



October 2021

BC Muslim School

Principal's Message



*Please remember to
phone the school
office before 8:30
a.m. whenever your
child is absent.
Please mention your
child's name, grade
and the reason of
his/her absence.
(604) 270-2511
Ext. 222*

Assalam Alaikum Dear Parents,

I hope to find all of you healthy, safe, and in a high state of Iman. We have finally completed September and Alhamdulillah; it has been a very smooth start by the Grace of Allah.

The pandemic is still a part of our daily lives; thus, we must continue to follow all health guidelines at home and at school as well. We need to remember to make dua and understand that only Allah will ultimately protect us from this pandemic. The school is now complying with the new mandate from Dr. Bonnie Henry regarding masks for children of all ages. Please keep your child and others safe by ensuring they come to school each day with a face mask.

I ask all the parents to continue following and reading the messages in the BCMS App and school emails. It is imperative for parents to monitor the BCMS App for any messages and follow up on your children's homework. One of the keys to our children's success is when teachers and parents work together and communicate professionally and properly with the manners taught to us by our beloved Prophet Muhammad (SAW).

We will be sending an Interim Progress Report to you on November 1st. This will provide a snapshot of how your children are doing thus far. There will be an opportunity to meet with the teachers and discuss this progress report as well.

I want to conclude by thanking all of you for your support and cooperation. We are well aware of our school's shortcomings; nevertheless, we will continue to strive and improve our school in all aspects Insha'Allah.

May Allah reward you all!
Syed Imran Ahmed



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



Picture Day

Tuesday, October 12th, 2021
is Photo Day



Students will be having individual and class photo.
Students are expected to wear correct school uniform, clean and pressed.



Starts

The Foundation Skills Assessment will begin on Monday, October 4th, 2021 - November 12, 2021. The FSA is an annual province wide assessment of all B.C. students. It tests academic skills in grades 4 and 7.

Results provide parents, teachers, schools, school districts and the Ministry of Education with important information on how well students are progressing in the foundation skills of Reading, Writing, and Numeracy.

May ALLAH help our students do well.

AAMEEN.



BLACK HISTORY MONTH

When Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) and his Companions sat together wondering how to call the masses to congregational prayers, it was Bilal, a freed slave, a coloured man, who was granted the honor of calling out the now universally known sound (Adhan) ; something so very beautiful that, when sung with rhythm, can move a person's soul.

Black History Month (BHM) is an annual program of events, originating from 1926, celebrated by Canada, the United States, the United Kingdom, Ireland, and the Netherlands.

It is an important way of remembering the history of the African Diaspora whose spirit and message is often lost in our modern world with cultures increasingly becoming one.

Islam teaches us to embrace people of all colors. In Surah Al Hujurat, verse 13, Allah tells us, “O mankind, indeed We have created you from male and female and made you peoples and tribes that you may know one another. Indeed, the most noble of you in the sight of Allah is the most righteous of you. Indeed, Allah is Knowing and Aware.”

Such verses remind us that we must condemn the *isms*—racism, colorism, and ethnocentrism. Living in America, we are constantly reminded that Black people continue to be treated as lesser than. Not only are we compelled to protect our Black and African Muslims, but we must also speak up against injustices we see inflicted upon our Black American brothers and sisters of other faiths and beliefs. Taking a moment to recognize the significance of Black History Month helps us to begin to do so.

Terry Fox Run

This year Alhamdulillah we had a very successful event. Students were taught the meaning and the significance of the event, and got lots of fresh air and exercise!



Interim Report Cards

Interim Report Cards will be issued on November 1st. Interims help parents stay on top of their child's progress in each subject, and because they're usually issued halfway through a grading period, they also give families a chance to correct any academic problems that exist.

For example, a teacher might indicate that your student is having trouble paying attention in class, or that your child is courteous, responsible, and helpful to others. Sometimes interim reports also request a parent/teacher conference, especially if there are academic or social problems involving the student.



Pay close attention to the teacher's comments. This information provides key insights into what your child needs to change or improve on as well as what they are doing well.



ISLAMIC HISTORY MONTH CANADA

Islamic History month (IMHC) in October aims to celebrate, inform, educate and share with fellow Canadians the rich Muslim heritage and contributions to society.

There has been contributions to sciences, arts, medicine, astronomy, and other disciplines that have greatly benefited human progress. IHMC believes that through education and sharing positive stories; all Canadians can grow and connect in the best possible way.

In 2007, IHMC was proclaimed by the honourable and departed Mauril Belanger, MP for Ottawa-Vanier in the House of Commons and has been since proclaimed in cities and provinces across Canada.

NO SCHOOL DAYS



Monday, October 11th, 2021
Public Holiday (School Closed)



Friday, October 22nd, 2021
Pro-D Day (School Closed for Students)

How can I help my child **SUCCEED** in school?



Stay involved and feel free to contact your child's teacher with any questions or concerns.

Ask your children about school and encourage them to talk about their day.

Do not talk negatively about your child's teacher or school.

Read with your child **every** night.

Make sure your child is getting plenty of sleep and is ready for school each day.

Help your child with his/her homework **every** night.

Teach your children to be responsible for their actions and their schoolwork.

BCMS App Flyer for Parents



DO IT YOUR WAY.

Get your important updates via app notifications, emails, or text messages.



STAY UP-TO-DATE.

Information from school websites, social media, and much more in ONE place.



STAY ORGANIZED.

Personalized calendar.



TAKE IT WITH YOU.

Important phone numbers, school info, and websites in one place on your phone & tablet.



GET THE APP!



iPhone/iPad/iPod Touch/Android:

Open your web browser. Type "bcms.appazur.com". Then tap the "App Store" or "Google Play" button.

OR:

Open the "App Store" app on your iPhone/iPad. Search for "BC Muslim School". Tap "Get". It's free!

GET STARTED!!

Access Code: 12345

- Tap the menu button (at the top left).
- In the menu, tap "Sign In". If you have not signed in before, "Sign Up" for a new account.
- Tap "Classes" in the menu, then tap the gear to select your classes.
- Tap "Groups" in the menu, then tap the gear to select your

Note:

For our previous parents, all users have been signed out of their accounts, please sign in again.

In case you forgot your password, please use SET NEW PASSWORD.

BCMS Parent Advisory Council

Meet the Team:

Shahrazad - Chair

Layla - Secretary

Madi Imen - Event coordinator

Mehtap - Co-event coordinator

Asha - Hot lunch coordinator

Email: bcmspac@bcmaschools.ca

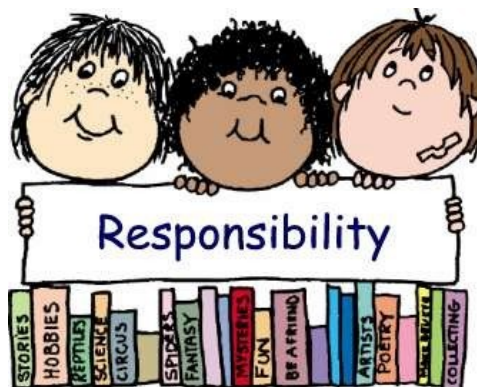
PAC General Meetings will be on the last Sunday of the month

First Hot Lunch will be on Third Friday of the month

-Pizza and Juice

-Details to be announced

VIRTUE OF THE MONTH



The Muslim has several responsibilities and duties to fulfill in his life. These responsibilities are directed towards The Creator, one's own self, people in general, nature and other creatures.

1. Responsibilities towards Allah, All-Mighty:

We, as Allah's (SWT) creatures, are obligated to worship and believe in Him based on the teachings of Islam; otherwise our belief or worship will be not accepted and will be of no avail.

2. Responsibilities towards Oneself:

The Prophet ﷺ advised to: *"Take benefit of five before five: Your youth before your old age, your health before your sickness, your wealth before your poverty, your free time before you are preoccupied, and your life before your death"* (Narrated by Ibn Abbas and reported by Al Hakim)

3. Responsibilities towards Other People:

To live in harmony and to work together, Allah, All-Mighty established rules and laws (in every aspect of life) to facilitate people in their relations with each other. These rules precisely determine the rights of the individual according to their position, status and totality of his traits. In Islam, the individual is honored with special rights as a child, parent, brother, sister, young, old, relative, neighbor, etc. All people are equal in the sight of Allah; the most honored one is the best one in behavior (i.e. his conduct in pleasing Allah). Thus, there's no discrimination between people in general. The only distinction is based on belief and righteous deeds. In Islam, mankind is esteemed and respected just because he or she is a human being.

4. Responsibilities towards Nature and Other Creations:

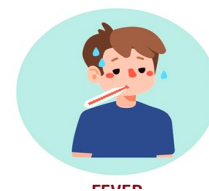
The proper use of natural resources and everything around us is of great importance concerning our well-being, benefit and prosperity.

Nature refers to the features of the world surrounding us. It's the place where man lives. Everything we see around us has been designed for a purpose by the Designer, Allah. Everything in the universe is remarkably homogenous and balanced. Since man is given power and control in some spheres to some extent, he should manage them fairly and justly. Islam fights environment degradation, pollution, destruction, misuse, depletion of resources, and every kind of corruption on earth.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Check For COVID-19 Symptoms

BCMS will not be requiring parents to fill out the daily survey from the app. However, we do expect that parents be aware of their child's wellbeing and monitor for any potential COVID-19 symptoms—if any are present, your child should **stay home**. [Symptoms of COVID-19 | HealthLink BC](#)



Early Dismissal

If parents need to pick up their child for an appointment, please call the office ahead of time and pick up your child **BEFORE 2:30 pm**.

Please note: We are not permitted to release a child to someone other than the parent or guardian without permission.



Late Student

Your child is officially late at 8:25 am and must come to the office for late Slip.



Attendance

Regular student attendance is vital to help children achieve and get the best possible start in life. Children who frequently miss **school** often fall behind. There is a strong link between good **school attendance** and achieving good results. **Please** make sure you drop off and pick up your child **on time**.

Not Taking Bus

Please call the office **by 2:30 p.m. the latest** whenever your child is not taking the bus in the afternoon.



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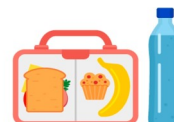
No Supervision before 8 a.m or after 3:45 p.m

The school is not responsible for students left on school premises before 8:00 am or after 3:45 pm. For safety and security reasons, please ensure you pick up your child/children promptly.

Lunch Box Policy

Due to COVID-19, parents are NOT permitted to bring **lunch** for their children during the school hours and siblings are NOT permitted to **share food**.

Please send your child with their **lunch, snacks and water bottle**.



Nutrition

Parents are requested to send their children to school each day with nutritious food that provide health and energy that leads to increase academic performances.

Foods which contain large amounts of sugar may affect behaviour adversely. Studies show that students who have sufficient nutrition in their diets perform better at school. Drinking water throughout the day significantly enhances student performance.

Our School is **NUT FREE SCHOOL**. Please refrain from bringing food that contains nuts.

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Anaphylaxis

In cases where a student is anaphylactic, parents/guardians are expected to provide the school with EPI-Pen(s) for their child.

Parents/Guardians must also work with the school to develop an Individual Medical Management Plan that outlines emergency procedures for their child. Letter will be sent to parents early September.

The school must administer an EPI-Pen when a student is suspected of suffering an anaphylactic reaction even if no Individual Medical Management Plan exists.

October 2021

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