



Al-Iman School's Parent Page 15th Edition

A Note From Sr. Jabeen

May 14, 2009

Assalaam-o-Alaikum
Parents,

It is our sincere prayer that you find this week's newsletter in the best of spirits. It has been a very busy week for us due to End-of-Grade Testing. We pray to Allah s.w.t to make all our students successful. As we are coming close to the end of our school year, we are looking forward to celebrating our successes.

Insha'Allah, we will be e-mailing a "parent

survey" to you this week, please take few minutes to complete it and email it back to Sr. Taani at taani.elemam@alimanschool.org. Your feedback and suggestions are extremely valuable and crucial, and we want you to be an integral part of our Three-Year School Improvement Plan. Your cooperation will be highly appreciated. Al-Iman truly believes in maintaining strong partnership with all it's stakeholders.



We encourage all our parents to kindly read all announcements sent home with the students. Insha'Allah we will keep you posted about all our events this month. We will soon be sending invitations to parents to attend the Awards Day and Graduation Ceremony. Please encourage our children by attending all the special events, your presence will be highly appreciated.

*"God chooses what we go through;
We choose how we go through it."*

— John Maxwell

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VERSE OF THE DAY:

"REPEL EVIL WITH GOOD"

"[Since] good and evil cannot be equal, repel [evil] with something that is better. Then you will see that he with whom you had enmity will become your close friend."

— The Holy Quran, 41:34

— Sr. M. Jabeen



A Note from the Library!



We have come to the end of the School Year, and the Al-Iman School Library is now closed to students. I am in the process of compiling a list of

Late Fees & Un-returned Books.

Student notifications will go out to students sometime next week. If your child has any of the above, you will be expected to return the books you still have checked out, and pay the late fee associated with your child's library account before the last day of school. ***Failure to do so will result in your child's report card not being released to you.***

Inshallah, everyone will have a happy and safe summer. I look forward to seeing you in the upcoming school year.

JAK

____ Sr. Pamela

Friday Schedule Change!

Due to the traffic during three shifts of Friday Prayer, the IAR has asked us to release students no earlier than 3:00 pm. Therefore, the schedule for Friday May 15th, 22nd, and 29th will be as follows:

Class begins at 8:00 am

Dismissal time is at 3:00 pm

Students must be picked up no later than 3:20 pm.

We will follow the 1/2 Day Schedule Monday thru Thursday for the remainder of the School Year.

Please mark your calendar.

Jazak Allahu Khairun!

Calendar of Events!

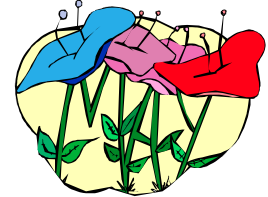


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- April 28th—Middle School Vocabulary EOC, Reading Benchmark.
- April 29th—Middle School Spelling EOC
- April 30th—Middle School Grammar EOC
- May 5th—Quran EOC KG thru 8th Grade
- May 6th—Islamic Studies EOC KG thru 8th Grade
- May 7th—Arabic EOC KG thru 8th Grade
- May 8th—Middle School Social Studies EOC
- May 11th—**Science EOG 1/2 Day** 5th & 8th Grades Only!
- May 12th—**Reading EOG 1/2 Day** 3rd thru 8th Grades Only!
- May 13th—**Math EOG 1/2 Day** 3rd thru 8th Grades Only!
- May 14th—**Math EOG 1/2 Day** 3rd thru 8th Grades Only!
- May 15th—Activity Day for Islamic Studies/Arabic **1/2 Day**
- May 18th thru 22nd—EOC for Kg, 1st Grade, and 2nd Grade **1/2 Day**
- May 18th thru 22nd—**SAT for 3rd Grade & 6th Grade Only 1/2 Day**
- May 18th—Career Day **1/2 Day**
- May 19th—Middle School Math EOC, Science Weakest Link **1/2 Day**
- May 20th—Middle School Mat EOC, Social Studies Jeopardy **1/2 Day**
- May 21st—Middle School Math EOC, Battle of the Books **1/2 Day**
- May 2nd—5th & 8th Grades End-of-Year Trip **1/2 Day**
- May 25th—Volley Ball (Teachers vs. Students) **1/2 Day**
- May 26th—Field Day **1/2 Day**
- May 27th—Pre-K, KG, & 5th Grade Graduation Ceremony **1/2 Day**
(Information regarding times will be sent home in May.)
- May 28th—1st thru 4th Grades, and Middle School Awards Day
8th Grade Graduation Ceremony **1/2 Day**
- May 29th—**LAST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS & TEACHERS.**



Test Dates!

Lower Elementary Grades (KG thru 2nd Grades)

April 27th thru May 1st—Quran EOC

May 5th & May 6th—Islamic Studies EOC (please see I.S. Note on pg.7)

May 4th—Arabic EOC

May 18th thru May 22nd—Elementary EOCs

Upper Elementary Grades (3rd thru 5th Grades)

April 27th—Quran EOC

May 5th & May 6th—Islamic Studies EOC (please see I.S. Note on pg.7)

May 4th—Arabic EOC

May 11th—Science EOG

May 12th—Reading EOG

May 13th—Math EOG

May 14th—Math EOG

May 19th thru May 22nd—SAT

Middle School (6th thru 8th Grades)

April 28th—Vocabulary EOC

April 29th—Spelling EOC

April 30th—Grammar EOC

May 5th thru May 7th—Quran EOC

May 1st and May 4th—Islamic Studies EOC

May 6th and 7th—Arabic EOC

May 12th—Reading EOG

May 13th—Math EOG

May 14th—Math EOG

May 19th thru May 21st—Math EOC

(Last Day for homework is Friday, April 24th with the exception of 3 days in the middle of May for Math EOCs.)



REPORT_{to} PARENTS

Keep Kids Learning During the Summer

By forgetting about learning during the lazy days of summer, you're actually harming your child's education. Children lose a shocking amount of what they've already learned if they're allowed to "veg out" during the summer. That means that the kids who put forth just a little bit of effort are going to be way ahead come fall. You owe it to them—and to their futures—to incorporate learning activities into their summers.

- **You've got to have "the talk."**

Before the last school bell rings for the year, sit down with your children and let them know that reading and learning activities will be an important part of their summer. Assure them that they'll still have lots of time for play and relaxation.

- **Find activity books to exercise their minds.**

There is a huge variety of activity books available, usually catered to specific age groups. Give your children their own activity book, and let them work at their own pace to finish it. (Set a "due by" date to keep them on track.) Crossword puzzles, math activity books, and number puzzles all keep children's brains in motion.

- **Set a reading time every day.**

Set aside a certain time every day where everyone turns off the computer, TV, music, and video games, and spends 15 minutes or more reading. (As busy as parents are, it's important that you participate as well, even if you just read the newspaper.)

- **Get great recommendations on books for your child.** Check out the American Library Association's lists on Summer Reading and Learning for Children at www.ala.org/ala/alsc/

alscresources/summerreading/recsummerreadingrecommendedreading.htm. Be sure to sign your kids up for library summer book clubs, too!

- **Be "international."** Set aside one or two nights during the summer to have an international evening. Together, find recipes from a different nation and put together a special meal. Learn a few basic words in that country's language and find a children's book or an encyclopedia article that gives information on what life is like in that country. Get out a world map or a globe and show them where the country is and talk about what you'd want to visit if you could go there.

- **Incorporate "thinking" into traveling.**

If your family is able to take a vacation during the summer, include stops at a few places that sneak in learning, along with fun. Zoos, children's museums, and historic sites are educational as well as entertaining. For bonus learning, have your children help you plot out the trip using maps or an atlas. Older children can tally up the miles, keep track of expenses, or figure out gas mileage.

- **Participate in sports/exercise.**

With hours of free time every day, there's always time to build in some physical activity. Even if your child can't participate in a local sports league or community based team, there are plenty of ways to get exercise—from jumping rope to family walks. There are wonderful resources available through schools, libraries, and on the Internet to help families keep their children's brains "alive" during the dog days of summer. Even though it takes a little bit of effort on your part, the payoff, in terms of their education, is beyond measure.



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