

GWA PARENTS WEEKLY

Week of Feb. 20 – 24



Your Weekly Lower and Upper Schools Communication

What parents need to know about this week @ GWA

ALL SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Parade day,

For Preschool students there will be a small parade on Friday, February the 24th. On this day, students can come dressed in a costume of their choice.

Thank you for your cooperation!



SCHOOL NOTICES & EVENTS

Save the date

Feb. 20 – 21 Library - An Author's Visit, Marissa Moss 8:15 am @ MPR & Stage

Feb. 24 5th Annual MAC Mini Disney Festival - Grades 1-5 3:30 pm - 5:30 pm @ MPR

Feb. 24 Preschool Parade Day

Feb. 27 – Mar. 3 Winter Vacation

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

INSCRIPTION 2017-2018: Priorité aux familles de GWA

Familles de GWA, envisagez-vous d'inscrire un nouvel élève de la même fratrie l'année prochaine à GWA ?

Aidez-nous donc à mieux vous servir ! Le bureau des admissions traite actuellement les demandes d'admission de nouveaux élèves souhaitant s'inscrire à GWA l'année prochaine. Nous voulons servir d'abord les familles de GWA de façon à vous éviter tout désagrément- manque de places et listes d'attente. **Vous avez jusqu'au 7 avril pour bénéficier de la priorité d'inscription.** Au-delà de cette date, nous ne pouvons pas vous garantir la disponibilité des places. Pour toutes vos questions, ou pour plus de détails, veuillez prendre contact avec le bureau des admissions en personne, par téléphone au 0522 95 30 34 ou par email à admissions@gwa.ac.ma.



ENROLLMENT 2017-2018: GWA sibling priority

GWA families! Are you planning on enrolling a new GWA student sibling next year?

Then help us, help you! The admissions office is currently processing application files for new students applying for GWA next year. We want to serve our GWA families first! And spare you unpleasant surprises with space unavailability and waiting lists. **GWA sibling priority enrollment is in effect until April 7th.** Space availability cannot be guaranteed after the said deadline. Please contact the admissions office for any questions or if you need any further details, in person, by phone 0522 95 30 34 or via email: admissions@gwa.ac.ma



ALL SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Better Together

Meetings are calendared for the 3rd Wednesday each month.

March 15

April 19

May 17



Green Council

Green Council is proud to announce that George Washington Academy is finally a Grades of Green Certified school! Check out the article on the [Grades of Green Website!](#) [#GreenCouncil](#) [#GradesofGreen](#) [#InspireGWA](#)



ALL SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Nurse:

The #1 action you can do to avoid getting a viral or bacterial illness is by washing your hands! Remember to wash them often and thoroughly.



Check out this [video](#) that explains why it is so important and demonstrates how to wash your hands properly. Take the time to watch it with your children so they can learn how important it is as well!

School and work absences due to illness can be prevented if we all do a better job of *washing our hands!*

Warm regards,

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

LOWER SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Announcements:

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We are thrilled to host Marissa Moss at GWA next Monday and Tuesday. Ms. Moss is a very well-known children and young adult author and illustrator. She has published



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

over 40 books. I would like to thank Asmaa Rias El Idrissi and her team for all of the thought, time, and effort that has gone into preparing for this visit. I would also like to thank the GWA families who are hosting Ms. Moss in their homes during her time in Casablanca.

Marissa Moss will be featured at a lower school assembly in addition to leading grade level workshops and having lunch with teachers. It is a wonderful opportunity for our lower school students to hear directly from an accomplished author. We expect Ms. Moss will share much about her journey through the writing process, particularly the joys and challenges of editing and revising. We look forward to what we will learn from our distinguished guest next week.

All my best,

Kevin Brenner
Lower School Principal

Dear parents,

Petit Jean, the string puppet, came back to share his adventures with our PreK and Kinder students. This year, the theme of the show is the vegetable garden where Petit Jean and his friends will conduct an investigation.



LOWER SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Announcements:

After Care classrooms for February will be 104 and 304.



Effective 20 February, students will not be permitted to call home for items they forget unless they are out of uniform and require clothing to be brought to the school.

Pokémon cards are not permitted during the school day at GWA.



UPPER SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS



Dear Parents:

We had another great week at GWA. The students competed in speech and debate, basketball, and more! Our students continue to bring home trophies and a reputation for modeling integrity and pursuing excellence. I

could not be more proud of our GWA students!

This week I would like to recognize Megan Walls - Music Director and Rebecca Whaley - Director of our spring musical Alice in Wonderland. I hope you had time to see this fantastic show. Megan and Rebecca have put in countless hours with students preparing for this amazing musical. The results were mesmerizing. Students and staff alike have praised the show. The musical numbers were terrific, the choreography was brilliant, the characters were well-developed, and the backstage/sound/spotlight - technical aspects - were flawless. Additionally, Kari Pettit's scenery were stunning and beautiful. Zakia El Harouchi's costumes were so bright and imaginative. The synergy created a show that made the 50 dirham entrance fee a bargain! Kudos to Ms. Walls and Ms. Whaley! We are lucky to have you as a member of our staff at GWA.

Until next week,

Respectfully,
Dr. Audrey Menard
Upper School Principal



Upper School Announcements

- Attention AP students: You will be charged about 1200 dirham per AP exam.
- Marissa Moss, author, visits our school and will meet with middle school students.
- First Lego League Robotics team will head to Madrid to represent Morocco in a robotics competition.

LIBRARY

George Washington Academy

Invites Families to Meet
Children and Young Adult Author/Illustrator

Marissa Moss

Monday, February 20th at 8:00am

Tuesday, February 21st at 8:00am

Parents are welcome to attend the morning
assemblies.



Marissa Moss is a prominent children's and Young adult's American author that has spanned twenty years and over 50 books. In addition to her success as a children's author and illustrator, Marissa Moss has written award-winning young adult novels, historical journals that are currently used in Elementary and Middle School curriculum, and picture books biographies.

LIBRARY



Happy Valentine!

In Honors of Valentine's day, the library is offering Upper School students a chance to step out of their comfort zone and head out on a "blinddate" with a book.

Unlike last year, they will choose a wrapped up book per genre. We don't want students to read books they have no interest in reading.

How does it work?

- A variety of wrapped up books will be on a display table at the library
- Teachers can bring the class to the library or send students in group of four .
- students will choose a book from the display and check it out
- students submit the "RATE YOUR DATE" slip
- time frame: 1 month (slips due on March 17)
- One winner per grade
- Prize DHS300 to redeem at Megastore Virgin (random draw)

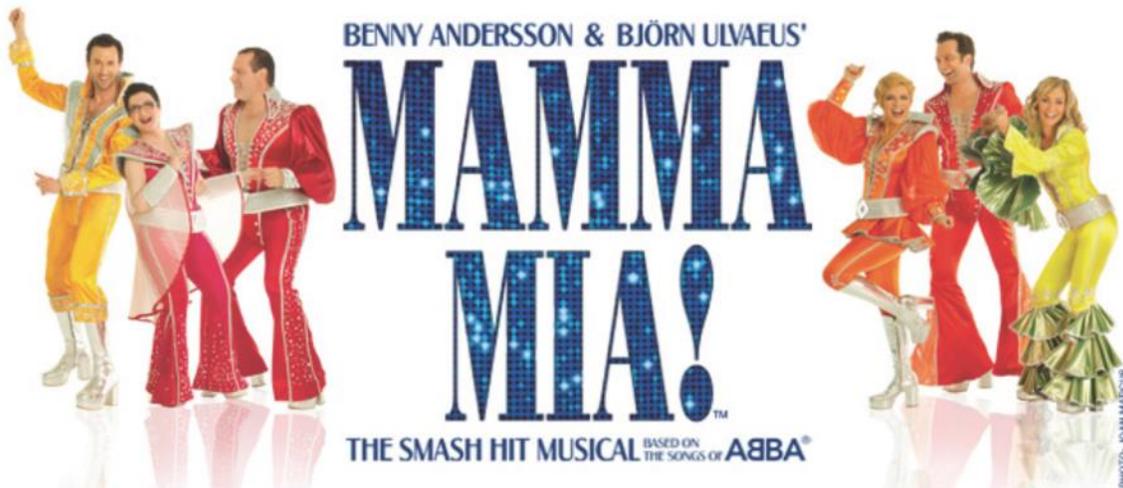
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Library Manager

ASA@GWA

A reminder to all parents of students enrolled in AfterSchool Activities at GWA. The pick-up destination for 4:30pm is just outside the cafeteria by the temporary entrance to the school's campus. The activity leaders and coaches bring all students to this area between 4:30 - 4:40pm. They are only expected to wait a few very short minutes and then the students are taken to AfterCare. A reminder, AfterCare fees are then applied starting at 4:45pm.

Last chance to join the MAMA MIA Choir performing at the Festival of the Arts on March 31st. At fun time guaranteed by all!

Introducing the GWA Mamma Mia Musical Choir!

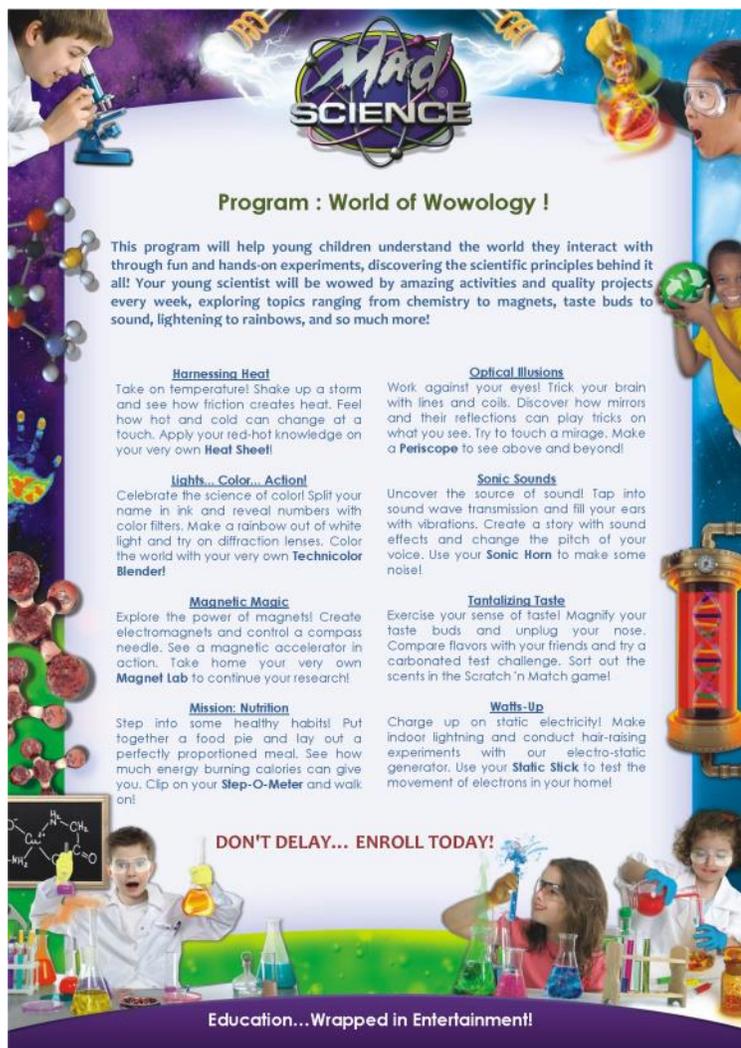


We rehearse **every Tuesday after school** to prepare for the **Festival of the Arts**.

Sign up through **ASA** and come join the fun! Grades 2 – 5

Register today!

Still space available in MAD SCIENCE'S World of Wowology! Hands on Science for Kinder - Grade 2 Sign up NOW!



Mad SCIENCE

Program : World of Wowology !

This program will help young children understand the world they interact with through fun and hands-on experiments, discovering the scientific principles behind it all! Your young scientist will be wowed by amazing activities and quality projects every week, exploring topics ranging from chemistry to magnets, taste buds to sound, lightening to rainbows, and so much more!

Harnessing Heat
Take on temperature! Shake up a storm and see how friction creates heat. Feel how hot and cold can change at a touch. Apply your red-hot knowledge on your very own **Heat Sheet!**

Optical Illusions
Work against your eyes! Trick your brain with lines and coils. Discover how mirrors and their reflections can play tricks on what you see. Try to touch a mirage. Make a **Periscope** to see above and beyond!

Lights... Color... Action!
Celebrate the science of color! Split your name in ink and reveal numbers with color filters. Make a rainbow out of white light and try on diffraction lenses. Color the world with your very own **Technicolor Blender!**

Sonic Sounds
Uncover the source of sound! Tap into sound wave transmission and fill your ears with vibrations. Create a story with sound effects and change the pitch of your voice. Use your **Sonic Horn** to make some noise!

Magnetic Magic
Explore the power of magnets! Create electromagnets and control a compass needle. See a magnetic accelerator in action. Take home your very own **Magnet Lab** to continue your research!

Tantalizing Taste
Exercise your sense of taste! Magnify your taste buds and unplug your nose. Compare flavors with your friends and try a carbonated test challenge. Sort out the scents in the **Scratch 'n Match** game!

Mission: Nutrition
Step into some healthy habits! Put together a food pie and lay out a perfectly proportioned meal. See how much energy burning calories can give you. Clip on your **Step-O-Meter** and walk on!

Watts-Up
Charge up on static electricity! Make indoor lightning and conduct hair-raising experiments with our electro-static generator. Use your **Static Stick** to test the movement of electrons in your home!

DON'T DELAY... ENROLL TODAY!

Education... Wrapped in Entertainment!



Mad SCIENCE

Lab Works
Use your hands as a real Mad Scientist in this whirlwind class on how a lab works! Learn to manipulate laboratory equipment at your personal lab bench, and take home your very own **Graduated Gear** kit to continue your research!

Chem in a Flash
Hop on board the chemistry express for a high-speed science experience! Perform instantaneous experiments in this fast-paced class on split-second reactions that go like mad! Pick up an **Action Flask** kit and have a blast!

Junior Reactors
Create a tiny world of atoms with your very own set of **Atomic Coins** kit! Learn to recognize chemical reactions and mix up a few reactive ingredients for some sensational results!

The Glow Show
Discover amazing things that glow bright in the dark and come to light! Probe the properties of light and explore some unusual applications of glow-in-the-dark technology! Use your **glow card** to catch shadows!

PH Phactor
Slide down the colorful pH scale and dip into the world of acids and bases! Explore the pH extremes with your **Reaction Tube** kit in what is sure-to-be a popping experience! Discover whether liquids found in your home are acids or bases using your personal pH Paper!

Super Sticky Stuff
Stick it to the walls, and push the power of tape to the limits in this adhesive hour on things that cling! Build a bond with glue and get attached to your **Professor Beakerdude** kit!

Slime Time
Ooze into a gooey hour of sliming around! Create slime using the Mad Science recipe, and then enter the Slime Olympics! Take home your own creation of **slime** in a Mad Science Activity Cup!

Dry Ice Capades
Manipulate matter in all of its three states! Melt metal in boiling water and freeze water with just a breath of dry ice! Use your **Thermocolor Cup** kit to test the temperature of liquid matter in your home!

Take-Home projects :

<http://morocco.madscience.org>

ASA@GWA

Arabic and French Resource is available to ALL/ANY students needing a little extra help with languages. NOT one-on-one tutoring; offers a small group setting that still caters to the individual's needs.

PreSchool STEAM. What is it? The ASA way of encouraging a LOVE of Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts, and Math in our PreSchoolers. A wide variety of hands on activities, using STEAM Activities to Enrich Every Day Learning!



STEAM! 

Science Technology Engineering Art Math

PRESCHOOL ACTIVITIES FOR STEM ENRICHMENT

LUNCH MENU GRADES NURSERY – KINDER



Menu for Grades Nursery/Kinder

FEBRUARY

2017

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

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
20	21	22	23	24		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Waldorf salad *Spaghetti pasta w/ bolognese sauce *steamed string beans and carrots *Yogurt *Seasonal fruit 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Mushroom barley soup *Chicken tagine w/ preserved lemon & olives *Sautéed green peas, carrots & artichokes *Strawberries shortcake *Seasonal fruit 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Mexican salad *Seafood Paella *Cauldrites vegetables *Seasonal fruit *Oatmeal cookie 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Barira soup *Chicken shish taouk *Hummus baba ghanouch *Steamed vegetables *Seasonal fruit *Cream bûlée 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Mixed green *Thai stir-fried beef *Julienne vegetables *Brown âce *Fruit juice *Cheese 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Salade Waldorf *Spaghetti bolognaise/sauce *Haricots verts et carottes à la vapeur *Yaourt *Fruit de saison 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Soupe de champignons/blé * Tajine de poulet avec citron confit et olives * Légumes sautés * Cake aux fraises * Fruit de saison 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Salade mexicaine *Paella /fruits de mer *Légumes *Fruit de saison *Cookie d'avoine 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Soupe barira *Boulet shish taouk *Hummus baba ghanouch *Légumes à la vapeur *Fruit de saison *Crème brûlée 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Salade verte *Emincé de boeuf Thai *Julienne de légumes *Riz complet *Jus de fruit *Ecorage 		

LUNCH MENU GRADES 1-12



Menu for Grades 1-12

FEBRUARY

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Waldorf salad *Spaghetti pasta w/ bolognese sauce *Chicken parmesan *steamed string beans and carrots *Yogurt *Seasonal fruit 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Mushroom barley soup *Chicken tagine w/ preserved lemon & olives *Meatloaf w/ gravy *Sautéed green peas, carrots & artichokes *Strawberries shortcake *Seasonal fruit 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Mexican salad *Baked fish *Buffalo chicken wings w/ bleu cheese dressing *Cauldrites vegetables *Seasonal fruit *Oatmeal Cookie 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Barira soup *Chicken shish taouk *Beef shawarma *Hummus baba ghanouch *Steamed vegetables *Seasonal fruit *Cream bûlée 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Mixed green *Thai stir-fried chicken *Thai stir-fried beef *Julienne vegetables *White rice *Fruit juice *Coffee cake 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Salade Waldorf *Spaghetti bolognaise *Filet de poulet /parmesan *Haricots verts et carottes à la vapeur *Yaourt *Fruit de saison 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Soupe de champignons/blé * Tajine de poulet /citron confit et olives *Boudin de viande hachée à la sauce * Légumes sautés * Cake aux fraises * Fruit de saison 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Salade mexicaine *Poisson cuits au four *Ailettes de poulet buffalo/sauce de fromage *Légumes *Fruit de saison *Cookie d'avoine 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Soupe barira *Boulet shish taouk *Shawarma viande *Hummus baba ghanouch *Légumes à la vapeur *Fruit de saison *crème brûlée 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Salade verte *Emincé de boeuf Thai *Emincé de poulet Thai *Julienne de légumes *Riz blanc *Jus de fruit *Cake au café 		