

# BC Muslim School

## Principal's Message

Assalam Alaikoum wa Rahmatullahi wa Barakatuhu



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

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

Alhumdulillah, we have arrived near the midway point of the year. The December break is important to spend with family and recharge the batteries for the next half of the year. We will close out the fall session with our Islamic Heritage Day Exhibit which will showcase the contributions of Muslim luminaries in the fields of medicine, astronomy, architecture, flight, design and more!

Please support us as we open the doors of BCMS to the Richmond community and instill a sense of pride in our students as they research how advancements made by Muslims many centuries ago have been adapted to our everyday life today.

December is also our Bottle Drive for fundraising and for color house points. The battle is heating up! Assist your child(ren) in dropping off cans and plastic bottles and other items that will receive a rebate as we raise funds for school activities and the grade 7 graduation.

Insha'Allah, I look forward to welcoming all of our students back in the new year.

Jazak'Allah Khair,

Syed Imran Ahmed

Principal - BC Muslim School



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

# Virtue of the Month

## Honesty

وَلَا تَلْبِسُوا الْحَقَّ بِالْبَاطِلِ وَتَكْتُمُوا الْحَقَّ وَأَنْتُمْ تَعْلَمُونَ ﴿٤٢﴾

"And do not mix the truth with falsehood or conceal the truth while you know it."

*Always speak the truth!*

When honesty is lost, then wait for the Hour (the Day of Judgment). These are the words of Prophet Muhammad. They paint a picture of the time leading up to the Day of Judgement, when righteous people will be sorrowful due to the lack of honesty around them. In the 21<sup>st</sup> century, we live in a world where honesty is valued and yet shunned at the same time. We expect people to be honest in their dealings with us yet we watch and applaud television shows and movies that promote and encourage lying and deceitfulness.

Without thinking, we teach our children that dishonesty is acceptable. When we expect our children to tell the caller on the telephone we are not home, this is a lesson in deceit. When we refuse invitations and pretend we are busy, this is lying. We admonish our children for lying, yet the reality is we have been their teachers. Whether we tell lies, or whether we allow our children to live in a world surrounded by deceit, the lesson is learned and the honesty begins to disappear from the hearts of the next generation.

Honesty incorporates the concepts of truthfulness and reliability and it resides in all human thought, words, actions and relationships. It is more than just accuracy; it is more than just truthfulness, it denotes integrity or moral soundness. Islam commands truthfulness and forbids lying. God commands that a Muslim be honest.

ON 11 DEC.2022  
-AT 01:30 PM-

# *Islamic Heritage Exhibit*

**You are invited to Islamic  
Heritage Day to commemorate  
Muslim Heritage Month**



*Fields explored: Structures & Architecture, Flight,  
Medicine, Space & Astronomy, Islamic Art, and  
Education*

**HOSTED BY : BC Muslim School**  
**Location: School Gymnasium**  
***In Partnership with the City of Richmond***

**12300 Blundell Rd, Richmond, BC., V6W 1B3**  
**(604) 270-2511 (EXT: 222)**



# ISLAMIC HERITAGE

Established by the Canadian Government in 2007, Islamic Heritage Month provides an opportunity to learn and honor the rich history of Islam, and contributions of Muslims in Canada. It is important to recognize the diversity that exists within the faith of Islam, and the folks who practice it including the multitude of people, stories, and cultures that have shaped, and continue to shape Canada.

We are incredibly excited to announce an exceptional event honoring Islamic Heritage Month, hosted by the BC Muslim School on December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022, from 1:30 PM to 4:00 PM in the School's Gymnasium Insha'Allah. Throughout the month of November, there is incredible joined effort from both the Homeroom and Core teachers to take our students in an explorative, and informative learning journey of knowledge that blends scientific discoveries, technological advancements and the richness of Islamic History. Students will demonstrate what they have learned by displaying the projects they have made as groups. On December 11<sup>th</sup>, an exhibit of our student's projects will be on Display, with live presentations from our talented students Insha'Allah.

Teachers have catered to the learning level of each of their students to teach them about several historical Muslim discoveries and inventions in a variety of fields, such as Space and Astronomy, Structures and Architecture, Islamic Art, Flight, Medicine, and Education. Each group of students will choose one Islamic discovery and learn how it was made, and how it developed overtime, and how it is during this day and age.

Our grade 2A & 2B students went on a field trip to Hoy Creek Park on Nov 3rd. The students had been studying about Salmon, their life cycle, the vast web of life supported by Salmon as a food supply, and the challenges we/they face with pollution in our watersheds where salmon return to spawn. Our volunteer for the second year, Robbin, shared all about the important info regarding Hoy Creek and the Salmon they hatch and stock the creek with. Despite the rain, we were thrilled to see the Salmon spawning!



# Label Belongings

**This sign simply reminds parents of the importance of labelling all their child's belongings.**

**Attention Parents**  
Please remember  
to label all  
your child's  
belongings.

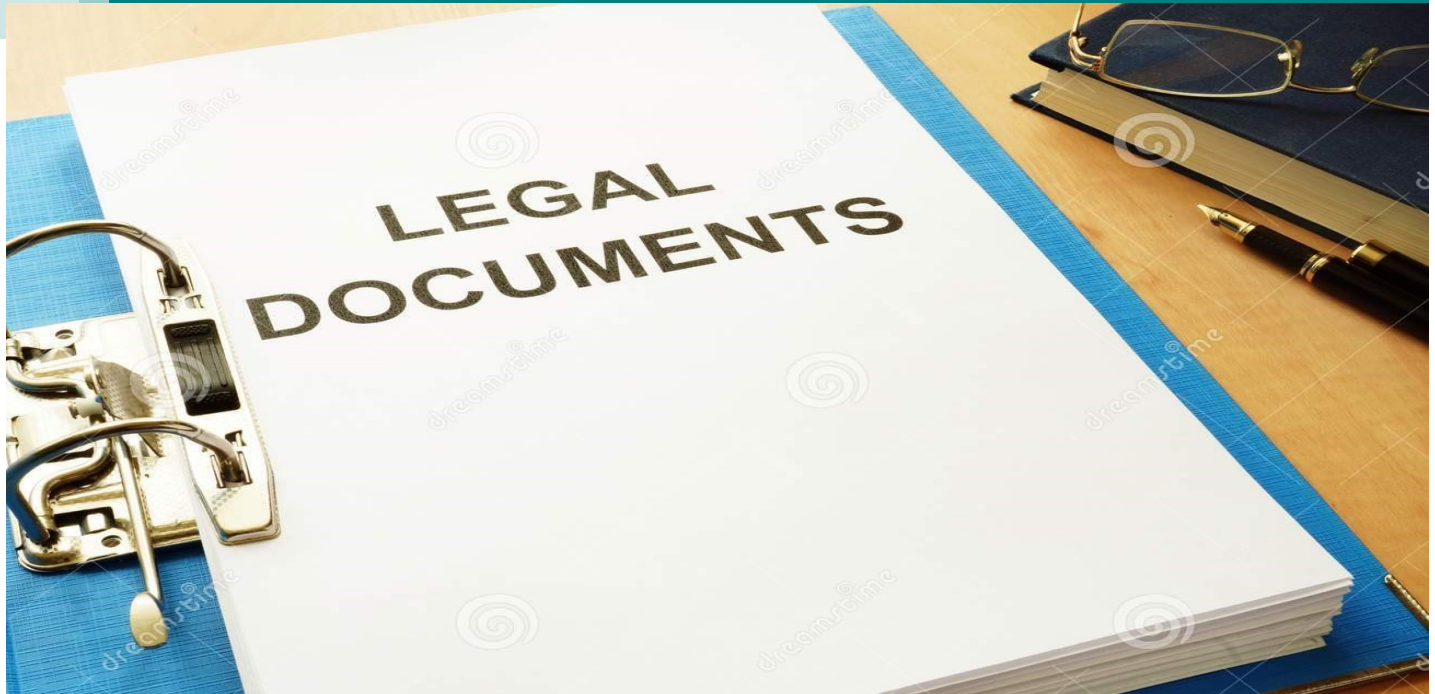


A kind reminder to all parents to please label your child's items and belongings with their name and grade (Example: Ahmed 2A), to prevent them from losing their items and easily reclaim it if they misplace it and or forget it within the school premises. All lost and found items will be displayed each Wednesday in the school's gymnasium at 3:30 Insha'Allah. Any unclaimed items will be given to donation at the end of each month.





Monthly assembly at BC Muslim School is established to honor two categories of students. The first category is “Most Improved” and the second category is “Certificate of Excellence”, which correlates with the Islamic Virtue that pertains to that month. The virtue for the month of October was Respect Masha 'Allah. Throughout the month of October, both homeroom and Core (Islamic Studies) teachers, use the monthly virtue as a theme for their teaching. This establishes a rich and meaningful learning experience for students. The monthly assembly aims to inspire our students to strive to exceed expectations both in their Academic and Islamic studies Insha'Allah. We have sent a file to our parents which shows the display of beautiful pictures of all our talented students who have been granted certificates during October's Assembly Masha 'Allah.



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.



# TIPS TO BUILD EMOTIONAL RESILIENCE IN KIDS

**Spend quality time with kids.**  
When they feel loved and supported, children develop emotional strength.

**Talk about feelings so your child learns to share their worries and fears with people they trust.**

**Instead of rushing to solve problems, give kids time to work things out themselves.**

**When children experience failure or disappointment, it's important to praise their effort and encourage them to try again.**

**Acknowledge your own mistakes to teach kids that mistakes are essential for learning and growth.**

**If your child can't find a solution to a problem, use gentle questioning to guide them towards it.**

**Ensure kids are eating well and getting enough sleep and exercise.**

# Sugar

Each person eats around 24 kilograms of sugar every year. A little bit of sugar is healthy, but too much sugar is bad for you.

## When you eat sugar

When you eat sugar, you get energy and your brain releases chemicals that make you feel good.

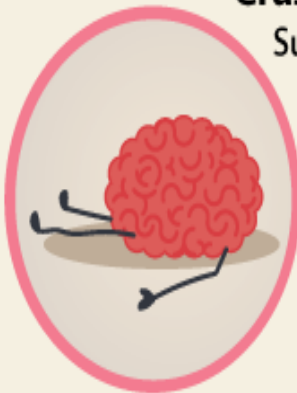


## Fruit

Fruits have a lot of natural sugar, which is healthier than eating sweets. Natural sugars last longer in the body too.

## Crash

Sugar gives you a fast burst of energy and your body uses it very quickly. Afterwards, you will feel very tired and you will want more sugar again.



## Unhealthy

Eating too much sugar leads to health problems such as diabetes, tooth decay and obesity.



# 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.



# 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/>



# DECEMBER

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