GWA PARENTS WEEKLY

Week of April 17 – 21

GEORGE WASHINGTON ACADEMY
CASABLANCA MOROCCO

Your Weekly Lower and Upper Schools Communication

What parents need to know about this week @ GWA

ALL SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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. 8 ACT exam @ 8:00 - 12:30

Apr. 8 Boys Soccer Games 9:30am @ GWA field

Apr. 10-14 Spring Vacation

Apr. 18 MASAC-JV Soccer Tournament @ GWA field

Apr. 21 5th Grade Field Trip to Casablanca 9:30 - 13:15

Apr. 21 U.S. College Fair hosted by GWA 15:00 - 16:30 @ MPR

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

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

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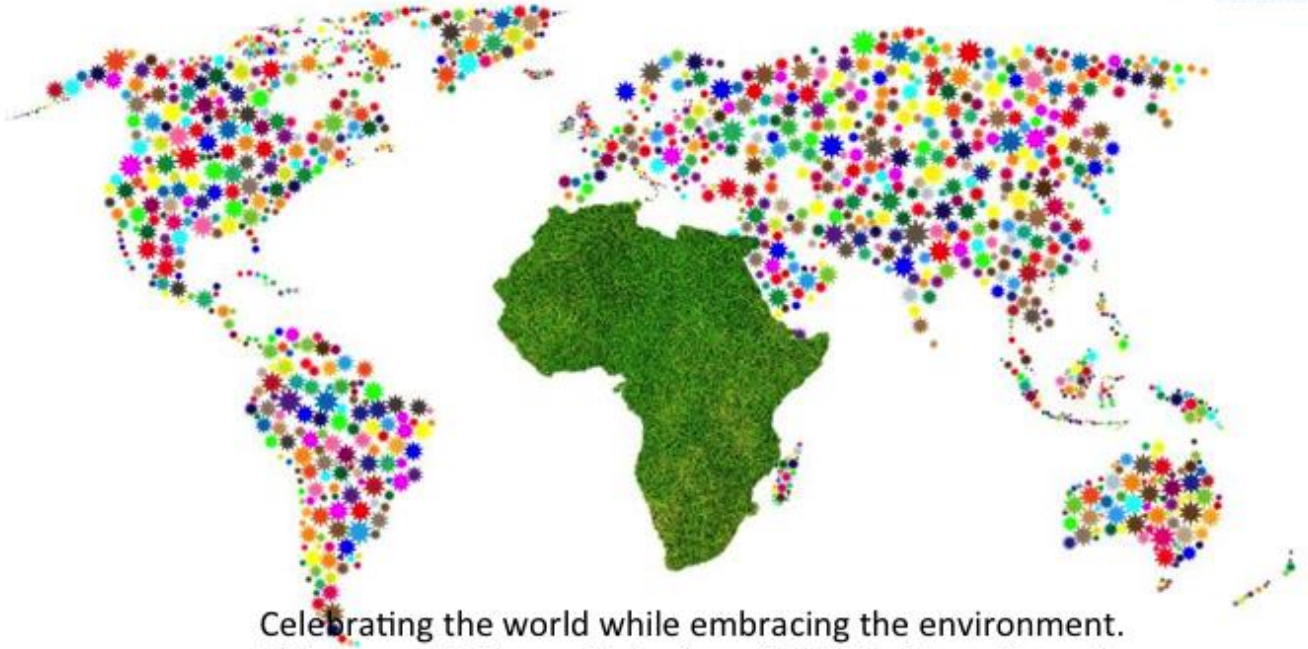

Celebrating the world while embracing the environment.
This year with the participation of **GWA's Green Council.**
Saturday, April 22nd from 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm.

For more information on how to participate in the festival or showcase your own products to the rest of the community, Please contact Maria Hassani 05 22 95 30 00 or Paula Davey 05 22 95 30 29
no later than April 10th.

Designed by Better Together

Better Together:

Meetings are calendared for the 3rd Wednesday each month. The next meetings are April 19 and May 17.

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,

As we find ourselves at a point in time for a wonderful week of what I hope will be rest and recreation for all of us I want to highlight several wonderful upcoming events.

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

First, I hope all GWA families will join us for the International Festival on Saturday, 22 April.. As I wrote in recent weeks, of the many opportunities we have in our school community to celebrate and honor cultural diversity, our annual International Festival is perhaps one of our best. This year, Better Together and the Green Council have teamed up to sponsor GWA's 2017 International Festival. In order for this event to be truly inspiring and empowering, we need all parents to participate!

Second, April and May will afford students, faculty, and parents several opportunities to engage and celebrate student progress throughout the year. Our annual student led conferences take place on 26 April. Please make plans to join your first through fifth grade student(s) on that day for an opportunity you will not want to miss. Third quarter report cards will be sent home soon after this event. On a related note, you won't want to miss Parent Nights (scheduled throughout the first half of May - see the master calendar for applicable grade level dates and times). These evenings are an opportunity for students to show a sample of what they've been learning throughout the year. See you there!

Bonnes vacances,
Kevin Brenner
Lower School Principal

Announcements:

Items to be collected for April and May's character team collection drive for the orphanage:

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.

Upcoming Events

- Elementary Spelling Bee (7 April)
- 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

Upper School Announcements

Dear Parents:

We have made it to the end of the third quarter. This year has just flown by. The students are ready for their last break. (The teachers are too!)

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

I hope everyone enjoys their time off and are able to recharge. We still have a quarter of the school year left, so come back recharged and ready to go!

Until after break,

Dr. Audrey Menard

Upper School Announcements

- April 8 - ACT test - 8:00 am to 12:30
- April 8 - April 16 - Spring Vacation

LUNCH MENU GRADES NURSERY – KINDER

GWA GEORGE WASHINGTON ACADEMY CASABLANCA MOROCCO

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
17 *Waldorf salad *Chicken parmesan *steamed string beans and carrots *Yogurt *Seasonal fruit	18 *Split pea soup *Beef tagine w/ Plums *Sautéed green peas, carrots &artichokes *Strawberries cup cake *Seasonal fruit	19 *Mexican salad *Baked fish *Roasted vegetables *Seasonal fruit * Panna cotta	20 *White bean soup *Beef shawarma *Hummus baba ghanoush *Steamed vegetables *Seasonal fruit *Cream Brule	21 *Mixed green salad *Thai stir-fried chicken *Julienne vegetables *Brown rice *Fruit juice *Coffee cake		
*Salade Waldorf *Filet de poulet /parmesan *Haricots verts et carottes à lavapeur *Yaourt *Fruit de saison	* Soupe de petits pois *Tajine de boeuf aux prunes * Légumes sautés * cup cake * Fruit de saison	*Salad mexicaine *Poisson au four *Légumes au four *Fruit de saison *Panna cotta	*Soupe d'haricots blancs *Shawarma viande *Hummus baba ghanouch * Légumes à la vapeur *Fruit de saison *crème brûlée	*Salade verte *Emincé de boeuf *Emincé de poulet *Julienne de légumes *Riz complet *Jus de fruit *Cake au café		

LUNCH MENU GRADES 1-12

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Menu for Grades 1-12 **APRIL** 2017

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
17 *Waldorf salad *Pasta w vegetable ragout *Chicken parmesan *steamed string beans and carrots *Yogurt *Seasonal fruit	18 *Split pea soup *Chicken tagine w/ preserved lemon & olives *Beef tagine w/ Plums *Sautéed green peas, carrots &artichokes *Strawberries cup cake *Seasonal fruit	19 *Mexican salad *Baked fish *Buffalo chicken wings w/ bleu cheese dressing *Cruditte vegetables *Seasonal fruit * Panna cotta	20 *White bean soup *Chicken shish tawook *Beef shawarma *Hummus baba ghanoush *Steamed vegetables *Seasonal fruit *Cream Brule	21 *Mixed green salad *Thai stir-fried chicken *Thai stir-fried beef *Julienne vegetables *White rice *Fruit juice *Coffee cake		
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