

# GWA PARENTS WEEKLY

Week of March 13 – 17



Your Weekly Lower and Upper Schools Communication

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

## ALL SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

### IMPORTANT MESSAGE FOR GWA FAMILIES WITH NEW STUDENTS TO ENROLL FOR SY 2017-18

The GWA admissions office has been processing applications for SY 2017-18 and spots are filling up quickly. We want to make sure that GWA families are not wait-listed and have spots available for their new students. However, **please note that the sibling priority deadline is set to April 7, spots cannot be guaranteed after that deadline. All applications coming after April 7 will be wait-listed if space is not available.** We want to avoid such inconvenience but we need your help. If you have a new student and are planning on enrolling him for next year, please submit a full application file as soon as possible. Apply today! Email [admissions@gwa.ac.ma](mailto:admissions@gwa.ac.ma) or call: 0522 95 30 34



## SCHOOL NOTICES & EVENTS

### Save the date

**Mar. 10–11** [MASAC-Badminton Tournament @ ASI \(Ifrane\)](#)

**Mar. 17** [ASA FCBESCOLA Maroc Soccer @ GWA Grades 4 & 5 \(Tuesday & Thursday Players\) 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm @ GWA Field](#)

**Mar. 22** [All School Noon Dismissal -Professional Development](#)

**Mar. 23** [US Class Informational Breakfast 8:30 am - 9:45 am @ MPR](#)

**Mar. 24** [Rehearsal Festival of the Arts 3:30 pm - 6:00 pm @ MPR & Stage](#)

**Mar. 24** [ASA FCBESCOLA Maroc Soccer @ GWA Grades 2 & 3 \(Tuesday/Thursday Players\) 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm @ GWA Field](#)

**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

# The GWA Annual International Festival 2017



GWA celebrates diversity. Join us ! Show off your heritage, inquire about getting a booth for your country.

**Date:** Saturday, April 22, 2017

**Booth order deadline:** TBD

For more info, contact Paula Davey at [pdavey@gwa.ac.ma](mailto:pdavey@gwa.ac.ma)  
or call 05 22 95 30 29

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## ALL SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Nurse:**



As we recently completed inputting all of our medical files into Powerschool, we discovered we were missing **138 student** immunization records. Now we only need **60 more!** If you have received an email, phone call or note home requesting your son or daughter's vaccination information; **please send a copy of their vaccination dates to our office directly or stop by so we can make a copy.**

Thank you for your help ensuring GWA is a safe and healthy community!

Warm regards,

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

## LOWER SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Announcements:

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I hope this letter finds you well after a super first week back to school. I was struck by the warm smiles, refreshed eyes, and re-energized spirits of our students and faculty upon our



#### 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

return to school on Monday. It is even more inspiring that this continued throughout the week. To me, this is strong evidence of the fact we all benefit from the ebb and flow of the academic calendar. I told the students and our faculty on Monday that we certainly don't want to live from break to break, yet recognizing the need we have for restoration and recreation is an important part of how we educate the whole child. Furthermore, the ways in which we care for ourselves outside of school directly impacts our efforts and effectiveness when school is in session.

As always, thank you for your partnership in inspiring and empowering children each day. You are valued and appreciated!

Best,

Kevin Brenner  
Lower School Principal



- After Care room numbers to 103 and 303 for March.
- 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.
- Preschool mid-year reports will be sent home next week. Some parents will be invited to conference with teachers. Parents are also welcome to request a conference if desired.
- Reminder: Students are not permitted to attend their Preschool or Kindergarten sibling's classroom birthday celebration.

## UPPER SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS



Dear Parents:

I hope you enjoyed the winter break! The students have returned to school with renewed energy. It is wonderful to see them back in school. They were missed.

### **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

This week I would like to recognize our robotics team again. When I last wrote about these students, they had earned three trophies in the Moroccan First Lego League robotics tournament in Rabat. One of our teams was then invited to represent Morocco in Madrid against about 25 Spanish teams. Once again, our students excelled. They won first place in Global Innovation with their science project. They also came in second place for having the most points on the board with the robotics missions. We have also been invited now to go to Qatar for the World Arab Championship. However, we cannot raise the money in time to be able to go to this more advanced competition. Next year, I hope we will have even more students turn out and participate on our team. The students have a lot of fun, learn programming skills, engineering, presentation skills, research, and many more valuable lessons. If you have a son or daughter that is interested, please have them reach out to me or Mrs. Rachad.

Respectfully,  
Dr. Audrey C. Menard



### **Upper School Announcements**

- Ms. Walls and Ms. Griggs are in New York right now with students on the Band trip. Details will be in next week's edition.
- There is the MASAC Badminton tournament in Ifrane this weekend. Good luck Mustangs!
- Attention parents of current 11th graders: We will have a special breakfast meeting for you and your junior. We will discuss with you all the things you need to think about and do to prepare for their senior year. We will talk about colleges and the search and application process. Please be sure to attend this special breakfast meeting!

## LIBRARY

**Read with your child    Play with your child**

Share the experience of reading with your child. Engage him with this before, during, and after reading game. How does it work? Have your child simply roll a dice, determine the sum of the dots, and then pick the question related to the dice.



	<b>Before Reading</b>		<b>During Reading</b>		<b>After Reading</b>
<b>2</b>	The cover makes me think of-----	<b>2</b>	Summarize by identifying the important ideas.	<b>2</b>	What do you think about the author's ending?
<b>3</b>	Is this book Fiction or non-Fiction? How do you know?	<b>3</b>	Describe the main Character.	<b>3</b>	Compare the setting with a place you have been.
<b>4</b>	What clue does the title give you about the book?	<b>4</b>	What do you think will happen next?	<b>4</b>	Summarize the story
<b>5</b>	I predict-----	<b>5</b>	This book reminds me of -----	<b>5</b>	What challenges did the main character have?
<b>6</b>	One question I have before reading is-----	<b>6</b>	Do you like the author's writing style? Why/why not?	<b>6</b>	Were your predictions correct?
<b>7</b>	What clues can you find from the pictures in the book?	<b>7</b>	Predict the next part of the book.	<b>7</b>	What is your favorite part/least favorite part?
<b>8</b>	Who is the author? Have you read other books by him/her?	<b>8</b>	Discuss one way you and the main character are alike.	<b>8</b>	How could the story have ended differently?
<b>9</b>	What is the genre of this book?	<b>9</b>	What can you feel as you read the book?	<b>9</b>	Did the main character remind you of anyone?
				<b>10</b>	The title of the books could also be-----

*Asmaa Rias El Idrissi*  
Library Manager

## LIBRARY

Dear parents,

Great News! We're running spring "Scholastic International Book Club".



Ages (0 – 11 years), please use the Book Club leaflet sent out with students and choose from the latest exciting selection of Scholastic books.

Ages (11 years and up), open the link below:

<http://library.gwa.ac.ma/common/servlet/presenthomeform.do?l2m=Home&tm=Home>

then click on **New! Teens International Book Club**

**Please use the method below to find the dirham amount**

*How to find out the amount to pay in Dirhams?*

*Book price in dollars x 15= amount in dirhams to pay*

*Ex: "Midnight for Charlie Bone" by Jenny Nimmo: \$10.00 (leaflet price)*

*Amount to pay: \$10:00 x 15=DHS150*

To place your order fill in the following information and send back to the library with cash or a **check made payable to GWA no later than March 17.**

We will be contacting you as soon as the books arrive.

Parent name:

Student name:

Item number & book title:

*Asmaa Rias El Idrissi*  
*Library Manager*

# LUNCH MENU GRADES NURSERY – KINDER



Menu for Grades Nursery/Kinder

# MARCH

# 2017

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

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
13	14	15	16	17		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*Minestrone soup</li> <li>*Macaroni cauliflower cheese</li> <li>*Vegetables crudittes</li> <li>*Yogurt</li> <li>*Fruit</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*Caesar salad</li> <li>Chicken cutlet w/ cream of leek</li> <li>*Steamed vegetables</li> <li>*Shortbread Cookie</li> <li>Fruit</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*Vegetables soup</li> <li>*Baked fish</li> <li>Roasted vegetables</li> <li>*Tiramisu</li> <li>* Seasonal fruit</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*Mixed green salad</li> <li>*Mexican tacos w/beef</li> <li>*Salsa, red beans, lettuce, guacamole, and cheese</li> <li>*Parfait</li> <li>*Fruit panache</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*Potato leek soup</li> <li>* Chicken yassa</li> <li>* Mixed vegetables</li> <li>* Carrots cake</li> <li>* Seasonal fruit</li> </ul>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*Soupe minestrone</li> <li>*Macaroni au chou-fleur et fromage</li> <li>*Légumes *Fruit</li> <li>*Yaourt</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*Salade César</li> <li>*Filet de poulet a la crème de poireaux</li> <li>*Légumes à la vapeur</li> <li>*Fruit</li> <li>* cookie</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*Soupe de légumes</li> <li>*Poisson au four</li> <li>*Légumes au four</li> <li>*Tiramisu</li> <li>* Fruit de saison</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*Salade verte</li> <li>*Tacos mexicain au bœuf</li> <li>*Salsa, haricots rouge, laitue, guacamole et fromage</li> <li>*Parfait</li> <li>*Panaché de fruits</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*Soupe de pommes de terre et poireaux</li> <li>*Poulet yassa</li> <li>*Jardinière de légumes</li> <li>*Gâteaux de carottes</li> <li>*Fruit de saison</li> </ul>		

# LUNCH MENU GRADES 1-12



Menu for Grades 1-12

# MARCH

# 2017

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13	14	15	16	17		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*Minestrone soup</li> <li>*Macaroni cauliflower cheese</li> <li>*Buffalo chicken wings w/ bleu cheese sauce</li> <li>*Vegetables crudittes</li> <li>*Yogurt</li> <li>*Fruit</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*Caesar salad</li> <li>*Beef roulade stuffed w/ spinach &amp; cheese</li> <li>Chicken cutlet w/ cream of leek</li> <li>*Steamed vegetables</li> <li>*Shortbread Cookie</li> <li>Fruit</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*Vegetables soup</li> <li>*Baked fish</li> <li>*Crispy rosemary chicken</li> <li>Roasted vegetables</li> <li>*Tiramisu</li> <li>* Seasonal fruit</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*Mixed green salad</li> <li>*Mexican tacos w/chicken</li> <li>*Mexican tacos w/beef</li> <li>*Salsa, red beans, lettuce, guacamole, and cheese</li> <li>*Parfait</li> <li>*Fruit panache</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*Potato leek soup</li> <li>*Souvlaki skewers w/ herbs</li> <li>* Chicken yassa</li> <li>* Mixed vegetables</li> <li>* Carrots cake</li> <li>* Seasonal fruit</li> </ul>		
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