

# BC Muslim School

## Principal's Message

Assalam Aliakum wa Rahmatullahi wa Barakatuhu

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Alhumdulillah, a month as passed and school opened with smiling faces and many new changes to start the year. The most notable one being the anxiety of the past few years with Covid-19 restrictions and precautions setting the tone of the year were absent! With a certain level of cautious freedom, we were able to initiate some programs that had been paused/modified since 2020. This year saw the return of the school's musallah and allow the students from gr. 4 to 7 a chance to pray in congregation, the CORE team revived its Quran Intensive Program (QIP) and we concluded the month with an in-person Meet the Teacher Night.

This month we have a series of new events planned for both students and parents alike. The most notable of all being the introduction of Color Houses, followed by the Terry Fox run (we will be collecting money to assist with the flood relief that has impacted our Muslim brothers and sisters in Pakistan), introducing GPS tracking for our school busses for BCMS bus kids' parents, our virtue of the month assembly—now open to parents and guardians, and concluding the month with interim reports sent home.

Reflecting on some areas of growth and learning from this past month, I would like to request all parents to help me with the following 4 things for October, Insha'Allah

Arriving to school on time.

Send your child dressed for the weather (cooler weather is here)

Packing a healthy lunch

Reading with your child for 20 min. every night (K-3)

Insha'Allah, I hope we are able to build on the success of the previous month and be able to overcome some of the obstacles that sprang up in September.

Jazak' Allah Khair,

Syed Imran Ahmed

Principal - BC Muslim School



*Please report your child's absence by calling the number below & mention their name, grade & reason for absence*

**604) 270-2511  
ext. 222**



**Kindly inform the Secretary if you change your address or phone number**

# Virtue of the Month

# Respect

وَأَخْفِضْ لَهُمَا جَنَاحَ الذُّلِّ مِنَ الرَّحْمَةِ وَقُلْ رَبِّ ارْحَمْهُمَا كَمَا  
رَبَّيْتَنِي صَغِيرًا ﴿٢٤﴾

And, out of kindness, lower to them the wing of humility, and say:  
"My Lord! bestow on them thy Mercy even as they cherished me  
in childhood." (Al Quran 17:24)

Respecting parents is one of the most significant aspects of Islam. God says in the Quran:

*Your Lord has decreed that you worship none but Him, and that you be kind to parents. Whether one or both of them attain old age in your life, say not to them a word of contempt, nor repel them, but address them in terms of honor. (17:23)*

The first decree in this verse is to worship none but God. This is the first and most important pillar of Islam, and enjoining partners with God is the only unforgivable sin. The order right after this is kindness to parents. There are other major sins in Islam that could have been mentioned here, but the one God has forbidden us against here is disrespect to parents. We are told not to speak contemptuously to them: the word given in Arabic is "oof," and even this simple groan of scorn is forbidden. Instead, God has told us to address them with honor and deference.

Moreover, the prayer in this verse ("My Lord! Bestow on them your Mercy even as they cherished me in childhood") is extremely powerful, and many scholars say that Muslims should say this after every prayer. It is truly a beautiful prayer, as we are asking God to bestow mercy on our parents, as they were merciful to us when we were young.

# BC Muslim School Color Houses



**Green Grizzlies**

In the spirit of fostering leadership and positive roles amongst students, we are excited to announce the implementation of the Color House system in our school! Our students, teachers, and even our parents will be sorted into one of four houses in our school.



**Red Falcons**

Students and teachers will be divided into color houses and will be competing for house points and the House trophy at the end of the year.



**Purple Falcons**

Parents will be sorted into the same house as their children. Points will be given for academic achievements, achievements in CORE, and spirit day activities.



**Orange Wolves**

All parents are encouraged to reach out to see how they can also join in the activities and help their color house win!



A comfortable kid outdoors is a happy kid outdoors. One key to keeping them comfortable is making sure they're dressed appropriately for the conditions. But knowing how to outfit your child for the outdoors, where the weather can quickly change from hot and sunny to cold and wet, isn't always simple, especially given that a child may not be able to tell you if they are hot or cold. That said, there are some guidelines and tips that should help set your child up for a successful outdoor experience.

Our students enjoy outdoor recess twice a day except in cases of extreme weather, such as strong winds, heavy rain, etc. It brings us joy to watch them run around and play. Such a break from the classroom environment is essential for the growth, learning and development of all our students. It is important to remember to insure your children are dressed appropriately for the weather. We wish for our students to be able to enjoy outdoor time every single day when the weather permits Insha'Allah. However, they are not able to do so without having proper outerwear.



# DRESSING FOR COLD WEATHER

## COLD



2-3 layers

gloves



1-2 layers



warm hat

outer layer  
*to keep  
out wind,  
wet snow*

boots  
*water proof*

# ATTENDANCE MATTERS *ALL DAY, EVERY DAY*

## Why Does Attendance Matter?

Every school day counts in a child's academic life...

We would like to kindly remind all students, parents and guardians that school starts at 8:00 A.M., and our morning Duaa will begin few minutes after that Insha'Allah. One of the best ways of making the most of your child's educational experience as well as the blessings of group morning Duaa is to ensure they arrive to school on time Insha'Allah.

A missed school day is a lost opportunity for students to learn. In this era of increased accountability for states, districts, and schools, the connection between student attendance and learning is being studied more than ever before. As a result, education agencies are asked with increasing frequency to report attendance data in a standard manner to allow comparisons across organizations and jurisdictions.

The primary rationale for high-quality attendance data is the relationship between student attendance and student achievement. Teacher effectiveness is the strongest school-related determinant of student success,<sup>1</sup> but chronic student absence reduces even the best teacher's ability to provide learning opportunities. Students who attend school regularly have been shown to achieve at higher levels than students who do not have regular attendance. This relationship between attendance and achievement may appear early in a child's school career. A recent study looking at young children found that absenteeism in kindergarten was associated with negative first grade outcomes such as greater absenteeism in subsequent years and lower achievement in reading, math, and general knowledge.

## COVID19 | CORONAVIRUS PREVENTION 2019 - nCoV



Wear mask



Wash hands



Boil your food



Avoid contact

Use soap &  
Antibacterial gelCough on  
your elbowKeep your  
distanceRegular  
sleep

## Covid Prevention Protocols

Prevention measures are in place to reduce the spread of COVID-19. These include effective personal practices like health awareness, staying home when sick and regular hand cleaning. All students and staff should:

- ♦ Get vaccinated
- ♦ Practice health awareness
- ♦ Stay home when sick

### Health awareness

Health awareness reduces the likelihood of a person coming to school when they are sick. This includes checking regularly for symptoms of illness to make sure you or your child don't come to school while sick.

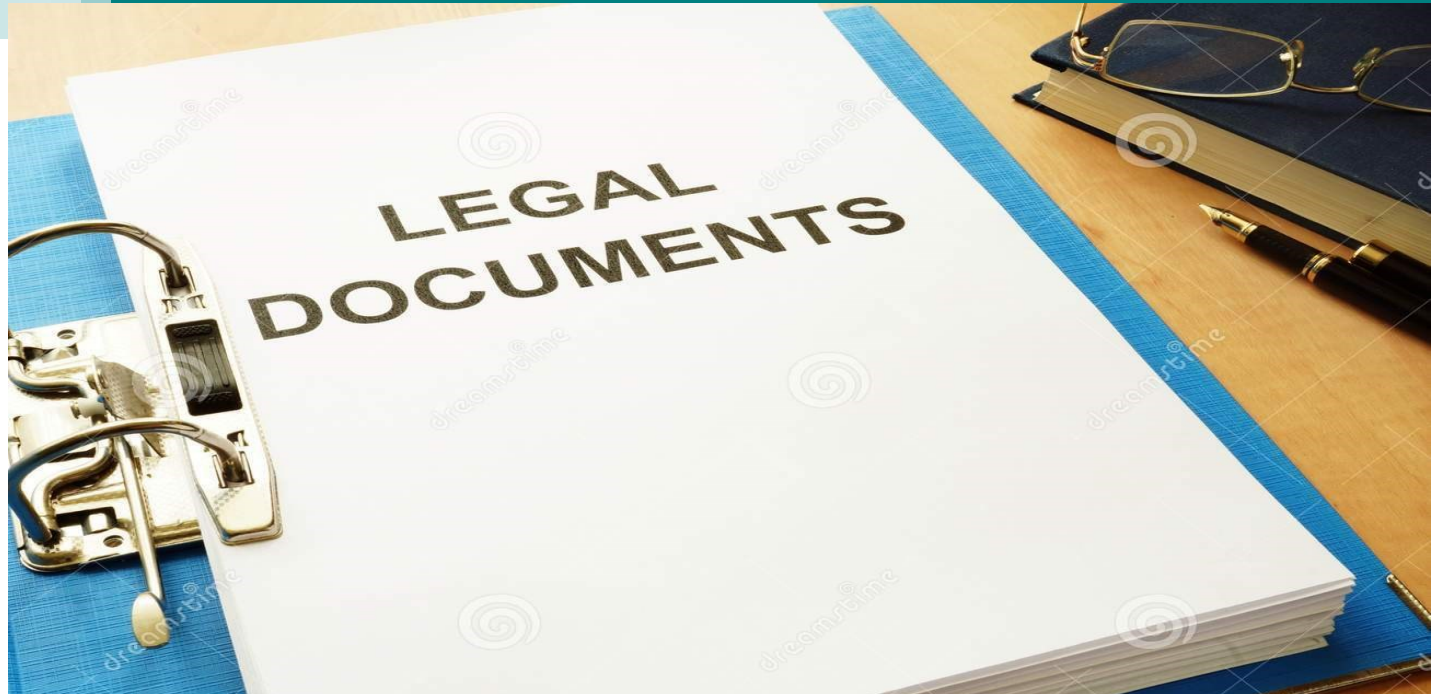
Students, staff and other adults should follow public health guidance and the recommendations of their health care provider when they are sick.

### Masks

The decision to wear a mask or face covering is a personal choice for everyone. This choice should be supported and treated with respect.

### Communicable disease guidelines

Updated guidelines include input from the Ministry of Education and Child Care, the BC Centre for Disease Control (BCCDC), Indigenous rightsholders and education partners, including teachers, parents and school administrators.



BC Muslim School is an independent school that abides by the BC Ministry of Education rules, regulations and requirements. As all parents know, a pivotal part of the registration process is for our school to attain several legal documents from each family. The process of obtaining and updating such documents is an essential requirement from the BC Ministry of Education. Our administrative team are responsible for collecting specific documents from you as well as ensuring they are up to date by calling and or emailing you and kindly requesting a specific document to add to your child's file. Failure to cooperate with our administrative team in providing such document will result in your child / children becoming ineligible for government funding at BC Muslim School.

Our administrative team is dedicated to all their responsibilities and to protect them, the BC Muslim School would like all students, parents and guardians to know that our school has established a Zero Tolerance Policy against all our students, faculty and staff. Since our administrative team is the first face parents see and communicate with, we would like to take the chance to kindly remind parents that they must exercise respect and professionalism when dealing and communicating with our Administrative team.





**BC MUSLIM SCHOOL**  
**Timetable 2022-2023**

BLOCK	TIME	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	8:00 8:20	<b>Starting Bell (8:00) / Morning Duaa (8:05)</b>				
1	8:20 9:20					
2	9:30 10:30					
	10:30 10:50	<b>RECESS</b>				
3	10:50 11:35					
4	11:35 12:20					
	12:20 12:40	<b>LUNCH Kids eat in the classroom (12:20 to 12:40)</b>				
	12:40 1:00	<b>LUNCH Recess (12:40 to 1:00)</b>				
5	1:00 1:40					
	1:40 2:10	<b>Salaah/Jummah Time</b>				
6	2:10 2:50					
7	2:50 3:30*					

**Note: This is the timetable for grades 1-7. Our Kindergarten students have a slightly different timetable.**

# BCMS App

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The BC Muslim School App is a great way to receive daily communications and updates from the school administration and teachers. We encourage all parents to make use of it!

Students and parents feel connected to their school with all the up-to-date information they need readily accessible on their iOS or Android device.

Click below to download: BC Muslim School App



**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.

Please use the link below to download the App to your desktop or, search “BC Muslim School” in your App Store and download it from there.

**The Access Code for the App is: 12345**

<https://www.bcmuslimschool.ca/bcms-app-information/>



We would like all our respected Parents and Guardians to kindly plan their day and trip ahead of time so they can pick-up their children at 3:30 P.M. If you are unable to personally pick-up your child after school, please arrange for either a sibling who must be minimum 18 years old, and or a friend or family member whom you grant written authorization to pick-up your child to the school you haven't already done so. Since **our legal liability to care for your children ends at 3:45**, we would like to emphasize the importance of having your child picked no later than 3:45 P.M .



Kindly remember to pack enough food and a refillable water bottle for your child so they are nourished, hydrated and are able to make the most of their day at school Insha'Allah. It is important to remember that the school does not provide food for students and are able to provide a small snack in case a child has spilled and or forgotten their food for the day.



All parents are reminded to call the front office to kindly request a meeting with the principle instead of dropping-in. Any parents or guardians dropping in will be asked to make an appointment and return at a later time. The appointments can be booked from Monday to Friday from 2:00 to 3:30 P.M. **Please do not come to school without prior notice. Kindly call our front Office and notify them of the time and reason of your visit.**



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9	10 Public Holiday School Closed	11	12	13	14	15
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30	31 Interim Reports Out English/ Arabic Spelling Bee Immuniza- tion 6 & 7					