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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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Principal's Message

Please note this calendar change - Professional Development Day March 18, 2011 is cancelled. That Friday is a regular school day. School is closed the whole day on April 7, 2011. The morning is for a school based professional development session for teachers and the afternoon is Parent-Teacher Interviews.

Term 2 reports will be distributed on March 31. Parents may take appointment to meet with teachers for the parent/teacher interviews by calling the office on April 4 & 5, 2011. Parent/Teacher Interviews will be held on April 7, 2011 from 1:30—6:30 p.m.

FSA answer books for Grades 4 & 7 are also going home on March 31. Please read these documents about your child's academic progress carefully and meet with teachers on April 7, 2011 to discuss your concerns.

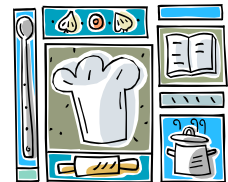
PAC Activities

Cook book – a fundraising project by PAC.

Please contribute your favourite recipe(s) by March 18, 2011.

PAC hot lunches – several of these yummy lunches are on their way over the next few

months. Support the PAC! Order a lunch for your child!



Social Evening for Moms and Gals

Sometime in late March/Early April. This is in planning with PAC. More information will be going home soon.

Registration of New Students 2011 -12

Registration forms are now available at the office. Assessment for admission is on-going for all grades including kindergarten. Please help publicize the school in the community.



Important Deadlines for Re-registration

Re-registration deadline is extended to March 14, 2011, Monday. Zakat forms for 2011-12 are now available at the school office. Deadline for handing in all required documents is May 5, 2011, Thursday. It is important for applicants to make an appointment with Br Saiyad via e mail at sch.accountant@thebcma.com or by phone at 604-270-2522 to hand in the zakat forms & documents for prompt and efficient processing.

Scholastic Book Fair

A big **Thank You** to all the volunteers who helped make this year's event the most successful ever. Of course, Geronimo Stilton was there to promote sales. We grossed a sale figure of \$5300. A good percentage of that amount will be used to exchange for library books and teaching resources from Scholastic. May Allah (SWT) be pleased with your support of the Book Fair and the education of Muslim children.

Class Activities

- February 21, 2011—Grade 7 Ancient Civilization Display
- February 23, 2011 – Pink Day – supporting Canada wide Anti Bullying Day
- Grade 4A- Sr Susan's class participated in the Classroom Care program of Scholastic Books Club. The over-100 books read by the Gr 4s will be matched one- for-one by Scholastic to meet the goal of giving 100,000 free books to children across Canada.

Ready, Set, Learn Event at BCMS

This program which aims to support preschoolers' learning and development prior to entering school. It is a joint partnership between the Ministry of Education , the Ministry for Children and Family Development and the Ministry of Health Services.

So if you have a 3 year old child who is beginning pre-school, mark off April 18, 2011 to be the day that you will come to BCMS with your pre schooler for this information session.

Non-marking Shoes

The hallways of the 2 school buildings have polished and waxed surfaces. The newly renovated gym also has a beautiful glossy floor. It is important that we teach children to take care of these floors. Soccer cleats, rain boots, snow boots, hiking boots are all not suitable for indoor times at school or gym. Please provide your child with non-marking running shoes for school.

Useful sites for Parents & Students

Both of the following are highly recommended by Sr Barbara:

www.eduplace.com

www.playkidsgames.com

NEWS FROM THE ISLAMIC STUDIES DEPARTMENT

Quran Competition

Quran competition preliminaries will take place March 9 – 16, 2011, in classrooms. On March 17, 2011, 2 teachers are responsible for choosing 3 finalists in each category from the best qualified reciters, as recommended by the class Quran teachers. You will receive a letter informing you if your child is selected as a finalist. The final competition will be on April 14, 2011. Details of the event will be out in our April newsletter.



We are giving out trophies and cash prizes to the winners of this year's Quran Competition. If you would like to encourage children to learn the Holy Quran and receive Blessings manifold for your contribution to educating our Muslim children, please consider making a donation towards purchasing prizes for the Quran Competition.

Medals for Learning Al- Asma Ul- Husna

By the Grace of Allah (SWT), a total of over 180 Bronze, Silver and Gold medals were presented to students at a special assembly on February 18, 2011.

Arabic Challenge Exam Grade 11

As the writer/owner of the Grade 5-12 Arabic Curriculum in BC, we can administer challenge exams for Arabic Language graduation. This year, 2 students have already successfully met their second language requirement by sitting and passing Arabic 11 Exam at BCMS. If you would like to find out more about this language challenge exam, please go to our web site www.bcmuslimschool.ca or contact the school office.

Got a Bully

Does another kid kick, hit, pinch, punch, trip or threaten you? If so, you may have a bully.

Does someone tease you, call you names, leave you out, or spread rumors about you? You may have a bully. But you can stand up to bullies if you know what to do.

- ◆ Try to talk it out. Say, “Why are you being mean to me?”
- ◆ Walk away from the bully.
- ◆ Speak up. Say, “Stop picking on me!”
- ◆ Make a joke. If you say something funny, even about yourself, the bully might laugh and forget to pick on you.
- ◆ Stick with your friends.
- ◆ Ask an adult for help.



Do you know someone who has a bully? Well, you can help. Did you know that most of the time when a kid steps in bullying stops? Here are some things you can do.

- ◆ If you see someone being picked on, be a friend and walk away from the bully together.
- ◆ If you have a friend who bullies, take a stand and tell your friend to stop.
- ◆ If you know someone that gets picked on, ask the kid to play with you.
- ◆ Get your friends to come with you when you help someone being bullied.

If someone is hurting a kid, tell an adult.

Here is what the Holy Quran says about bully:

Chapter 49, Verse 11): “Let not some men among you laugh at others it may be that the (later) are better than the (former): nor let some women laugh at others: it may be that the (later) are better than the (former): nor defame nor be sarcastic to each others, nor call each other by offensive names”. Often times ridicule is discussed as being just playful, however playfulness ceases to be fun when there is arrogance, or selfishness, or malice behind it. We may laugh with people to share in the happiness of life: however; we must never laugh at people in contempt or ridicule. In many things the ridiculed may be better than those who ridicule. Defamation may consist of speaking ill of others by the spoken or written word, or in acting in such a way as to suggest a charge against some person we are not in a position to judge. A cutting, biting remark, or taunt of sarcasm are all disrespectful, and by definition offensive.

DATES TO REMEMBER

March 21-25	Spring Break (School Closed)
March 31	Report Cards Out—Term 3 Begins
April 4 & 5	Parents Phone-In for P/T Interviews
April 7	Pro-D Day (Half Day) School is Closed for Students
April 7	P/T Interviews (1:30—6:30 pm)
April 22—25	Public Holiday (School Closed)

Wassalamu Alaikum

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