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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	
April 2017						
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**
PS Earth Week						
			DAAPA Grade 8 Committee MS pizza lunch sale --- HS Parent Coffee Morning 8:00 am ESPS Conf Rm --- ES Musical My Son Pinocchio Times 3:30 pm and 6:30 pm	Last day of regular classes for HS Seniors --- DAAPA Pizza Day --- PS Maker's Day --- ES Musical My Son Pinocchio Times 3:30 pm		
23	**24** PS/ES Day 5 MS/HS Day 7	**25** PS/ES Day 6 MS/HS Day 8	**26** PS/ES Day 7 MS/HS Day 1	**27** PS/ES Day 8 MS/HS Day 2	**28**	**29**
Isra'a Miraj School closure confirmed by KHDA		ES Spring MAP Testing	MS Parent Coffee Morning 8:00 am ESPS Conf Rm --- PS Choir 3:15 pm DAA Aud	DAAPA PS/ES Movie Night --- MS Spring Dance TBC	IB Exams begin	
April/May 2017						
30 PS/ES Day 9 MS/HS Day 3	**1** PS/ES Day 10 MS/HS Day 4	**2** PS/ES Day 1 MS/HS Day 5	**3** PS/ES Day 2 MS/HS Day 6	**4** PS/ES Day 3 MS/HS Day 7	**5**	**6**
IB Exams / ES Spring MAP Testing						
PS / ES Parent Input Forms final due date						
7 PS/ES Day 4 MS/HS Day 8	**8** PS/ES Day 5 MS/HS Day 1	**9** PS/ES Day 6 MS/HS Day 2	**10** PS/ES Day 7 MS/HS Day 3	**11** PS/ES Day 8 MS/HS Day 4	**12**	**13**
IB Exams / ES Spring MAP Testing						
		ES Parent Coffee Morning 8:00 am / ES Conf Rm --- ES Evening of the Arts 7:00 pm / ES Foyer				

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ALL SCHOOL NEWS

FROM THE SUPERINTENDENTS' OFFICE

Dear DAA Families,

I am so incredibly pleased for DAA. The news this week that DAA will be moving to the campus where Nations Academy is presently located is simply fantastic.

DAA's faculty and students have long endured ageing, uninspiring facilities that were not conducive to a 21st century learning environment. That's been DAA's worst-kept secret, although a very public one in our community, and I am pleased to know that our students and teachers are finally going to have the facilities and resources they deserve. We have been forced to repeat the same mantra for years at DAA – "Facilities do not make a school great – the quality of the teaching staff is what matters." While that mantra remains absolutely true, facilities can inspire and embolden. Perhaps more importantly, they can also provide a sense of pride and dignity. That pride has been missing at DAA for the last few years as our facilities steadily declined.

I would like to thank DAA parents for their patience these past few years. I know you have been frustrated by our annual increase in school fees as you've simultaneously watched our facilities decline, and it has embarrassed me to be the person who had to deliver the news about those increases. I also appreciate school fees remain a very serious concern for many of our families, despite the promise of the new campus to address your justifiable complaints about facilities, maintenance issues, and the absence of meaningful technology.

Thank you to the 350-400 parents who attended the GEMS meeting on Thursday afternoon. I appreciate those of you who defended DAA's teachers and expressed concern over retention rates. We are not perfect, but I have never worked with a faculty before that was as hard-working, caring, and as open to change. You were right. DAA teachers have reported increasing frustrations, not with their professional experience at DAA, but with the quality of housing, medical insurance, retirement benefits, flight allowances, and certainly with the cleanliness of their classrooms. Teachers are also on the front lines, so to speak: as your expectations for value-added have increased commensurately with the annual fee increases you have endured, so has the pressure on our teachers to somehow do *more*. A typical teacher's experience at DAA is to join a school they expect to be 'outstanding'; to work incredibly hard in our fast-paced, demanding professional culture; to become increasingly worn down by their work-life balance in relation to the salaries and benefits they are receiving; and to leave DAA after only 2-3 years, which is sooner than they expected when they joined the school. I thank those parents who defended my staff – I appreciate your awareness and concern. New facilities will not, in fact, guarantee DAA's future success. Teachers must receive not only a fair salary, but also the medical insurance, housing, and retirement benefits that give them reason to stay longer.

I am keenly aware that some parents' concerns at the parent meeting were not addressed, specifically around future fees and sibling discounts. I appreciate that many DAA families are self-paying or that your own benefits have been reduced or capped in recent years, which has led to a situation where you are responsible for paying any increased fees out of pocket. For this reason, despite the fact there will be greater value derived from DAA's new facilities, many families will continue to struggle to make ends meet. Thursday's event was a first in my seven years at DAA – the first time leaders from GEMS had visited DAA to hear parents' concerns and frustrations. GEMS has created an email address – daafuture@gemsedu.com – specifically for the purpose of receiving parent concerns and questions. If you have questions about DAA's move to the Nations' campus or about fees or the company's decision not to offer sibling discounts, I encourage you to use this email, which is managed at GEMS Corporate Office, not at DAA. I hope GEMS will make good on its promise to be more responsive to your frustrations and concerns.

ALL SCHOOL NEWS, continued

FROM THE SUPERINTENDENTS' OFFICE, continued

I would also like to publicly acknowledge several people who have shouldered the responsibility of maintaining DAA's poor facilities in recent years. Such responsibility is *harder* at a campus like DAA's current one. Our support staff has endured much criticism, while being asked to maintain an ageing campus without proper resources, manpower, or quality sub-contractors. First, I would like to thank **Dougy Douglass**, DAA's Manager of School Operations, for his effort and care. For those of you who do not know, Dougy will be leaving DAA and his final day at work is Thursday, 20 April. If you know Dougy, I would be grateful if you would wish him well; he deserves it. I would also like to thank Dougy's two outstanding lieutenants – **Dev Bidari** and **Prem Gurung**. Everyone on DAA's staff knows that if you need something done, you tell Dev or Prem. They are invaluable employees – honest, trustworthy, and incredibly hard-working. Their names may not be known in the broader DAA community, but they are the ones who have held the campus together these past few years.

I would also like to thank my deputy superintendent, **Matthew Wilding**. Many of you will remember that in October 2014 a jihadist website encouraged attacks against American and international schools and teachers across the region. At that moment in time, DAA was the softest of soft targets. Matthew's attention these past three years has disproportionately been allocated to improving DAA's security systems, which were effectively non-existent at the time. The work has been slow because it has frequently been derailed by budgetary restraints and procurement restrictions.

Let me conclude by saying that I am very optimistic about DAA's future after this recent development – its new facilities and increased access to meaningful technology will open new doors, ones that have been closed to us in our current facilities. I also believe Tammy Murphy will provide experienced, thoughtful leadership as DAA's new superintendent. I know DAA's returning faculty and its new leadership team, including its principals, assistant principals, and coordinators, are ready for the challenge and will do an exceptional job moving the school into its next chapter.

Kind Regards,

Jim Hardin
Superintendent / CEO

DUBAI AMERICAN ACADEMY QURAN RECITATION COMPETITION 2017

Dubai American Academy Islamic Department is pleased to announce the first Quran Recitation Competition at whole school level. The Holy Quran is considered by Muslims to be a light that guides their hearts and behaviors, therefore reading and memorizing The Holy Quran is highly valued and fosters the highest of morals and characters.

The event aims to encourage students to memorize and recite chapters (Suar) from the Holy Quran in order to celebrate our students' knowledge of Islamic Education. Islamic Education is one of the core subjects of all schools' curriculums and this competition will be an excellent way to celebrate our students' work, achievements and grow a love for the subject. The competition will be divided into four categories. There will be three winners in each category and each winner will receive a prize. Appreciation Certificates will be given to all participants. In an attempt to best plan for the competition, students will be asked to register maximum by the 16th of April. The competition will be held after school on May, 15th (PS/ES), 17th (MS), & 18th (HS). The location will be announced later.

Rules and Regulations:

1. Competition will be based on individual performance.
2. Any Islamic Student from each grade level can participate.
3. Competitors should adhere to the required Suar (Chapters) of the Holy Quran as shown in the table below.
4. Competitors are evaluated by correct memorization and recitation of The Holy Quran.
5. A complete registration form (attached to this week's SPOTS email) should be sent to the below email address or you can fill up the form and hand it over to the class Islamic teacher. (n.khalil_daa@gemsedu.com).

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 PRIMARY AND ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

1. DAAPA will be hosting their next **PS/ES Pizza Day on Thursday, April 20th**. Order forms were sent home in your child's take home folder. If you wish to place an order, please return the completed forms along with exact change to your classroom teacher by Tuesday morning, April 18th.

2. **Family Movie Night – Thursday, April 27th.** Come and enjoy a fun night out with family under the stars on the PSES grass field. Admission is free. Food and drinks will be available for purchase. Popcorn is complimentary. Don't forget your chairs, picnic mats and/or blankets. The movie is yet to be decided. Watch for flyers this week!

DAAPA IN MIDDLE SCHOOL

The **DAAPA Grade 8 Completion Committee will be hosting a pizza sale during lunch on Wednesday, April 19th**. Don't miss it!! The DAAPA moms will be in front of the cafeteria.

PRIMARY POINTS (Kindergarten 1 - Grade 2)

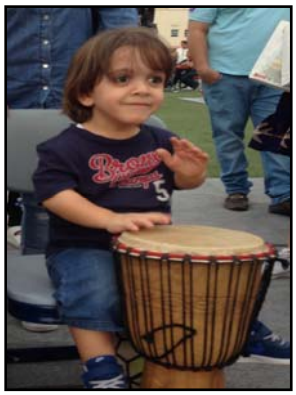
Make sure to read the corresponding DAAPA NEWS section of this issue of SPOTS for all the latest Primary School parent sponsored events!

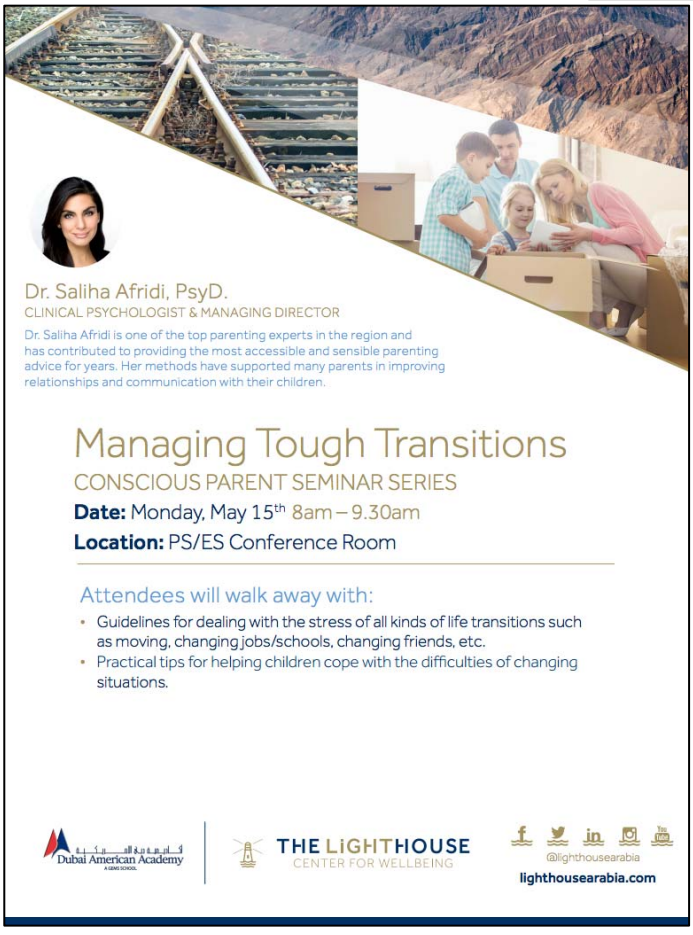
FROM THE PS PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Dear PS Parents,

During our Kindness Challenge Week, there were four 2nd graders who took the initiative of being kind to a higher level. Alice Ducati, Aude Prezioso, Laetitia Rossi and William Moffet organized a cookie sale where all the proceeds were donated to Dubai Cares. They successfully raised 3700 AED, an impressive amount for a 2nd grade effort! They presented the check to Ms. Nadia Kamber of Dubai Cares, with specific suggestions as to how they thought the donation could best be utilized. Kudos to them and all who supported their efforts for making a positive difference in the community!

Prior to spring break, the Choir Cubs were one of the many live entertainers at the DAAPA Spring Fun Festival. They eagerly shared their love of song with the admiring audience. Their beloved Choir Teacher, Paul Fowler also had his share of fun showing his talents in the drumming group. His smile in the picture below, along with Kareem Istaitie's says it all!





Parent Input Forms: Parent input forms for class placement will be available from the PS office beginning Monday, April 17th. This form is for parents who have an educational related concern regarding their child's class placement for the next school year. We ask that these forms be returned to the PS Office no later than Sunday April 30th.

Upcoming Events:

April 16-20	Earth Week
April 20	Maker's Day - More information soon on classroom blog.
April 23	Isra'a Miraj Holiday
April 26	PS Choir Performance 3:15pm DAA Auditorium
May 14	Parent Workshop Managing Tough Transitions with Dr. Saliha Afridi

Best Regards,
Laura King and Nathalie Salameh
PS Administrative Team

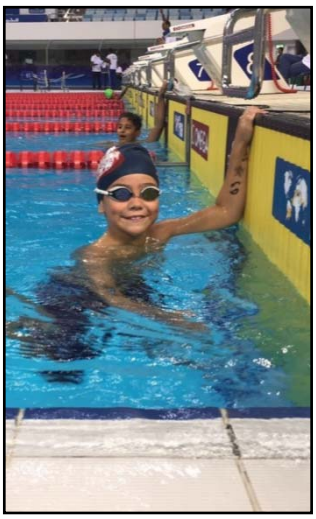
ELEMENTARY ESSENTIALS Grades 3-5 *Make sure to read the corresponding DAAPA NEWS section of this issue of SPOTS for all the latest Elementary School parent sponsored events!*

FROM THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL OFFICE

Welcome back! We hope you had a great spring break. It was so good to welcome back both students and teachers to final stretch of the year.

Please read on for several important events that you need to be aware of:

ES Swimmers Participate in Gala (by Beth Swartz): Another great meet for our dedicated swimmers! The Elementary and Middle school swim teams recently competed in an invitational gala at the main pool of the Hamdan Sports Complex on Wednesday and Thursday of this week. With 12 teams competing at Hamdan, this was the biggest meet we have competed in this year. The meet consisted of over 100 events and all the students swam their hearts out!
While the final results have not yet been posted, our students enjoyed swimming in an Olympic sized pool and cheering each other on! The coaches are proud of all your accomplis hments and team spirit. We will be waiting to see how many events our students' medalled in, stay tuned to find out.



News from the 5th Grade Musical:
"My Son Pinocchio!":

Mark your calendars!

"My Son Pinocchio" will be live on stage on April 19th and 20th. April 19th performances start at 3:30pm and 6:30 pm. April 20th matinee performance starts at 3:30 pm. DAA Auditorium.

Tickets are available from the ES Reception desk. AED 25 each.

It will be a magical event not to forget!

ELEMENTARY ESSENTIALS Grades 3-5, continued

Other Events Happening This Week:

- **JEAC Basketball (Grades 4-5):** JEAC Basketball. All students signed up will participate in training sessions and basketball games. Basketball will be underway starting on Sunday, April 16. Get ready for some fun and excitement. We will have some home games as well as away games. Please come support your son/daughter. You will be able to get the latest updates for practices and game schedules on the JEAC website: https://sites.google.com/a/gemsdaa.net/daa-jeac/home. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. James or Ms. Bonner (middle school). Let's have a great season and let's have everyone at the games cheering for our DAA family on the basketball court.
- **Parent Input Forms:** Parent input forms for class placement will be available from the ES office beginning Monday, April 16th until April 30th. This form is for parents who have an educational related concern regarding their child's class placement for the next school year. We ask that these forms be returned to the ES Office no later than April 30th.
- **DAAPA Pizza Day**: Thursday, April 20 will be our next pizza day. All pizza orders are due to homeroom teachers by the morning of Tuesday, April 18th.

Upcoming Events:

ES Evening of the Arts: Please join us on May 9th at 7pm in the ES Foyer for our ES Evening of the Arts. Our ES Choir will perform at 7pm followed by an viewing of our ES Art Showcase. Come one, Come all to this spectacular evening of the Arts showcase!

ES Parent Coffee Morning: **ES Parent Coffee Morning:** Our next ES Parent Coffee morning will be on May 9th from 8-9am in the ES Conference Room. We are pleased to inform you that Dr. Saliha Afridi will return as our guest speaker! Dr. Afridi is a parent in our DAA community and a Licensed Clinical Psychologist and the Managing Director of The LightHouse Arabia, a community psychology clinic, in Dubai. Dr. Afridi is a fantastic presenter and will be speaking on the popular and highly requested topic at this time of year, "Transitions and Mindfulness". This is a great session for everyone, but particularly relevant to those concerned about an upcoming move, leaving DAA, helping their child adapt to moving to a new class or to Middle School. We look forward to seeing you there!

MAP Testing: The spring session of MAP testing for students in grades 3-5 will take place from April 25-May 12th. We give students MAP (Measure of Academic Progress) tests to determine individual instructional levels and to measure academic growth throughout the school year, and from year to year in the areas of reading, language arts and mathematics. The tests are completely computerized and will be conducted in the computer labs. MAP tests are unique in that they adapt to be appropriate for each child¹s level of learning. As a result, each student has the same opportunity to succeed and maintain a positive attitude toward testing. A parent letter was sent home on Thursday with your child and will provide you with additional details.

Grade 5 Completion Ceremony: Please be reminded about the dress code for the Grade 5 Completion Ceremony on June 19th. 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.

Reminder: NO TIES AFTER SPRING BREAK! Due to the warm weather that makes the wearing of ties particularly uncomfortable for students, students will not be required to wear ties after spring break. Please note that all other aspects of the dress code will remain in effect.

DAA ES Dress Code:

- Black shoes or white shoes only (other colored sneakers may be brought to school in a bag for PE, if necessary).
- Only the DAA sweaters or sweatshirts are approved for in school.

Have a great week,
Roberta Wiens & Kit Wilding

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

Pizza Sale Grade 8 Graduates:
Let's help out the grade 8's raise money for the Completion Ceremony! On Wednesday, April 19th during lunch students will be able to purchase pizza right outside of the cafeteria. Check Edmodo for more details to come. Come Hungry!

Toyota Dream Car Art Competition:
This semester grade 6 and 7 Art classes participated in the 'Toyota Dream Car Art Contest'. Students were asked to imagine the future with dreams of things they wish would exist or happen. They each designed a "dream car" that solves problems or improves things that catch their attention in their daily lives. During the design process they thought about how the car moves and how it solves problems. This was a detailed process that also involved experimenting with a variety of drawing techniques with a range of art materials. Each student submitted their final poster and these were sent to Toyota for judging on a national level with schools participating from over 75 different countries.

The DAA Middle School is proud to announce that **Amy Strazimiri**, grade 6, has been selected among the top 10 finalists in the UAE. She will be attending an awards ceremony on May 13th and her artwork will be exhibited for public viewing. Color prints from the originals of all grade 6 and 7 students are currently up in the MS bulletin boards near the music room.

Thank you to all that participated and a big congratulations to Amy!

Field Trip to Dubai Center for Special Needs:
The Stay Fit and External Volunteering groups from Week Without Walls are invited to the Dubai Center for Special Needs to watch a musical performance that the students from the center have been working on since our students volunteered during Week Without Walls. The field trip will be this Thursday, April 20th from 10:25am-1:00pm. Students will need to collect a permission slip from the office and it must be submitted by Tuesday, April 18th.

Field Trip to Touch of Clay:
Day Camp students from Week Without Walls have an opportunity to finish glazing their pottery pieces they made during WWW. We will be taking these students to the Touch of Clay studio after school on Monday, April 24th and Wednesday, April 26th after school. Students should check their Edmodo Day Camp Group to get the details and select a day they would like to do the glazing. Students will need to pick up the appropriate permission slip from the office and return it signed by Thursday, April 20th.

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.

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…….?

MESAC 2017 – TRACK AND FIELD

Dubai American Academy hosted MESAC 2017 Track and Field this weekend. It kicked off on Thursday April 13 and ran until Saturday April 15. This year's theme was Live Love Track and Field and involved six schools; ACS Abu Dhabi, ASD Dubai, AES New Delhi, ASD Doha, ABA Muscat and of course DAA. Track events included 100m, 200m, 400m, 100m hurdles, 110m hurdles and 400m hurdles while field events involved the Shot, Discus, Long and Triple Jumps.

This was a wonderful sporting event, the best ever at DAA, and was the creation of our Athletics Director, Emily Rentsch. "It is my hope that every participant in MESAC Track and Field enjoys their time in Dubai and takes home with them fond sporting memories, she said at the opening ceremony. A special thank should also be extended to the tournament Directors Melinda Eversteyn and Natashia Keesling and to all the athletes and supporters.

HIGH SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS, continued

Hong Kong ISTA 2017

From 14-20 March, twenty DAA Drama students along with Mr. Downey and Mrs. Moffett took part in the ISTA High School World Theatre Festival at Renaissance College, Hong Kong The festival was spent working with students from countries all around the globe and exploring world theatre traditions while Mr. Downey was also one of the PD facilitators leading drama teachers in professional development. Our students took part in theatre workshops from Japan, Italy, India, France and Africa to name but a few. The festival ended in a sharing of work on the final evening. Our students had a fantastic time and learnt new skills to bring back to school. The students also had a great time visiting Disneyland as well as Victoria Peak with its sweeping views of the HK cityscape. Now producing over 50 annual festivals and training programs with a membership of around 200 schools worldwide, ISTA is biggest theatre organization for young people in the world and the official IB Drama partner. DAA has the privilege of hosting three ISTA festivals.

HIGH SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS, continued

IMPORTANT MESSAGE for CLASS of 2017 if you need to request a transcript, free of charge, please use the following information.

DAA has Partnered with Parchment for Transcript Requests!

Parchment is used to electronically send transcripts to locations all over the world – whether to a university, employer, or other organization. Whether you're applying to university, grad school, or your dream job, sending your official transcript is fast and efficient through our relationship with Parchment. There is a small fee payable to Parchment for this service, but the advantage of electronic transmittal means that the transcript will arrive at its destination quickly.

To order your transcript, click on this link, https://www.parchment.com/u/registration/62816/account. The first thing you'll do is create an account, then you'll place your order, and you can track your order 24/7.

Visit www.parchment.com/studentkit to access the Parchment Student Took Kit containing:

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- User Guides
- Frequently Asked Questions
- Support Resource

The Process

1. Sign up for a Parchment account or if you already have one, sign in.
2. Search for Dubai American Academy and add DAA.
3. On the next screen you will be asked to indicate:
    a. Enrollment Status;
    b. The year you started high school at DAA;
    c. Your DAA graduating class.
4. Enter your current mailing address.
5. Sign and give consent.
6. Select a delivery destination:
    a. First search for your university. If found, select it.
    b. If your university cannot be found, at the bottom of the screen you will be asked if you would like to send a transcript attached to an e-mail (assuming you provide an e-mail address) or would you prefer your transcript to be mailed. Mailed transcripts are sent from the US and arrive at US destinations more quickly than from Dubai. On the next screen you will provide the address.
7. Pay the processing fee by credit card.
8. DAA will receive a notice from Parchment and process the request as soon as possible, but this may take a few days depending on the time of year the request is submitted. You can monitor the status of your order on Parchment.

What's going to happen……?

- Our last **High School Parent Coffee Morning takes place from 8 - 9:30 on Wednesday, April 19**. On the morning among other things, you will hear from the new and current IB coordinator and there will also be a presentation from our Counseling office.
- The last regular school day for Seniors is Thursday, April 20 as they get ready for final IB exams which start this year on Friday April 28 with Business Management
- Semester exams for Grade 11 exams start on Sunday, June 11 and run to Monday, June 19 and for Grade 9 and 10 exams start Tuesday, June 13 and run until Sunday, June 18.
- 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.

HIGH SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS (Grades 9-12)

QUICK REFERENCE TO SEMESTER TWO EXAMS 2017

IB I Exams (Grade 11) **Ramadan times are between 8:30 - 1:30**

TIME	June 11	June 12	June 13	June 14	June 15	June 18	June 19
Classroom	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Sun	Mon
8:30-10:00 **8:30-10:30**	English SL English 11 **English HL**	Math St Math Ap **Math SL Math HL**	History HL/SL	Psychology HL/SL Chemistry 11	ITGS **Biology SL and HL**	Spanish HL/ SL AB initio	Computer Science/ Music Conflicts
	BREAK	BREAK	BREAK	BREAK	BREAK	BREAK	BREAK
11:00 -12:30 **11:00 - 1:00**	Business HL/SL	French HL/ SL/ AB	ESS /DT/ Chemistry	Economics	Arabic SL/HL **Theatre Studies**	**Physics**	Conflicts

Grades 9 + 10 **Ramadan timings are between 8:30 - 1:30**

TIME	June 13	June 14	June 15	June 18	June 19
Classrooms	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Sun	Mon
8:30 - 10:00	History 10 Math 9	English 10 History 9	Science 10 English 9	Math 10 Science 9	Conflicts
	BREAK	BREAK	BREAK	BREAK	BREAK
11:00- 12:30	French II, III, IV	Spanish II, III, IV	Arabic, I, II, III, IV	Arabic Native 9 & 10	Conflicts

ATHLETICS AND ACTIVITIES

EAC

Emirates Athletics Conference

SEASON 3 MESAC

Season 3 MESAC is into full swing this past weekend! For those who managed to come out to the Opening Ceremony for Track and Field you would have witnessed a DAA spectacular. The High & Middle School band performed with style thanks to Jeff Quinto and Sebastian Seidel, Senior Andrew Riad got the crowd in great spirits as MC, our 'baby Diego' and 'fit Diego' entertained around 15 Elementary classes all while the visiting MESAC schools did one lap of honor around the track. We were privileged to have Jada Chalouhi sing the national anthem as we officially opened the event.

I thank all of the DAA community for coming together and supporting this event with pride and enthusiasm! I am proud and humbled by the positive feedback and support for this last DAA home MESAC event. A huge shout out to Melinda Eversteyn, Prem and his amazing facilities guys, who worked tirelessly to assist in making DAA look great!

UP AND RUNNING @ MESAC - Injury Prevention

Results from Thursday morning:

- Yara Mersi SILVER 3000m - Varsity Girls
- Yasmin Jaber GOLD Discus - JV Girls
- Mohamed Salam Abdel SILVER Shot Put -JV Boys
- Tassos Karoussos BRONZE Shot Put - JV Boys

Full results of all MESAC activities will be printed in the next SPOTS.

Save the Date: Monday 22nd May

DAA END OF YEAR - SPORTS BANQUET. Details to be published soon, but keep your afternoon free! All Season 1, Season 2 and Season 3 athletes are invited. Awards for Male & Female Athlete of the Year, Male & Female Scholar Athlete of the Year will be also awarded.

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

CAFETERIA MENUS

WEEKLY MENUS

Primary/Elementary School Menu

2017 - Subscription Meals
WEEK 2 MENU

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu
Soup	Minestrone Soup 71 Kcal	Mushroom Soup 173 Kcal	Lentil Soup 108 Kcal	Cream of Corn Soup 187 Kcal	Cream of Broccoli Soup 240 Kcal
	Tomato, macaroni pasta, white pepper, leeks, salt, carrot, celery, garlic, onion, basil, olive oil	Mushroom, milk, fresh cream, salt, white pepper, butter, white onion, garlic, flour	Lentils, onions, garlic, cumin, oil, salt, white pepper	Corn, onion, garlic, flour, butter, vegetable stock, fresh cream	Broccoli, onion, garlic, flour, butter, vegetable stock, fresh cream
Main	Sweet & Sour Fish 92 Kcal	Chicken Fajita	Beef Burger	Oven-baked Chicken Tenders 189 Kcal	Shish Tawook with Grilled Vegetables
	White fish, ketchup, onion, carrot, marrow, capsicum, olive oil, soya sauce, corn flour, flour, salt, white pepper, eggs	Chicken breast, onions, tomato, mix capsicum, sweet corn, black olives, tomato, Cajun powder, tomato paste, salt	Beef patty, hamburger bread buns	Chicken breast, breadcrumbs, flour, eggs, oil, salt	Chicken breast, onion, tomato, capsicum, garlic, salt, white pepper, yogurt, chili paste, oil
Vegetarian Main	Aloo Gobi	Punjabi Eggplant	Vegetable Burger 120 Kcal	Vegetable Paneer Masala	Zucchini Curry
	Potato, cauliflower, tandoori masala, ginger, garlic, yogurt, salt, gram masala, oil	Eggplant, coriander powder cumin powder, onion, tomato, dry chili, oil	Mix Vegetable / Potato, breadcrumbs, cumin powder, coriander powder, chilli powder, green coriander, salt, garlic	Paneer cheese, mixed vegetables, red capsicum, onion, tomato, turmeric, cumin, oil, garlic, salt, white pepper, chilli powder	Zucchini, onion, coconut powder, cumin, tomato, curry powder, yogurt, chili powder, turmeric powder, garlic, green chili
Side Vegetable	Steamed Green Beans	Grilled Marrow Cubes	Steamed Carrots	Broccoli Forest	Steamed Cauliflower 32 Kcal
	Green beans, salt, white pepper	Marrow, salt, white pepper	Carrots, salt, white pepper	Broccoli, salt, white pepper	Cauliflower, salt, white pepper
Starch	Basmati Rice	Peas Rice	Potato Cubes 78 Kcal	White Rice	Onion Rice
	Basmati rice, salt, oil	Potato, salt, white pepper	Potato, salt, white pepper	Basmati rice, saffron, turmeric, salt	Basmati rice, salt, oil, carrot, peas, potato
			Raita	Potato Wedges 88 Kcal	
			Yogurt, cucumber, cilantro, green onions, coriander, cumin	Potato, salt, paprika, eggs, oil	
Pasta	Penne Arrabiata	Rainbow Fusilli	Creamy Corn & Carrot Fettucine	Mac & Cheese 157 Kcal	Spaghetti Arabiatta
	Penne pasta, oil, salt, tomato, sugar, onion, basil, white pepper	Fusilli pasta, oil, salt, tomato, sugar, onion, oregano, white pepper	Pasta fettuccine, milk, cauliflower, cheese, corn, carrots, cream, flour, butter, salt, white pepper, oil	Pasta macaroni, milk, cauliflower, cream, mozzarella cheese, flour, butter, salt, white pepper	Spaghetti pasta, oil, salt, tomato, sugar, onion, basil, white pepper

*Each value meal includes a water cup and cut vegetables

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Middle/High School Menu

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WEEK 2 MENU

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu
Chef Salad	Green Salad	Green Salad	Green Salad	Green Salad	Green Salad
	Cucumber, tomato, lettuce, mint, salt, lemon juice, olive oil	Cucumber, tomato, lettuce, mint, salt, lemon juice, olive oil	Cucumber, tomato, lettuce, mint, salt, lemon juice, olive oil	Cucumber, tomato, lettuce, mint, salt, lemon juice, olive oil	Cucumber, tomato, lettuce, mint, salt, lemon juice, olive oil
	Potato Salad	Lentil Salad	Corn Salad	Pasta Salad	Cabbage Salad
	Potato, pickle dill cucumber, light mayonnaise, salt, pepper, mustard paste, mixed peppers	Lentil, red capsicum, tomato, lettuce, onion, lemon juice, coriander, olive oil, salt	Sweet corn, mixed capsicum, lemon juice, olive oil, salt	Pasta, capsicum, onion, ketchup	Green cabbage, cucumber, tomato, lemon juice, olive oil, dry mint, salt
Soup	Minestrone Soup	Mushroom Soup	Lentil Soup	Cream of Corn Soup	Cream of Broccoli Soup
	Tomato, macaroni pasta, white pepper, leeks, salt, carrot, celery, garlic, onion, basil, olive oil	Mushroom, milk, fresh cream, salt, white pepper, butter, white onion, garlic, flour	Lentils, onions, garlic, cumin, oil, salt, white pepper	Corn, onion, garlic, flour, butter, vegetable stock, fresh cream	Broccoli, onion, garlic, flour, butter, vegetable stock, fresh cream
Main 1	Chicken Stew	Chicken Curry	Chicken Biryani	Chicken Tikka	Fish & Tomato Bhuna
	Chicken breast, tomato, potato, carrot, onion, spices, garlic, oil, salt, white pepper	Chicken, onion, garlic, tomato, ginger, coriander, turmeric, pepper, garam masala yogurt, bay leaves, salt, coconut.	Chicken breast, curry paste, chicken stock, coriander, curry powder, basmati rice, onion, bay leaves, cardamom, cinnamon, turmeric	Chicken breast, onion, tomato, gram masala, bay leaves, cinnamon, cloves, chili, turmeric, cumin, coriander, ginger, salt, oil	Fish, tomato, onion, mustard seeds, curry leaves, dry chili, coriander powder, cumin powder, tomato paste, turmeric, oil
Main 2	Sweet & Sour Fish	Chicken Fajita	Beef Burger	Oven-baked Chicken Tenders	Shish Tawook with Grilled Vegetables
	White fish, ketchup, onion, carrot, marrow, capsicum, olive oil, soya sauce, corn flour, flour, salt, white pepper, eggs	Chicken breast, onions, tomato, mix capsicum, sweet corn, black olives, tomato, Cajun powder, tomato paste, salt	Beef, tomato, lettuce, cheese, hamburger bread buns	Chicken breast, breadcrumbs, flour, eggs, oil, salt	Chicken breast, onion, tomato, capsicum, garlic, salt, white pepper, yogurt, chili paste, oil
Vegetarian Main	Aloo Gobi	Punjabi Eggplant	Vegetable Burger	Vegetable Paneer Masala	Zucchini Curry
	Potato, cauliflower, tandoori masala, ginger, garlic, yogurt, salt, gram masala, oil	Eggplant, coriander powder cumin powder, onion, tomato, dry chili, oil	Mix Vegetable / Potato, breadcrumbs, cumin powder, coriander powder, chilli powder, green coriander, salt, garlic	Paneer cheese, mixed vegetables, red capsicum, onion, tomato, turmeric, cumin, oil, garlic, salt, white pepper, chilli powder	Zucchini, onion, coconut powder, cumin, tomato, curry powder, yogurt, chili powder, turmeric powder, garlic, green chili
Side Vegetable	Steamed Green Beans	Grilled Marrow Cubes	Steamed Carrots	Broccoli Forest	Steamed Cauliflower
	Green beans, salt, white pepper	Marrow, salt, white pepper	Carrots, salt, white pepper	Broccoli, salt, white pepper	Cauliflower, salt, white pepper
Starch	Basmati Rice	Peas Rice	Potato Cubes	White Rice	Onion Rice
	Basmati rice, salt, oil	Potato, salt, white pepper	Potato, salt, white pepper	Basmati rice, saffron, turmeric, salt	Basmati rice, salt, oil, carrot, peas, potato
			Raita	Potato Wedges	
			Yogurt, cucumber, cilantro, green onions, coriander, cumin	Potato, salt, paprika, eggs, oil	
Pasta	Penne Arrabiata	Rainbow Fusilli	Creamy Corn & Carrot Fettucine	Mac & Cheese	Spaghetti Arabiatta
	Penne pasta, oil, salt, tomato, sugar, onion, basil, white pepper	Fusilli pasta, oil, salt, tomato, sugar, onion, oregano, white pepper	Pasta fettuccine, milk, cauliflower, cheese, corn, carrots, cream, flour, butter, salt, white pepper, oil	Pasta macaroni, milk, cauliflower, cream, mozzarella cheese, flour, butter, salt, white pepper	Spaghetti pasta, oil, salt, tomato, sugar, onion, basil, white pepper

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