

GWA PARENTS WEEKLY

Week of Mar 31 – April 6



Your Weekly Lower and Upper Schools Communication

What parents need to know about this week @ GWA

ALL SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thanks to all families who responded to this year's School Climate Survey invitation. Your perspectives will help identify what works well and what we can improve at GWA. We appreciate your participation greatly.



Please be sure to bring cash to buy tickets for all rides, activities, raffle prizes and food inside the festival!

The character trait for April is "Honesty"

SCHOOL NOTICES & EVENTS

Save the date

Mar 31 [NHS Spring Festival](#)

Apr 5 [MS/HS Character Assemblies @ 8:50am in the MPR](#)

Apr 6 [Lower School Character Assembly @ 8:15am in the MPR](#)

Apr 6-7 [Varsity Volleyball Friday & Saturday at AST](#)

Apr 10 [9th & 10th Parent Breakfast @ 8:30 in the MPR](#)

Apr 11 [End 3rd 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

GWA IS NOW ACCEPTING 2018-2019 APPLICATIONS FOR ALL GRADES

Testing dates and registration deadlines:

TEST DATE	REGISTER BY...
March 24	March 16
April 18	April 11
May 12	May 4
June 23	June 15
June 25	June 18



- SPACE IS LIMITED -

For more information, please contact the Admissions Office at admissions@gwa.ac.ma by phone at 05.22.95.30.34, or in person.

INSCRIPTIONS 2018-2019 OUVERTES POUR TOUS LES NIVEAUX



Dates disponibles pour les sessions
d'évaluations et dates limites d'inscription :

JOURNEES D'EVALUATIONS	INSCRIPTIONS AVANT LE ...
24 mars	16 mars
18 avril	11 avril
12 mai	4 mai
23 juin	15 juin
25 juin	18 juin

- PLACES LIMITEES -

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ALL SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

WIDA Model Testing

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 is 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, as well as those who qualify

When: In its second year being administered at GWA, WIDA testing is 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 3-6
- Listening: April 9
- Writing: April 10
- Reading: April 11-12
- Make-ups: April 12-13

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. It is similar in structure to IELTS and TOEFL, which allows Upper School students to track college readiness.

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.



INTERNATIONAL
SCHOOL CONSORTIUM

LOWER SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dear Parents/Guardians,

This week, I would like to feature the work of fourth graders using a digital resource in our fabulous library. Additionally, I would like to remind you to take advantage of this innovative space which includes the largest children's collection in Morocco!

This quarter, fourth graders learned how to locate, access, and gain knowledge while using a safe, up-to-date, and age appropriate information resource: Britannica Encyclopedia. Through a collaborative project, students followed an inquiry-based process comparing and connecting a country of their choice to Morocco. They used their prior and background knowledge about Morocco as a context for new learning. At the same time, as beginning researchers, they learned that Britannica can not only help answer questions on location, climate, physical geography, and natural resources but it is also an appropriate source for reliable and factual information.

Way to go, fourth grade students, teachers, and library staff! This is 21st century learning at its best!

Bon weekend,
Kevin Brenner
Lower School Principal



Announcements:

- Parents must check in at the reception desk and proceed to the Lower School office for any and all visits to campus between 8:00am and 3:00pm. The guard will not allow parents past the gate during this window of time. Visits to the School Store and to the MPR must begin by checking in at the LMTC. Parents are not permitted to proceed to classrooms, recess, or anywhere other than the library or MPR without invitation from the classroom teacher and approval from the Lower School administration.
- Parents who come to have lunch with their children can only buy lunch for their child and should sit at a different table from the class.
- If students plan to have a snack in the afternoon, they should bring it from home and not plan to buy it at school.
- Students are allowed to take Rallye de lecture tests in the morning with a pass from the teacher in MPR or with an adult before and after school.
- The third quarter ends on 11 April. Student-led conferences are on Wednesday, 18 April 2018 (there is no school that day).

UPPER SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

US Teacher Profile:

If you spend much time with Dr. Menard, you will probably hear her say, "Many hands make light work." In a small business or school, it can be challenging to find enough people to get everything done. GWA is fortunate to have many great staff that are willing to help lighten the load of others by helping out where they can. Marouane Zerzour is one of the GWA staff that is always willing to do what is needed. Some of his responsibilities at GWA include monitoring the study hall, assisting students with independent study, and supervising common areas of our campus after 4:00. Recently Mr. Zerzour has taken on a new responsibility with our Arabic department. In efforts to improve instruction for 6th-grade students, Mr. Zerzour has begun working with students in Ms. Doukam's Arabic class. This model allows for two teachers to be working with students at the same time in small group settings. For students, this offers the advantage of more exposure to and practice of oral Arabic, more opportunities to ask questions, and the ability to meet students' specific needs.



Announcements:

Upcoming Upper School Events:

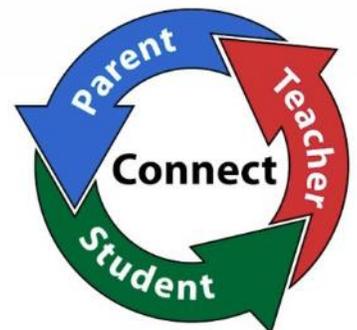
- March 31 - NHS Spring Festival
- April 3 - A2 Education Fair at Casablanca American School
- April 4 - Varsity Volleyball Senior Night
- April 6-7 - Varsity Volleyball Tournament in Tangier
- April 7 - Mock AP Chemistry Exam



A reminder to 11th-grade parents: Ms. Casey is in the upper school computer lab on Mondays from 3:30 - 4:30 to help 11th-grade students with the college search, registering for the SAT, writing personal statements, and other college preparation activities.

Quarter 3 Student-Parent-Teacher Conferences

We hope you will make plans to attend on April 18th. At this meeting students and parents will have a chance to ask questions about, and register for classes for the 2018-2019 school year. Students will make their course requests using PowerSchool. Conferences are an excellent time for parents to ask questions about MAP testing, college admissions, set up a PowerSchool account, and to check on the progress of their child.



LIBRARY

Thank you to all families who attended and supported the GWA Arabic and French Book Fair. I was overwhelmed by the response we had. It is so good to see the children enjoying books in their first and second language and I hope it will encourage them not only in their reading but also their love of literature and their passion for knowledge.

We look forward to seeing you at the next Spring Scholastic Book Fair!



To celebrate the end of the quarter and the "Rallye de lecture" (Reading Program), the students will be encouraged to dress up as their favorite Rallye-de-Lecture character on Wednesday, April 11th.



In order to avoid losses or accidents, please do not send students to school with props.

Asmaa Rias El Idrissi
GWA Librarian

LIBRARY

Thank you for your valuable feedback regarding the Library seminar **“Reading Pedagogy and Library Resources Made Easy”**.

Your feedback is very important to us. It helps us understand how we can better help you in supporting your children learning beyond GWA walls.

Parent satisfaction is one of our primary objectives and we look forward to welcoming you with more satisfying and informative seminars.

Parent feedback on the library seminar

Parent#1

"I would like to congratulate you, Mrs. Asmaa, for the organization and success of this seminar. This reflects once again GWA's great interest in providing a greater and better quality of teaching. Thank you very much for the invitation. While being aware of the importance of reading and the use of information tools, this seminar allowed me to be better equipped in order to increase my daughters' interest in reading as well as their comprehension of the library's digital tools . I'm looking forward to attending other seminars. Thank you again."

Parent #2

"I thought it was so good. The presentation was excellent; so simple and it tackled and had important information. I have learned a lot of things from the seminar and I hope next time there will be more that I can learn. To be honest, I used to know only how to check my library account but thanks to your excellent seminar I know how to use and utilize all the options of the website. Thank you so much for that excellent seminar. Thank you for your efforts and the great job that you are doing to make us and our kids enjoy reading and access the library without worries. I'm looking forward to attending the next seminar".



ASA @ GWA

**ASA's Google Expedition and Discovery VR will take you on field trips to
virtually anywhere!**

From Machu Picchu to Antarctica to the International Space Station to the heights of Mount Everest for a swim with Great Whites sharks - *Where would you like to go?*

Virtual Reality can take you to new worlds like never before, immersing you in time, space and story.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=2&v=3MQ9yG_QfDA

Our first session is FREE to the first 18 students in Grades 5 - 8 that email Mrs. Rachad (erachad@gwa.ac.ma).

Come check it out Friday, April 13th at 3:30pm to 4:30 pm in the Library Blue Room.



LUNCH MENU GRADES NURSERY – KINDER

Menu for grades Nursery/Kinder APRIL 2018				
MONDAY/2	TUESDAY/3	WEDNESDAY/4	THURSDAY/5	FRIDAY/6
*Caesar salad *Pasta Pizzaz *Steamed vegetables *Yogurt *Seasonal fruit	*White beans soup *Chicken Mhamar *Green peas and carrots *Profiterole *Seasonal fruit	*Nicoise salad * Seafood Paella *Steamed vegetables *Tiramisu *Seasonal fruit	*Harira *Chicken Shawarma *Vegetables poelee *Seasonal fruit *Brownie	*Mixed green salad *Grilled Lamb Kefta *Roasted vegetables *Fruit salad *Cup cake
*Salade César *Pâtes au fromage *Aillettes de poulet / fromage bleu *Légumes à la vapeur *Fruit de saison *Yaourt	*Soupe d'haricots blancs *Poulet Mhamar *Petit pois et carottes *Profiterole *Fruit de saison	*Salade nicoise *Paella aux fruitx de mer *Légumes à la vapeur *Fruit de saison *Tiramisu	*Harira *Shawarma aupoulet *Poêlée de légumes *Fruit de saison *Brownie	*Salade verte *Kefta d'agneau grillé *Légumes au four *Salade de fruits *Cupcake

LUNCH MENU GRADES 1-12

Menu for Grades 1-12 APRIL 2018				
MONDAY/2	TUESDAY/3	WEDNESDAY/4	THURSDAY/5	FRIDAY/6
*Caesar salad *Pasta Pizzaz *Chicken Wings w/ bleu cheese sauce *Steamed vegetables *Yogurt *Seasonal fruit	*White beans soup *Grilled Lamb Chops *Sesame chicken *Sautéed Broccoli/carrots *Roasted potatoes *Profiterole *Seasonal fruit	*Tomato mozzarella/basil *Seafood Paella *Garlic ranch chicken *Steamed vegetables *Fruit *Tiramisu	*Harira *Turkey meatballs/gravy *Mini Moroccan Burgers *Vegetables poelee *Fruit *Brownie	*Mixed green salad *Chicken Mhamar *Roasted Beef w/ french dip sauce *Roasted vegetables *Fruit salad *Cup cake
*Salade César *Pâtes au fromage *Aillettes de poulet / fromage bleu *Légumes à la vapeur *Fruit de saison *Yaourt	*Soupe d'haricots blancs *Côtelettes d'agneau grillées *Poulet Sésame *Broccoli/carottes sautés *Pommes de terre au four *Profiterole *Fruit de saison	*Tomates mozzarella/basilic *Paella aux fruits de mer *Poulet grillé mariné avec de l'ail et sauce ranch *Légumes à la vapeur *Fruit de saison *Tiramisu	*Harira *Boulettes de dinde *Mini Burgers *Poêlée de légumes *Fruit de saison *Brownie	*Salade verte *Poulet Mhamar *Rôti de boeuf /french sauce *Légumes au four *Salade de fruits *Cupcake