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BC Muslim school Newsletter

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Message from the Principal



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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Assalamu Alaikum

A warm welcome back to you all. I pray that you are invigorated by the break. I chatted with some children and it seemed that Whistler was a hot holiday spot for our families!

A reminder to parents that as we are definitely into the winter's cold and wet weather, children should come daily to school with a hooded water resistant jacket. We still try to go out for space and fresh air whenever possible. The jacket, together with gloves/mittens and torques, while absolutely necessary for outdoor times, do become very cumbersome when worn inside classrooms. With the heater on 24/7, the school buildings are pleasantly warm. As such, a sweater should be enough.

A fairly detailed uniform check was done in Gr 3-7 prior to the holidays and notes were sent home with students regarding non-compliance. I pray that parents had time to look into uniform purchases over the winter break. A follow-up inspection will be carried out together with an inspection of KG to Gr 2 soon.

School Year 2012-13 Re-registration for Current Students

Re-registration package will be distributed to parents via student couriers (the oldest child of a family/only child) in early February. Please check out Notice of Distribution in students' agendas.

FOUNDATION SKILLS ASSESSMENT January 16—February 24

Grades 4-7 students will write the Foundation Skills Assessment on these days. As there are different parts to the assessment, including both written and on line, it is important that parents ensure that students attend school regularly throughout these assessment days.

Registration for New Students 2012-2013

We are presently accepting registration for new students for the academic year September 2012-June 2013.

Parents with young children born between January 1, 2007- December 31, 2007 can apply for full day kindergarten program. Assessment for Kindergarten students will take place in February.

Applications for admission to grades 1-7 will be also take place at the same time as KG admission.

D.A.R.E PROGRAM

RCMP officers will be coming in every Monday February 9 to March 12, 2012 from 12:45pm -1:25 pm to run the Drug Abuse Resistance Education program for our Gr 5 & 6. This program was very popular with our students in previous years. I am sure our students will continue to benefit from and enjoy as much this year.

SCHOLASTIC BOOKFAIR

This year's event will be held from February 6 – 10, 2012. The book fair is an important fundraising activity for the school. A portion of the money you spend for your child at the Book Fair will be given back to the school in token for books for the classrooms and library. There are many volunteer opportunities during this event. Please call Sr Chantal at 604-270-2511 to sign up for a time that is suitable for you.



Volunteering Opportunities

- ◆ PAC Hot Lunch -January 13, 2012 (Friday)- contacts: Sr Hina 604-596-7126, Sr Maimona 778-241-7005, Sr Amber 604-284-0799
- ◆ KG Pizza Lunch – January 25, 2012 (Wednesday) – contact Sr Chantal 604-270-2511

Gr 6 Super Star Sighting

Grade 6 students went on a field trip to Beaty Biodiversity Museum at UBC on December 7, 2011. Of course, they visited the most famous display there – a blue whale skeleton that was dug up by Dr Andrew Trites and the subject of the documentary “Raising Big Blue”, which they have seen in the classroom.

With all the language arts activities built around this topic, the children have been hoping to see Dr Trite and put to test some of the interview questions they have written up as an assignment. Lo and behold! Dr Trite was actually in the Museum during their visit. The students greeted him enthusiastically, tried to interview him and got his autograph!

Later, Dr Trite sent an email to Sr Courtney and thanked the students for making him a Super Star!!

Muslim Food Bank

Grades 2 & 3 are responsible for this community project for January. Please support your child in this charitable act for the Pleasure of Allah (SWT). Any non-perishable food item in original manufacturer's package is welcome.

News from Preschool

Do you have a child turning 3 or 4 in the year 2012? Sprouts of Iman Preschool is accepting registration for the current school year? Please enquire about available space (604) 270-2511 extension 230.

Registration for the next school year (Sept 2012-June 2013) will open on February 18th insha'Allah.

See our blog for more information <http://sproutsofiman.blogspot.com/>

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DATES TO REMEMBER

Jan. 13	PAC Hotlunch
Jan. 16—Feb. 24	Foundation Skills Assessment
Jan 25	KG Pizza Lunch
January 26	Grade 2 Assembly @ 10:50 p.m.
February 6—10	Scholastic Bookfair

Wassalamu Alaikum

Farida Wahab

Principal