



Al-Iman School's Parent Page 9th Edition

A Note From Sr. Jabeen

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Assalaam-o-Alaikum Parents,

We pray to Allah s.w.t to keep you in the best of health and imaan. In the past two weeks, we had several events in school; some of them included Middle School Second Quarter Honor Roll Breakfast, Mid-Year Meeting with Middle School Parents and 3rd through 5th Awards Assembly. All these events are a reflection of our commitment to serve our students in the best possible manner and to acknowledge their accomplishments.

We thank all the parents who attended these events; we want our parents to be involved in the education and well-being of our students. Please call the front office and leave a voice mail for "Conference Request

with Teachers" by selecting extension "460." Your request will be forwarded to the teacher(s) you want to have conference with. The teachers will contact you within 48 hours and schedule a conference. You can also email your child's/ children's teachers to arrange a conference, the email addresses are available on our school's website.

We also encourage our students and parents to participate in all school events/activities to strengthen our partnership. We try to keep our students motivated, we request parents to reinforce the Islamic Values that are taught in school. We strongly urge parents to closely monitor the use of computers at home by their



children. It is advised to keep the computer in an open area where the students can be monitored while doing their school work. It is vital that we work together to protect our children from technology that can be harmful and train our children to use technology positively. Please take your time to read our "Report to Parents" in this week's newsletter for helpful tips. Insha'Allah with your help and support we will be successful in educating our children to enjoy the good and forbid that is evil.

Sincerely,

Sr. M. Jabeen



"Circumstances do not make you what you are..... They reveal what you are!"
— John Maxwell

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HADITH OF THE WEEK

"THERE ARE MANY DOORS TO GOODNESS"

The Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) said: "There are many doors to goodness saying 'glory be to God,' 'praise be to God,' (or) 'there is no deity but God,' enjoining good, forbidding evil, removing harm from the road, listening to the deaf, leading the blind, guiding one to the object of his need, hurrying with the strength of one's legs to one in sorrow who is asking for help, and supporting the feeble with the strength of one's arms."

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A Note from the Front Office

Assalamu Alaikum,
Inshallah everyone is doing well. Recently I mailed out letters to parents regarding the "Volunteer Service Hours". This is an effort to keep you informed as to how many hours you have put in, and how many you have left to serve to reach the 20 hour goal. It is a new school policy this year that all families put in 20 hours of volunteer service at the school. This policy was put in place by the ASC. It is my job to keep track of these hours, so if you feel that there is a discrepancy in the hours that I have recorded for you, please let me know and I will be

more than happy to make the correction. Please make sure that when you do volunteer, that your child's teacher makes a record of it to pass on to me, or come and see me directly. As always, we greatly need and appreciate the efforts you make to help our school be as successful as possible.

If you have any questions, please feel free to stop by my office on the third floor, or call 919-821-1699.

____Sr. Taani

Test Dates!

Please keep in mind that students will not have more than two test per day. Students will be tested in Science and Social Studies when they have completed there unit which could fall on any day.

Monday—Quran

Tuesday—Language Arts

Wednesday—Math

Thursday—Arabic

Friday—Islamic Studies

Please remind students to check the calendar on the Community Board for testing dates.

100th Day of School!

Jazaka Allahu Khairun to our PTSO for the "100th Day of School" celebration on Friday, January 30th! PTSO volunteers started the day out by handing out pastries and juice to each student. Yummy! They also had activities for students to do during the day. At the end of the day, each student received a sucker and pencil to commemorate the 100th Day. Students really enjoyed it!



School Hours

7:55 am—3:30 pm



Al-Iman Crescent News!



As-salaamu 'Alaykum, Al-Iman School Boy's Basketball

The Al-Iman School basketball team will be having their "Homecoming Game" on Thursday, February 12th after school. Please plan to attend to cheer on our players. We will also be having a Pep Rally for students earlier in the day.

____ Br. Jamaal & Br. Shaad

Al-Iman School's Girl Scouts

Our Girl Scout Troop is now selling cookies to earn money for the activities that they have planned for this year. Please support them by buying a box or two of cookies. They are also planning a trip to the circus in the near future. What fun!



The Girl Scout Organization helps young girls learn responsibility as well as giving back to the community while having fun. We feel that it is important for our young girls to develop a healthy understanding about what it means to be a productive member of society. We take pride in the girls you have taken the initiative to join our troop.

____ Sr. Aishia & Sr. Maha
Al-Iman School's Girl Scout Troop Leaders

Calendar of Events!



2009

- February 4th—Half Day
- February 5th—Science Fair
- February 6th—3rd Qtr. Interims and Re-enrollment Forms go home
- February 11th—8th Grade Parent Meeting for rising 9th Graders
- February 25th—No Curriculum Day

1ST GRADE!



"Rainbow Fish"

1st Grade went to see the play "Rainbow Fish". Not only did we enjoy the performance but we learned that you should not be selfish. Allah (S.W.T.) created us all equally and we should share the good things we have with others. We are looking forward to our 1st Grade "Family Get-Together" on Wednesday February 4th.

___Sr. Nausheen & Sr. Melissa



A Note from the Library!



WOW! We are half way through the school year already. I want to give you a quick update on AR information.

We are now on the web based program for the accelerated reading program, which means you will now have access to look at your child/children's AR test and scores. I will be sending out an informational letter to let you know how to access this program, along with the user name and password. Remember this is your child's AR records information, so keep the user name and password in a safe place. You will be able to set up to be notified via email when your child has taken a test, so you get the results right away. Also the program has a link that you can go to anywhere you may be to search a book to see if it is an AR book. You can link your access to this or you can search it on the Internet at www.arbookfind.com. We would love your feedback on the part of the program that you have, to let me know what you think. Email me at pamela.haddad@alimanschool.org. I just completed our Mid Year diagnostic for the AR Reading Program which will also be coming home soon.

LIBRARY LATE FEES - I send out late fees for the library twice a year, midyear and end of year. If you receive a late fee letter home please make sure that your child takes care of this fee.

Again Thank you all for your continued support.
Sr. Pamela, Librarian/AR Coordinator



Story Time!

Al-Iman School was lucky enough to have a professional story teller come to our school to read for our students. Pre-K thru 2nd Grade enjoyed having a story read to them. 3rd Grade thru 5th Grade wrote stories, and were given instructions on how to effectively present and market them. The students really enjoyed the event!

We are still counting box tops, milk caps, and Campbell's labels.

Please show your support for our school by collecting these items and giving them to your child's homeroom teacher. Al-Iman School earns money for collecting these. Also, the homerooms are having a monthly competition as to who can collect the most. The winner receives an ice cream party.

Jazaka Allahu Khairun for your support!



Awards Ceremony!

3rd , 4th, & 5th Grade



Our Upper Elementary classes had their Mid-Year Awards Ceremony on Thursday, January 29th. The students were very excited to receive their awards. Parents were invited to attend the ceremony and the pot-luck luncheon right afterwards. Everyone had loads of fun.





Middle School Honor Roll!

"A" Honor Roll"

6th Grade

Mohamed Lansari
Omar Mohammad
Samiha Raina

"A & B" Honor Roll"

6th Grade

Fayza Aboushadi
Nafeesah Abdul-Mateen
Faris Shteyh
Nada Asfour
Rana Asfour



7th Grade

Morjan Al-Najjar
Tameem Khusayem
Serene Ahmed
Dana Asad



8th Grade

Janna Al-Najjar
Madina Sadat
Faisal Shaikh



REPORT_{to} PARENTS

Limiting Your Child's Online Access With Parental Controls

We all know that, as much as technology has opened new worlds to our children, it has also put them at risk of predators and of growing up too soon through exposure to things they shouldn't see at their ages. It's important for parents and caregivers to do all we can to help our children use technology safely and wisely. Here are some very important suggestions to put to work in your home:

Be in control. Parental controls are available for every make and model of computer and it's important to make sure they're in place. Use the "search" feature on your computer to locate where the parental controls feature is. Make sure you, with your own password, are the only one who can change the control settings. Each user of the family computer should be given access to the computer only through his or her own password.

For each child, determine what type of content you want him or her to be able to see, and what you want blocked.

Check with your provider. Make sure to find out what services your Internet Service Provider (ISP) offers to help protect your children online. Many ISPs have invested heavily in ways to make sure that children can use the Internet safely.

Be picky. You can use parental controls to make sure your children visit only sites that are age-appropriate, or can make sure they can't download any files from the Web. You also can filter out content you don't want them to see, and prevent them from running certain programs.

Watch the clock. Parental controls often allow you to determine when, by hours of the day and days of the week, your children can access the Web, and when they will be blocked. This keeps kids from spending too much time on the computer and from getting on when no one's home to supervise.

Sharing is bad. Although it's important for you to always know

their passwords, do not let your older and younger children share passwords and do not divulge yours to them. If they sign on under your user name/password, they will not be protected through the parental controls you've set.

Get extra protection. Several excellent products go further than your computer's built-in parental controls and give you more confidence that your child's Web experiences will be safe. For those who are really concerned, a program such as the highly rated Web Watcher can track everything that happens on your child's or your family's computer, including who's using it, when, for how long, and on which sites.



Check their history. It's always a good idea to log onto the computer using your child's password and user name after your child has finished surfing the Web, whether it's for homework, to be on MySpace, or to play games. Log in as them, open the Internet browser, and then view the sites they've just visited by simply clicking the little downpointing arrow at the right hand side of the box where you type in a Web address. When you click on the down-arrow, all the recently visited sites will be displayed in a list. Check to see if there are sites that your child visited that he or she

shouldn't have.

Sneaky tricks. Unfortunately, older children, who are most likely to want to visit "off limits" sites, are also able to learn how to delete their history of visited sites. Fortunately, you can use an empty history as a clue. Make sure your children know that they will be disciplined if you see that they have deleted their history (which is done by going to the "tools" menu and clicking on "Internet options" or "options" and choosing to "delete").

Remember, experts, including the American Academy of Pediatrics, recommend that children spend no more than two hours a day using a computer, especially when on the Internet. It's up to you to help them make sure that their spending that time wisely, and safely.



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