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## Here We Go Again!

### BC Muslim School is Waking Up



BCMS has ZERO Tolerance Policy against our students, faculty and staff. Parents must exercise respect in dealing with our administrative Team and provide all the updated legal documents of their kids.



Please make sure to check your child for any symptoms before sending them to school.



Please pick-up your children at 3:30 P.M the latest.

Our legal liability to care for your children starts at 8:00AM and ends at 3:45PM.

If you are unable to personally pick-up your child, 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.



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. Please note that the school does not provide food for students.

Our "Safe Welcome" program involves cameras installed, and door visitors buzz. Parents and visitors access must be by pre-approval from administration and by appointment only



between 9:30 am and 2:00 pm.



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

I AM LATE!



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

If you need to pick up your 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.



Call the front office to request an appointment

Please remember to phone the school office before 8:30 a.m. whenever your child is absent or if you have change in address or phone number. Please mention your child's name, grade and the reason of his/her absence.



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# Principal's Message

Assalam Aliakum wa Rahmatullahi wa Barakatuhu

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome back everyone, I hope each one of you has had a fantastic summer and you and all your family and loved ones are well, healthy and in a strong state of Faith, Ameen. With a flourishing community, we look forward to welcoming all our returning and new parents and values students Macha'Allah.

We are all very excited to welcome all of you to what we aim to be a great successful year full of leadership, knowledge, and amazingly rewarding experiences Insha'Allah. I am blessed to say that all BCMS teachers and staff without exception, are highly dedicated individuals who are committed to the core values of our school as well as the best interest of every single one of your children Alhamdulillah.

Class placement is a collaborative team process that our educators invest in to create the most optimal classroom dynamic for our students. Thank you for respecting their professionalism to ensure your child will learn in the most optimal environment based on their learning skills and achievement. A considerable amount of time and thought goes into placement decisions. Please note, changes to class placements are not being considered at this time. Our dedicated and caring staff will work with you to support students in transitioning to their new classrooms. If you have any specific concerns about your child, please reach out to your child's teacher.

Education is a collaboration of committed teachers, students and parents that builds a future generation equipped with exemplary morals and self-reliance. Parents are the first and most important educators in a child's life. Their enthusiasm, support and cooperation are what empowers us to facilitate the learning of their child and reach their full potential.

Our school strives to embrace the efforts of all, teachers, students and parents, to provide a healthy educational environment in which our students can excel and succeed.

We look forward to a year of excellent learning, as well as a year of continuing to come together as a Muslim community, finding ways to deepen our connections together with you Insha'Allah.

Jazak'Allah Khair,

Mohamed Bush

Principal - BC Muslim School

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# Attendance Matters

Every student. 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, 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.



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# PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

Every parent is automatically a member of the **Parent Advisory Council (PAC)** and is invited to attend and take part in the meetings held throughout the school year. All leadership positions for the Parent Council in the new school year will be selected at the first meeting.

## PAC DESIGNATED POSITIONS:

- Chairperson** Chairs all meetings, sets up agenda, and ensures the order of the meeting
- Vice Chair** Works with the chair and can perform the same duties if the chair is not available
- Secretary** Records the meeting minutes and publishes them
- Treasurer** Handles all financial transactions for the PAC, arranges for audited statements each year
- Volunteers** Organizes the school program in cooperation with the parents and teaching staff
- Coordinator** Assist parents in accessing the system and to advocate on behalf of parents and students

## PAC OBJECTIVES:

- To promote the welfare of students.
- To support the school's unique programs, both with time and financial resources.
- To facilitate the involvement of parents with the school through coordination of volunteer opportunities.
- To offer advice and make recommendations to the school principal and administration team.



The PAC has supported the school in numerous ways including:

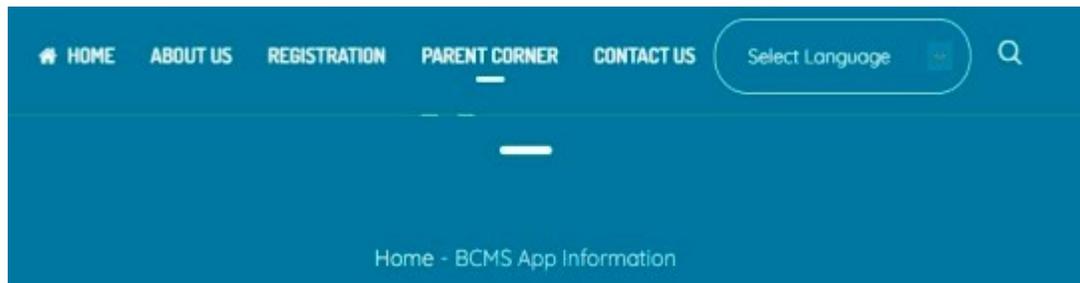
- ◇ fundraising for the playground
- ◇ book fairs
- ◇ hot lunches
- ◇ sports events and
- ◇ helping to arrange some student community service placements



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# BCMS APP Flyer For PARENTS



## Download “BC Muslim School” App

- ◆ to get all the desired notifications in one place
- ◆ to stay organized by managing your own calendars and setting up your own reminders
- ◆ To get quick and easy access to all the school information, which is always up-to-date



Click below to download: [BC Muslim School App](#)



Please use the link below to download the App to your desktop  
<https://www.bcmuslimschool.ca/bcms-app-information/>  
OR

Search “BC Muslim School” in your App Store and download it from there.

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

### 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.

Follow us on Facebook for all our latest updates:

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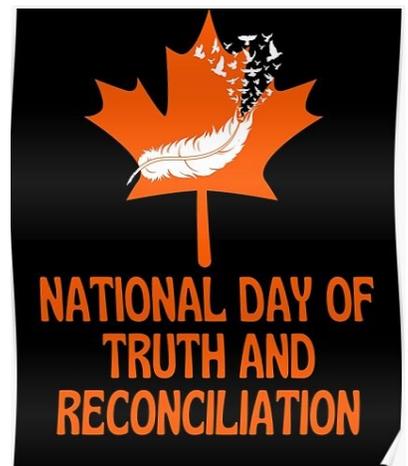


# September 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
27	28	29	30	31	1 KG Orientation	2
3	4 Public Holiday 	5 School Reopen! 	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15 EARTHQUAKE KIT 	16
17	18 Meet the TEACHER 	19	20	21	22	23
24	25 PRO-D DAY 	26	27	28	29 	30



PRO-D DAY



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# MEET THE TEACHER NIGHT

on

**September 15th**

*More information will be shared shortly  
Stay Tuned*



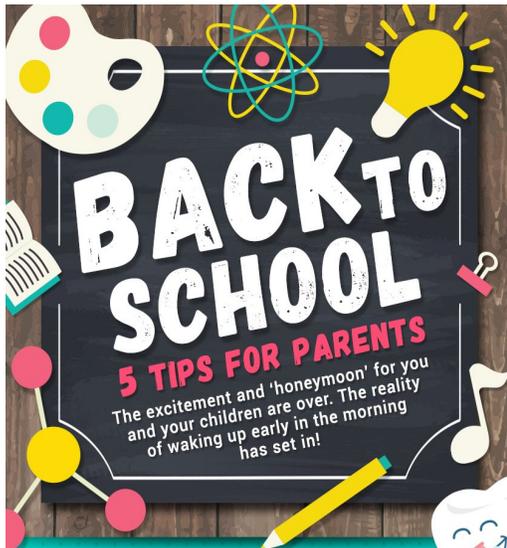
## September 19th

*BC Muslim School is pleased to be  
holding our annual Terry Fox Run event. This is the day our school  
will be showing our commitment to fight against cancer.  
All staff and students are encouraged to take part, as we look to build  
on the participation level of last year's event.*

## BC MUSLIM SCHOOL BUS RULES

We are pleased to announce the continuation of our bus services to all the families that have requested it. Our school sincerely prioritizes your child's safety within the school as well as in the school bus. If your child does commute to school by school bus, kindly remind them to adhere to bus safety protocols given to them by our designated bus drivers. For their safety, children in the school bus must not eat or drink, or throw and or pass items to other students, remain seated, and practice good social etiquette towards the bus driver and other students in the bus. All the school buses at BCMS are equipped with security cameras which record all activity within the bus to ensure student safety





### PREDICTABLE ROUTINE

During the first few days, it is important that you set a predictable routine. Create a chart or schedule with your child to help him/her remember important tasks and items in the morning, such as brushing teeth.

### AVOID APPOINTING MUM TO SEND CHILDREN TO SCHOOL

Normally, children find it difficult to part with their mums. Therefore, it is best if mothers refrain from dropping their children off at school to avoid unnecessary drama!

### AVOID SAYING "BYE-BYE"

Instead of saying 'bye-bye' it is better to say 'see you again' instead.

### NORMAL EXPRESSION OF FEELINGS

If your child cries, remember that it is only normal for them to act that way. As hard as it may seem, it is better for you and your child if you say your special goodbye and walk away firmly.

### AVOID CHECKING ON YOUR CHILD

Coming back to check on your child makes it for a more difficult for you, your child and the classroom as a whole. Often, this will prompt more crying.

## First Day of School Tips:

# PREP THE DAY BEFORE



- Pack lunches & snacks.
- Lay out clothes & shoes.
- This should eliminate any arguments about what to wear the morning of school.
- Pack backpacks & leave them by the door.
- Take those precious "First Day of School" pictures the day before so you're not stressed out the morning of...no one will ever know the difference!



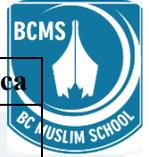
# MORNING ROUTINE



- Create a consistent morning routine.
- Include things such as:
  - Eating breakfast
  - Brushing teeth
  - Getting dressed
  - Using the bathroom
  - Making the bed
- Visual schedules are great to help with this.



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