

Qatar Academy Primary School Akhbar



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Date: 11th February, 2010

February

14th – 16th then 22nd
and 23rd are parent
teacher conferences

17th Primary Sports
day

18th ECE sports day
8:30am

18th ½ day finishing at
11:30am

21st Student free day

22nd/23rd parent
teacher conferences
continue

25th primary assembly

26th QUACKFEST 2:30
– 5:30pm

March

1st Gr 4 B,D,E to SWW

1st Outdoor Athletics
Gr 2/3 2pm

7th – 11th Arabic Book
Fair

8th – 11th Gr 4 A,C to
SWW

11th 100th day of
school and Family
Math day

Family Math Day and 100th Day of School

Marks your calendars now! We have combined Family Math day and 100th Day of school this year, for Thursday, 11th March. We will be running the same format as last year with the schedule below. More information will be sent home from your child's teacher as per which session they would like you to attend. We look forward to seeing you all there.

Family Math Day is March 11th

ECE

Session (1) 11:00-11:30

Session (2) 11:30-12:00

Primary

Session (1) 12:10-12:50

Session (2) 1:00- 1:40

Arabic Book Fair

The PTA will be hosting the Arabic language book fair from the 7th -11th of March, in the Blue floor gym in the Primary school. It will be open from 7am – 3pm each day. Parents are very welcome. We also welcome any parents who would like to be guest readers to read in Arabic to the students while they visit the fair. If you are interested please contact the PTA on qapta@yahoo.com

Car Park

We have had further complaints about drivers, driving too fast in the car park, One parent was almost knocked over last week. Please ensure you drive no more than 5-10km per hour, and of course ensure all passengers are wearing seat belts. Your child's safety is very important to us, so please help us protect the safety of all our students here at QA.

Medication

Any medicine that is sent to school for children to take, must be accompanied with the doctor's prescription and a signed letter from the parent. The nurses are receiving too many children and nannies with medications that have no instructions, which is terribly unsafe. Please note that if the nurses do not have a copy of the prescription and a note from the parents, the medication may not be administered to your child.

Short Story Competition

The PTA with the help of the Arabic department is running a short story competition for Grades 4-5. The story can be in Arabic or English. All submissions need to be to the PTA by Feb 28th. To contact the PTA for further details please email on qapta@yahoo.com.

**18th of February is
a half day,
finishing at
11:30am. There
will be no school
on the 21st .**

A big thanks to the PTA!

The PTA sponsored the purchase of 22 hand puppets for use by the Pre3 students for one of the songs they have learned in their Music lessons. The song 'Can You Sound Just Like Me' now comes to life with cows, dogs, sheep, cats, ducks and horses. Each child (and teacher!) has their favourite. We wish to extend a warm thank you to the PTA for this generous gift and look forward to using the puppets in many other class activities.



After School Activities

Due to parent teacher conferences After school activities will be cancelled for the 14th – 16th and then again on the 22nd and 23rd. Sorry for any inconvenience this may cause.

Sports Days

We have our sports days coming up soon! We want to run each sports day in the same format as last year. Your child will be part of a house team color and compete against three other houses teams for the big house trophy.

If you want to help set up or run a station, just show up on Pitch 3 (VCU field) on the day at the times indicated below. We will assign you to a station. No previous knowledge is required – we appreciate your help! For more information, please contact Mrs. Samar at sasamhuri@qf.org.qa or Mrs. Bowe at ebowe@qf.org.qa.

Primary Sports Day - 17th February, 10-12am, helpers please come for set-up at 9am

ECE Sports Day - 18th February, 8.30-10.30am, helpers please come for set-up at 7.30am

QUACKFEST

Remember to mark your calendars for February 26th as Quackfest is coming. This year guarantees to be bigger and better than ever, with the primary school heavily involved. Hope to see you all there from 2:30pm – 5:30pm.

Birthday Parties

As a school we are very supportive of students celebrating their birthdays, with parents welcome to bring nut free cakes, cup cakes etc. However, we ask that parents do not bring party bags or gift bags for the other students in the class. We have found some of the items dangerous and not appropriate; therefore for reasons of safety, we will be returning all parties bags if sent to school.

Accelerated Reader Programme

The Accelerated Reader Programme is a computer programme that helps teachers monitor children's independent reading practice. Your child picks a book and reads it at his own pace. When finished your child takes a short quiz on the computer. (Passing the quiz is an indication that your child understood what was read.) AR gives both teachers and children feedback based on the quiz results. We have been very fortunate this year as the PTA have sponsored all the Grade 4 and 5 students. Every time a child passes a quiz he gets points. We now have students who have attained over 50 points, 100 points and 200 points. 50 point students are Sahana Kanabar 5B, Sara Ibrahim 4C, Tobias Rodrigues 4D, Yasmine Tajibaeva 4D, Abdulla Al Qatani 4E, Al Qaqa Al Thani 4E, Tanya Shibu 4E. 100 point students are Maiya Stevenson 5D, Arman Khan 5E, Vincent Adiong 4C. 200 point students are Hayaan Nishad 5E and Usama Usman 4A. Congratulations to all these students. Alison Lindstrom



Calling all Falcon enthusiasts

In the third term of After School Activities, Mrs. Chalmers and Mrs. Sewell, would like to assist students in publishing a book on Falcons and Falconry. The book would provide information and photographs about falcons based on the students' personal knowledge and experience. We understand that many falcon owners fly their birds during the cooler season. For this reason, before the summer heat sets in, we would like to meet with all those interested in collaborating to publish a book. We will discuss what will be needed for the book, and how we will go about the project. If you are interested in being involved in this After School Activity in the next round of activities, please come to the Primary Library at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, 15 February for this preliminary meeting.

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Questions to help with reading comprehension

We have added to this Akhbar some wonderful questions parents can use before, during or after reading with their children. We hope you find them useful. Much research into education has found that students who have parents those read to nightly, are more academically successful than students who are not read to. Mem Fox, 2009.

