

# GWA PARENTS WEEKLY

Week of April 24 – 28



Your Weekly Lower and Upper Schools Communication

*What parents need to know about this week @ GWA*

## ALL SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS



**The International Festival is Saturday!**

Join us from 12:00 - 4:00pm



### Parent-Teacher Conferences

No classes on April 26 for Parent Teacher Conferences and no school on May 1 for International Labor Day.



### RAMADAN HOURS

Start time on full days of school will be 9am throughout Ramadan with the same end times. For June 13-16 (minimum days) hours will be 9am-1pm.



## SCHOOL NOTICES & EVENTS

### Save the date

**Apr. 22** International Festival sponsored by Better Together @ 12:00 - 16:00

**Apr. 24-25** MAIS Robotics Tournament "ROBOMED" ASA Robotics @ RAS

**Apr. 26** Parent Teacher Conferences - No Classes

**Apr. 28-29** MASAC-Varsity Soccer Tournament @ ASM (Marrakech)

**May 1** International Labor Day-School Closed

**May 2-5** Scholastic Book Fair & Bake Sale

Please visit our [Master Calendar](#) or [Facebook](#) to see more events and updates! (ctrl, click on 'Master Calendar')

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# ALL SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS



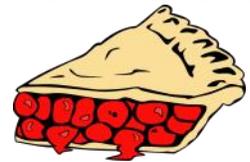
**GWA ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL 2017**  
**SPONSORED BY BETTER TOGETHER**



Celebrating the world while embracing the environment.  
This year with the participation of **GWA's Green Council**.  
**Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> from 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm.**



Designed by Better Together



## **Better Together:**

Meetings are calendared for the 3rd Wednesday each month. The next meeting is May 17.

## ALL SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Nurse:**

#### **What is our primary purpose?**

1. Provide first aid for ACUTE injuries that occur during school hours.
2. Provide medical care for students with chronic medical conditions; such as Type 1 diabetes and asthma.
3. Manage and prevent the spread of infectious diseases.
4. Improve health education from K-12 through class instruction, one-on-one nutrition or health counseling, and policy/curriculum development.
5. Encourage health promotion for parents, students and staff.
6. Maintain current health records on all students.
7. Provide nurse office health screens for as many students as possible on an annual basis. (we have not had the capability to do this in the past 3 years due to the high number of students coming to the nurse on a daily basis)



#### **What are we unable to do?**

1. Diagnose medical problems.
2. Function as a family doctor or pediatrician.
3. Cure pain magically.
4. Allow students to miss class time for subjective health complaints.
5. Write PE passes. (please see Coach Red regarding the PE policy of needing a physician note to be excused from PE class)
6. Safely manage the daily traffic in the nurse office alone when we have 40-60 students coming.

**\*\*Goal is to have <25 student visits per day that 1 nurse can care for. This would allow the other nurse to primarily function in the role of education and prevention which would have the greatest long term benefit for GWA!**

Please support our efforts by keeping your son or daughter at home when they are ill and not encouraging inappropriate use of the nurse office during the school day. If you have physical or medical concerns about your son or daughter please come speak directly to us!

*GWA Nurse Office team; Hannah Hair RN & Estelle Najem IDE*

## ALL SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **English Language Assessment:**

Since the beginning of the accreditation process, George Washington Academy has sought to find ways to better assess the English language growth and proficiency of our students. We are happy to announce that after careful consideration, the English Language Department combined with the MSA Multilingual Committee has adopted an English language assessment, known as the WIDA Model, to accomplish this. This assessment will allow us to more effectively serve your students' linguistic and academic needs. Testing will begin at the end of April and everything you need to know about testing is below.

**What:** The WIDA Model is a series of language proficiency assessments for Kindergarten through Grade 12 that measure both communicative and academic language in all four skill areas (reading, writing, listening, speaking). It was created by WIDA, an association that has an established set of English Language Development standards adopted by 39 states in the U.S. GWA has recently become a member of WIDA's International School Consortium. The WIDA Model is a test available to us internationally due to this membership.

**Who:** All 5th, 8th, and 10th grade students

**When:** Although this is the first year of WIDA testing, it will become an annual test taken in the spring of every student's fifth, eighth, and tenth grade year. The dates for this year are:

Speaking: April 19-21

Listening: April 24

Writing: April 25

Reading: April 27



Students in these grades will be given one period for each skill of the test. The rest of their class schedules will remain the same during these days.

**Why:** The WIDA Model language assessment serves multiple purposes: to meet MSA accreditation standards, to guide instruction in the classroom, to help make grouping decisions for the following year, to monitor our students' language progress throughout their time at GWA, and to provide parents with important information regarding their child's English language proficiency.

If you are the parent of a student in one of these grades, please make sure your child is eating a great breakfast and getting plenty of sleep during this time.

*GWA English Language Department*

## LOWER SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Our Lower School students had a fantastic start to the fourth quarter as we returned re-freshed and re-energized from Spring Break. Although we have a full quarter of school left for this academic year we are mindful of the fact that time will go



### **Lower School Office**

Principal: Kevin Brenner

Assistant Principal: Lu Edwards

ES Coordinator: Zakia El Harouchi

ES Coordinator: Kaoutar Benkaddi

Preschool Lead Teacher: Amal Hafidi Slaoui

quickly as we journey through spring headed toward summer. Our April, May, and June calendars are full of opportunities for families to participate in celebrations and learning showcases throughout Lower School.

The International Festival will take place starting at 12:00pm on Saturday. This will be a wonderful event and is an opportunity for families to honor cultural diversity as a school community. First through fifth grade parents are invited to come with their first through fifth grade children to our annual student led conferences on Wednesday, April 26. This is a no school day for all GWA students. More information is forthcoming about this day, and about our upcoming Parent Nights in May (for Nursery through fifth grade).

See you tomorrow at the International Festival,  
Kevin Brenner  
Lower School Principal



### **Announcements:**

#### **Kindergarten:**

-Toothpaste & toothbrush

#### **1st Grade:**

-Chocolate powder

#### **2nd Grade:**

-Gluten free cereal



#### **3rd Grade:**

-Cooking oil

#### **4th Grade:**

-Canned fish (tuna, salmon, etc)

#### **5th Grade:**

-Jam

## LOWER SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Announcements:

After Care room numbers to 102 and 302 for April.

We will host a Fifth Grade Student/Parent Celebration from 3:30-5:00pm on Friday, May 5. All fifth grade parents are invited. You won't want to miss this event!



### Parent Nights

May 2, 3, and 4 → Discovery (one class each night; more information coming)

May 4 → Preschool and Kindergarten

May 17 → 1st-2nd grades

May 18 → 3rd-5th grades

### Upcoming Events

- Student Led Parent Conferences (26 April)
- Third quarter report cards (Elementary) sent after 26 April
- Parent Nights to showcase all three languages (May - see master calendar on website for specific date for each grade level)
- Lower School Spring Concert (11 May)
- MAP testing (May 8-12)
- Super Kids Day (Field Day) - June 14
- Kindergarten Graduation (14 June)
- Fifth Grade Promotion (15 June)
- Character Assemblies each month



## LOWER SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Announcements:

Dear parents,

Parents' Night will be held on Thursday, May 4 at 6:00PM. We would like all children to be present. Please have your child in their classroom at 5:45.

If you are unable to come, please have one adult family member accompany your child for this important event. We hope that we can all share in the children's hard work and accomplishments this year!

Thank you!

Preschool and Kindergarten teams.

N.B Space is limited so please remember this is a night for parents only.



## UPPER SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS



Dear Parents:

Welcome back! We are so happy to see all the students rested and re-focused. I think we all needed a break. We still have one more quarter to go so encourage your son/daughter to keep studying.

### **Upper School Office**

Principal: Dr. Audrey Menard

HS Vice-Principal: Dusty Smith

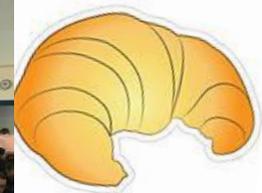
MS Vice-Principal: Luke Kollasch

HS Coordinator: Badiaa Benchekroun

MS Coordinator: Rim Aboudane

Now that the 3rd quarter has ended, we are finishing grades and entering them into the system. Report cards will be printed next in time for the next parent/teacher conference day, next week, on Wednesday, 26 of May. This conference is for EVERYONE so please come to the school to meet with your child's teachers and pick up their report card. We will be available in the MPR from 7:30 to 3:30 but will shut down for lunch from 12:00 to 13:00. We will have refreshments available in the morning. We hope to see you!

Have a wonderful weekend,  
Dr. Audrey Menard



# LUNCH MENU GRADES NURSERY – KINDER



**Menu for Grades Nursery/Kinder** APRIL

2017

Allergy Advice: May contain (gluten, milk, eggs, sesame, fish, nuts, wheat, soybeans, berries, shellfish, mustard, celery....)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
24 *Caesar salad *Chicken piccata *Sautéed cauliflower & zucchini *Yogurt *Seasonal fruit	25 *Green salad *Swedish meatballs w/ gravy *Mashed potato *Sautéed green peas & carrots *Seasonal fruit *Tiramisu	NO SCHOOL	26 *Nicoise salad *Baked fish with lemon sauce *Vegetable poele *Oatmeal cookie *Seasonal fruit	27 *Mesclun salad * Couscous w/ chicken *Squash carrots, zucchini, chick peas, sweet onions and raisins *Macaron *Seasonal fruit	28	
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# LUNCH MENU GRADES 1-12



**Menu for Grades 1-12** APRIL

2017

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
24 *Caesar salad *Egg Noodles w/ Vegetables *Chicken piccata *Sautéed cauliflower & zucchini *Yogurt *Seasonal fruit	25 *Green salad *Stuffed chicken breast w/ spinach & cheese *Grilled Steak w/ onions *Mashed potato *Sautéed green peas & carrots *Seasonal fruit *Tiramisu	NO SCHOOL	26 *Nicoise salad *Chicken cacciatore *Baked fish with lemon sauce *Vegetable poele *Oatmeal cookie *Seasonal fruit	27 *Mesclun salad * Couscous w/ beef * Couscous w/ chicken *Squash carrots, zucchini, chick peas, sweet onions and raisins *Macaron *Seasonal fruit	28	
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