

# GWA PARENTS WEEKLY

Week of Jan 20 – 26



Your Weekly Lower and Upper Schools Communication

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

## ALL SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Interact team is currently running a food drive to help the Al Ihssan association. This association helps abandoned kids who were deprived of their family, by creating this food drive, we hope to provide them with all the food and hygiene items they need. By donating items like sugar, oil, flour, canned food, cleaning products, baby powder formulas, and baby diapers. You are giving them a chance to live without worrying about food and cleanliness.

This food drive will be open until January 31st.



The character trait for January is “Self Control”

## SCHOOL NOTICES & EVENTS

### Save the date

**Jan 20 – 21** [Speech & Debate Tournament \(MS\) in Fes](#)

**Jan 23 – 26** [English Book Fair](#)

**Jan 27** [Track Tournament @ GWA](#)

**Feb 2** [End 2nd 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:**

### **Lice Facts:**

*Any child can get head lice.*

*Personal hygiene and cleanliness does not ensure or prevent a lice infestation.*

- Head lice are a common condition in school-age children - there are roughly 6 to 12 million occurrences every year in the U.S.
- Lice CANNOT jump or fly! They can only crawl.
- **Head lice are mostly spread by direct head-to-head contact**—for example, during play at home or school, slumber parties, sports activities or camp. Very infrequently head lice are spread via objects that have been in recent contact with a person with head lice, such as hats, scarves, hair combs, brushes, etc.

Besides accurate use of a shampoo specifically made for killing lice and lice eggs the most important thing is combing a child's hair until there are no more eggs! This may take many days to accomplish! No shampoo or product is 100% effective so combing is the only way to ensure the lice do not return.

Check out [this video](#) for instructions on how to comb out lice and lice eggs properly.

For a healthy 2018,  
Miss Hannah Hair, RN, BSN



## LOWER SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I spoke to the Elementary students and teachers this week about the importance of making the daily choice to put forth our best effort, especially at this time of year when school becomes increasingly difficult and self-control becomes more of a challenge. It is a privilege to see first-hand the ways in which students' and teachers' hard work pays off as we see students achieve new heights and accomplish goals throughout the year. GWA's intentional emphasis on building character is an essential part of this recipe for success. Thank you for your ongoing partnership as we work together to inspire GWA students and empower them to be successful.

Kind regards,

Kevin Brenner  
Lower School Principal



### Announcements:

- First and second grade students brought home paper progress reports this week. Third through fifth grade parents have access to PowerSchool and can check on progress throughout the quarter. Note: This is new for third grade parents. Please contact the Lower School Office if you need further assistance.



- The weather is much colder and we understand the need to dress warmly. Please layer under an outer GWA layer. If a child must wear a non-GWA uniform jacket to school in the morning when it is most cold, we will allow this during our coldest winter days. However, the non-uniform jacket MUST be placed on the child's hook outside the classroom and carried home at the end of the day.
- Preschool parents: Please make sure your child has a warm change of clothes at school for the winter months.
- Please note: The end of the second quarter is on 2 February 2018.

## LOWER SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Announcements:



National Honor Society presents

Play Day

**PLAYDAY**

2 February

15:30 to 17:00

Grades: K5, 1st, 2nd  
Entrance Fee: 50dhs

Play Dough    Cookie Decorating    Ring Toss    Musical Chairs  
Lego Building    Coloring    Bracelet Making    Simon Says

Play at 8 different stations to win prizes

PosterMyWall.com

The poster features a light blue background with white clouds and a colorful banner at the top. The text is arranged in a clear, hierarchical manner, with the event name 'PLAYDAY' in large, multi-colored letters. The date and time are highlighted in a green ribbon and a blue balloon, respectively. The list of activities is presented in a grid format, and the bottom of the poster has a red curved border.

## UPPER SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

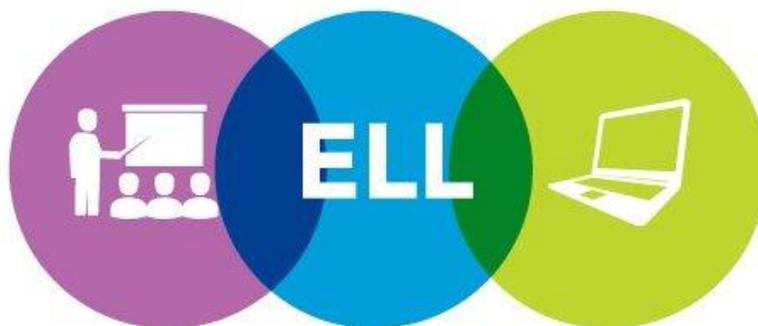
### **US Teacher Profile:**

GWA is proud to highlight the great work of one of our English and an Additional Language teachers: Mrs. Chris Carlson. The majority of GWA students are classified as English Language Learners (ELL) based on the fact that English is not their first language, and they are still developing proficiency. Mrs. Carlson splits her time between teaching Academic English classes and co-teaching several 9th grade classes. Mrs. Carlson's goal is to give these students the extra support they might need in regular classes and to give them more individualized instruction in a small group setting.

The following description of the language learning process was written by Gwen Byler.

Learning a language is a complex, long-term endeavor. The rate at which someone will learn a language is influenced by many factors including skills in their first language, educational background, sociocultural factors, emotional factors, proximity of the first and subsequent languages, attitudes toward the language, etc. A language learner will progress in all four domains (listening, speaking, reading, and writing) simultaneously but at different rates as affected by the previously mentioned factors.

Additionally, language is not simply about oral communication but about academic language as well. Basic Interpersonal Communication Skills (BICS) generally takes about one to three years to develop. Social language which can develop in and outside of school is more readily acquired especially in an immersion setting. Cognitive Academic Language Proficiency (CALP), however, takes longer to acquire and can take four to seven additional years. This is do to the fact that CALP is developed only in academic settings and grows exponentially as a learner gets older. Additionally, other factors such as lack of content or literacy knowledge in a first language, learning disabilities, etc. could prolongate the progress toward CALP. Considering this academic proficiency is often the best predictor of a language learners academic success, it should not be overlooked.



## LIBRARY

Dear Parents and Families:

Reading is the most important skill you can teach a child. Of all the skills kids learn it is the one you can influence the most.

We invite you to our Scholastic Book Fair and experience a celebration of reading that provides families the opportunity to get involved in a mission: encouraging kids to read every day so they can lead better lives.

Our Bookaneer Book Fair is part of the Reading Literacy Week when students will get to celebrate reading through a selection of fun, engaging, and affordable books. We will organize activities and read books that set the stage for the pirate theme. Students will get to dress up as pirates on January 26th and celebrate the joy of reading.

I am convinced that there is no substitute for a parent's direct involvement in his/her child's education; please make plans to visit our Book Fair under the Pirate theme.

**Book Fair Dates: January 23-26**

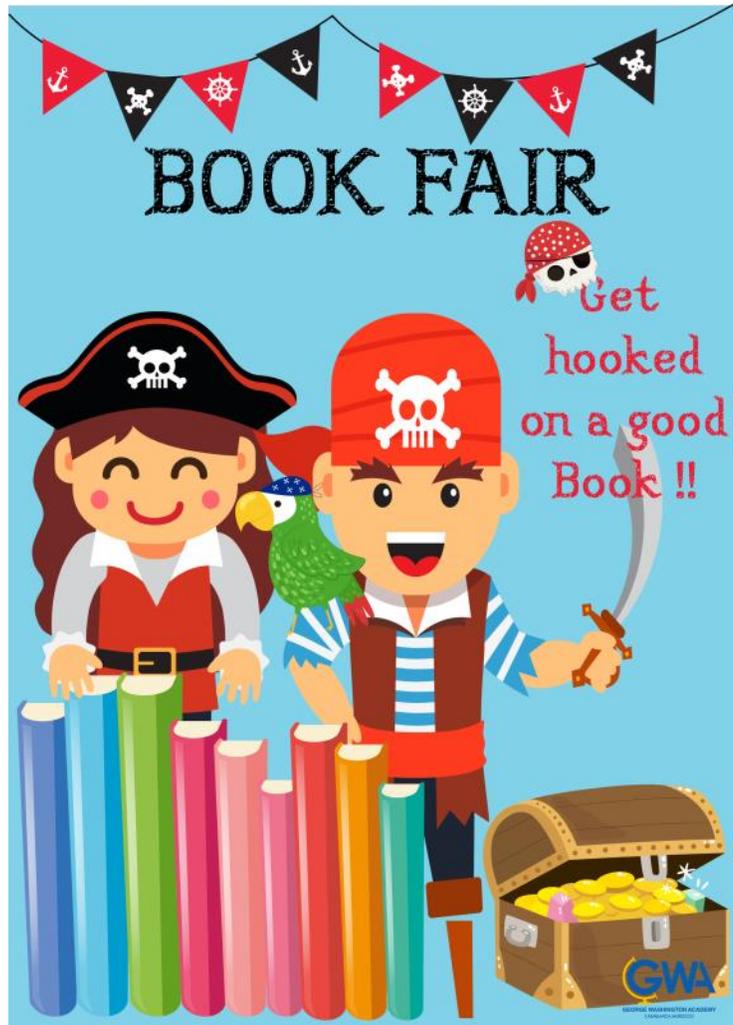
**Shopping Hours: 8:00am – 5:00pm**

**Where: Library**

We look forward to having you participate in our Fair!

Sincerely,

Asmaa Rias El idrissi  
School Librarian



## LUNCH MENU GRADES NURSERY – KINDER

<b>Menu for grades Nursery/Kinder Jan 2018</b>				
MONDAY/22	TUESDAY/23	WEDNESDAY/24	THURSDAY/25	FRIDAY/26
*Split pea *Penne pasta Plzzaz w/ cheese *Steamed vegetables *Yogurt *Seasonal fruit	*Nicoise salad *Chicken cutlet with cream of leak *Sautéed vegetables *Fruit salad *Oatmeal cookie	*Harira soup *Baked fish Roasted vegetables *Chocolate cake * Seasonal fruit	*Mixed green salad *Mexican tacos w/beef *Salsa, red beans, lettuce, guacamole, and cheese *Parfait *Fruit panache	*Potato leek soup *Chicken yassa *Mixed vegetables *Eclair *Seasonal fruit
*Soupe de petits pois *Pates penné Plzzaz *Légumes a la vapeur *Yaourt *Fruit de saison	*Salade nicoise *Filet de poulet a la crème de poireaux *Légumes sautés *Salade de fruit *Gateau d’avoine	*Harrira *Poisson cuit au four *Légumes cuits au four *Gateau au chocolat * Fruit de saison	*Salade verte *Tacos mexicain au poulet *Sauce, haricots rouges, laitue, guacamole et fromage *Parfait *Panaché de fruits	*Soupe de pommes de terre et poireaux *Poulet Yassa *Jardinière de légumes *Eclair *Fruit de saison

## LUNCH MENU GRADES 1-12

<b>Menu for Grades 1-12 Jan 2018</b>				
MONDAY/22	TUESDAY/23	WEDNESDAY/24	THURSDAY/25	FRIDAY/26
*Split pea *Penne pasta Plzzaz w/ cheese *Chicken enchiladas *Steamed vegetables *Yogurt *Seasonal fruit	*Nicoise salad *Beef roulade stuffed with spinach and cheese *Chicken cutlet with cream of leak *Sautéed vegetables *Fruit salad *Oatmeal cookie	*Harira soup *Baked fish *Crispy rosemary chicken Roasted vegetables *Chocolate cake * Seasonal fruit	*Mixed green salad *Mexican tacos w/chicken *Mexican tacos w/beef *Salsa, red beans, lettuce, guacamole, and cheese *Parfait *Fruit panache	*Potato leek soup *Souvlaki skewers w/ herbs *Chicken yassa *Mixed vegetables *Eclair *Seasonal fruit
*Soupe de petits pois *Pates penné Plzzaz *Poulet Enchilladas *Legumes a la vapeur *Yaourt *Fruit de saison	*Salade nicoise *Boeuf farci aux épinards et fromage *Filet de poulet a la crème de poireaux *Legumes sautés *Salade de fruits *Gateau d’avoine	*Harrira *Poisson cuit au four *Croustillant de poulet au romarin *Légumes cuits au four *Gateau au chocolat * Fruit de saison	*Salade verte *Tacos mexicain au poulet *Tacos mexicain au boeuf *Sauce, haricots rouges, laitue, guacamole et fromage *Parfait *Panaché de fruits	*Soupe de pommes de terre et poireaux *Poulet yassa *Boeuf Sovlaki *Jardinière de légumes *Eclair *Fruit de saison