



Al-Iman School's Parent Page 3rd Edition 2011-2012

A Note From Sr. Jabeen

October 31, 2011

As salaam-o-Alaikum Al-Iman Families,

It has been a great honor for us to meet with parents on "Chat and Chai Tuesday," Alhamdulillah there was positive feedback from parents about our Qur'an and Arabic Curriculum. We want to thank all our teachers who are making an extra effort to help our students recite Qur'an, understand, memorize and implement it in their daily lives. This is the first step towards our goal to establish a rigorous and relevant Arabic/Qur'an curriculum. We strongly urge parents to attend these informal meeting sessions on the last Tuesday of every

month. It helps us maintain a two-way communication!

Our students have been very proactive in few service learning projects for the past two months, they collected money and donated to the Lymphoma and Leukemia Society. This month our students are collecting food to donate to IAR Food Pantry for Eid-ul-Adha. This food drive is a way to connect with our community and for our children to learn the importance of giving as part of the character trait education program, which is based on "Generosity," the character trait for October.

Insha'Allah next week our Arabic Department will organize a week-long fun-



filled activities related to Eid-ul-Adha. Each day will have a different theme for students to practice their Arabic Speaking, Listening, Reading and Writing skills using a variety of activities. Students will also learn the importance of Day of Arafat and Eid-ul-Adha. A schedule and invitation will be sent home to the parents this week.

**Community
Family
Game
Night**

Monday

**October 31st
5:30 pm-
8:00pm**

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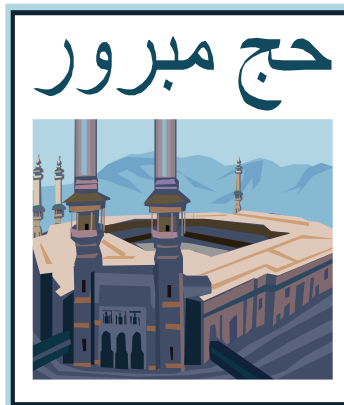
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Character Trait for November: Thankfulness

"O you who have attained to faith! Partake of the good things which We have provided for you as sustenance, and render thanks unto God, if it is [truly] Him that you worship."

2:172



(A Note continued)

We would like to remind all parents that they are required to get a special free IAR membership in order for their children to buy food at Al-Maidah Kitchen. Please see Br. Ahmed Zaitoun or the front office to get membership form.

Finally, we wish all our children, families, friends, staff and faculty a blessed Eid, may Allah s.w.t accept our prayers, forgive us and guide us. Aameen.

Sincerely,

M.Jabeen

You Are Invited....

Dear Parents,

You are cordially invited to attend the Hajj Fair with your child(ren).

Students (and parents) are encouraged to dress in appropriate attire. Students are to wear their school uniform and bring their Hajj garments to school.

Each grade will have 30 minutes to move through all the stations. Several class have been combined because of limited time. Thank you.

REPORT to PARENTS

RP 28:6

Verbal Abuse—Slurs and Name-calling

It is far easier for teachers, parents, and playground supervisors to spot physical harassment than it is for them to notice something that can be just as damaging—slurs and name-calling. In reality, the phrase “Sticks and stones may break my bones, but names will never hurt me” has little merit. Words truly can hit as hard as a fist, and unkind labels can follow children throughout their school years.

Don't allow labels in your home. Forbidding your children to use curse words is important, but it isn't enough. You also need to make sure they're not using ethnic, racial, religious, or sexual orientation slurs. Explain that using labels like these is insensitive and prevents them from seeing the person as an individual.

Talk about the cruelty some words convey. The phrase “That's so gay” has become a common slur among young children, although many don't understand the cruelty that is behind these words. Help children understand the pain that slurs and name-calling can cause.

Explain that being “different” isn't justification for being harassed. Although children have always picked on peers who didn't seem to fit in, today the abuse has become bolder and, in some cases, led to deadly beatings. Other children, long-term targets of bullies, have turned to violence—or even suicide—in a form of sick revenge. It is simply not acceptable for families or schools to allow the harassment of children for any reason at all.

Talk with them about false impressions. A girl who would rather play sports than play with dolls is not boyish or a lesbian; she's just a girl who would rather play sports. The same is true for boys who may not enjoy rough-and-tumble activities. Calling children names like “gay boy” or “queer” just because they choose to follow their own interests, is an ignorant choice and cannot be allowed.



Help them understand when words are okay, and when they're not. Some children may feel that it's okay to use a slur if they've heard it over and over from others. Help them understand the difference between a word that is being used as a put-down and a word that is simply a description.

Use non-judgmental terms. If children are curious about the terms “gay” and “straight,” tell

them that some people are gay, or homosexual, which means that they are attracted to people of the same sex, while most other people are straight, or heterosexual, which means that they are attracted to people of the opposite sex. Saying “my uncle is gay” (if he is) is simply a statement of fact. Calling classmates “gay” or “queer” simply to be hurtful is just as unacceptable as those old ethnic and racial slurs that have long been forbidden.

Pay close attention to how your children—and their friends—are behaving toward others and talk with them about how it would feel if they were the targets of name-calling.



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Calendar of Events 2011 October/November

October 31st— Family Game Night , 5:30pm until 8:00pm in the gym.

October 31st thru Nov 2nd—Eid-ul-Adha in-class activities

October 31st thru Nov 4th—Scholastic Book Fair (3rd floor lobby)

November

November 3rd—HAJJ FAIR

November 7TH-9TH --- Eid Vacation, School Closed

(No Hifz Classes, No Al-Iman School Classes and No After-School Program)

November 10TH---Teacher Workday, School Closed

(No Hifz Classes, No Al-Iman School Classes and No After-School Program)

Students return to school on Friday, November 11th.

November 24TH & 25TH --- FALL VACATION

And the winners are.....

Pasta for Pennies.....3B

Pep Rally...4th Gr..... 1st Place, 2B.....2nd Place, 8th Gr3rd Place

Congratulations to all of our students who participated in these events!

STATE FAIR WINNERS

NC State Fair Gardens Sr. Nasima (1st Grade) and her daughter Mimrah both won Red Ribbons (2nd place) at this year`s State Fair. Their garden themes were “Something New & Something Old” and “My Favorite Color” respectively. Can you guess the name of the vegetable in the bottom right of Sr. Nasima`s garden? She brought a basket full of vegetables to school to share with students. Mimrah`s garden was built around her favorite color, yellow.

Congratulations!

News & Updates from your PTSO

As salaamu alaykum Dear Parents!

UPCOMING EVENTS ...

Community Family Game Night- October 31st (5:30-8:00PM)

Bring a board game and join us for a fun social evening in the gym at the IAR. Al-Maida will be open for dinner. Imam Sameh will give a short talk after Maghrib explaining why Muslims do not celebrate Halloween. The book fair will also be open during this time.

Hajj Reenactment-Thursday, November 3rd

Parents are invited to attend as students re-enact the rites of Hajj in the IAR gym. Your teacher will inform you of the time that your child will be in the gym. Volunteers are needed to set up on Wednesday, November 2nd. If you would like to volunteer please come to the school lobby on Wednesday at 8am.

Greater Raleigh Citipass Coupon Books Each child will be sent home with one coupon book. The child that sells the greatest number of books will receive a prize. The books sell for \$25 and the Al-Iman PTSO will receive \$11 back per book sold. These books have merchant coupons for local area attractions and restaurants. The money raised will be used to purchase a new swing set on the playground.

News From the Al-Iman School Garden Fall is here! We have weeded, tilled and fertilized the garden getting it ready for fall planting. We bought lettuce, cabbage, cauliflower and some flowers for the kids to plant. We have worked with most of the classrooms in teaching them hands on transplanting. They had so many interesting questions. Its going to be a fun season, seeing all the plants grow and Insha Allah have the kids pick their own vegetables in the spring while enjoying the beauty of the flowers. A big thank you to all the parent volunteers who have assisted with the garden.

Classroom Parents Still Needed

Classroom parents are still needed for the following classes:

Pre-K 4, 1A, 1B, 2A, 2B, 3B, Grade 4, Grade 7, Grade 8

If your child's class still needs a classroom parent, please consider volunteering.

Please visit the PTSO webpage at: www.elimanschool.org/ptso

If you have any comments, questions, or would like to volunteer please contact Sr. Barbara AbdalQader at 919-225-7336 or Barbara18284@aol.com.

Jazakum Allahu Khairun!