST FRIENDS UAE**
Thank to the DAA Community for your support
and.....
Moms, teachers, friends and family, please don't forget to
remind the women in your life to make that screening
appointment today.



High School Parent Connect Ladies Bunko Game night Wednesday, October 29th at 8:00 p.m.
Bunko is an easy game with the sole purpose is to get to know lots of different people as you play the game. We thought it is the perfect way for our high school moms to get to know one another.

Just bring yourselves, and we will provide the food, drinks and lots of fun prizes. Cost 150 dhs. Space is limited to 40 players, so please RSVP to daaparentconnect@gmail.com by no later than Sunday, 26th October. We will send you the directions once we receive your RSVP.

FIT & FAB IS BACK AND GOING PINK FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER

The weather is finally cooling down and the new corniche is almost ready so it's time for us to start walking again. Join us on Thursday, 30th October at 8:15 am. Wear something pink and please bring along a small donation to support Breast Cancer Awareness month. We hope you will join us this week, or any week thereafter on Thursdays at 8:15 am on Kite Beach. Contacts: Kimberly Bisson 0551974641 & Connie Barker 0504227040

If you still find yourself not receiving the Parent Connect emails, please be sure to send us an email at daaparentconnect@gmail.com so we can get you on the mailing list.

Your DAAPA HS team

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,

We are in the midst of a wonderful and busy time of year for all of us, with lots of events and opportunities for parent engagement. A huge thanks to you for taking the time to come in and meet with us during the **Parent-Teacher Conferences** on Wednesday and Thursday. As I walked around and spoke with the teachers on Thursday they universally said that they loved having the time to speak with you about your child so early in the year and we very much hope you feel the same way.

It was also wonderful to see so many of you in our classrooms for the **Primary School United Nations Day**. The kids were both excited and proud to share with you their food and/or cultural artifacts. Before you arrived we had a wonderful assembly to celebrate the event which included an overview of the United Nations, singing, flag waving, grade 2 skits, and the highlight, our grade 2 electronic version of The Crayon Box That Talked –

https://drive.google.com/a/gemsdaa.net/file/d/0B7pbknXX_5UJVVWF4X3_BjemQ2ekk/view?usp=sharing (we highly recommend you check it out and watch again with your child!). Thanks so much to Miss Megan and her grade 2 helpers!!



As we mentioned above, there are a few other opportunities to build our school-parent partnership over the next couple of weeks. **On Thursday, October 30th we invite you to come for our annual Fall Parade.** Our parade around the track (in costume!) will begin at 8:10, starting with our KG1 students. We anticipate finishing the Primary School parade at 8:30, when the Elementary School Parade will begin. During the day in the classroom there will be fall-themed activities and parties. These will be spaced out throughout the day, so be sure to check your teacher's blog for details.

Perhaps most importantly, our **Primary School Parent Engagement Week** begins on Sunday, November 2nd. We say most importantly because this is the best week all year to get a strong understanding of what school and learning is like in the classroom for your child every day. Later in the year we will focus on Health & Wellness, Arabic, & the Arts, but for this week our focus is on the core instruction in the classroom. Parent Engagement Week has two main components:

1. We will have two Coffee Mornings: **Overview of Reader's Workshop on Sunday, November 2nd @ 8am & Overview of Writer's Workshop on Monday, November 3rd @ 8am** (both in the PS/ES Conference Room. These will be very similar to sessions offered last year, but we have new families every year and we will be breaking into smaller groups by grade level, so even if you attended last year you can gain new insights about what Workshop looks like this year.
2. **You will be invited into your child's class at two different times during the week as the teachers teach the lessons for that day.** Essentially, you can participate (with your child) as the learner so you can see and feel what it is like to be a student in class. Our experience is that parents with this vision and mental picture of what learning looks like in the classroom are more confident and able to support their child throughout the year. Be looking for details in your teacher's blog!

PRIMARY POINTS (Kindergarten 1 - Grade 2), continued

FROM THE PS PRINCIPAL'S DESK, continued

Lastly, as you may or may not know, we have worked hard over the last year to develop a distinct Early Years (KG1 & KG2) identity and we are excited to share with you our **DAA Early Years Mission Statement**. KG1 & KG2 parents, we'll have more chances to discuss this in the coming weeks and months, but for now please take a look and let us know what you think!



Warm regards,
Your PS Admin Team



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

Dear ES Parents,

Thank you for your attendance at parent conferences. Your partnership with us in your child's education is important and we appreciated the opportunity to meet with you.



Thank You, DAAPA! Many of you probably noticed the fantastic autumn decorations in the foyer when you arrived for your parent conference. Well, once again, this is the work of our DAAPA moms! If you haven't seen it, you need to stop by and have a look at the amazing decorations that have been put up. Thank you, DAAPA!

MAP Test Results: Our MAP test results are in and you will be receiving your child's results next week. Please consult with your child's teacher if you have any questions after receiving the results.

October 30th Fall Costume Parade: The traditional fall costume parade lives on in the ES! Students are invited to come to school in costume on Thursday, October 30th (no scary costumes, blood and gore or weapons) and all will participate in a fall costume parade around the school track. Parents as well as the Middle/High School staff and students are invited to line the large track and watch. PS/ES students, with their classes, will make one full lap of the track and return to class. The Primary School students will begin the parade around 8:10am and the ES classes will follow. Please come and join the fun (feel free to participate by wearing a costume)! We look forward to seeing you there!

Junior Emirates Athletic Conference (Jr. EAC): As you may already know from our ASA sign-up information, we have recently joined a newly created grades 4-6 athletic conference in the UAE. The members of the conference are other international schools (primarily American curriculum schools), and include five schools from Dubai, and three schools from Abu Dhabi. Sign-ups for soccer are now complete; however, there will be future opportunities to sign up for other sports later in the year. Please note, that while every student a chance to sign up and improve their skills, there is a competitive aspect. The coach will have some discretion as to who participates in matches against other schools, and in the culminating tournament.

We would like to encourage everyone to get out and support our soccer teams, particularly for home games. If you can, please make plans for you and your child to cheer on our teams on Monday, November 10th on the DAA field for a 3:30pm start.

Reminders from DAAPA:

ANNUAL HOODIE SALE: It's time to get ready for those changing temps! The PS/ES annual hoodie pre-sale will take place on Monday and Tuesday, October 27th and 28th in the ES/PS Lobby at morning drop-off, KG 1 afternoon pick-up and regular afternoon pick-up on both days (Sample sizes will be available to try). Cost: AED150. Cash only.

DAAPA Fall Festivities – If you pre-order a pumpkin or maybe 2 or 3, please remember to stop by on October 27th and 28th to choose your favorite! Collection is first come, first serve. Remember to bring your receipt! Pumpkins will be available for collection at pick-up and drop-off. Adults should accompany their children for collection as the pumpkins can be heavy. No pumpkins are allowed on the busses.

Have a super week ahead!
Roberta Wiens and Patrick Molloy,
ES Admin Team

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



United Nations Day Celebration:

The Middle School truly came alive with "international color" this past Thursday as we celebrated United Nations Day! Students dressed in colors of their flag or national dress, demonstrating how truly proud they all are of their heritage. Thanks to Mr. Hunter (MS Social Studies) and our 7th grade Life Skills team of teachers and students for an amazing assembly, which included the following:

- Student Parade of Nations.
- Athletic announcements and awards to our successful Leopard swimmers!
- Student Ambassadors presenting United Nations Secretary General **Ban Ki-moon's** annual message.
- 7th grade students presenting the various roles of the United Nations for people around the world.
- United Nations Trivia competition for Color House points – congratulations Tigers who came out on top!!
- A performance by our 8th grade Choir with Mr. Quinto accompanying on piano.

It was a great opportunity for us to reflect on how lucky we are to be attending a school that is so diverse and multi-cultural – it was a great day in the Middle!!

Week Without Walls:

Thank you parents for attending our WWW Parent Information session after school this past Wednesday, October 22nd. If you were unable to attend this meeting, we have posted the presentation on gemsdaa.com as a link on the right side of the page. For specific trip/activity information, please scroll down to the bottom of this page and click on the WWW icon – there you will find all trip details which we hope will guide your discussions about which WWW option is right for your child. Please take some time to carefully consider the options to ensure that the top 3 choices your child makes are a good fit.

All students were reminded of the deadline of next **Wednesday, October 29th at 7:45 a.m. for complete WWW packages** with all relevant signatures and documents to be turned in to the MS office. Students will receive packages on Sunday, Oct. 26th . . . the turnaround time is tight on this so we ask that careful attention to detail is given. Should packages be complete, feel free to turn them in on Monday or Tuesday, avoiding the rush in the office on Wed. morning.

Please take a look through the FAQ's section on our MS blog should you have other questions about WWW and feel free to contact us in the office as needed.

MIDDLE SCHOOL MESSAGES (Grades 6-8), continued

FROM THE MIDDLE SCHOOL OFFICE, continued

Middle School Spirit Week:

Students are encouraged to show their school spirit this coming week in the Middle!! Students may dress according to the following themes keeping in mind that all decision-making regarding dress is based on appropriateness for school:

- Sunday: Fantasy Day (Fairies, Princes, Princesses, Animation . . . use your imagination!!)
- Monday: Pink Day (Pink Shirts) - monetary donations will be collect in support of "Brest Friends"
- Tuesday: Nike/Addidas vs Apple/Microsoft – (students may choose to wear athletic wear or smart/highly intellectual dress)
- Wednesday: Twins Day (Pairs, Triplets, Quadruplets . . . small groups all dressed the same!)
- Thursday: Fall Costume – students may wear costumes of their choice

** Parents, please help ensure that choices for student dress are appropriate for school, erring on the conservative side should there be questions.

MAPS Test Results:

We will be sending home MAPS test results via our Science class on Tuesday, Oct. 28th and Wed. Oct. 29th. Please ask your child for this important documentation when they arrive home at the end of the day. A guide is included which will assist you with interpretation of the results, in addition to a link to a Parent Toolkit produced by NWEA. We will be using this data in tandem with internal grade data to better support the educational process for our students. Should you have any questions about the MAPS data/results, please feel free to contact a Middle School Counselor.

Fall Festival Decorating:

On behalf of MS staff and students, sincere thank you to our DAAPA parent volunteers for decorating our entry hallway – it looks awesome and our kids love it!!

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

Busy times in the high school, as usual!



Special Recognition:

We had a pep rally on Wednesday and Diego danced with boys varsity volleyball coach, Mr. Plotz:


We had some students win a total of \$100,000 DHS for their participation in the DU High School Business Plan Competition. Senior Toni Prskalo's team came in first place and won 70,000 and a team of juniors including Zach Dietsche, Raseel al Ghoul, Farouk About Ghazale and Sameer Shehadi took home 30,000 DHS. Congrats to all of their proud parents!



Two groups of students returned from two very successful trips this past weekend. Theater students went to London to participate in the **International Schools Theater Association**, and another group was in **Athens for the Model United Nations conference**. Mr. Downey tells us that DAA students received rave reviews from all of the London theater teachers and Mr. Rodgers reported that DAA students were recognized for being exemplary speakers in Athens.

Over 1.5 million students took the 2013 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test. The 50,000 highest scorers of this test were recently recognized for the exceptional academic promise demonstrated by their outstanding performance on the qualifying test and earned the title of Commended Student in the 2015 National Merit Scholarship Program. **Esther Han, a current senior at DAA, was recognized this past Monday as a Commended Student**, ultimately placing in the top 5% of students who took the PSAT in 2013. Congratulations Esther!


Inviting all IB parents



Oxford Study Courses, the IBDP specialists, present...

How to support your child throughout their IB Diploma

Date: Wednesday 5th November
Time: 7:30pm
Location: Four Points by Sheraton Sheikh Zayed Road
RSVP: Rosanna.Montalbano@osc-ib.com



Special Visits:

Representatives from the well-regarded Oxford Study Courses will be on campus on November 5 from 3:00-4:00. The informational meeting will be held in the music room (room number 10) which is on the Middle School side of the building.

In case you cannot make it at that time, there will be another informational meeting held later that evening at 7:30 p.m. at the Four Points by Sheraton Sheikh Zayed Road. To RSVP, please email Rosanna.Montalbano@osc-ib.com. You can find more information about Oxford Study Courses at www.osc-ib.com.

This past week we had over 60 colleges and universities visit DAA. Our students met with representatives, asked questions and learned about what makes a good "fit" for them when it comes to university life.



A REALLY big thank you to our counseling team who go above and beyond expectations when it comes to getting institutions of higher learning to visit DAA.

HIGH SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS (Grades 9-12), continued

FROM THE HIGH SCHOOL OFFICE, continued

THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING EARNEST

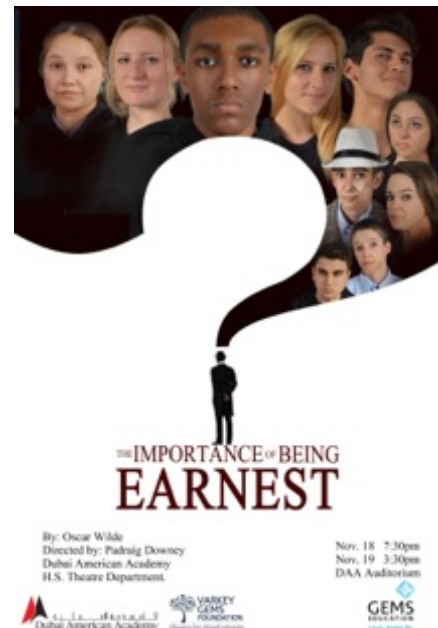
Come see DAA's dedicated HS thespians tackle one of the greatest comedies ever written by the maestro that is Oscar Fingal O' Flahertie Wills Wilde. Leave the IB, exam and school world behind as we take you on a whimsical journey into topsy turvydom. We promise to render you belly ache from the laughter! Where else can you see one of the best comedies performed? And right on your door step too!

Suitable for all ages. Family friendly and culturally appropriate.

Tickets are 25 Dhs and available at the door and in the high school office.

Showing: Nov. 18th @ 7:30 pm
Nov. 19th @ 3:30 pm

We hope to see you there!



Fujairah College Visitors:

Mr. McMahon and Mr. Schaffner met with a group of student teachers from Fujairah College on Thursday, they were doing research on school operations and systems. They had many interesting questions about how schools work, with an emphasis on communications. We explained to them how one way that DAA communicates with parents is through SPOTS and gave them a copy. They loved it!

Upcoming this week:

- Pink Day on Monday, students can wear pink!
- Thursday Senior breakfast morning in cafeteria.

Follow the high school on Twitter: @LeopardPrideDAA,
Your HS Admin Team

HS COUSELORS CONNECT

The British Council will be holding its annual Education UK Exhibition – EDUKEX 2014 – to give students in the UAE an opportunity to meet representatives from more than 40 UK institutions face-to-face and learn more about studying in the UK

- In Abu Dhabi, November 3, 18:00 – 21:00, Le Royal Meridien Abu Dhabi, Liwa One Ballroom
- In Dubai 4-5 November, 17:00 – 21:00, Dubai World Trade Center, Al Multaqa Ballroom
www.educationuk.org

The Canadian Embassy in the UAE is hosting an Undergraduate Student Recruitment Fair with 27 institutions. The fair will be held in Abu Dhabi on November 9 from 18:00 – 21:00 at the Royal Meridien Hotel and in Dubai on November 11, 18:00 – 21:00 at the Shangri-La Hotel. No registration is required.

Engineering Workshop! On November 17 from 2:30-4pm, GEMS Modern Academy will be hosting a talk on applying for and studying Engineering by the University of Sheffield and a presentation on careers in engineering by a representative of the Institution of Civil Engineers followed by a Q & A with some GEMS Alumni working in engineering fields. If you are interested in attending this workshop below, please rsvp to Mrs. Carey. If you are attending this workshop you will be excused from school, as long as you do not have a test. You must provide your own transportation.

Physics workshop: Tuesday 18th November 10:30 – 12:00 - Bath University are visiting Jumeirah College with a lecturer on Physics to talk about applying for studying Physics to an audience of interested students. JC would love to welcome potential Physics students from other schools to this event. Please let your counsellor know if you are interested in attending. If you are attending this workshop you will be excused from school, as long as you do not have a test. You must provide your own transportation.

The HS Counseling Office



ATHLETICS AND ACTIVITIES

EAC

Emirates Athletics Conference

Important Season 1 Dates

EAC Varsity Boys/Girls Volleyball	Fri 7 Nov	DAA
EAC JV Boys/Girls Volleyball	Sat 8 Nov	ASD
EAC U14 Boys Volleyball	Sat 8 Nov	GAA
EAC U14 Girls Volleyball	Sat 8 Nov	AISA
Varsity/JV/U14 Boys/Girls Swimming	Fri 7 Nov	ACS
MESAC Varsity Boys/Girls Volleyball	13-17 Nov	AESDelhi
MESAC JV Boys/Girls Volleyball	12-15 Nov	ACS
MESAC Varsity/JV Boys/Girls Swimming	13-15 Nov	ASDubai
MESAC Varsity/JV Academic Games	13-17 Nov	DAA

MESAC events

This school year DAA is hosting the following MESAC events:

- JV/Varsity Academic Games Nov 13-17
- Varsity Tennis Feb 11-15
- Varsity Cross Country Feb 12-15
- Varsity Softball/Baseball April 22-26

Hosting

If your child is taking part in a MESAC event representing DAA we will be asking for you to provide beds for visiting athletes. Host housing is a MESAC requirement and a responsibility of our Leopard athletes. If your child took part in a season 3 MESAC activity last school year we will also require your assistance in housing this season. All Academic Games participants will be needed to house visiting students during the tournament.

Season 1 Sports and Activities

Our Volleyball and Swimming seasons are now over halfway through their seasons. The Swim teams have competed at ACS and ASD and produced over 80 personal best performances to date. At ASD last weekend our combined Varsity/JV and Under 14 swim teams took out **second place** so we are looking forward to great times from them as EAC draws closer.

On the Volleyball court our teams have produced some fantastic results with our JV Girls and Varsity Boys teams coming from behind to beat ASD. All teams have wins on the board as we head towards the Championship end of the season. Each game carries a lot of weight as seeds are being determined and our teams are confident they will remain in Division 1 across all age groups. Our JV teams are heading to ACS while our Varsity take on ACS at our first home game of the season. **Come along and support our teams in their lead up to the ASD Home Games next week.**

Upcoming games:

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| ▪ Thurs., 23 Oct | Var Boys/Girls Volleyball v ACS @ DAA
JV Boys/Girls Volleyball v ACS @ ACS | girls 4pm/boys 5.30pm
2pm leave, approx 8pm return |
| ▪ Sun., 26 Oct | JVB/VG Volleyball v DIA @ DAA | HS Gym 4.30pm start |
| ▪ Mon., 27 Oct | U14B/G Volleyball v ASD @ DAA | HS Gym 4.30pm start |
| ▪ Thurs., 30 Oct | Var Boys/Girls Volleyball v ASD @ DAA | girls 4.30pm/ boys 6pm |
| ▪ Sat., 1 Nov | JVBoys/Girls v ASD @ DAA
Var Boys v AISA @ DAA
U14Boys/Girls v GWA @ GWA | HS Gym 9am start
HS Gym 11am start
10am start |

Volleyball Thursdays

Come and help Diego (the DAA mascot) support the Varsity Leopards in our next **Thursday Game Night on October 30th** when our varsity volleyball teams will take on rival ASD! Matches will begin at 4:30 p.m. in the HS gym, girls first.

See you courtside (or poolside),
Miss Jodi O'Reilly, Athletic Director



COMMUNITY NOTES



GEMS ICT Academy

New opportunities to develop your IT skills

Who are we?

The GEMS IT Academy was launched six years ago to provide computer training courses for GEMS parents, since then it has gone from strength to strength enabling many of our parents to improve their computer skills either for personal or business use.

Where are we?

This year we are making the IT Academy more accessible to our parents by offering a wider range of courses through several GEMS schools across Dubai. The intention is to allow course timings to be linked to school drop off and pick up times to make them as convenient as possible. Don't forget to check the location of the course that you are booking!

What are we offering?

We are continuing to offer a variety of courses which have been updated to make it easier for you to find courses for the skills you need. Related courses have been grouped together and extended to a five week period to give the courses wider scope and with more time for hands on practice. Once again the program includes courses for both MAC and Windows users covering a range of software for both business and leisure use. [View our course schedule for November and December here.](#)

How can you book a course?

Booking is easy, either [click here](#) for our online booking form, or email itacademy@gemseducation.com or telephone for more information 050 956 4897 - Debbie Wild.

Please note the closing date for registrations is 27th October 2014.

I look forward to seeing you.

Regards

Debbie Wild

IT Academy Leader

PRIMARY/ELEMENTARY SCHOOL MENU



	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
MAIN COURSE					
PROTIEN	GRILLED FISH FILLET w/CORN SALSA	DAWOOD BASHA	FISH GUJONS w/TARTARE SAUCE	GRILLED FISH FILLET w/LEMON WEDGES	BEEF KOFTA KEBAB w/TOMATO, ONION & BELL PEPPER
(V) = VEGETARIAN	(V) GOBI MASALA	(V) PALAK PANEER	(V) SWEET POTATO CURRY w/SPINACH & CHICK PEAS	(V) SPICY MEXICAN BEAN BURGER PATTIES w/TOMATO SALSA	(V) VEGETABLE KORMA
RICE/POTATO/VEGETABLE - VEGETARIAN					
VEGETARIAN	VEGETABLE BIRIYANI	KOSHARI RICE	MUSHROOM RICE	TOMATO RICE	STEAMED WHITE RICE
VEGETARIAN	BROCCOLI & CAULIFLOWER GRATIN	GREEN PEAS, CORN & RED BELL PEPPER	GREEN BEANS w/TOMATO SAUCE	STEAMED FRESH SEASONAL VEGETABLES	GARLIC BROCCOLI
LIVE PASTA a la carte station					
VEGETARIAN	PASTA - SPAGHETTI	PASTA - TRICOLOUR PENNE	PASTA - BOWTIE	PASTA - TRICOLOUR FUSSILI	PASTA - PENNE
(V) = VEGETARIAN	BEEF BOLOGNESE SAUCE	ARABIATTA (V)	ITALIAN SAUSAGE & TOMATO SAUCE	NAPOLITANA (V)	SPICY TOMATO & HOTDOG
	PESTO SAUCE (V)	SHREDDED CHICKEN & GARLIC SAUCE	MUSHROOM & CHEESE SAUCE (V)	CARBONARA w/TURKEY BACON	3 CHEESE SAUCE (V)
DESSERT	APPLE CRUMBLE (TRAY BAKE)	PINEAPPLE UPSIDE DOWN CAKE w/CUSTARD	CRÈME CARAMEL POTS	BASBOOSA (TRAY BAKE)	MANGO MOUSSE POTS
YOUR CHOICE OF JUICE					
JUICE	APPLE JUICE	COCKTAIL JUICE	MANGO JUICE	APPLE JUICE	ORANGE JUICE
WATER					
WATER	WATER	WATER	WATER	WATER	WATER

CAFETERIA MENUS

MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL MENU



CAFETERIA MENUS

	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
MAIN COURSE					
PROTIEN	SOUTHERN STYLE BONELESS CHICKEN	BONELESS TANDOORI CHICKEN	GRILLED CHICKEN BREAST w/TOMATO, CHEESE & BBQ SAUCE	BONELESS CHICKEN CURRY	CHINESE STYLE CHILI CHICKEN
PROTIEN	GRILLED FISH FILLET w/CORN SALSA	DAWOOD BASHA	FISH GUJONS w/TARTARE SAUCE	GRILLED FISH FILLET w/LEMON WEDGES	BEEF KOFTA KEBAB w/TOMATO, ONION & BELL PEPPER
(V) = VEGETARIAN	(V) GOBI MASALA	(V) PALAK PANEER	(V) SWEET POTATO CURRY w/SPINACH & CHICK PEAS	(V) SPICY MEXICAN BEAN BURGER PATTIES w/TOMATO SALSA	(V) VEGETABLE KORMA
RICE/POTATO/VEGETABLE - VEGETARIAN					
VEGETARIAN	VEGETABLE BIRIYANI	KOSHARI RICE	MUSHROOM RICE	TOMATO RICE	STEAMED WHITE RICE
VEGETARIAN	CAJUN STYLE BAKED POTATO WEDGES	LEMON BUTTER, GARLIC & PARMESAN POTATO	GARLIC ROASTED POTATO	BUTTER BAKED POTATO	PAPRIKA ROAST POTATO
VEGETARIAN	BROCCOLI & CAULIFLOWER GRATIN	GREEN PEAS, CORN & RED BELL PEPPER	GREEN BEANS w/TOMATO SAUCE	STEAMED FRESH SEASONAL VEGETABLES	GARLIC BROCCOLI
LIVE PASTA a la carte station (12aed)					
VEGETARIAN	PASTA - SPAGHETTI	PASTA - TRICOLOUR PENNE	PASTA - BOWTIE	PASTA - TRICOLOUR FUSSILI	PASTA - PENNE
(V) = VEGETARIAN	BEEF BOLOGNESE SAUCE	ARABIATTA (V)	ITALIAN SAUSAGE & TOMATO SAUCE	NAPOLITANA (V)	SPICY TOMATO & HOTDOG
(V) = VEGETARIAN	PESTO SAUCE (V)	SHREDDED CHICKEN & GARLIC SAUCE	MUSHROOM & CHEESE SAUCE (V)	CARBONARA w/TURKEY BACON	3 CHEESE SAUCE (V)
SALAD BAR - PRE PACKED (1=6aed, 2=10aed, 3=14aed)					
PROTIEN SALAD	CAESAR SALAD w/CHICKEN	MEXICAN BEEF TACO SALAD	CHICKEN NOODLE SALAD	CHICKEN HAM & CHEESE SALAD	THAI GREEN CHICKEN SALAD
(V) = VEGETARIAN	PASTA w/TUNA & CORN SALAD	GREEK SALAD (V)	ROASTED VEGETABLE PASTA SALAD (V)	MACARONI PASTA SALAD (V)	FATOUCHE SALAD (V)
(V) = VEGETARIAN	POTATO SALAD w/GREEN ONION (V)	PROVENCAL BEAN SALAD (V)	CHICK PEA & TOMATO w/CORIANDER (V)	RUSSIAN SALAD w/EGG (V)	CHEESY RED & WHITE COLESLAW (V)
SALAD BAR - MAKE YOUR OWN, SMALL PACK (1=6aed, 2=10aed, 3=14aed) - VEGETARIAN					
(V) = VEGETARIAN	TOMATO	TOMATO	TOMATO	TOMATO	TOMATO
(V) = VEGETARIAN	CUCUMBER	CUCUMBER	CUCUMBER	CUCUMBER	CUCUMBER
(V) = VEGETARIAN	LETTUCE	LETTUCE	LETTUCE	LETTUCE	LETTUCE
(V) = VEGETARIAN	GREEN PEPPER	GREEN PEPPER	GREEN PEPPER	GREEN PEPPER	GREEN PEPPER
(V) = VEGETARIAN	SWEETCORN	SWEETCORN	SWEETCORN	SWEETCORN	SWEETCORN
(V) = VEGETARIAN	SLICED BLACK OLIVES	SLICED BLACK OLIVES	SLICED BLACK OLIVES	SLICED BLACK OLIVES	SLICED BLACK OLIVES
DAILY SPECIALS (13aed) - BEEF					
	NACHOS - CORN TORTILLA CHIPS	BEEF FRANKFURTER FOOT LONG	TACOS	BEEF LASAGNE	BAKED POTATO
	CHILI CON CARNE	FOOT LONG BUN	CHILI CON CARNE		CHILI CON CARNE
	GRATED CHEESE	GRATED CHEESE	GRATED CHEESE		BAKED BEANS
	SLICED JALAPENOS	SLICED JALAPENOS	SLICED JALAPENOS		GRATED CHEESE
	SOUR CREAM	BBQ SAUCE	SOUR CREAM		SLICED JALAPENOS
	LETTUCE	LETTUCE	LETTUCE		SOUR CREAM
	TOMATO	TOMATO	TOMATO		
PANINI & SPECIAL WRAPS (13aed) - CHICKEN					
	PANINI BREAD WHITE	PANINI BREAD WHITE	PANINI BREAD WHITE	PANINI BREAD WHITE	PANINI BREAD WHITE
	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
SPECIAL WRAPS (13aed) - CHICKEN					
	TORTILLA WRAP	TORTILLA WRAP	TORTILLA WRAP	TORTILLA WRAP	
	CHICKEN FAJITA	SPICY CHICKEN CRISPY TENDERS	CHICKEN SHAWARMA	CHICKEN QUESADILLA	
	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)					
(V) = VEGETARIAN	YOGHURT - 4 LITER	YOGHURT - 4 LITER	YOGHURT - 4 LITER	YOGHURT - 4 LITER	YOGHURT - 4 LITER
(V) = VEGETARIAN	HONEY - BOTTLE	HONEY - BOTTLE	HONEY - BOTTLE	HONEY - BOTTLE	HONEY - BOTTLE
(V) = VEGETARIAN	MANGO PUREE - KG	MANGO PUREE - KG	MANGO PUREE - KG	MANGO PUREE - KG	MANGO PUREE - KG
(V) = VEGETARIAN	STR.BERRY PUREE - KG	STR.BERRY PUREE - KG	STR.BERRY PUREE - KG	STR.BERRY PUREE - KG	STR.BERRY PUREE - KG
(V) = VEGETARIAN	WHOLE BANANA	WHOLE BANANA	WHOLE BANANA	WHOLE BANANA	WHOLE BANANA

