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NEWSLETTER

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AJA NEWSLETTER – TERM 3, WEEK 10 DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Thank You

I thank the AJA community for your support throughout the 2006/7 academic year. For those who are leaving us, I wish you future success and good health. For those continuing in September 2007, enjoy the summer vacation, recharge the batteries and be prepared for another busy and exciting year ahead.

2007 Year Book

The 2007 AJA Year Book is now on sale. The sale price is QR100 and it is available from the Accounts Office or the Uniform Shop.

Class Placement Requests

Parents who have any class placement requests for Primary students must advise Miss Wendy, Assistant Head of the Primary School, by Thursday 28 June.

The placement of students into class groups considers many factors. For example, while it is important to be placed with some friends, this may not be suitable if their interaction within the classroom is interfering with their learning.

Parents should note that teachers may recommend a change in class placement based on how a student is settling within the first three weeks of the new academic year.

Fast ForWord

AJA aims to provide a learning environment where students can strive to achieve personal excellence. The Fast ForWord project with the Scientific Learning Corporation focuses specifically on this aim. I look forward to the outcomes of this exciting initiative as AJA continues to pursue improved student performance.

As the Fast ForWord range of software covers learning development over a wide range of ages, including adults, and a result of the success of the Term 3 trial, AJA will offer Fast ForWord across the Academy from Reception to Year 9 from September 2007.

Due to our special relationship with the Scientific Learning Corporation, a special student fee has been arranged for AJA. This fee will be approximately QR2000 and will be charged as an additional fee for participating students. [Please note that the normal fee for Fast ForWord is approximately QR10,000 per student.]

AJA appreciates the support of the Scientific Learning Corporation. AJA is proud to be the first school in the Middle East to trial and implement Fast ForWord.

Uniforms

While the supplier of our uniforms will change for 2007/2008, the current uniforms will remain the same over the next 2-3 years.

The Uniform Shop will open from Sunday, 13 August, from 9.00am – 1.00pm for uniform requirements for the new academic year.

Some parents have indicated that they would like to purchase uniforms now for September. This would be wise, only if you are confident of purchasing the correct size now.

Please remember that uniforms will only be exchanged or refunded if items are returned in the original packaging and original size tags attached.

Shoes: School shoes must be black. They must be conventional school shoes and not fashion jogger varieties. It can often be difficult to obtain sizes above 40 so parents should take the opportunity to purchase appropriate shoes if they are traveling overseas during the summer vacation. Small and medium size shoes are available from the Uniform Shop.

Second-Hand Uniforms: A limited supply of second-hand uniforms is available from the Uniform Shop.

Repetition of Students

A difficult decision for teachers, parents and students is determining whether sufficient achievement has been made during an academic year to progress to the next grade. If it is considered that a student should repeat a grade, then discussions or advice will have been provided to parents already. While parents may appeal a decision to myself, a student will not proceed to the next grade if the recommendation is that the student will be required to repeat the grade. Unfortunately, many parents consider the decision reflects poorly on the child and family. At AJA, we expect students to experience success at the appropriate grade level. We do not want students to be set up for failure.

Returning Students

Each child was given a note to take home six weeks ago for parents to indicate their intentions for the new academic year. Parents were required to return his note to the appropriate school secretary by 3 June, 2007. Unfortunately, non-returns have resulted in enrolments being declared vacant from September 2007.

Term 3 Reports

ELC and Primary School reports will be available from each School on Wednesday, 27 June. Secondary School reports will be available from 10.00am on 28 June.

Newsletter

Do you receive a direct web link to each AJA Newsletter that is released? If not, then it is because we do not have your current email address. This information should be left with your school secretary. AJA Newsletters are published every fortnight during school terms and can be found on our website: www.aja.edu.qa.

Newsletter Appreciation

I acknowledge and appreciate the great efforts of the other members of the AJA Newsletter team. In particular, I express my gratitude to Mr James Frey who has placed the newsletter material into its published format each fortnight. Also, special thanks to Mr Brian Staley for ensuring the AJA Newsletter is online each fortnight. The tireless efforts of these two gentlemen have been greatly appreciated throughout this academic year.

Dr Ken Darvall

EARLY LEARNING CENTRE

It is rapidly coming up to the last day of the school year. I would like to thank all the families and children who have attended the ELC this year, for the laughter and hard work and for their support. It has been a wonderful year.

I thank the staff in the ELC for their dedication, professionalism and hard work and would particularly like to thank the teachers who will be leaving us at the end of June.

Mrs Tiziana, who has been at the school for 5 years (since it opened), is returning to Australia. Miss Stephanie, who has been in the ELC for 4 years, is taking on a new teaching position in Libya. Mrs Suellen, who joined us for 1 year, is also returning to Australia. I also thank Mrs Robyn, who took over Preschool 3 during Term 3, in a relieving role. Good luck in your future adventures.

As ELC parents know, I will also be leaving AJA at the end of June. I have greatly enjoyed my time here and take away many fond memories. I have enjoyed each and every one of the children who have attended the ELC and I thank the families for their friendship and support over the years. I will be staying in Doha for a while, so maybe our paths will cross.

Have a safe and restful holiday and a wonderful start to the new school year in September.

Mrs Monique Beange





SECONDARY SCHOOLS

Key dates to remember:

AWARDS ASSEMBLY (Years 7, 8, 9, 10, 12) from 11am till 2pm on 28 June. *All parents are invited to attend these Awards Assemblies. Please confirm with your child what time their specific assembly will take place on 28 June.*

REPORTS TO PARENTS from 10am on 28 June. Reports that haven't been collected will be available from 4 September only.

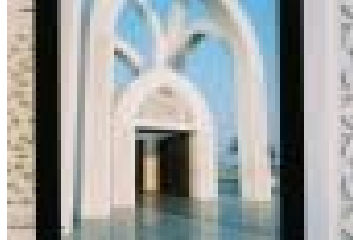
SCHOOL CLOSURES FOR SUMMER HOLIDAY: 28 June at 2pm

Summer Vacation: 29 June till 3 September

School commences for students on Tuesday 4 September

Enjoy the summer vacation from 29 June!

Mr Leonard



رسالة وفاء

يا دوحة العلياء تبوأت مكانة في أعالي السماء
نهتف باسمك دوماً حباً وشوقاً يا أرض الصفاء
بُوركتِ بحمدِ قطر شعباً أصيلاً قبلة الحكماء
كُنت دوماً منارة العلماء حُرية الكلمِ موطناً ورخاء
بُوركتِ بُوركتِ يا أرضَ الأو فياء باقينَ على عهدِ الاباءِ
يا دارَ العروبة و الإخاء عشتِ سنداً يا أرضَ العطاء
عشتِ ذخراً للإسلامِ رآ ية مرفوعة عالية شماء

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