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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**) We encourage parents to check weekly as occasionally dates or times may change.

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | WEEKEND | |
|---|---|---|---|---|-----------|-----------|
| MARCH 2017 | | | | | | |
| 19 PS/ES Day 10 MS/HS Day 8 | 20 PS/ES Day 1 MS/HS Day 1 | 21 PS/ES Day 2 MS/HS Day 2 | 22 PS/ES Day 3 MS/HS Day 3 | 23 PS/ES Day 4 MS/HS Day 4 | 24 | 25 |
| IB Art Exhibition | | | | MS MOGA ----- Final day to re-enroll for 2017-2018 ----- Spring break begins at 12:00 noon | | |
| PS / ES Trimester 3 After School Activities External Sign-ups 7:30-9am Cafeteria ----- JEAC Swim Meet GEMS Wellington Academy Silicon Oasis. | | ES Maker's Day | | | | |
| <i>March 26-April 8 - Spring Break</i> | | | | | | |
| April 2017 | | | | | | |
| 9 PS/ES Day 5 MS/HS Day 5 | 10 PS/ES Day 6 MS/HS Day 6 | 11 PS/ES Day 7 MS/HS Day 7 | 12 PS/ES Day 8 MS/HS Day 8 | 13 PS/ES Day 9 MS/HS Day 1 | 14 | 15 |
| Classes Resume | JEAC Basketball Online sign-ups begin at 9am | JEAC Basketball Online sign-ups close at 9am | MESAC Track, Softball/Baseball, Badminton and Forensic Tournaments | | | |
| 16 PS/ES Day 10 MS/HS Day 2 | 17 PS/ES Day 1 MS/HS Day 3 | 18 PS/ES Day 2 MS/HS Day 4 | 19 PS/ES Day 3 MS/HS Day 5 | 20 PS/ES Day 4 MS/HS Day 6 | 21 | 22 |
| | | | HS Parent Coffee Morning 8:00 am ESPS Conf Rm ----- ES Musical My Son Pinnochio Times 3:30 pm and 6:30 pm | DAAPA Pizza Day ----- ES Musical My Son Pinnochio Times 3:30 pm | | |
| 23 PS/ES Day 5 MS/HS Day 7 | 24 PS/ES Day 6 MS/HS Day 8 | 25 PS/ES Day 7 MS/HS Day 1 | 26 PS/ES Day 8 MS/HS Day 2 | 27 PS/ES Day 9 MS/HS Day 3 | 28 | 29 |
| | | ES PS Choir Details TBA | MS Parent Coffee Morning 8:00 am ESPS Conf Rm ----- ES PS Choir Details TBA | | | |

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ALL SCHOOL NEWS

FROM THE SUPERINTENDENTS' OFFICE

Dear DAA Families,

As usual there is so much to celebrate and recognize around the DAA campus!

The final cleanup is being completed, the bouncy houses are packed away, the food trucks' taillights are in the rearview mirror, and we are slowly digesting all of the good food and conversations that were shared at our Spring Family Festival. Our freshly updated annual whole school celebration was a great success and our DAAPA moms, the many volunteers and hardworking staff coordinated to bring off a memorable event. An enormous "Thank you" to all involved!

Thursday afternoon another annual event began, the IB Visual Arts Exhibition. This final student exhibit for our high school IB Diploma visual art students is a truly wonderful demonstration of creativity, hard work, and innovative thinking. I would urge you to treat yourself to a visit to the auditorium between now and the 21st to view the work of our talented DAA students.

Thank you to parents for attending your children's Parent-Teacher Conferences, held at all divisions, this past week. From our youngest learners demonstrating their learning to their families, to high schoolers reviewing and refining goals and charting life after DAA, meaningful discussions and strong partnerships were forged and reinforced all around the school. An extra thank you to DAA's teachers and teaching assistants for all of thoughtful preparation that goes in to making conferences such a successful experience.

This week also saw our Primary School students' singing, dancing and oration skills on display as they performed their musical "Wing It" over 4 performances in three days, to packed, adoring audiences. It is hard to put into words the energy, enthusiasm and pure joy that over 700 students, ages 4 through 8, brought to this performance. And as was once said about the famous dancer Ginger Rogers, that she did everything dance partner Fred Astaire did, except backwards and in heels, the same can be said of Primary School music teachers Ms. Fabrizio and Mr. Fowler (OK, no heels for Mr. Fowler) as they got their aerobics in, vigorously leading all songs and choreography - in reverse- throughout the many rehearsals and performances. Bravo to all!

Finally, in a sort of bookend experience for me personally, was this week's jubilant culmination to High School Spirit Week, the Dodgeball 7's. This was the first big event that I attended prior to my joining DAA, and one which I will truly remember forever. For those new to DAA, or with younger children who have not yet experienced this extravaganza, the Dodgeball 7's event features the classic game of dodgeball, divided into teams by high school year, and played by the girls in each year's class. To add to the fierce, if good-natured, competition is the corresponding cheering event, performed by the boys, as the entire high school cheers for their teams - and indeed, for everyone, in this annual event that exemplifies DAA's high school spirit.

Kudos to our entire DAA community for the recent events above!

Warm Regards,

Matthew
Deputy 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.



Spring Family Festival Sponsors

With thanks to our generous SFF 2017 Sponsors:

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Spring Family Festival Food & Beverage Vendors

| # | Category | F&B Brands | Menu Items |
|----|-------------------|---------------------------|---|
| 1 | Coffee & Dessert | Cinnabon & Seattle's Best | Cinnamon Rolls and coffee. |
| 2 | Desserts | Sugar Moo Desserts | Cake pops, brownies, cakes, cookies, marshmallow sticks |
| 3 | Smoothies | Mauwi Wowi Cafe | Hawaiian sugar free smoothies |
| 4 | American | Burger Itch Food Truck | 3 types of burgers (including chicken, beef and vegetarian) |
| 5 | Carnival Snacks | Hot Dog on a Stick | Corn Dogs, Hot Dogs |
| 6 | Carnival Snacks | Tomado Potatoes | Potatoes on a stick |
| 7 | Chinese | Wokinaki Food truck | Rice/Noodles in a box with choice of chicken, beef, or veggies |
| 8 | Egyptian | El Amoor | Vegan Koshari, zalabya, fresh falafel, hot feteer (Egyptian Pies), grilled liver sausages |
| 9 | Indian | The Big Wok | Curries and Biryani |
| 10 | Iranian | Omar el Khayyam | Iranian kebab wraps |
| 11 | Korean | K Pop Chicken | Kpop Fried Chicken, Kimchi |
| 12 | Italian | Dominoes | Pizza by the slice |
| 13 | Lebanese | Mom's Food Restaurant | Chicken and Beef Shawerma, & Live Sajstation |
| 14 | Spanish & Italian | Seville & Marco's | Paella & Pasta dishes |



The DAAPA Spring Family Festival team wishes to thank the DAA community for supporting our first Spring Family Festival. We hope that you had a wonderful time.

Such an event takes many hands. A huge thank you goes to the administrators, teachers and students who volunteered to get dunked! The dunk tank was a huge success with non-stop action the entire night! To each of our entertainers, you were fabulous. Thank you for adding to the energy of the night. Our CAS volunteers did an amazing job keeping the event running smoothly. The DAA support team is second to none always willing to do whatever it takes to make our events memorable for all.

Last, but definitely most, to our wonderful DAAPA volunteers who work tirelessly behind the scenes to bring happiness to our children and families. **THANK YOU!**

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

Dear PS Parents,

Thank you for attending Parent/Teacher conferences. We appreciate the opportunity to speak with you about your child's progress. We have one trimester left in the school year, which means your child will have many more learning experiences to promote their continued growth. Thank you for your continued support at home.



The PS **Wing-It** music performances this week were exceptionally special. The students were so excited to perform for their loved ones. Thank you to the many parents and guests whose presence in the audience made the experience of performing all the more special for the students. Our music teacher Ms. Julia Fabrizio and Mr. Paul Fowler definitely deserved a standing ovation for their inspired coordination of these performances!



Upcoming Events:

- March 26 Spring Break Begins - **12:00 Dismissal**, no lunches served
- April 9 School Resumes
- April 9 Trimester 3 ASA's begin
- April 16-20 Earth Week
- April 20 Maker's Day - More information to be forthcoming on classroom blog.

Best Regards,

Laura King and Nathalie Salameh
PS Administrative 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 ELEMENTARY SCHOOL OFFICE

Thank you for your attendance at parent conferences. We had 820 families sign up for a total 1427 conference times booked across all teachers (homeroom and specialists)! Your partnership with us in your child's education is important and we appreciated the opportunity to meet with you. Together with you, we're looking forward to a very successful final trimester.

Please remember to regularly check your child's classroom blog. This is an important source of information about your child's learning and school experience.

Trimester 3 ASA Sign-Up Information:

External ASA sign-ups Your final opportunity for signs up is tomorrow morning:- Sunday, March 19th from 7:30am - 9am in the PS/ES cafeteria.

*Please visit the [ASA website](#) for additional information about External ASA program dates, times, costs, and contacts. All providing groups will be at the sign up session to provide you with information about their program. : [PS/ES After School Activities Website](#)
<https://sites.google.com/a/gemsdaa.net/primary-after-school-activities/home>*

General ASA Information:

- Start Date: Sunday, April 9th (immediately after Spring break)
- End Date: Thursday, May 25th
- Please note: Trimester 3 ASAs will only run for 7 weeks. The sessions for the week of Sunday, May 21st - **Thursday, May 25th will be 1 hour long.**

Thank you for supporting our ASA Program.

For any questions, please contact the ASA Coordinators:

- Mandy Gintaut (PS Internal ASA Coordinator) amanda.gintaut@gemsdaa.net
- Laura Sarmiento (ES Internal ASA Coordinator) laura.sarmiento@gemsdaa.net
- Beth Swartz (External ASA Coordinator) e.swartz_daa@gemsedu.com

Other News:

Grade 5 Completion Ceremony Dress Code Reminder: For those of you planning to shop over the holiday, we wanted to give you plenty of notice about the dress code for the Grade 5 Completion Ceremony in June. The dress for for grade 5 students on this special occasion will be 'smart': collared shirts and dress pants for boys; modest dresses/skirts for girls (no bare shoulders), dressy sandals or shoes.

Classroom Blogs: We know the ES building is a busy place and that it can be hard to keep up! As a reminder, your child's teacher has created a blog where you can receive regular updates about the learning in YOUR child's classroom (you can access the blog through the division tab on the DAA home page at www.gemsdaa.com). It's important that you stay informed in order to support your child's learning – please make the time to regularly check the blog.

News from our ES Choir (Ms. Jeannie Wyse): Our ES Choir has been working hard for their **Spring Concert on May 9th at 7PM in ES Foyer**. After the show please enjoy viewing the ES Art showcase. Mr. Scott has been working on all year with ES students to make this a great event! Come one, Come all to this spectacular evening of the Arts showcase!



ELEMENTARY ESSENTIALS , continued

News from the Swim Team (Ms. Beth Swartz):

Three Cheers for Our Amazing Swimmers! The PS/ES swim team had a fantastic swim meet last week at Universal American School! We swam against UAS, ASD and CAS. We are incredibly proud at how well each of our swimmers did, not only in the pool but on the deck as well. They swam fast and cheered for each other. We definitely came out on top! Take a look at our results. We competed in a total of 24 events, placed 1st in 17 individual events and 6 relays, placed 2nd in 8 individual events and 2 relays, and placed 3rd in 9 individual events. Congratulations to all of our swimmers! We look forward to what you will do next!



Our next swim meet will be on Sunday, March 19th at GEMS Wellington Academy Silicon Oasis. Come out and cheer on your PS/ES Swim Team!

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News from the Spring Production (Ms. Julia Fabrizio and Ms. Julie Lemoine):



Save the Dates for the 5th Grade Musical: "My Son Pinocchio"!
 April 19th @ 3:30 & 6:30, April 20th 3:30
 It will be a magical event not to forget!



ELEMENTARY ESSENTIALS , continued



News from our Library (Ms. Sarah Mollenkramer): Parents, did you know we keep a collection of resources just for you in the library? Topics include such things as parenting advice, activities to do at home after school or during vacations, ways to support your child as a learner, or understanding the needs of your child growing up among many languages and cultures. Please stop by the library before or after school to set up your own library account, and to make use of these materials chosen just for you!

Sarah Mollenkramer, ES Librarian
Mandy Gintaut, PS Librarian

JEAC Basketball (Grades 4-5): JEAC Basketball sign ups will start Monday April 10th at 9am and end Tuesday April 11th at 9am.

Please know that this group will be selected on a sign-up basis, first 15 students per group will be selected as the Basketball team for their group. There will be a maximum of 15 students per group (one group of grade 4 girls, one group of grade 4 boys, one group of grade 5 girls, one group of grade 5 boys, one group of grade 6 girls and one group of grade 6 boys).

After successful registration online, students MUST complete a form with parent signatures, AND SUBMIT a 100AED registration fee (this fee includes a JEAC jersey to keep) or 45AED if a student already has a shirt. All students signed up will participate in training sessions and basketball games.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Tuesday, March 21 - Makers Day in the Elementary School! This will be a great opportunity for students to collaborate, design, and tinker to create Scribble Machines!
- Thursday, March 23 – Early dismissal @ 12pm for Spring Break.
- Mar 26-Apr 6 - Spring Break
- April 9 - School Resumes

Wishing you a wonderful Spring break,
The 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

Parent Engagement:

Thank you to all the parents and students that were able to attend our WWW presentations this week. It was wonderful to see the pictures, videos and talk to the students about their amazing experiences.

We also want to thank all parents and students who attended conferences with our teachers in the Middle School. We certainly hope conversations were productive in generating goals for a successful completion of the 2016-17 school year. As always, we encourage the dialogue to continue at home with parents and students discussing educational experiences daily. Parents are encouraged to regularly monitor student progress on Engrade.

Parent Coffee Morning: SAVE THE DATE

On Wednesday, April 26th, the middle school will host a parent coffee morning in the ES conference room at 8am. During this meeting we will outline and teach parents about Standards Based Grading. We will be moving away from percentages next year and to Standards Based Grading so would encourage you to come learn how this works and why we are making this move.

MOGA: March 23rd from 7:45am to 12:00pm

On Thursday morning, we will host our Spring Break Most Outrageous Games and Activities for the morning. Dismissal will be at noon. Students will be actively participating. We ask that they wear their color house shirts, PE shorts, sneakers and bring a refillable water bottle.

Locker Clean-Out:

We will plan for all students to clean out lockers before Spring Break...this provides for a great opportunity for students to return library books they find hidden in there and make sure all food has been removed. They should return to neat, clean, organized lockers in April.

Grade 9 Orientation:

A special thanks to our High School Counselors, teachers and administrators for organizing the informational videos and meetings to help support our 8th graders as they start thinking about their move to the other side of the building.

JEAC Basketball (Grades 6):

JEAC Basketball sign ups will start Monday April 10th at 9am and end Tuesday April 11th at 9am.

Please know that this group will be selected on a sign-up basis, first 15 students per group will be selected as the Basketball team for their group. There will be a maximum of 15 students per group (one group of grade 6 girls and one group of grade 6 boys).

After successful registration online, students MUST complete a form with parent signatures, AND SUBMIT a 100AED registration fee (this fee includes a JEAC jersey to keep) or 45AED if a student already has a shirt. All students signed up will participate in training sessions and basketball games.

Warmest regards,

MS Admin
Joan Wiens and
Luke Spencer



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.....?

- **#My Freedom Day at DAA**

On March 14th, eight DAA students participated in a CNN project called My Freedom Day, with the goal of raising awareness of modern day slavery. Their specific topic, was *Remember the Forgotten* which was designed to raise awareness of human trafficking.

Students wore the color purple, or badges with the #MyFreedomDay - some students even took a vow of silence. After school they students recorded a panel discussion where they discussed modern day slavery.

The students who took part were: Grade 12 students Anah William, Meghna Banerjee, Felipe Cuellar, Kainaz Gandhi and Elisabetta Pulcini; Grade 11 students Diala Talaat and Talal Yassine; and Grade 10 student Adeola Awotunde



A special thanks to Mrs. Maya Fernandez who was instrumental in organizing the event.

Here is the link to the panel discussion - Facebook Live
 Link: <https://www.facebook.com/membertheforgotten1/?pnref=story>
 Youtube Link (video has been rotated, making it easier to watch):
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ygk1rx2cFs>

- **DAAPA moms gave the Seniors a boost**

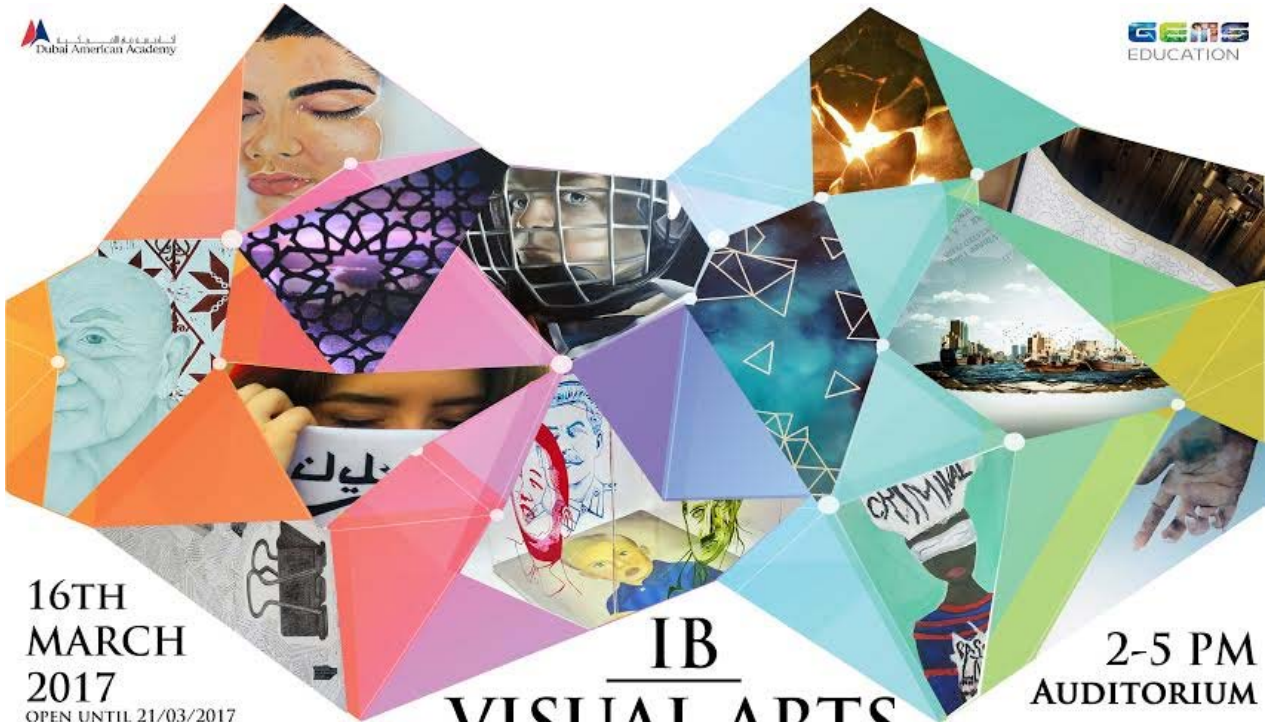
The DAAPA mom's once again doled out fresh juice and croissants for Senior Appreciation as the Seniors enter the final lap before exams in April / May. "This is one of my favorite DAAPA events as I try not to eat croissants - which I love - except on this day!, one student said.



- **IB Visual Arts students once again delight**

The IB Visual Arts Final Exhibition opened its doors on Thursday during the parent teacher conferences. Several of the exhibits this year looked at the vicissitudes of life and how we deal with them. Sometimes we overcome them, other times not. Images from Kim Chang's exhibit entitled *Struggle* to Eduardo Motta's *Fragility and Strength* and Alyanna De Vera's *Duality* displays a gambit of emotions and feelings about modern day living. On leaving the exhibit one teacher was overheard saying that "We have such great talent at DAA. These exhibits are so professional".

Throughout this opening, the High School band performed adding to the cultural feel of the event. The exhibit runs until Tuesday March 21 so come along and support our students. You can even buy a piece!



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ALEX MORTENSEN
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HIGH SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

HIGH SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS, continued

- **Seniors come out on top at Dodgeball this year** Spirit Week ended with the traditional Dodgeball Tournament. The Seniors swept the board winning both the Dodgeball tournament and the cheerleading routine. However, all the Grades performed well with the Freshmen the team to watch going forward.....



- **Remember your ID Cards**

Message from Deputy Superintendent's Office. Please read:

Dear High School Students,

All HS students must carry their ID cards to school everyday. The new turnstiles are working & you will need your ID to enter the gate.

Grade 9 & new students should have received their IDs by now. All other DAA students were given ID cards last year.

If you have lost your ID card, then you need to pay 50 AED to the HS cashier and fill out this form to get a new one:

<https://docs.google.com/a/gemsdaa.net/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScsdDU0ZW2WDTfTlrpOB-uTHZ9MpXO5pKY2CZdh2LEHNtELXw/viewform>

The link is also found under the request tab on the homepage of our Community Portal: gemsdaa.com

- **STAY INFORMED – WEBSITE IS A ONE-STOP-SHOP**

Check out our DAA Community website, where you can find High School information at <http://www.gemsdaa.com/?q=hs>.

The **HS Handbook, Program of Studies and the College Handbook** can all be found [here](#) at the bottom of the page with all the information you need.

This site has important upcoming events, useful links and other information. Also follow the High School on Twitter: @LeopardPrideDAA.

Announcements

- Spring Break begins at 12:00 on Thursday, March 24

Have a great week.
HS Admin team



ATHLETICS AND ACTIVITIES



EAC

Emirates Athletics Conference

IT WAS A 'EAC' WEEKEND

This weekend our Season 3 teams are competing in their local sports tournament around the city.

Track and Field : Thursday 16th and Friday 17th - hosted at Universal American School, Dubai

JV Badminton : Friday 17th - hosted at GEMS World Academy, Dubai

Varsity Badminton : Saturday 18th - hosted by DAA at GEMS Nations, Dubai

There are no EAC tournaments for **Softball and Baseball**, however our Varsity teams took part in a 3-day tournament hosted by DAA and Dubai Little League last weekend. ASD, ASDoha, ACS and a local DLL team all took part. It was a great opportunity for teams to get a lot of game practice and feel how fit they need to be for a three-day- tournament. This preparation before MESAC is vital!

SEASON 3 MESAC INFORMATION:

Track and Field: *HOSTING! Dubai American Academy *****

Tournament dates: **12th April - 15th April 2017**

There is no additional cost for this trip other than the MESAC T-shirt. Students will make their own way to and from DAA each day. DAA athletes may not 'sleep in'. They must be at DAA for the start of the first event. There is no housing requirements as all visiting students stay in a local hotel.

Forensics : American Embassy School, India - Payment DUE

Tournament dates: **14th April - 18th April 2017**

| TEAM BUS DEPARTS DAA | Date of travel | FLIGHT No. | Airport | Departure Time | Arrival Time |
|----------------------|----------------|------------|---------|----------------|--------------|
| 7.00am | 14 April | EK 516 | DXB-DEL | 09.50am | 14.45pm |
| NA | 18 April | EK 511 | DEL-DXB | 11.00am | 12.25pm |

PAYMENT:

- DAA Athletics has prebooked and prepaid all student flights for the MESAC event.
- Parents please pay directly to the **DAA Accounts Office** (near HS/MS Reception).
- **Deadline:** Payments must be received **3pm Thursday 16th March 2017**.

PAYMENT DETAILS: (Cash only or check only accepted).

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| Return Airfare with Emirates | 1,890 AED |
| Compulsory on site lunches at AES (US\$30) | 110 AED |
| TOTAL AMOUNT DUE: | 2,000 AED |

ATHLETICS AND ACTIVITIES, continued

JV Baseball & JV Softball : American School of Dubai (@DLL)

Tournament dates: **13th April - 15th April 2017**

There is no additional cost for this trip. Students & Coaches will make their own way to and from Dubai Little League each day. DAA will not bus DAA Athletes. Pick up & drop off each day is from Dubai Little League. DAA athletes may not 'sleep in'. They must be at the venue for the start of the first match.

Badminton : American Community School, Abu Dhabi

Tournament dates: **12th April - 15th April 2017**

| Date of travel | Departure Time | Arrival Time |
|----------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| Wednesday 12th April | 3.00pm from DAA | 6.00pm to ACS |
| Saturday 15th April | Approx. 7.30pm from ACS | Approx. 9.30pm to DAA |

Students will be bused back to DAA on the 15th April. Expect arrival at 9.30pm depending on traffic and if matches went overtime.

PAYMENT:

- There is no additional payment for this trip other than 50 AED for catered lunches at ACS. Students are to bring 50 AED in cash and give it to their coaches on the bus on the way down to Abu Dhabi.

V Baseball & V Softball : American School of Doha, Qatar - PAYMENT DUE

Tournament dates: **12th April - 16th April 2017**

| DAA TEAM BUS DEPARTS | Date of travel | FLIGHT No. | Airport | Departure Time | Arrival Time |
|----------------------|----------------|------------|---------|----------------|--------------|
| 1.00pm | 12th April | EK 843 | DXB-DOH | 14.15pm | 14.15pm |
| NA | 16th April | EK 842 | DOH-DXB | 9.45am | 11.45am |

Students will be bussed to and from the airport. **Pick up from DAA** on the 16th April will be approximately 2.30pm depending on immigration and traffic.

PAYMENT:

- DAA Athletics has already prebooked and prepaid all student flights for the MESAC tournament.
- Parents please pay directly to the **DAA Accounts Office** (near HS/MS Reception).
- **Deadline:** Payments must be received **3pm Wednesday 22nd March, 2017.**

The tournament t-shirt is a required purchase and is separate to the navy DAA travel shirt.

PAYMENT DETAILS: (Cash or check accepted).

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| Return Emirates Airways Flight | 795 AED |
| TOTAL AMOUNT DUE: | 795 AED |

ATHLETICS AND ACTIVITIES, continued

IMPORTANT: VISA INTO QATAR FOR VARSITY BASEBALL and SOFTBALL MESAC TEAMS.

Entry into Qatar for those nationalities unable to get a visa on arrival will be required to use ASDoha's travel agent '**Imran Habib**'. Contact Imran directly for further information. Imran.Habib@mannai.com.qa

Cost per visa is Qar 450.00 (please note for certain nationalities visa cost may be higher and for certain nationalities tourist visas may not be possible, as this information changes regularly). In order to apply for the visas we would require scanned passport copies of all the applicants (Indian nationals both information pages), accompanied by an invitation letter from the invitee or sponsor which is to include the full name, nationality and passport numbers of the applicants along with the Qatar ID card copy of the signatory and company registration card.

Approximate costing of visa into Qatar :

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| Indian visa | = 450/QR | South African visa | = 500/QR |
| Srilankan Visa | = 450/QR | Nigeria visa | = 800/QR |
| Bulgarian visa | = 600/QR | Jordanian visa | = 800/QR |
| Russian visa | = 900/QR | Columbian visa | = 550/QR |
| Turkish visa | = 450/QR | | |

Currently We are unable to process Qatar tourist visas for Syrian/ Iraq/ Afghanistan/ Pakistan /Iran /Yemen Nationalities

Terms & Conditions

Duration of stay 30 Days maximum – Qatar Tourist Visa

Requirements Visa fee is QAR 450/= per adult/child and must be prepaid in full. (please note for certain nationalities visa cost may be higher and for certain nationalities tourist visas may not be possible

- a. Applicant must should not have been a resident of Qatar within the last 2 years
(Otherwise we would require a NOC letter from his/her previous employer).
- b. Processing time is between 6-7 working days (Excluding Friday & Saturday) from the date of submission to immigration. However some applications may take more time depending on the Age, Nationality and profession of applicant.
- c. A Guarantee letter from a person (Holding the same passport) in Doha with the copies of Qatar ID card copies.
- c. In case if you wish to cancel the visa application after the submission, a cancellation charge of QAR 250/= is chargeable per application and the balance visa fee will be refunded .
- d. Approval of the tourist visa application rests solely with Qatar Immigration.

Remarks Please note that Mannai Holidays is simply a facilitator for Qatar visa application processing and we do not have any influence on the final outcome of the application. In case of an unfortunate incident where the application is rejected by Qatar immigrations a fee of QAR 250/= will be levied and the balance visa fee will be refunded.

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PARENTS... does your child need a confidence boost???????

An educational and breakthrough camp that cannot be missed!!

Boys - 26th and 27th March, 2 and 3 April

Girls - 29th and 30th, 5th and 6th April

Our camp allows your teen to learn valuable skills, make great new friends and have endless fun. I Heart Me and PDSi Kids offers a unique camp and program that will transform the mindset of our future leaders. We will inspire and motivate your teen using a variety of scientific yet practical methods. Our main purpose is to give teens the confidence to realize their own full potential. We have a camp for both girls and boys.

Our aim is to have a more holistic approach to education and be more focused on their everyday life and to support and teach them the best life skills. Every teen holds the power within themselves and sometimes they just need a little steer and the greatest things can happen. Our process is intended to help your teen make immense improvements in crucial skills like teamwork, communication, creativity and broad open minded thinking. This experience is to help them succeed in all areas they might face. We empower them to become our future leaders.

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Educational Lifeskills
Camp for teenage girls

Join our energetic and knowledgeable team on the next BREAKTHROUGH camp where we will cover topics like:

- The importance of communication
- Our inner beauty matters
- Skincare and beauty
- Nutrition and healthy life habits
- Developing emotional intelligence
- The science behind happiness
- The leader within you
- Your body belongs to you
- Leadership, resilience, anxiety, mindfulness and more
- Fun filled activities

Ages 12-16

Price 1,490 AED
includes accommodation, all meals and snacks.

Location: Alma Retreat Ras Al Khaimah, next to Banyan Tree and Bedouin Oasis Camp.
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Breakthrough
Camp for boys!

Join our energetic and knowledgeable team on the next BREAKTHROUGH camp where we will cover topics like:

- The importance of giving and gratitude
- The science behind happiness
- Building self-awareness
- Improving self confidence
- Developing emotional intelligence
- Creating healthy life habits
- Bullying is not ok!
- Connecting with nature
- Leadership, Resilience, Anxiety, Mindfulness and more
- Fun filled activities

Ages 11-16

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Please continue to check our DAA Athletics Website @ www.gemsdaa.com for up to date information, match schedules and upcoming tournaments. Go to the home page and click on 'Athletics'

There are links to all calendars with Matches and MESAC Tournaments for the year!

I encourage all parents, students and teachers to come and support our Leopards both on and off the sporting field!

Emily Rentsch

Proud Athletic Director | Dubai American Academy

WEEKLY MENUS

Primary/Elementary School Menu

| 2017 - Subscription Meals WEEK 3 MENU | | | | | |
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| | Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu |
| Soup | Minestrone Soup 71 Kcal Tomato, macaroni pasta, white pepper, leeks, salt, carrot, celery, garlic, onion, basil, olive oil | Mushroom Soup 173 Kcal Mushroom, milk, fresh cream, salt, white pepper, butter, white onion, garlic, flour | Lentil Soup 108 Kcal Lentils, onions, garlic, cumin, oil, salt, white pepper | Cream of Corn Soup 187 Kcal Corn, onion, garlic, flour, butter, vegetable stock, fresh cream | Cream of Broccoli Soup 240 Kcal Broccoli, onion, garlic, flour, butter, vegetable stock, fresh cream |
| Main | Fish Fingers 125 Kcal White fish, breadcrumbs, olive oil, garlic, mustard, eggs, salt | Sweet & Sour Chicken 127 Kcal Chicken breast, ketchup, capsicum, marrow, carrots, onion, oil, soya sauce, corn flour, white pepper, salt, flour, eggs | Sloppy Joes 166 Kcal Beef, breadcrumbs, mixed capsicum, ketchup, tomato, onion, salt, white pepper, hamburger bread buns | Oven-baked Chicken Tenders 189 Kcal Chicken breast, breadcrumbs, flour, eggs, oil, salt | Chicken Supreme 133 Kcal Chicken breast, garlic, tomato, onion, oil, capsicum |
| Vegetarian Main | Vegetable Jalfrezi 23Kcal Carrots, beans, capsicum, onion, cauliflower, tomato, pumpkin, salt, cumin, turmeric, coriander | Lebanese Green Beans 42 Kcal Green cut beans, tomato sauce, onion, garlic, cumin, salt, pepper, tomato | Mixed Vegetable Korma 99 Kcal Carrots, French beans, peas, potato, onion, tomato, turmeric powder, oil, salt | Aloo Capsicum Potato, capsicum, oil, onions, garlic, ginger, cinnamon, cumin, coriander, salt, cayenne white pepper, turmeric | Vegetable Lasagne 163 kcal Pasta sheet, mixed vegetables, onion, garlic, tomato, white pepper, oregano, cream, oil, salt, white flour, butter, milk, mozzarella cheese |
| Side Vegetable | Steamed Sweet Corn 66 Kcal Corn, salt | Mixed Vegetables 56 Kcal Mixed vegetables, salt, white pepper | Grilled Marrow Cubes 36 Kcal Marrow, salt, white pepper | Broccoli Forest Broccoli, salt, white pepper | Garden Peas 76 Kcal Peas, salt, white pepper |
| Starch | White Rice 133 Kcal Basmati rice, salt, oil | Vegetable Fried Rice 133 Kcal Basmati rice, mix vegetable, ketchup, oil, salt, soy sauce | Potato Cubes 78 Kcal Potato, salt, white pepper | White Rice Basmati rice, saffron, turmeric, salt | Corn Rice 122 Kcal Basmati rice, corn, salt, oil |
| Pasta | Creamy Pasta Bake 181 Kcal Penne Pasta, milk, cauliflower, cheese, flour, butter, salt, white pepper, oil | Penne Arabiatta 116 Kcal Penne pasta, oil, salt, tomato, sugar, onion, basil, white pepper | Rainbow Fusilli 108 kcal Fusilli pasta, oil, salt, tomato, sugar, onion, oregano, white pepper | Mushroom Fettuccini 171 Kcal Pasta fettuccini, milk, mushroom, cream, butter, flour, white pepper, salt, oil | Spaghetti with Vegetable Sauce 170 Kcal Pasta spaghetti, olive oil, salt, tomato sauce, mixed vegetables |

*Each value meal includes a water cup and cut vegetables Some menu changes may occur based on availability

Middle/High School Menu

| 2017 WEEK 3 MENU | | | | | |
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| | Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu |
| Chef Salad | Green Salad Cucumber, tomato, lettuce, mint, salt, lemon juice, olive oil | Green Salad Cucumber, tomato, lettuce, mint, salt, lemon juice, olive oil | Green Salad Cucumber, tomato, lettuce, mint, salt, lemon juice, olive oil | Green Salad Cucumber, tomato, lettuce, mint, salt, lemon juice, olive oil | Green Salad Cucumber, tomato, lettuce, mint, salt, lemon juice, olive oil |
| | Potato Salad Potato, pickle dill cucumber, light mayonnaise, salt, pepper, mustard paste, mixed peppers | Lentil Salad Lentil, red capsicum, tomato, lettuce, onion, lemon juice, coriander, olive oil, salt | Corn Salad Sweet corn, mixed capsicum, lemon juice, olive oil, salt | Pasta Salad Pasta, capsicum, onion, ketchup | Cabbage Salad Green cabbage, cucumber, tomato, lemon juice, olive oil, dry mint, salt |
| Soup | Minestrone Soup Tomato, macaroni pasta, white pepper, leeks, salt, carrot, celery, garlic, onion, basil, olive oil | Mushroom Soup Mushroom, milk, fresh cream, salt, white pepper, butter, white onion, garlic, flour | Lentil Soup Lentils, onions, garlic, cumin, oil, salt, white pepper | Cream of Corn Soup Corn, onion, garlic, flour, butter, vegetable stock, fresh cream | Cream of Broccoli Soup Broccoli, onion, garlic, flour, butter, vegetable stock, fresh cream |
| Main 1 | Chicken Jalfrezi Chicken, onion, garlic, tomatoes, salt, cumin, turmeric, coriander | Chicken Maharani Chicken, onion, tomato, cashew nuts, oil, chicken masala, whole masala, green coriander, salt, butter, egg, ginger/garlic paste | Chicken Biryani Chicken breast, curry paste, chicken stock, coriander, curry powder, basmati rice, onion, bay leaves, cardamom, cinnamon, turmeric | Chicken Masala Chicken, onion, tomato, dry chilli, oil, chicken masala, whole masala, green coriander, salt, ginger/garlic paste, cream | Fish Tandoori Fish, yogurt, lemon juice, ginger paste, garlic paste, chili powder, tandoori masala, salt, garam masala |
| Main 2 | Fish Fingers White fish, breadcrumbs, olive oil, garlic, mustard, eggs, salt | Sweet & Sour Chicken Chicken breast, ketchup, capsicum, marrow, carrots, onion, oil, soya sauce, corn flour, white pepper, salt, flour, eggs | Sloppy Joes Beef, breadcrumbs, mixed capsicum, ketchup, tomato, onion, salt, white pepper, hamburger bread buns | Oven-baked Chicken Tenders Chicken breast, breadcrumbs, flour, eggs, oil, salt | Chicken Supreme Chicken breast, garlic, tomato, onion, oil, capsicum |
| Vegetarian Main | Vegetable Jalfrezi Carrots, beans, capsicum, onion, cauliflower, tomato, pumpkin, salt, cumin, turmeric, coriander | Lebanese Green Beans Green cut beans, tomato sauce, onion, garlic, cumin, salt, pepper, tomato | Mixed Vegetable Korma Carrots, French beans, peas, potato, onion, tomato, turmeric powder, oil, salt | Aloo Capsicum Potato, capsicum, oil, onions, garlic, ginger, cinnamon, cumin, coriander, salt, cayenne white pepper, turmeric | Vegetable Lasagne Pasta sheet, mixed vegetables, onion, garlic, tomato, white pepper, oregano, cream, oil, salt, white flour, butter, milk, mozzarella cheese |
| Side Vegetable | Steamed Sweet Corn Corn, salt | Mixed Vegetables Mixed vegetables, salt, white pepper | Grilled Marrow Cubes Marrow, salt, white pepper | Broccoli Forest Broccoli, salt, white pepper | Garden Peas Peas, salt, white pepper |
| Starch | White Rice Basmati rice, salt, oil | Vegetable Fried Rice Basmati rice, mix vegetable, ketchup, oil, salt, soy sauce | Potato Cubes Potato, salt, white pepper | White Rice Basmati rice, saffron, turmeric, salt | Corn Rice Basmati rice, corn, salt, oil |
| | | | Raita Yogurt, cucumber, cilantro, green onions, coriander, cumin | Potato Wedges Potato, salt, paprika, eggs, oil | |
| Pasta | Creamy Pasta Bake Penne Pasta, milk, cauliflower, cheese, flour, butter, salt, white pepper, oil | Penne Arabiatta Penne pasta, oil, salt, tomato, sugar, onion, basil, white pepper | Rainbow Fusilli Fusilli pasta, oil, salt, tomato, sugar, onion, oregano, white pepper | Mushroom Fettuccini Pasta fettuccini, milk, mushroom, cream, butter, flour, white pepper, salt, oil | Spaghetti with Vegetable Sauce Pasta spaghetti, olive oil, salt, tomato sauce, mixed vegetables |

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CAFETERIA MENUS

