

### BC Muslim School

#### A Message from the Principle

Assalam Aliakum wa Rahmatullahi wa Barakatuhu Parents and Guardians,

I pray that you and your families are in the best of health and iman.



Absent Child?
Please call the
school <u>before</u> 8:30
a.m. and remember
to mention your
child's grade &
<u>reason</u> of absence

(604) 270-2511 ext. 100



I'm moving!



Kindly inform the Secretary if you change your address or phone number Alhamdulillah, by the Grace of Allah, we have completed the month of February and are eagerly awaiting April and Ramadan! With the removal of the mask mandate, we are slowly moving toward 'normality' in our school. Having said that, it is imperative that we ensure that we are still keeping ourselves healthy. The school has a supply of Covid-19 rapid tests and should families require some, they can connect with the front office and a box will be sent home with your child. Let us all do our part to ensure that we can return back to how things were. Insha'Allah.

Following up a good deed with more good deeds!

With the overwhelming success of Hijab day, what better way to follow up a successful endeavor with a series of them! BCMS, and our amazing BCMS PAC along with many Islamic charitable organizations (Islamic Relief Canada, Muslim Food Bank, Nisa Homes) are planning on giving our students a Ramadan to remember! Our intention for this month is to 'BUILD OUR JANNAH!" and for this, your support, encouragement, and assistance is needed. Please support us in our initiatives as much as you can, as they are designed to not only give back to the community and assist the charitable organizations with the work that they do, but it also helps BCMS fundraise for its own projects. This year, we are selling 3 items at different times during the month of Ramadan. Each item is only 30 pieces in quantity. So let the strivers strive! (As-Sabiqoon as Sabiqoon). We will be selling Ramadan Ready Boxes (11 have already been sold as I type this message). Back by popular demand from last Ramadan, Cupcakes for Syria will also be making a return (again, only 30 boxes) and this year, we are also providing relief to those struggling in Palestine with our Dates for Palestine sale.

However, the most excited competition that I am looking forward to will be 'Kids Fight Famine'. This is an initiative that combines Reading and developing a relationship with the Quraan and assisting the needy! I will send a separate letter explaining this initiative and hope that parents, guardians, cousins, uncles and aunts all participate in this and see how much we can motivate our children in building their Jannah and seeking the pleasure of Allah subhan'wa talaa.

Jazak' Allah Khair,

Syed Imran Ahmed

Principal - BC Muslim School



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#### Ramadan Opening Message from Sheikh Mohammed Bush

Assalamu Alaikum Wa Rahmatullahi Wa Barakatuh Dear Community Members:

Last year, we all experienced a once-in-a-lifetime Ramadan. A Ramadan without the Masjid, or commuting to work, or our beloved iftar parties. As tough as it was, for many of us, it was a unique opportunity to experience a more meaningful Ramadan focussed on our relationship with Allah SWT as opposed to the traditional socially-intense Ramadan experience that makes us feel spiritually-socially engaged, yet busy and overwhelmed.

As many communities plan a more traditional Ramadan with a return to normality, a *Mindful Ramadan* can be enjoyed with the same love, laughter and community that we have been missing for the last two years. One of the purposes of Ramadan is to emerge more mindful and aware of Allah SWT. Allah(SWT) says in *Surat Al-Baqara*:

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُواْ كُتِبَ عَلَيْكُمُ الصّيَامُ كَمَا كُتِبَ عَلَى الَّذِينَ مِن قَبْلِكُمْ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَتَّقُونَ

"O, believers! Fasting is prescribed for you—as it was for those before you—so perhaps you will become **Mindful of God**." [2:183]

A Mindful Ramadan is about more than doing a lot in Ramadan and then returning to our past selves afterwards. Instead, it is about utilizing Ramadan to go beyond all the incredible blessings and rewards of the month and transform into a better version of ourselves. It is about finding our focus on who we want to become and aligning everything we do to fuel that transformation.

Thus, Mindful Ramadan is about being present and intentional. If we think about Fasting, the primary obligation of Ramadan, it is more an act of *refraining* from certain things than it is one of apparent, outward worship. Fasting in its very nature is an act of the heart, as we cultivate our soul even when no one is watching. This mindfulness of Allah SWT is the very foundation of Mindful Ramadan and its reward. Allah SWT says:

الصِّيامُ لِي وَأَنَا أَجْزِي بِ

"Fasting is for me, and I (personally) give its reward. [Bukhari 1795]

The scholars of Hadith opined that one meaning of Allah SWT giving the reward is that Allah Himself will be the reward. The reward of a Mindful Ramadan is nothing short of the presence and proximity of Allah SWT and His pleasure on the day of judgment and in Jannah. What better reward and joy is there than the privilege of meeting our creator favourably on that day?

This Ramadan, as we try to present to Allah SWT our best selves, let us remember that Allah SWT looks at our hearts most of all.

إِنَّ اللَّهَ لَا يَنْظُرُ إِلَى صُورِكُمْ وَأَمْوَالِكُمْ وَلَكِنْ يَنْظُرُ اِلِّى قُلُوبِكُمْ وَأَعْمَالِكُمْ.

"Verily, Allah does not look at your appearance or wealth, **Rather He looks at your hearts and** actions." [Muslim 2564].

Director of Education & Islamic Studies Mohammed Bush BC Muslim School



Friendly reminder to parents that school starts at 8:00 A.m., Please remind your children to get a late slip from the office if they are late. Lack of punctuality will cause students to disrupt the entire classroom environment, including a lack of respect for the instructor and the subject. In addition, students will miss information that's shared at the beginning of class, are unable to complete assignments in a timely manner and struggle to keep up through the rest of the class. Late students will also miss out in participating in the Morning Dua, Daily Ramadan Hadith as well as Ouran recitation which will be announced for the whole school in the morning. The BC Muslim School is working on increasing daily Ramadan Activities such Islamic Quizzes as well as an exciting Athan Competition!

#### Tips to be on time!

- Sleep Earlier & Wake up Earlier
- Layout clothes the night before
- Pack backpack and lunchbox the night before
- Create a "last stop" Area: The ideal place for your last stop area is near the door you leave from each morning whether it's your garage door or front door. This is where you'll place your keys, backpacks or musical instruments each evening. It's a good idea to have a spot for other seasonal items such as jackets, sweaters or umbrellas.

#### • Pack the Car

Once you've finished putting the final touches to your child's lunch, it's time to pack the car. Since everything you have to pack is in the last stop area, you won't be running around the house looking for the items.

Being organized and having your child arrive at school on time helps reduce classroom interruptions and distractions allowing teachers to focus on teaching lessons to all students. Try making doctor or dentist appointments after school so that your child doesn't miss a minute of learning.

Thank You!

# Virtue of the Month Patience

يَكَأَيُّهَا ٱلَّذِينَ ءَامَنُواْ ٱسۡتَعِينُواْ بِٱلصَّبْرِوَٱلصَّلَوْةِ إِنَّ ٱللَّهَ مَعَ ٱلصَّنبِرِينَ ﴿ اللَّهُ عَالَمَ الصَّنبِرِينَ ﴿ اللَّهُ اللَّهُ مَعَ ٱلصَّنبِرِينَ ﴿ اللَّهُ

O you who have believed, seek help through patience and prayer. Indeed, Allah is with the patient.

Patience is to hold one's soul from being impatient and displeased, holding the tongue from complaining and the body parts from harming himself or others. The patience is mentioned at many places in Quran and Sunnah of the beloved Prophet (SAW), which shows the virtues and greatness of Patience. In the Arabic language, (Sabr) Patience means to confine or contain.

Patience has great status in the sight of Allah Almighty and in Islam. Patience is of best from deeds and has the great reward with no limit. Allah Almighty said in Holy Quran: "Only those who are patient shall receive their rewards in full, without Hisaab (without limit, calculation, and estimation)." (Quran, 39:10). There is great reward only for those among us who are patient with the Decree of their Lord. In this world, we face many difficulties or trials and sufferings but we have to be patient because Allah Almighty loves those who did Patience (Sabr) in a difficult time.

As Islam is a complete code of life and it guides and teach us in every sphere of life. So it teaches us we have to do patience in our difficult situation in this way we have the strong belief on Almighty Allah that He will never leave us alone. In Quran, Allah said: "And be Patient. Surely, Allah is with those who are patient."

Those who will remain patient will enter into Paradise. Allah said in Quran: "Those will be rewarded with the highest place (in Paradise) because of their patience. Therein they shall be met with greetings and the word of peace and respect." (Quran, 25:75)











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## Quick Guide Tips for Ramadan



Eat Lightly



Give Charity Everyday



Increase Du'a



Pray Voluntary Prayers



Read as much Quran as you can

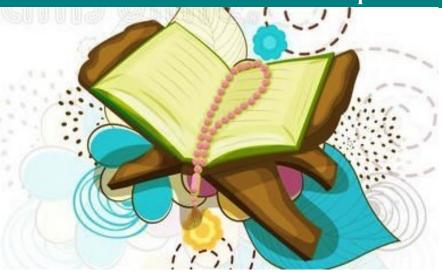


Make Dhikr Constantly

May Allah accept our fasts, accept our good deeds and forgive us for all our sins and make us better Muslims.

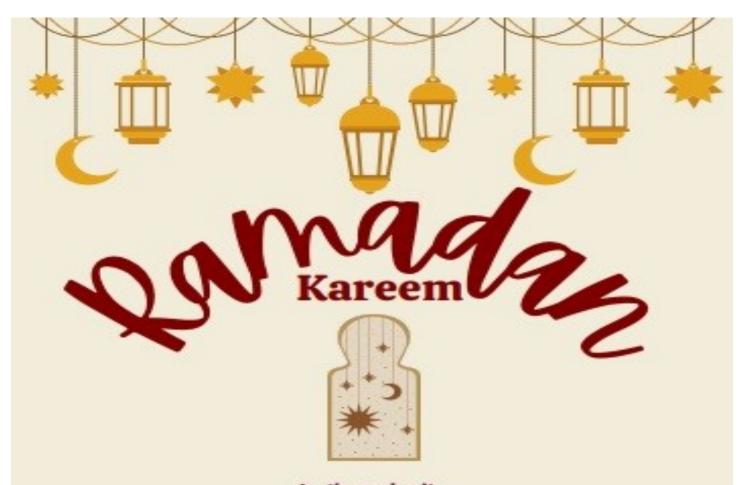






## **April 2022**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Ramadan Boxes ready for Pick-up	2
3 Ramadan (Tentative)	4 Foodbank Kids Fight Famine	5 Earthquake Drill	6	7 1 Quran Competition Final	8 Quran Competition Final	9
	Cupcakes				Ramadan Door Decor	
10	11 Dates from Palestine	12	13 Cultural Day	14 Cupcake Sale Ends	15 Good Friday (School Closed)	16
17	18 Easter Monday (School Closed)	19 Interim Report Card	20	21 P/T Interviews Islamic Studies Teachers	P/T Interviews Academic Teachers (School Closed)	23
		À			Dates end	
24	25	26	27 Foodbank Ends	28 Fight Famine Ends	29 KG, Gr 1,6,7 Immunizations	30
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Let's make it a Ramadan to Remember!

The blessed month of Ramadan is approaching us!

## Poor Decorating Contest

CRITERIA:

A PANEL OF VOLUNTEER TEACHERS WILL EVALUATE ENTRIES ON THE FOLLOWING CATEGORIES.

- · CREATIVITY/GENUINE STUDENT WORK · CRAFTSMANSHIP
- · VISUAL IMPACT

JUDGING: WILL TAKE PLACE ON MONDAY, APRIL 28TH.

WINNERS: THE TOP FOUR CLASSROOMS WILL WIN A PIZZA PARTY.

WINNERS WILL BE SELECTED IN FOUR CATEGORIES.

GRADES K-1, GRADES 2-3, GRADES 4-5 AND GRADES 6-7.

