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BC MUSLIM SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Please remember to phone the school office before 8:45 a.m. whenever your child is absent. Please mention your child's name, grade and the reason of his/her absence.

If you have a change of address and phone number please inform the secretary.

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Message from the Head Teacher

Dear Parents,

Assalamu Alaikum

This month, we have two major events at the BC Muslim School. During the week of February 6th to the 10th, our school will host the annual Scholastic Book Fair. Please support our school's literacy program by purchasing books for your child and yourself.

We will be testing students for Asma ul-Husna Achievement levels beginning on February 6th. The successful finalists will receive medals during the Grade 1 assembly on February 23rd. Insha Allah, many of our students will practice and reach their goals for the competition.

We're already in the middle of Winter and the weather is bringing rain, snow and much colder temperatures. I have still noticed that many students do not bring/wear proper winter clothing. This month is the best time to buy new winter jackets as most stores are now putting their winter clothing on sale. Please ensure that your child has a proper jacket with a hood to keep him/her dry and warm.

Wassalamu Alaikum

Br. Shuaib

BCMS Book Fair

The Scholastic Book Fair is coming to our school and you are invited to come and share in this celebration of literacy with us! This year the Scholastic Book Fair will be held from **February 6-10**. Please join us again this year and help us to reach or beat our last year's total of over **\$5000!**

This year, we will again be giving a free prize, a very cute kitten, when you make a purchase of over **\$25.00**. When you come you can enter our Family Event Draw, where you could win \$50 in books,

\$25 for your family and \$25 for your child's classroom! We hope to see you at our Book Fair. Together, we can raise readers!

Book Fair Committee

Staff Farewell

Sadly, we have to say good-bye to Sr. Harkirat as she has resigned from the BC Muslim School. We wish Sr. Harkirat and her family all the best. Sr. Michelle will be taking over from Sr. Harkirat in Grade 7A for the rest of the school year.



DARE Program

The grade 5 and 6 students are enrolled in the D.A.R.E program. The program is run by RCMP Constable Bob Sangha for ten classes that will teach the children about dangerous drugs and life skills. After completing their course, the students will receive a certificate, t-shirt and enjoy their graduation ceremony.

Reading Treasures

Br. Gill, Sr. Juliette and Sr. Susan have enrolled their students in the "student treasures" writing program. The program entails each child writing their own exciting story that will result in the class publishing their very own hardcover book.

Muslim Food Bank

The grade 6 class is responsible for this community project for the month of February. Please support your child in this charitable act for the Pleasure of Allah (SWT). Any non-perishable food item in the original manufacturer's package is welcome.

Young Poets

Masha Allah, 18 poems written by grade 6 students have been chosen by the Poetry Institute of Canada to be published in next year's Canadian Young Writers book of poetry. These students are all very excited!

Important Documents to Retain

Quite often, parents count on the BC Muslim School office to provide them with important documents for their child. It is essential that you safe keep all of your child's

report cards, birth certificate, immigration documents and any other important document(s) since it is a complicated process for the school to retrieve them when they are archived.

Grade 2 Assembly

The grade 2 classes hosted a wonderful assembly on January 26th. Their performance was unforgettable. Excellent Job! February assembly will be hosted by Gr. 1.

BC Literacy Program

The grade 5 students are participating in the literacy program with the Lieutenant Governor, Steven L. Point, of British Columbia. Mr. Point has responded to each child and has offered to continue to read stories written by the grade 5 students throughout the year.

FSA

The Foundation Skills Assessment (FSA) is an annual province-wide assessment of British Columbia students' academic skills, and provides a snapshot of how well BC students are learning in the foundation skills of Reading Comprehension, Writing, and Numeracy. The Assessment takes place in February and is delivered to Grades 4 and 7. It is fast approaching! Do not be surprised to see these students busier than usual as they try to fine-tune their skills for the Assessment.

Quran Recitation DVDs

There are DVD's still available for grade 1, unfortunately the KG DVD's are sold out.





Volunteers

Organizing Arabic language class library- need someone who can read and write Arabic - work can be done from home.—Sr. Farida

Hallway Supervisors – 10:15am to 1:15pm on school days - Sr. Farida

Traffic Controllers – every school day, student arrival and dismissal times - PAC

Book Fair – Feb 6 to 10 - school hours - Sr. Chantal

Testing Students for Asma ul-Husna Achievement Levels – Week of Feb 6, 2012 – please leave name and availability with Sr. Chantal

Handyman Work – as need arises - please leave name and availability with Sr. Chantal

Cleaning Work – around the school - as need arises - please leave name and availability with Sr. Chantal

Mending Wear and Tear Student Sweaters in Lost & Found Box - can be done at home -Sr. Roqia

DATES TO REMEMBER

Jan. 16—Feb. 24	Foundation Skills Assessment
February 3	PAC Hot Lunch
February 6—10	Scholastic Book Fair
February 15	Grade 2 Hot Lunch
February 23	Grade 1 Assembly & Asma ul-Husna Awards presentation
March 2	PAC Hot Lunch

Wassalamu Alaikum

Farida Wahab
Principal

