

AL IHSAN ACADEMY
NEWSLETTER

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AL-IHSAN

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IN PURSUIT OF EXCELLENCE—FOCUSING ON OUR GREATEST ASSETS, CHILDREN



Please remember to notify the school admin if your child(ren) are unable to attend school by sending an email to schooladmin@isns.org. Please mention your child name, grade and the dates when school will be missed.

Please remember to inform the office whenever your home address, phone number, or email address changes. Thank you.

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Message From The Principal

Assalamu Alalikum WA Rahmatullahi WA Barakatuh,

Dear Al-Ihsan Academy Parents,
The administration and staff of Al-Ihsan Academy Sunday School again welcomes all returning and new parents. There are many special events planned for this year that will be announced during the coming months. I would like at this time to assure you that the administration and staff of our school are prepared to do their very best to serve you and your children this year providing "excellence (Al-Ihsan) in Islamic education. We remind all parents to please help foster positive and open communication. Whenever a problem or question arises concerning your children, please begin by talking with your children's teachers. Then if necessary, speak with the Principal. The Principal and teaching staff all welcome your input and the opportunity to work with you to solve problems. When the normal chain of command is followed, everyone can be satisfied and friction is avoided. Thank you for entrusting your children to the care of the Al-Ihsan Academy Sunday School staff. We are indeed honored to work with your children.
Jazakum Allah Khairan, Br. Kamel Chaker, Principal

Character Counts at Al-Ihsan Academy Sunday school!

This year, Al Ihsan Academy introduced a new program in the morning assembly called "Tarbiyah Program or Character Education Program". This program introduces a monthly worksheet that describes a specific Islamic character trait to students. Students are introduced to the meaning of these character traits as exemplified in the Holy Quran and Hadith. Parents are then asked to sign the worksheets when the students exhibit these traits at home. The focus of the program is on learning the importance of good Islamic character and manners, and trying to exhibit these traits in our everyday lives.

September— Cleaness ; October - Respect & Patience; November— Right of brotherhood, December— Honesty

3RD GRADE SALAT PROGRAM:

Al Ihsan Academy emphasizes the importance of Salat to 3rd grade students. These students are introduced to the concept of Salah, the role of Salah in our lives as Muslims and then spend the year learning how to correctly perform Wudu and Salah.

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]

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

This is our quarterly newsletter to keep you informed on everything new, including big news, competition, awards, event, and more. We hope that you continue to follow us through the year! Check us out at our new website, FaceBook & follow us on Twitter

Salam From Kindergarten Students



**Thank You to our Newsletter Team:
Lubna Hashimi and Reda Hasan, Youth Group**



World Affair

Prime Minister David Cameron announced that UK will become the first non-Muslim country to issue an Islamic Bond

On October 29, 2013, the World Islamic Economic Forum (WIEF) in London announced that they will create an Islamic index on the London Stock Exchange. The intent of creating such an Index is that it would captivate some of our very own Islamic investors in the business field. Restrictions on this prac-

tice include: no interest on business dealings and the financial payments made must not incorporate anything forbidden under Sharia (such as gambling or alcohol purchases). Also, the UK Treasury aspires to launch an



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Islamic bond as early as next

year, named a sukuk, which is worth



200 million

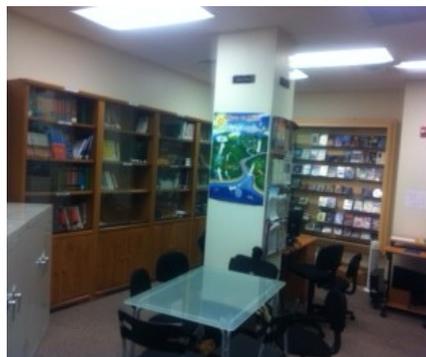
pounds. This will bring a sealed return, without charging interest, in correspondence with Islamic financial principles.

By Reda Hasan - Youth Group

A Note From The Library

The library team wishes to remind the community that the library has recently purchased brand new books, CDs and DVD's. There is a variety of books, such as books about prophets in Islam, Islam in America, fictional stories, and Hajj. The new DVD's include Arabic interactive learning, documentaries, and cartoons for kids. In addition, school is starting an "iRead Islamic Books" club this December for all children at Al-Ihsan Academy. Kids that partici-

pate will be awarded and recognized on graduation day.



Please, be welcome to get a library card and come visit ISNS's library very often !

Br. Younus Khan

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What's going on in Pre-KG By Reda Hasan (Youth Group)

The Pre KG students work very diligently in Sunday School making their best efforts to acquire more knowledge about Arabic, prophets, and other studies of Islam. Ms. Mariam Rizk and Ms. Hena both cooperate with one another to better the studies of these bright and talented minds. Last week, the students began a system of learning two Arabic letters per week. Also, they continuously work on letter recognition, video games, and utilize toys to better their comprehensions. Surahs they have worked on include surah Fatiha, Ikhlas, Falaq, Nas, Kawthar, and also the Ayatul Kursi. Along with learning surahs and Arabic, the students listen to stories about the prophets.

What's going on in 1st Grade By Lubna Hashim (Youth Group)

Every week, first graders in Al Ihsan Academy go through a multitude of Islamic Subjects, one being Quran, a subject that will be discussed in depth. See, their Quran teacher, Ms. Dina enlightens children in unique fashion that shows results. Overall the students learn surah Fatiha, Kawthar, and Kafirun; in depth, the children acquire the knowledge of meanings and proper pronunciation. The way Ms. Dina teaches is very original. For example, Ms. Dina plays "Flowers (the girl students) vs. Lions (boy students)," in which one student begins one ayah and another student from the opposite team recites the next ayah.--not only maintaining the children's attention but now the students are exhibiting complete knowledge of the surah. Quran is simply one of the four subjects taught to first graders, and truly the children are intellectually developing.

Articles to be continued in the next issue

IHSAN (Excellence):

Build an Islamic Community Based on IHSAN.

The Path To Jannah
How To get to Jannah?

Why do we party?

Qur'an and Science

The Names of Allah in the Quran

Greatest Women's in Islam

Prophet Muhammed(SAW)

On The Character of Prophet Muhammad (PBUH)

Sincerity (Ikhlaas)

What Ramadan Means to Me

Attendance/Tardiness

Regular attendance is a critical component to academic achievement. In addition, regular attendance helps students learn the importance of being on time and fulfilling his or her responsibilities. However, when students are sick, it is in the best interest of both the child and their fellow students for the sick child to stay home. Students who are late to school begin their day with a heightened anxiety. They not only miss part of their classroom instruction but also disrupt the flow of the classroom for their classmates. Your efforts in ensuring that your child is at school on time will go a long way in helping your child have a successful day at school.

Parent's First Stop: School Office

If parents are visiting the school for any reason, they check in at the office. In order to maintain the safety of our students and their ability to focus on classroom instruction, it is very important that all visitors sign in and. If you need anything, such as delivering lunch to your child, picking up a child for an appointment, dropping off your child late in the morning, wish to speak to a teacher, or make an appointment to meet with the Principal, the office should always be the first stop. Visits to your child's classroom must be pre-arranged with the teacher

Dress Code

All students and staff of the Al-Ihsan Academy Sunday School are required to dress modestly and in accordance with Islamic Guidelines. All clothing worn to school must be clean, well maintained and loose fitting. Boys should wear clean shirts (Full-sleeve or Half-sleeve) and long pants that are loose fitting and opaque. Girls should wear loose fitting, full-length garments, scarf covering the head adequately and No heavy make-up.

Parents are urged to ensure that their children follow the school dress code:

School's Upcoming Events

December 29, January 6th—Winter Break— No school

January 12th—Qirat Competition Announcement

February 2nd—School outing

February 16th—Parents Teachers Conference

February 23th—Speech Competition

March 23th—Qirat Competition

Al-Ihsan Academy Facts & Figures

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Number of Students Enrolled : 246

Number of families: 140

Number of Teachers and Staff: 35

QURANIC ARABIC & HIFDH SCHOOL (TUESDAY, THURSDAY 5PM-7PM, SATURDAY 10 AM-12PM)

Number of Students Enrolled : 23

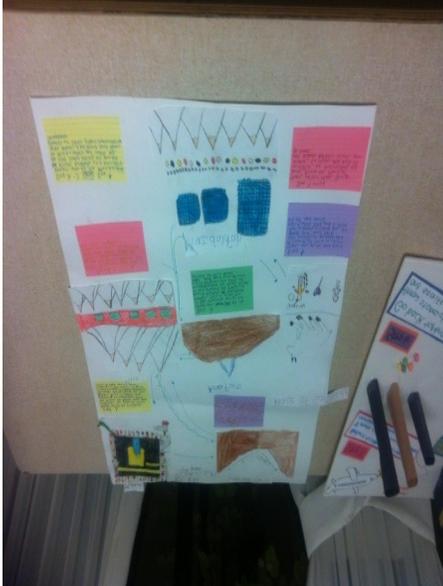
Number of Teachers and Staff: 7

QURANIC ARABIC (EVERY SATURDAY FROM 10 AM TO 12 PM)

Number of Students Enrolled : 9

Number of Teachers and Staff: 3

HAJJ POSTER COMPETITION WINNERS



GRADE 1

Adil Khan
Fatma Syed

GRADE 2

Aman Khan
Sameer Mohammed
Faiz Mohammed

GRADE 4

Faiza Quraishi
Moham Khan

GRADE 5

Muneeb Iqbal

GRADE 7

Adnan Noorullah

JUST FOR FUN

Fun Quiz!

Take this fun quiz with your child and see how much they have learned.

Where was the Prophet (PBUH) born?

1. Medinah
2. Abyssinia
3. Makkah

Which Angel controls lightening and thunder?

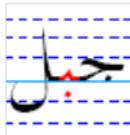
- Micheal
- Azrael
- Jibril

What letter is this: خ

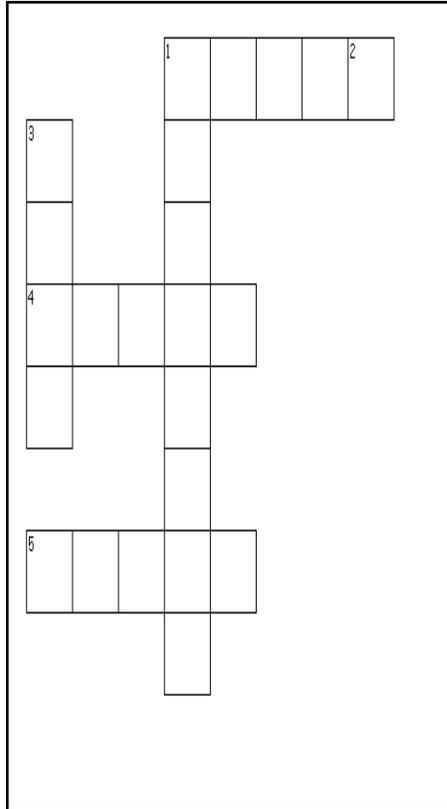
1. Seen
2. Fa
3. Kha

Say this word:
What does it mean?

1. Baab-Door
2. Jabal- Mountain
3. Kalb- Dog



Islamic Crossword



Across

1. The true religion
4. The book of Allah
5. The first letter of the Arabic alphabet

Down

1. The Arabic for faith
2. Place of worship

Answer these riddles

(clue: Look up Surah nos. 95, 44, and 105)

I am very big.

I have very big feet

I have a very long nose

I am the name

Of a surah

Who am I ?

I am a fruit!

I am brown in color.

Allah takes an oath by me in the Qur'an.

I am the name of a surah

Who am I?

I am there wherever there is a fire.

I will cover the eyes and noses of those who have sinned.

I am the name of a surah

Who am I ?

The correct answers will be posted in the next issue

Assalamu Alaikum!

Jazkum Allah Khairan for reading the first issue of our newsletter for 2013-2014 school year! We encourage students to contribute by sending in Islamic articles or fun facts.

If you have any feedback or contribution for the News-letter team, please send us an email at:

alihsanacademynews@gmail.com