

GWA PARENTS WEEKLY

Week of March 20 – 24



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 or call: 0522 95 30 34



SCHOOL NOTICES & EVENTS

Save the date

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](#)

Mar. 24 – 29 [Model United Nations Trip @ Russia](#)

Mar. 25 [MASAC-Middle School Basket Ball Tournament \(Girls\) @ RAS \(Rabat\)](#)

Mar. 25 [MASAC-Middle School Basketball Tournament \(Boys\) @ CAS \(Casablanca\)](#)

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 22nd.

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 or Paula Davey no later than April 10th.

Designed by Better Together

ALL SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Nurse:



[“Antibiotics aren’t always the answer.”](#) Check out this informational brochure regarding appropriate antibiotic use.

The ease of acquiring antibiotics here in Morocco is actually dangerous! Antibiotic abuse is the primary cause of the rise of antibiotic-resistant bacteria worldwide. Pharmacists should not be referring antibiotic use based on a list of subjective symptoms! Physicians should only prescribe antibiotics after a thorough medical exam; warranted medical tests to confirm the presence of a bacterial infection and determining the appropriate type of antibiotic for the confirmed bacterial infection, safe dosage (different for children vs. adults) and length of treatment.

When students are sent home for a fever or vomiting; we do not want you stop by the pharmacy to pick up an antibiotic and send them to school the next day with numerous medications. Often these illnesses are simply viruses that need to “run their course” and children need to rest at home until they have been fever and vomit-free for 24 hours. If you need information about finding a trusted pediatrician in Casablanca please stop by and ask!

Warm regards,

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

Finance:

The GWA finance department sends out paper and email copies of your bill every quarter. Our cashier will be accepting quarterly payments during the dates listed below. Don't forget that your bill must be paid in full before classes begin each quarter:

Quarter 4: March 20-31 2017



LOWER SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Announcements:

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Greetings to you from the Lower School office. I enjoy sitting down to write to you each week as it is an opportunity to look back on our week and ahead to upcoming opportunities. I take this opportunity to reflect on



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

the wonderful opportunity I have to work with faculty, staff, and students each day. Additionally, I think about the privilege it is to have my own two children attend GWA. Lastly, it is an opportunity to intentionally reflect on GWA's vision statement and the ways in which all we do points to this end. This week, I am particularly mindful of the tall order we have to equip and empower students to serve Morocco and the global community with wisdom and compassion.



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 on Saturday, 22 April. In order for this event to be truly inspiring and empowering, we need all parents to participate! The first way to demonstrate support and participation is by planning to attend the event. We hope to have the entire school community present at

GWA on 22 April! Second, we hope to have ALL nationalities represented at GWA also represented at this great event. Be on the lookout for a flyer from Better Together in your child's agenda/correspondence book soliciting parent volunteers to decorate a tent to represent a country. Cultural food, art, dance, activities, etc. from all countries are welcome!

Best,
Kevin Brenner
Lower School Principal



- After Care room numbers to 103 and 303 for March.
- Lower School students are not permitted to visit the library after school without an adult. We are no longer giving out passes in the office. Students must be accompanied by a parent or visit the library during the school day.
- Reminder: Students are not permitted to attend their Preschool or Kindergarten sibling's classroom birthday celebration.

UPPER SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS



Dear Parents:

There is so much going on at school. We are having a very busy spring. Just this past week we sent our badminton team to Ifrane to compete - we came home with 4th place.

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

Also, Ms. Walls and Ms. Griggs took the band students to the USA. They had a wonderful time performing in a combined concert with an American high school, sightseeing in New York City, and going to see the Broadway show, Wicked. Everyone is back home safely and have recovered from jet lag.

This week I would like to promote the International Festival, April 22, put on by our parent organization, Better Together. We encourage you to get involved. There will be tents representing as many countries as we can. Even the local embassies get involved! If you are willing to host a country in a tent, you would bring food, educational items, trivia facts, flags, costumes, etc., we would love your support. You can partner with other parents too. This is a huge school event but it is only as good as the parents participation and collaboration. If you are willing to get involved, or just to volunteer generally, please contact Fatima Tazroute at fatimaatazroute@gmail.com.



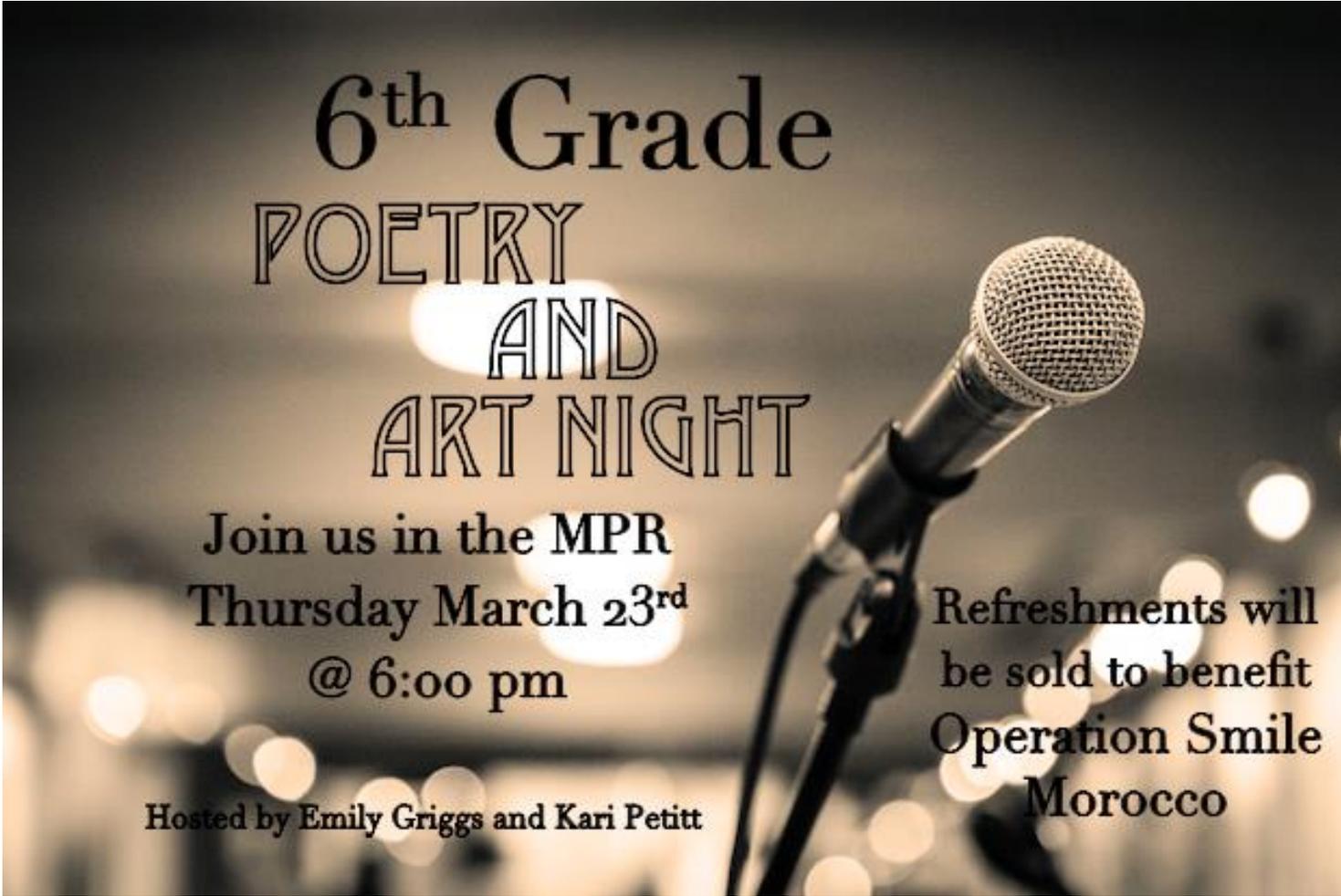
Respectfully,
Dr. Audrey C. Menard



Upper School Announcements

- Attention parents of current 11th graders: We will have a special breakfast meeting for you and your junior. Please come to the MPR on Thursday, March 23 at 8:30 am. (Breakfast is sponsored by Better Together.) 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!

UPPER SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS



6th Grade
POETRY
AND
ART NIGHT

Join us in the MPR
Thursday March 23rd
@ 6:00 pm

Refreshments will
be sold to benefit
Operation Smile
Morocco

Hosted by Emily Griggs and Kari Pettitt

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
20	21	22	23	24		
*Split pea soup *Pasta pizzaz w/ chicken *Steamed vegetables *Yogurt *Seasonal fruit	*Turkey noodle soup *Pizza *Sautéed Vegetables *Brownie *Seasonal fruit	*Niçoise salad *Baked fish with lemon sauce *Roasted vegetables *Panna cotta *Seasonal fruit	* Lentil soup * Cheeseburger * Broccoli / carrots * Roasted potatoes * Apple tart * Fruit salad	*Tuscan salad *Couscous with chicken *Squash, carrots, zucchini, chick peas, sweet onions and raisins *Milk *Seasonal fruit		
*Soupe aux petits pois *Pâtes/poulet *Légumes à la vapeur *Yaourt *Fruit de saison	*Soupe de nouilles et Dinde *Pizza *Légumes sautés *Brownie *Fruit de saison	*Salade niçoise *Poisson cuit au four /sauce citron *Légumes cuits au four *Panna cotta *Fruit de saison	*Lentilles *Cheeseburger *Brocolis et carottes *Pommes de terre rôties *Tarte aux pommes *Fruit de saison	*Salade Toscane *Couscous au bœuf *Carottes, courgettes, pois chiches, potiron, oignons et raisins *Lait *Fruit de saison		

LUNCH MENU GRADES 1-12



Menu for Grades 1-12

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*Split pea soup *Penne pasta Pizzaz w/ cheese *Chicken enchiladas *Steamed vegetables *Yogurt *Seasonal fruit	*Turkey noodle soup *Tandoori chicken with yogurt cucumbersauce *Pizza *Sautéed Vegetables *Brownie *Seasonal fruit	*Niçoise salad *Baked fish with lemon sauce *Chicken nuggets *Roasted vegetables *Cheese *Seasonal fruit	* Lentil soup * Cheeseburger deluxe * B.B.Q chicken * Broccoli / carrots * Roasted potatoes * Apple tart * Fruit salad	*Tuscan salad *Couscous with beef *Couscous with chicken *Squash, carrots, zucchini, chick peas, sweet onions and raisins *Cup cake *Seasonal fruit		
*Soupe aux petits pois *Pâtes *Enchiladas au poulet *Légumes à la vapeur *Yaourt *Fruit de saison	*Soupe de nouilles et dinde *Poulet tandoori/sauce yaourt concombre *Pizza *Légumes sautés *Brownie *Fruit de saison	*Salade niçoise *Poisson cuit au four /sauce citron *Nuggets de poulet *Légumes cuits au four *Fromage *Fruit de saison	*lentilles *Cheeseburger *Poulet B,B,Q *Brocolis et carottes *Pommes de terre rôties *Tarte aux pommes *Fruit de saison	*Salade Toscane *Couscous de poulet *Couscous au bœuf *Carottes, courgettes, pois chiches, potiron, oignons et raisins secs *Cupcake *Fruit de saison		