



Al-Iman School's Parent Page 1st Edition

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A Note From Sr. Jabeen

Assalaam-o-Alaikum Dear Parents,
 On behalf of Al-Iman School Staff and Faculty, I would like to welcome all of you to the 2008-2009 school year. As we prepare for a new school year, we do so with much anticipation of the challenges and triumphs that lay ahead. This year, Al-Iman School is entering its 16th year as a learning institution. When I think about our first year, 1992, I feel a deep sense of fulfillment. The dream that we had 16 years ago has not only become a reality, it has truly surpassed our expectations. For this, I am grateful, and well aware that many have come along the way who have helped make our job easier. To these friends, and family members, as well as to students and faculty, we offer a heartfelt thank you for believing in our dream.

An important priority of Al-Iman School is to make sure that each child is cherished, and that his or her academic and emotional needs are fulfilled. We have grown and learned from all of our experiences over the past 16 years. One of these lessons is the value of creative communication. Please feel free to meet with me at any time during the year, as an administrator. We would like all the children enrolled in Al-Iman School to have a productive, memorable learning

experience. The only way we can accomplish this is through active, candid dialogue. We have always maintained an open door policy. We welcome your feedback. We will continue to consider your ideas and concerns as we strive to provide our students with an exceptional learning environment.

We look forward to an exciting new school year and the joy that the year will bring to all of us. You must have noticed that we have moved our 3rd through 8th Grade students to the new building, and our Pre-K through 2nd grade students have moved to a well-renovated existing building. You will be able to witness the transformation of both the buildings when you visit us. Our goal is to further develop our Arabic, Islamic Studies program in particular and improve our Reading, Mathematics, Science and Social Studies programs in general this school year.

We ask that you take the time to welcome not only all our returning teachers, but also our new teachers; Sr. Ayesha Ali, our K.G-1 teacher, Sr. Aishia Neal, our 3rd grade teacher, Sr. Aman Mahmaljy, our Middle School Social Studies teacher, Sr. Sherin Hassane, our Middle School Mathematics teacher; our new elementary teacher assistants Sr. Amina McCleary and Sr. Nour Zamamiri.

All our teachers are committed educators who bring special talents and academic excellence to the classroom that will enhance the lives of our students. We also extend a warm welcome to many new students and families. We hope to get to know each of you on a more personal level as the year progresses.

Our faculty has been back since August 18, and they have been working diligently during the summer to prepare the classrooms and surrounding areas for the new school year. We hope you will take the time to visit the classrooms, walk through our halls and share our joy and excitement. The decorations and words of wisdom reflect our school philosophy and desire to encourage the character development of our students.

On Thursday, August 28, we invite you to join us for our 2008-2009 Open House and meet our staff and faculty.

Once again, welcome to the 2008-2009 school year. Our wish for the year is that we work together to provide our children with every opportunity for a healthy future. We believe that those who walk through our doors, children and adults alike, bring to us lessons that will enrich our lives. May we all stay open to learn from each other, respect our differences and celebrate in the blessings of our school community. One of the most important things we can give our children is the lesson of wonder. As adults, we must remember to slow down, to sit with our children, listen to them, giggle, and build memories. We must help them greet each day as a gift and to judge not, but to accept all that comes their way with wonder. Therefore, I wish us all a year of wonder and challenges that will push us to strive for excellence and beyond.

In the interest of children and their future,
 — Sr. Jabeen

“Never let go of a dream until you’re ready to wake up and make it happen!”

— Unknown

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Hadith of the Day!

“God Provides Beyond All Expectation”



The Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) said he knew a verse from the Quran that would be sufficient for all people if they would only apply it in their daily lives: "And unto everyone who is conscious of God, He (always) grants a way out (of unhappiness), and provides for (that person) in a manner beyond all expectation." [65:2-3]



A Note from the Front Office

Assalamu Alaikum,

Welcome Back! I hope everyone had a good summer. Inshallah, this school year will be as successful as last year's.

As you know, the Front Office has now moved into the third floor of the Masjid. Parents and visitors are asked to come to the third floor to sign in as visitors or volunteers. If your child needs to leave early for some reason, please sign them out at the Front Office before leaving.

All students must be dropped off at the gym in the morning and picked up from the gym in the afternoon. Your cooperation is greatly needed in order for this procedure to work effectively. Please be patient with us until we iron out the kinks in this process.

We are now using the "School Reach" program as a way to reach parents and students in a timely and effective fashion. Please fill out the form I sent

home with the student regarding the phone number you would like these recordings to go to.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 919-821-1699. Jazaka Allahu Khairun,!

____Sr. Taani



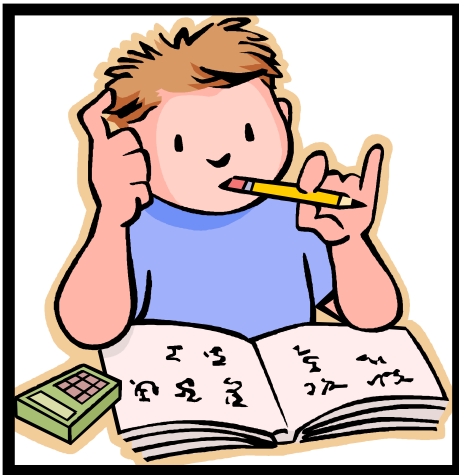
Ramadan Schedule!

School Hours are from 9:00 am to 3:05 pm
For safety purposes, students cannot be dropped off in the morning before **8:45 am** or picked up after **3:15 pm**. There will be no exceptions to this rule!



Ident-A-Kid is Coming!

Ident-A-Kid is a program that is offered to students to provide them with a form of identification in case of an emergency. Your child will have their picture and finger print taken that will be entered into a national data base that can be accessed by local law enforcement in case of an accident or abduction. It is optional for your child to receive this service. If you are interested in receiving this service, please fill out the forms that your child's teacher sent home and return it to the school no later than Monday, August 25, 2008. We strongly recommend that you take advantage of this opportunity. The cost to have this done is \$8.00 per child. If you have any questions, please contact the Front Office at 919-821-1699.



We Welcome Our New Staff Members!

A Note from: **Sr. Pamela** **The Librarian**

Assalamu Alaikum and Welcome Back!

Beginning Monday, August 25th thru Friday, August 29th. I will begin administering the **STAR Diagnostics** to all students in 1st Grade thru 8th Grade.

Beginning Monday, September 1st the library will be open to all students. Students will be able to take AR Book Test beginning that week.

The Library is expected to move to the new building sometime during the month of September or October.



I look forward to having another great year!

___ Sr. Pamela



Sr. Aman Mahmaljy
Middle School Social Stud-



Sr. Aishia Neal
3rd Grade Lead Teacher



Br. Abdeslem Fekraoui
Arabic



Sr. Sherin Hassane
Middle School Math



Sr. Aminah McCleary
KG-2 Teacher's Assistant



Sr. Ayesha Ali
KG-1 Lead Teacher



Sr. Noor Zamamiri
2nd Grade

Calendar of Events!

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- **August 25th**—Student Council Elections Start. AR Diagnostics begins and end Friday.
- **August 26th**—3rd Grade EOG Pre-Test. Ident-A-Kid comes. Reading Benchmark.
- **August 28th**—Open House
- **August 29th**—Voting for Student Council.

A banner for the month of September. It features a light blue sky with a sun and rays, and a brown ground with several yellow daisies. The word "September" is written in a purple, cursive font across the center.

September

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- **September 1st**—Ramadan Schedule Begins.
- **September 15th**—Arabic/Islamic Studies Book Fair begins and ends Friday.
- **September 17th**—Student Council Iftaar.
- **September 20th**—7th and 8th Grade Qyam
- **September 19th**— News & Observer Field Trip for Middle School.
- **September 25th thru Oct. 3rd**—Eid Vacation



Congratulations!

We are proud to announce that

Omar Haddad won the *“Read to Ride Summer Contest”* and received a \$300.00 voucher for a new bicycle.

This contest was sponsored by “A Cleaner World” and “WTVD Channel 11”.

GOOD JOB OMAR!

Shiraz Ahmed won the First Place Trophy for the *“Islamic Quiz Competition”* sponsored by the Cary Masjid.

This is what we have been up to!



Eman helps assemble!



Students enter the new building for the first time!



Welcome Sr. Aminah!



Sr. Jabeen hanging up our awards!



Sr. Nausheen & Melissa with Sr. Jabeen!



The 8th Grade Girls!



Sr. Tatiana & Sr. Maha are ready!



Sr. Saffa & Sr. Aminah are ready to begin!



Sr. Leila with bunny ears!



Sr. Asna loves her job!



Sr. Hamida always has a smile!



Sr. Mohib & Sr. Safaa are happy to meet the new students!



Br. Jamaal, Br. Abdeslem, & Br. Abdenasser introduce themselves!



The 6th Grade boys!