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

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

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	WEEKEND
MAY, 2016					
1 PS/ES Day 4 MS/HS Day 8	2 PS/ES Day 5 MS/HS Day 1	3 PS/ES Day 6 MS/HS Day 2	4 PS/ES Day 7 MS/HS Day 3	5	6 7
IB Exams					
ES/ MS MAP Testing Window					
PS / ES Parent Input Forms due	IB Exams begin		ES Grade 5 Completion Committee Hotdog lunch GEMS Ecole des Roches French Summer Programme Information sessions PSES Conference Room 10:00 am	Isra'a Miraj No School	
8 PS/ES Day 8 MS/HS Day 4	9 PS/ES Day 9 MS/HS Day 5	10 PS/ES Day 10 MS/HS Day 6	11 PS/ES Day 1 MS/HS Day 7	12 PS/ES Day 2 MS/HS Day 8	13 14
IB Exams / HS May Week / Geneva Art Exhibit HS Atrium					
DAAPA HS Mother's Day Luncheon RSVP Required	ES Parent Coffee Morning Topic: Transitions and Mindfulness with Dr. Afridi 8:00am / ES Conf. Rm			PS Book Character Dress-up Day	DAAPA First Ever Car Boot Sale Registration Required to participate
15 PS/ES Day 3 MS/HS Day 1	16 PS/ES Day 4 MS/HS Day 2	17 PS/ES Day 5 MS/HS Day 3	18 PS/ES Day 6 MS/HS Day 4	19 PS/ES Day 7 MS/HS Day 5	20 21
IB Exams					
		DAAPA Annual Teacher Appreciation Lunch			
22 PS/ES Day 8 MS/HS Day 6	23 PS/ES Day 9 MS/HS Day 7	24 PS/ES Day 10 MS/HS Day 8	25 PS/ES Day 1 MS/HS Day 1	26 PS/ES Day 2 MS/HS Day 2	27 28
IB Exams	Annual Parent Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast	PS Coffee Morning "How to Foster Learning Over the Summer" HS Spring Concert	MS Spring Concert		
MAY/JUNE, 2016					
29 PS/ES Day 3 MS/HS Day 3	30 PS/ES Day 4 MS/HS Day 4	1 PS/ES Day 5 MS/HS Day 5	2 PS/ES Day 6 MS/HS Day 6	3 PS/ES Day 7 MS/HS Day 7	4 5
	Jv & V End of Year Sports Celebration 5-7 pm / HS Gym		PS Last Day for ASAs and Kidcare ES Last Day for ASAs		

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ALL SCHOOL NEWS

FROM THE SUPERINTENDENTS' OFFICE

Dear DAA Families,

As I commented in a recent edition of SPOTS, the final two months between our spring and summer holidays begin a season of graduations and transitions, of testing and exams, and of competitions, celebrations, and performances across all four divisions of the school. I would like to wish the best to our seniors, who will begin their IB exams in the next few days. They've worked hard over the past two years—and long before that, in fact—and are positioned well for success. I wish them much success!

Even as our seniors prepare to leave DAA behind, they continue to contribute to their school through their commitments to athletics and other activities. Last weekend, DAA participated in Season 3 MESAC tournaments and meets. The effort and determination of our athletes always impresses me. Many thanks to our coaches, who give so much to their athletes and teams. Special thanks and congratulations is due to Emily Rentsch, who has done a fabulous job in her first year as DAA's athletic director. I am very grateful for all that Emily has accomplished this year. We have our end-of-year sports banquets coming up in a few weeks, and I hope to see many of you there.

And congratulations to the cast, crew, and directors of *The Little Mermaid Jr.* What a fantastic production! We have a terrific fine arts team across the four divisions at DAA and a remarkable number of dedicated teachers who contribute to the success of student productions. I would like to thank all of the dedicated volunteers. It is a joy seeing what DAA's talented students and teachers are able to produce. *The Little Mermaid Jr.* is the latest example of how that hard work pays off!

As discussed in the most recent edition of SPOTS, Ramadan will begin on June 5, which means we need to modify many of our normal routines around DAA for the final weeks of the school year, including the starting and ending times for school. Please refer to the April 14 edition of SPOTS to review those details.

We also recently shared our 2016-17 School Calendar, which finally received KHDA approval. Please know that most of the dates in our calendar are pre-determined by KHDA – for example, winter and spring holidays – and that schools have very little autonomy over their own calendars as the result of the “school days” and “instructional days” we are obliged to meet. The only way we can create a school holiday, such as a mid-term break in February, is by extending the school year – either earlier in August or later in June. This was especially complicated for 2017 because we know Eid will happen in June, which means there will be holidays the week after we are scheduled to end school on June 22. Below follow significant dates we want all families to be aware of:

- August 25 – New Student Orientation
- August 28 – First day of school for students in Grades 1 through 12
- August 29 – First day of school for students in KG1 and KG2
- December 16-January 1 – Winter Holiday (Classes resume on January 2)
- March 24-April 8 – Spring Holiday (Classes resume on April 9)
- June 22 – Last day of school for all students

Dates for local and national holidays are included in DAA's 2016-17 Calendar, which we have attached again for your convenience.

I do want to point out something different in our calendar next year that will have a slight impact on families. We have scheduled four full Professional Learning Days on September 20, October 11, February 7, and March 5. (That's three Tuesdays and one Sunday.) Teachers will be required to be in attendance on these days, but not students. Most parents are likely not aware of our behind-the-scenes work to make sure our teachers' professional knowledge is current and that they are exposed to best practice research. Most of this work is carried out now on Tuesdays, but we have struggled to carve out enough time for professional learning. Exceptional international schools reserve the time to coordinate a professional development plan that brings out the best in creative, smart, dedicated teachers. Our goal for 2016-17 is to launch a synchronized learning plan to support teachers' growth, but we need to commit the time to make this plan successful, which is the reason why we have scheduled these four full professional learning days.

Thank you for your continued support!

Kind Regards,
Jim Hardin
Superintendent / CEO



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 hosted
CAR BOOT SALE**

WHEN: Friday, May 13th @ 5pm - 7pm
WHERE: MS large front parking lot
WHAT: Anything you can fit in the back of your car! Just no animals or pirated material.
HOW: To book a spot, fill in the form below or send email. We require your car plate number. Car must also have valid DAA Sticker.
COST: FREE, but you still need to register

CARPASS must be clearly displayed. Children must be supervised at all times.

If you have any questions, please email stayintouchwithdaaes@gmail.com

DAAPA FIRST EVER CAR BOOT SALE!

Dear DAA parents,

We'd like to invite you to our very first school-wide Car Boot Sale on Friday, 13th May, from 5 to 7 p.m. at the large car park in front of MS/HS building. If you're looking for a bargain, or a place to show off your home-made goodies or just browse books, old clothes or other home items, then load up your car and reserve your spot.

The car boot sale will be held in the MS/HS parking lot and will be open to the Barsha community for purchasing. **Only DAA families can reserve sale spaces.**

For more information and to register, fill out the registration form on this https://docs.google.com/forms/d/14m-8Uz2pCHn7l-EnYh_rgiN2h61Q8ql6bJymujqZOT4/viewform?c=0&w=1&usp=mail_form_link or drop us a mail at stayintouchwithdaaes@gmail.com.

There is no fee, but YOU MUST REGISTER TO PARTICIPATE!

Kind Regards,
DAAPA team

DAAPA ANNUAL TEACHER APPRECIATION LUNCHEON

The **Annual Teacher Appreciation Luncheon** will be held on **Tuesday, May 17th**. If you would like to contribute your time, culinary skills, or both to show your appreciation for our amazing staff at DAA, please complete and return the volunteer form below. Each family will also receive a form home through their homeroom parent or parent connect group. This is an annual event and we rely solely on our volunteers to provide a special luncheon for our teachers – one that reflects the diversity of our school population. For further information contact Connie at conniechelas@gmail.com



DAAPA NEWS, continued

Teacher Appreciation Lunch
Tuesday, May 17th, 2016

DAAPA is hosting a **Teacher Appreciation Lunch** on **Tuesday, May 17th 2016**.

As a way to show your appreciation to the amazing DAA teachers, we are requesting you to showcase your culinary skills and prepare an appetizer or salad, an entrée (cold or hot), or a dessert that will serve up to 20 people for the lunch. In order to get a good selection of sweet and savory, we ask that you bring an:

- Appetizer or salad if your last name begins with the letters A-F
- Entrée if your last name begins with the letters G-R
- Dessert if your last name begins with the letters S-Z

(For example, Smith begins with "S", so bring a dessert)

It is an early release day so the children will be going home at 1:45. We suggest that you drop off your dish between 12:45 and 1:30 p.m. at the Middle School/High School Cafeteria. DAAPA volunteers will be on hand in the High School parking lot to assist you. If you would rather send your dish in the morning, please bring it to the Middle School/High School Cafeteria, but be mindful there is limited space for keeping items refrigerated.

Kindly fill out the form below and turn it into the DAAPA box in ES or MS/HS reception, or send a reply with your name and the dish you are preparing to daaparentconnect@gmail.com by May 12.

Guidelines:

- Dish must be in a DISPOSABLE foil pan or tray.
- If entrée is hot, please put in a 12" x 8.5" (22cm x 31cm) foil pan so we can keep it warm in a chafing dish.
- Please do not send any items containing alcohol or pork.

I would like to bring the following item to the Teacher Appreciation Lunch on Tuesday, May 17th between 12:45 and 1:30 p.m.

Name: _____ Tel: _____

Email: _____

____ Appetizer/Salad _____

____ Entree _____

____ Dessert _____

Check here if you need a chafing dish to keep your food hot.

Thank you,
DAAPA Teacher Appreciation Lunch Committee

DAAPA NEWS, continued

DAAPA IN THE PRIMARY/ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Thank you for joining us this past BINGO Night. We had a wonderful turnout with more than 100 kids from all grades. A few knock knock jokes and a spin on the last Bingo game of the night using words familiar to DAA made a bit more fun! We hope you can join us next year for this family fun activity. The winners this year are:

GAME 1

- 1st Ruby Gardner 3JRW - 150 Dhs Virgin Voucher
- 2nd Calissa Xie KG2 - 100 Dhs Virgin Voucher
- 2nd Pradnya Bhagwat KG1NG- 100 Dhs Borders Voucher
- 2nd Taylor Conklin 3LN - 100 Dhs Virgin Voucher
- 3rd Zachary Swartz 2JAO - 50 Dhs Borders Voucher

GAME 2

- 1st Nathan Conklin KG2JA - 4 Wild Wadi Tickets
- 2nd Rayan Tauseq 2MH - 100 Dhs Virgin Voucher
- 3rd Isabella Richard 2MMA - 100 Dhs Borders Voucher

GAME 3

- 1st Reanna Kim 1DM - 4 Wild Wadi Tickets
- 2nd Chloe Tabbakh KG2SF - 150 Dhs Borders Voucher
- 3rd Manaal Tausek 2SP - 100 Dhs Borders Voucher

DAAPA IN THE HIGH SCHOOL



May 8, 2016

MOTHER'S DAY

The DAAPA High School Committee
invites you to come and celebrate Mother's Day with us!

When: Sunday, May 8
Time: 12 pm
Where: The Address Marina Hotel, Mazina restaurant
Cost: AED 150

We will enjoy a luscious buffet and laugh with our annual gift exchange.
We ask that each lovely mom bring a gift for another special mom.
(Gift cost should not exceed AED 80).

RSVP to daaparentconnect@gmail.com by May 5.

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,

Dear PS Parents,

During the week of **May 8-12** the primary school will be participating in **Book Week**. Throughout the week each class will take part in different reading activities with a final character dress up day on the **May 12th**. Grade levels will be celebrating their love of books and reading through guest readers, literacy quizzes, a book exchange, and optional at home reading activities. More information will follow next week, but feel free to get a head start at planning your book character costume!

Parent Input Forms: This is a reminder that the last day for parent input forms for class placement to be submitted to the PS office is May 1st. This form is for parents who have an educational related concern regarding their child's class placement for the next school year. Forms are available in the PS office.

Upcoming Events:

- May 5 Isra'a Miraj Holiday - No School
- May 12 Book Character Dress-up Day
- May 24 PS COFFEE MORNING - "How to Foster Learning Over the Summer"
- June 2 Last Day of ASA's
- Last Day for Kid Care
- June 5 Ramadan Begins

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 ES PRINCIPAL'S DESK

It's a busy time in the ES! Check out all our news below and remember to check our your child's classroom blog for additional information.



The Little Mermaid Jr.: Thank you, again, to everyone who came out to support the Grade 5 musical production last week. We're so proud of the students involved in the show and are deeply appreciative of the hard work of the directors, Mr. Arcello and Ms. Fabrizio and all the teacher helpers. Have a look at our photos on this page!



From the DAAPA Grade 5 Completion Committee:

Grade 5 will be hosting a hot dog lunch on **Wednesday, May 4th** in support of our year end Grade 5 completion ceremony celebrating 5th graders as they complete Elementary School. If you would like to purchase this special ES lunch, please complete the order forms which were sent home with your child on Thursday and return the form along with exact change by Monday morning, May 2nd. You must pre-order! There will be no sales on the Wednesday.

Thank you for your support,
The DAAPA Grade 5 Completion Ceremony Team

ELEMENTARY ESSENTIALS (Grades 3-5) , continued

MAP Testing is Underway! We began MAP testing on Monday and will continue next week. As a reminder, we give students MAP 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 are unique in that they adapt to be appropriate for each child's level of learning. As a result, each student has the same opportunity to succeed and maintain a positive attitude toward testing.

Please check your child's class blog for the testing schedule, and remember the following tips for preparing your child for testing:

Tips to help your child to be ready for a good test experience:

- **Make sure that your child is well rested on school days. Children who are tired in class are less able to pay attention or focus on the demands of a test.**
- **Give your child a well-rounded diet. A healthy body leads to a healthy and active mind.**
- **Encourage your child to listen to directions and give every question their best effort.**

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!

News from Ms. Allison (Jr. EAC): Check out the all the news about Jr. EAC basketball on the [Jr. EAC](#) blog link, or email Ms. Allison: a.deakin_daa@gemsedu.com.

Thank you for your continued support of our sports programs!

Parent Input Forms: Parent input forms for class placement will be available from the ES office beginning Sunday, April 24th until May 1st. 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 May 1st.

Grade 5 Completion Ceremony: Please be reminded 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.

Reminder: Thursday, May 5th is a school holiday.

Have a great week ahead!
Roberta Wiens and 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

Parent Coffee Morning:

Thank you to all those parents that came out to our final Parent Coffee Morning of the year. We had a wonderful time discussing the Life Skills needed by our students. It was amazing to see your eager participation in the discussion and activities.



Guest Speaker:

We had a special guest, Essa Al Ansari, visit our students this week and speak to them about his journey into fitness. He lost 76Kg in a year and a half and has spent the last two plus years getting fit and participating in marathons and other fitness challenges. The students had several questions and listening intently to his motivational speech and the benefits of living a healthy lifestyle.



MS Assembly

We celebrated the month of April during the assembly on Thursday. We heard from the students who visited the Dubai Humanitarian Aid & Development Conference, learned more about the Attawapiskat First Nations Tribe and what our students are doing to send messages of hope, enjoyed an amazing performance from our 7th graders Yasmina and Deniz, and witnessed the finals to the 8th grade Spelling Bee! Thank you to all those teachers and students that put this together for us.



Wild, Wild West Dance

A huge THANK YOU to the MS student council who put on a 'rip-roaring' dance/carnival! A great time was had by all!

MAP Testing

MAP testing will continue next week. Please ensure laptops are fully charged each night and that you are getting a good sleep and eating a healthy breakfast.

Warm Regards,
Joan Wiens and Luke Spencer
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

■ MayWeek (Grades 9-11)

GRADE 9 MAY WEEK - LOCAL OPTIONS

From May 8-12, grade 9 students that will be in Dubai during May Week will have plenty of opportunities to get involved with CAS activities including working with Elementary teachers & students, traveling to NYU Abu Dhabi to check out the university, participate in Paint Ball and Photography just to name a few. Students were given descriptions and cost of all the activities. We hope it will be a great experience for all.

The international service trips leave next week, May 4th or 5th. Italy, Cambodia, China and Vietnam.

GRADE 10 – Internships

GRADE 11 – HL / Academic week

RECORDING CAS & SERVICE

All students are required to take part in CAS and/or Service. Students are REQUIRED to record all information in Managebac, which is our CAS Database program. At the end of each semester, parents will be notified of their child's progress in CAS by a notification on their report card, or by e-mail. It is important that they keep up to date on all their activities.

■ POSH PAWS

We will be taking a group of students to the Animal Sanctuary on the 29th. I will post these pictures on the CAS website when they return. Please contact Mr. Tschumperlin, if you have any questions!

■ Geneva Art Exhibition

Please come along and see an exhibition of the students photographs from their trip to Geneva. Find it in the high school atrium from the 9th - 13th May.

■ RIT Tigers Den Business Competition

On Thursday April 28, four Grade 11 students (Mikail Rahman, Uzayr Rashid, Danyal Rawji, and Andre Wyss) won the inaugural business competition hosted by Rochester Institute of Technology.

There were five judges from the energy and technology industry in Dubai judging business plans from 10 Dubai schools.



The students' proposal was to commercialize drones for retail delivery and to partner with the Dubai government to deliver items such as Emirates ID cards and other official documents. Their business teacher, Mr. Greenbank, said that the panel were very impressed with the level of market research and their financials. "DAA has always performed well at university business competitions but this one is particularly special given that it is the inaugural one of RIT", Mr. Greenbank added.

HIGH SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS, continued

High School Office gets a new look

The high school office had a change of scenery this week with a beautiful selection of work being displayed. The artwork was completed by the Art II students. They studied vintage travel posters and after researching a chosen country they made and completed a design of their own. Please stop by and take a closer look.



Theatre Improv training

Do you like Improv? Do you like comedy? Are you shy and want to improve your confidence? Do you like problem solving? This may be for you!

HS Drama in conjunction with The Courtyard Playhouse is continuing our initiative called "Theatresports!" We are looking for HS students who are interested in Improvisation to train for 6 weeks (every Sunday from 3-4 starting from Sunday, May 1. At the end of the 6 weeks, the DAA Theatresports' Team will go up against ASD, JESS and three other Dubai Schools in a friendly and supportive manner. The gala will be held at The Courtyard Playhouse Theatre in Al Quoz in early June. DAA have been crowned outright champions two seasons in a row and are going for a hat trick. We have two teams- one beginners and one for more experienced.

The whole course costs **500 Dhs**. The training takes place at DAA- an hour a week for six weeks supervised by Mr. Downey and taught by a practitioner from the theatre.

You get CAS hours.

- o Open to Drama and non-Drama students.
- o You must attend all 6 training sessions.
- o You also get a certificate at the end and the gala is open to your parents and friends.

Any questions, see Mr. Downey. If interested, sign up here :

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/16ABUH2kLcWzhMWJ6di2GyK4DRD9LN3H024pOBKba13E/e/dit>

HIGH SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

QUICK REFERENCE TO SEMESTER TWO EXAMS 2016
(Please note that there have been changes to exam schedule from previously published.)

IB I Exams (Grade 11)

TIME	June 15	June 16	June 19	June 20	June 21	June 22	June 23
Classroom	Wed	Thurs	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs
8:30 -10:00	History ITGS	French	Psychology	Economics Biology 11/12	Spanish	Arabic A Arabic B HL /SL	Computer Science Conflicts
Classroom	BREAK	BREAK	BREAK	BREAK	BREAK	BREAK	BREAK
11:00 - 12:30	Business	English SL English 11	Math St Math Ap	DT Chemistry HL/SL		SEHS Physics	Music Visual Arts HL/SL Conflicts
Classroom							
11:00 - 1:00		English HL	Math HL Math SL		Biology HL /SL ESSL		Theatre Arts HL/SL

Grade 9 + 10

TIME	June 19	June 20	June 21	June 22	June 23
Classroom	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs
8:30 - 10:00	Math 10 History 9	English 10 Science 9	History 10 English 9	Science 10 Math 9	Conflicts
	BREAK	BREAK	BREAK	BREAK	BREAK
11:00- 12:30	French II, III, IV	Spanish II, III, IV	Arabic I, II, III, IV	Native 9 and 10	Conflicts





ATHLETICS AND ACTIVITIES

EAC

Emirates Athletics Conference

JV & V END OF YEAR SPORTS CELEBRATION!

The DAA Athletics Department would like to sincerely invite all Season 1, 2 & 3 Junior Varsity and Varsity participants, coaches and parents to attend the end of year sports celebration. This is a time where we can enjoy the hard work, success, triumphs and challenges that students, coaches and parents contributed to our athletics program in a relaxed environment. Beverages and food will be provided throughout the event. I hope to see you all there!

WHEN: Monday 30th May
WHERE: High School Gym
TIME: 5.00pm - 7.00pm (doors open at 4.30pm)
WHO: All Season 1, 2 & 3 Junior Varsity and Varsity participants, parents and coaches!

WHY: Sports Awards: Scholar Athlete Award and Athlete of the Year
 Season 3 Participants - MIP, MVP and Coaches Awards
 Farewell our leaving Seniors
 Farewell our leaving Coaches

RSVP: Sunday 22nd May (for catering and awards purposes)
 Use this link to RSVP: <http://goo.gl/forms/wzttv700QG>

FINAL GEMS TRACK & FIELD TOURNAMENT!



Congratulations to our Track and Field team and their dedicated coaches for representing DAA with style at the recent GEMS tournament against GWA, GAA, UAS and ACS. We were nearly rained out for a second time, but coaches and athletes pushed through and took part in a very success day. Enzo Madden also set a NEW DAA Record in the 100m dash with a time of 10.97sec.

Junior Varsity GIRLS	BRONZE 3rd Overall
Junior Varsity BOYS	GOLD 1st Overall
Varsity GIRLS	GOLD 1st Overall
Varsity BOYS	GOLD 1st Overall

SEASON 3 MESAC SUCCESS!

Varsity Boys Baseball	DAA 4th Overall + Sportsmanship
JV Boys Baseball	DAA 4th Overall + Sportsmanship
Varsity Girls Softball	DAA 3rd Overall - BRONZE
JV Girls Softball	DAA 5th Overall + Sportsmanship



ATHLETICS AND ACTIVITIES, continued

Track and Field DAA 2nd Overall + Sportsmanship
 Junior Varsity Girls - 5th Overall
 Junior Varsity Boys - 3rd Overall
 Varsity Girls - 2nd Overall
 Varsity Boys - 3rd Overall

Track and Field Individual Medal Winners for DAA:

Selen Dirik	2nd 100m 2nd 100m Hurdles
Claudia G-Villalon	2nd 100m 2nd 200m 2nd 400m
Lusayo Mwalwanda	1st 100m 3rd 200m
Enzo Madden	2nd 100m 1st 200m (NEW DAA Record 22.60), 1st Long Jump (*NEW MESAC & DAA Record 6.35m)
Niels van Unen	3rd 200m, 2nd 400m
Yara Mersi	2nd 800m (*NEW DAA Record 2:31.62), 1st 1500m (*NEW DAA Record 5:09.33), 1st 3000m (*NEW DAA Record 11:22.47)
Lara Smits	3rd 1500m
Androniki Defteraouis	1st 100m Hurdles 2nd Long Jump
Alex Veraat	2nd 110m Hurdles
Francois Geertsema	3rd 110m Hurdles 2nd 400m Hurdles 2nd Triple Jump
Walt Knuppel	3rd Shot Put 1st Discus (*NEW DAA Record 42.18m), 2nd Long Jump
Farida Eldeftar	3rd Shot Put
Anastasios Karoussos	3rd Discus
Julia Motta	2nd High Jump
Emilie Courtot	2nd High Jump
Ari Istanbulli	3rd Long Jump
Nathan Li	2nd Triple Jump (*NEW DAA Record 11.24m)
Varsity Girls	Emilie, Androniki, Selen & Claudia: 1st 4x100m Relay, Androniki, Mieke, Yara & Claudia: 1st 4x400m Relay
Varsity Boys	Francois G, Enzo, Santiago & Lusayo: 1st 4x100m Relay (*NEW MESAC & DAA record 44.99sec)
Junior Varsity Boys	Nathan, Vincent, Willy & Quentin: 3rd 4x400m Relay

Forensics Team DAA 5th Overall + Sportsmanship

Individual Awards:

Impromptu Speaking - 3rd Felipe Cuellar (DAA)
 Extemporaneous Speaking - 2nd Felipe Cuellar (DAA)
 Comic Duet Acting - 2nd Andrew Raid and
 Janhavi Sengupta (DAA)



ATHLETICS AND ACTIVITIES, continued

Badminton Team Varsity Team 3rd Overall – BRONZE
Varsity Girls 6th Overall
Varsity Boys 2nd Overall – SILVER
Junior Varsity Team 1st Overall – GOLD
Junior Varsity Girls 2nd Overall – SILVER
Junior Varsity Boys 2nd Overall - SILVER

Individual Awards:

Varsity Mixed Doubles - 1st Overall GOLD (Jude Haddad and Paul Park)
Varsity Boys Singles - 2nd Overall SILVER (Ashwin Vivekanandh)
Junior Varsity Mixed Double - 1st Overall GOLD (Francois Rioux and Kainaz Gandhi)
Junior Varsity Boys Double - 3rd Overall BRONZE (Arjun Sharma and Vishvak Subramanyam)
Junior Varsity Girls Double - 2nd Overall SILVER (Sasha Ravindradas and Yaashna Punia)
Junior Varsity Boys Singles - 2nd Overall SILVER (Aakar Chatha)

STAY IN TOUCH – DAA LEOPARDS!

Twitter: Follow us @DAALeopards
Instagram: Follow us @DAALeopards

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



COMMUNITY NOTES

GEMS ECOLE DES ROCHES FRENCH SUMMER PROGRAMME

GEMS is pleased to announce the launch of GEMS Ecole des Roches French Summer programme for this year. Ecoles des Roches offers the opportunity for GEMS & non GEMS students from 8 to 18 years old to experience the learning of the French language and culture in a variation of 2,3,5,6 and 9 week programmes.

Programme includes:-

20 hours of French lessons delivered by specialist teachers

- Educational excursions to Eiffel Tower, Disneyland, the Palace of Versailles to name but a few
- 14 hours of sporting and social activities weekly
- A chance to experience the French culture
- A flavor of French food
- Safe outdoor, countryside surroundings

Information sessions regarding the programme will be held at DAA on May 4th in the PSES Conference Room.

Cafeteria Menus

Meal Choice	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
	American	International	Thai	Emirati	Indian
Vegetarian Diet	Vegetable Sloppy Joes	Vegetable & Bean Saute	Vegetable Coconut Curry	Vegetable Thereed	Dal
Non -Vegetarian (Main Course)	Sloppy Joes	Baked Fish	Chicken Coconut Curry	Breaded Chicken Tenders	Chicken Stew
Side Vegetables	Corn on the cob	Vegetable & Bean Saute		Steamed Broccoli Florets	Aloo Gobi
Grains / Starch	Oven Roasted Potatoes	Mashed Potatoes or Brown Rice	White Rice	Machbous Rice or Potato Wedges	Safron Rice & Paratha
Pasta Station	Fusilli Colors	Spaghetti with Meat Balls	Penne Arrabiata	Macroni & Cheese	Beef Lasagna

