

GWA PARENTS WEEKLY

Week of Oct. 24 – 28



Your Weekly Lower and Upper Schools Communication

What parents need to know about this week @ GWA

ALL SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS



SCHOOL NOTICES & EVENTS

Save the date

Oct. 17-21 Fall Vacation - No School

Oct. 28 BOOfest Halloween/Fall Festival for Discovery/Pre Kinder/Kinder 3:15 pm - 4:45 pm @ Pre Kinder/Kinder Playground

Oct. 28 MTV: Fright Night 7:00 pm @ MPR & Stage

Oct. 31 MAC Charity Bake Sale 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Nov. 4 End of 1st Quarter

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

Nurse:

Dear GWA Parents,

We wanted to make sure you are aware that we do not have a physician here on campus during the school day. The nurse office is staffed by nurses only; we cannot safely fill the role of your family doctor or pediatrician. The advice we may offer should not supersede physician's orders.

Please take note:

If you are sending medication with your son or daughter; please deliver it directly to the nurse office and preferably with a copy of the doctor's prescription.

Do not send your son or daughter to school if they still require medications for a fever.



We are happy to discuss your son or daughter's health - please stop by the nurse office if you have any specific concerns.

Thank you for your attention to the health and well being of our students.

Warm regards,

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

Finance Department:

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 2: October 17-28, 2016

Quarter 3: January 9-20, 2017

Quarter 4: March 20-31, 2017



LOWER SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Announcements:

As we prepare to enjoy time away from school for Fall Break, I am reminded of the excitement surrounding our new Library Media Tech Center (LMTC). We have all demonstrated flexibility, patience, and cooperation as arrival and dis-



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

missal procedures have become more complicated, and as maneuvering around campus has become more difficult. I recognize the ways in which you as parents have been affected, and I thank you for your support, understanding, and willingness to follow the procedures in place to ensure the safety of all GWA community members.

Although the most obvious facet of this project continues to be the changes it has caused to logistics at the school (and the giant crane on campus!), I would like to take a moment to remind all of us of the great need it will fill for our students. This building will house the new library, an extensive technology center, and all administrative offices frequented by parents throughout the school year. Additionally, the move into the LMTC will create additional classroom space, thus more effectively facilitating expanded program offerings. The new building will not only be a beautiful structure, it will facilitate the next phase of campus design, programming, and community building at GWA.

Thank you for your continued cooperation, patience, and enthusiasm for this important project!

Kind regards,

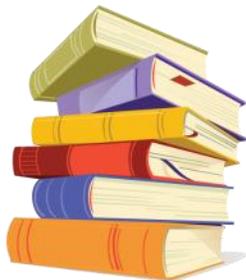
Kevin Brenner

Lower School Principal



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Announcements:



We encourage parents to visit the library regularly, but please do so after school. There are classes in the library throughout the school day and they run until 3:10pm each day.

It is essential that students are at school on time every day unless there is an unavoidable reason such as illness. Please note that three (3) tardies equals one absence, and twenty (20) unexcused absences in one school year is the limit. Planned absences require completion of a Pre-Approved Absence Request form found in the Lower School office. Students are tardy after the appointed start time for their grade level. Parents and drivers will be directed by the teacher to visit the office to obtain a tardy pass when arriving late. We ask that parents communicate this with drivers. Thank you for your cooperation.



Parents: We will be making a few changes to the ways in which we implement AR in Lower School this year. You should expect for your child to have access to a wider range of books. Our goal is to help students develop the ability to choose a "just right book" with the help of their teacher and/or parents. Teachers will have more information for you at parent/teacher conferences in November. As always, students can take AR tests before school, after dismissal, and at times agreed upon with the classroom teacher.



If a child is enrolled in an ASA activity she/he must be with the ASA coach from the time the classroom teacher hands the student off until the activity begins at 3:30pm. Parents are not permitted to take a student to get a snack, take an AR test, or anywhere else on campus. Teachers are responsible for ensuring students get to their ASA coach, and that is where they need to remain until the activity has ended. Thank you for your cooperation in ensuring the safety of each student after school.

UPPER SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS



Dear Parents:

I hope you have a wonderful Fall Break. The students have been working hard and are ready for some down time! We hope you will have

the opportunity to spend some quality family time together. Kids grow up so fast that it is important to enjoy each other as often as possible.

Upper School Office

Principal: Audrey Menard

HS Assistant Principal: Dusty Smith

MS Assistant Principal: Luke Kollasch

HS Coordinator: Badiaa Benchekroun

MS Coordinator: Rim Aboudane

This week's feature teacher is Mr. Aziz El Khaldi. Mr. El Khaldi is doing a great job this year with his Arabic students. During one of his classes this week, he was teaching his students some useful vocabulary words in Arabic. In his lesson, Mr. El Khaldi incorporated technology by using a live google sheet to teach students certain Arabic words. He was able to update the sheet based on student response in real time. Mr. El Khaldi also created a video syllabus for his courses. I have never seen that done before. Mr. El Khaldi has been working very hard to incorporate technology into his daily lessons this year and it's paying dividends for his students. He is a very creative teacher. Kudos Mr. El Khaldi!

Until the next edition, I wish you all the best.

Dr. Audrey Menard
Upper School Principal



UPPER SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Announcements:

New Tardy Policy will go into effect after the October fall break. Students will no longer receive a punishment of ISS for their 2nd tardy. Instead, they will be required to come to an early morning study hall from 6:30 to 7:30 am. We do not want the students to miss valuable class time because of being tardy.

Uniforms will not be restocked until the end of October. We appreciate your patience with this.

Middle School Parents: The AR deadline is approaching quickly. Students can take their AR tests during lunch, recess and afterschool from 3:25- 4:30 Monday through Thursday.

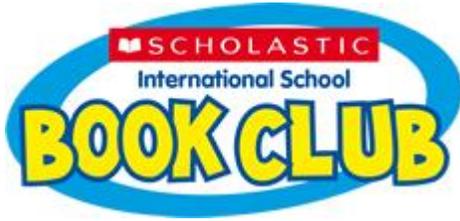


PowerSchool is a great tool to track the progress of your students during the school year. If you would like to set up an account, or if you forgot your password, stop by the Upper School Office to get help.



Students need to leave school, or at least be in the parking lot, by 3:45 - unless in US office, Library, Computer lab, or MPR terrace. After 4:30, all students must leave school. Exceptions include athletes at practice, ASA program, and tutoring/teacher supervised events.

LIBRARY



Great News! We're running a Scholastic International School Book Club!

We sent out the Book Club leaflets home so that you and your child can choose from the latest exciting selection of books. If you have not received one, please stop by the library and ask for a Scholastic book club brochure and the form to place your order directly with the library.

The due date to place your order is October 31.

How to find out the amount in Dirhams (using the brochure for ages 0-11 years)?

Book price in dollars x 14=amount in dirhams to pay

EX: Midnight for Charlie Bone by Jenny Nimmo: \$10.00 (leaflet price)

Amount to pay: \$10.00 x 14 = 140DHS

Children ages (11 years and up), open the link below and use the same method to find the price in Dirhams

<http://www6.scholastic.co.uk/3dissue/catalogues/ROWTeenSept16/>

To place your order fill in the following information and send back to the library your check made payable to GWA no later than March 16, 2015.

Parent name:

Student name:

Item no.book title:

Quantity:

Amount submitted:

*Asmaa Rias El Idrissi
Library Manager*



K2 - K5

WELCOME

PRESCHOOL & KINDER



TO THE MUSTANG ATHLETIC COUNCIL'S

BOO FEST

FRIDAY OCTOBER 28TH

FROM 3:15 - 4:45 PM

ON THE PRESCHOOL PLAYGROUND



80 DHS PER ENTRANCE



"BOO LOON POP"

"PUMPKIN TOSS"

"SENSORY PARK"

"SPIDER LAIR"



LUNCH MENU GRADES NURSERY - KINDER



Menu for Grades Nursery/Kinder

OCTOBER 2016

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

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
24	25	26	27	28		
*Caesar salad *Penne pasta *Chicken piccata *Sautéed cauliflower and zucchini *Seasonal fruit *Yogurt	*Lentil with carrots *Baked chicken finger *Rice pilaf *Broccoli and carrots *Vanilla Peach tart *Seasonal fruit	*Coleslaw salad *Baked fish *Steamed vegetables *Seasonal fruit *Milk	*Mexican Chicken Corn Chowder *Mexican tacos w/chicken *Salsa, red beans, lettuce, guacamole, and cheese *Fruit panache	*Moroccan salad *Roasted beef *Baked vegetables *Praline Apple Bundt cake *Seasonal fruit		
*Salade Caesar *Penne pasta *Poulet piccata *Chou-fleur et courgettes sautees *Yaourt *Fruit de saison	*Lentilles aux carottes *Nuggets de poulet *Riz pilaf *Broccoli et carottes *Tarte de Peche *Fruit de saison	*Salade Coleslaw *Poisson cuit au four *Les legumes cuits a la vapeur *Lait *Fruit de saison	*Soupe Mexicaine *Tacos mexicain au poulet *Salsa,haricots rouge,laitue,guacamole et fromage *Panache de fruit	*Salade Marocaine *Boeuf roti *Legumes au four *Cake aux Praline et pomme *Fruit de saison		

CAFETERIA

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 Kitchen Manager
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mrachad@gwa.ac.ma
 Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Welcome Back Mustangs!

Consume a healthy diet that is high in fruits and vegetables, and rich in nutrients like calcium and iron.

Junk food is poor fuel for your body!

A NOTE TO PARENTS

Help your children be healthy by talking with them about why it's important to eat foods that make them strong and healthy.

Healthy eating can stabilize children's energy, sharpen their minds, and even out their moods.

LUNCH MENU GRADES 1-12



Menu for Grades 1-12

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
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*Caesar salad *Penne pasta with ricotta,spinach and cherry tomatoes *Chicken piccata *Sautéed cauliflower and zucchini *Seasonal fruit *Yogurt	*Lentil with carrots *Beef stroganoff *Baked chicken finger *Rice pilaf *Broccoli and carrots *Vanilla apple tart *Seasonal fruit	*Coleslaw salad *Baked fish *Turkey kebab *Steamed vegetables *Seasonal fruit *Chocolate chip cookies	*Mexican Chicken corn chowder *Mexican tacos w/chicken *Mexican tacos w/beef *Salsa, red beans, lettuce, guacamole, and cheese *Chocolate cake *Fruit panache	*Niçoise salad *Glazed Honey Balsamic Chicken *Roasted beef w/ gravy and cheese *Praline Apple bundt cake *Seasonal fruit		
*Salade Caesar *Penne pasta aux epinards, ricotta et tomates cerises *Poulet piccata *Chou-fleur et courgettes sautees *Yaourt *Fruit de saison	*Lentilles aux carottes *Boeuf stroganoff *Nuggets de poulet *Riz pilaf *Broccoli et carottes *Vanilla apple tart *Fruit de saison	*Salade Coleslaw *Poisson cuit au four *Brochettes de dinde *Les legumes cuits a la vapeur *Tarte aux pommes *Fruit de saison *Biscuit aux bisures de chocolat	*Soupe Mexicaine *Tacos mexicain au poulet *Tacos mexicain au boeuf *Salsa,haricots rouge,laitue,guacamole et fromage *Gâteaux aux chocolats *Panache de fruit	*Salade Niçoise * Boeuf roti/ * poulet roti au miel et balsamique *Cake au praline et pomme *Fruit de saison		

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