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Editor's note: Welcome to the third edition of the Gazette. This newsletter will bring you Eid celebration in pictures. We pray you have had a glorious Ramadan and Eid! In order to bring more stories we will be publishing this newsletter every two months starting August Insha Allah!



## Presidents Message – Iltaf Sahib

All praise belongs to Allah, the Lord of the universe. Peace and blessings be upon his final Messenger, his family, his noble Companions, and all those who follow them with righteousness until the Day of Judgment. Honorable Guests, respected elders, brothers, sisters and children: *Assalamu-Alaykum-wa Rahamatullahi-wa Barakatahu.* This past month of Ramadhan, we've all experienced at our masajids and Centres, a vibrant atmosphere filled with iman boosting activities, beautiful Quran recitations,

tafsir sessions, and hearty iftars. After a month long of fasting, attending tarawih prayers and operating on a minimal amount of sleep for an entire month, the blessed month of Ramadhan has sadly come to an end.

On this glorious day of Eid Ul-Fitr we ask Allah (swt) to accept all our fasting, prayers, supplications, charity and all good deeds. We ask Allah (swt) to shower us with mercy, forgive our shortcomings, enable us to continuously frequent our masajids and centres as we have been doing throughout the month of Ramadhan, and most importantly keep us all united as we have displayed in the blessed month.

Let us cherish this wonderful day to spend time with our family and friends, connect with our neighbors and the community, especially our new brothers and sister reverters and most importantly our parents. Do not be shy today, and convey Salam to everyone, whether you know them or not. After this day, let's not keep any differences in our hearts so that the blessings of the almighty can descend upon us.

Here's the big news of the day! Today on this auspicious day of Eid, we are launching **BCMA - Muslim Kids TV (MKTV)** for all our children in BC. This is a wonderful opportunity for our children to see educational cartoons, play Islamic tailored video games, learn about the life of the prophets, sahabahs, learn Arabic as a Language, Science, Math, plus it has many more other beneficial features. We will also be introducing MKTV in our Muslim schools to directly benefit our students.

On the topic of Muslim Schools, it is noteworthy to mention this achievement as well: The **Fraser institute** has placed our **Surrey Muslim School** first out of approximately 960 elementary schools in BC for grades 4 and grade 7 for English language and Mathematics skills!

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**1st interactive online TV for Muslim kids**

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This is in line with our goal to create a Muslim community of educated, confident children, who will be well versed with secular and valuable Islamic knowledge. InshaAllah, they will go on to become the best ambassadors of our beautiful religion and serve our beautiful country, Canada.

On this auspicious day, I would like to acknowledge our Imams, the principals and teachers of both our Muslim Schools, volunteer brothers, sisters and committee members in various divisions of the B.C. Muslim Association who put in long hours to serve our community. I am thankful to Allah (swt) who has bestowed me with a wonderful Executive Council, and a great Executive Board which comprises of experienced individuals, as well as energetic and young professionals who have shown confidence and loyalty to work with me with utmost dedication.

May Allah reward you all with goodness in this life and the hereafter.

On behalf of the entire BC Muslim Association, I extend to you and your families, a very joyous... **Eid Mubarak!**

# MEDIA AND PUBLIC RELATIONS

Sikandar Khan, VP



"He is the One God; the Creator, the Initiator, the Designer and the Master of all worlds. To Him belong the most beautiful names. Glorifying Him is everything in the heavens and the earth. He is the Almighty, most wise." Quran [ 59:24 ]

Alhamdulillah, the blessed month of Ramadan dawned upon us, we prayed, we fasted and we persevered. It is certainly hoped that we have raised our level of Taqwa during the blessed month of Ramadan and have become a better person as a result. May Allah Almighty shower our life with happiness, our heart with love, our soul with spirituality and our mind with wisdom. Ameen !

It was during this blessed month , we witness the demise of two stalwarts and Past Presidents of The B.C. Muslim Association namely Brothers Towfeik Hossein and Ahmed Saad. May Allah Almighty grant them the best place in Jannah and their efforts in this life become the beacon of hope for this Deen and the next generation.

We are amidst the festive celebration of Eid Ul Fitr . We have witnessed the public coming out in big numbers to partake in Eid Salah and celebrations. Richmond Branch went to the limits of grandeur and splendour of celebrations involving people of all age groups including an eventful day for children. We hope to see other Branches following this demonstration of unity.

We have limited the scope of this News Letter to Eid Celebrations and festivities. We hope you will find this Eid Issue interesting, flavorful, filled with lot of memories and exciting times.

In closing my thoughts, let me make this supplication to Allah Almighty , to please bring us joy , happiness, peace and prosperity on this blessed occasion of Eid Ul Fitr to the universe .

In every shared smile, in every silent prayer , in every opportunity that comes your way , May Allah Almighty bless you immensely . Wishing you and your family Eid Mubarak !



## In Memoriam - Past President Br. Towfeik Hossein

June 2, 2018

One of the beloved members of the community passed away. Br Towfeik was a BCMA life member and a past president. He helped shape the future of the Association in the eighties through his thoughtful ideas. May Allah grant him Jannatul Firdous. Ameen



## Board of Education (BOE)

On June 3 the BOE held a townhall meeting with parents whose kids go to the BC Muslim School. The BOE is taking efforts to keep an open dialogue with the parents.

The **Fraser Institute** has placed our **Surrey Muslim School** first out of approximately 960 elementary schools in BC grades 4 and grade 7 English language and Mathematics skills! Takbeer!





# Ramadan around our Community



Surrey RCMP hosted Iftar



Community Iftar at Richmond Jamea Masjid.

Linda Reid MLA attending iftar in with her mother.



Doors Open Volunteers Richmond



Masjid Al-Iman Victoria Preschool Ramadan event





# EID Celebrations around our Community



Surrey



Victoria



Burnaby



## Richmond EID in the Park



Eid in the park including Games, gifts for children and food for the community



## Womens Council – Sr. Tazul Ali

It was sad to farewell Ramadan but with open arms we welcomed the festival of Eid ul Fitr. Alhamdulillah, 1.8 billion Muslims all over the world celebrated the end of fasting with gratification and thankfulness to the Mercy of the Almighty Lord, Allah, Subhanahu wa Ta'ala. Families all dressed up and praising the Lord, we made our ways to the Masjid, or to the open spaces in the Parks to pray the Eid Salah. 2018 Eid ul Fitr prayer, I witnessed a much larger crowd of different nationals. The prayer areas reflected the mosaic landscape of women, both young and old, donned with abayas and dresses and beautiful hijabs. It was a very vibrant and harmonious environment with obvious spiritual uplift.



Before Ramadan, a group of Sisters had a visit with Sr Habiba Gamiet at the Nursing Home. Sisters of BCMA are so very grateful for the services and guidance of Sr Habiba towards the Ghusl and Kafan cutting and packaging that the women do for the whole organization. May Allah give Shifaa to Sr Habiba and all those who are sick.



Alhamdulillah, BCMA's First Refugee family landed in Vancouver on June 21. Br Shawkat with Br Bassam and Sisters Amara and Faten welcomed them. Mustafa, Rihaab and their young daughter came from Turkey. They are a young family and will be settled in the Lower Mainland.



## Kelowna Masjid Update

Alhumdolillah the Kelowna Masjid is near completion with grand opening planned for July 2018!



Kelowna Masjid
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"A human dies, then he's good deeds slip except for three:  
 • A Sincere loan (with easy return), a beneficial knowledge, or a righteous child who prays for him."  
 • Good deeds cannot be taken away from him if he is a good person.  
 • All things are for people, but the Masjid, all those who helped to build it will earn reward even after they have died."

Shortfall

\$225,000.00

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Please donate generously to help community of kelowna to complete this Construction



# NEWS & EVENTS

**DawaNet PRESENT**

**WEEKEND WITH SHAYKH DAOOD BUTT**

FRIDAY, JULY 6TH, 2018 TO SUNDAY, JULY 8TH, 2018

**6th Friday Khutbah 1:15 pm @ Masjid Al Salaam  
Unity as Ummah 9:30 pm @ Richmond Jamsa Masjid**

**7th Hangout with Youth 9:30 am @ Masjid Al Salaam  
Parenting and Our legacy 7:00 pm @ Masjid Al Salaam**

**8th Workshop for Sisters 9:30 am @ Masjid Al Salaam**

**MASJID AL-SALAAM & EDUCATION CENTRE**  
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**Masjid Al-Salaam—Open Doors, Open Hearts, Open Minds**

**BC Muslim Association**

**July 7th & 8th  
10am-6pm**

**mosque cup 2018**

Youth boys and Girls  
U18 7v7 Half field

U15 U12 U10 U8 U6  
8v8 half field

over 35 & 50's Division  
7v7 half field  
Premier Full sized

**Newton Athletic Park**  
**7395 128th st Surrey**

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**Year 2017 \$310,250**

**Year 2016 \$196,800**

**Year 2015 \$50,100**

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The B.C. Muslim Association (BCMA) is pleased to inform the community at large that since the establishment of our online contribution, BCMA has collected over \$850,450. Your contribution has helped the Association collect:

- Donation for operational & capital projects
- Zakat/Waqf/Relief fund
- School fees
- Membership
- Marriage registration fees

We thank all members who have participated in our online payment system and have shown their support to help raise funds when needed. Please share this information with others so we can continue to promote this online service to our community.

**Its as easy as 1 2 3...**

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**BCMA funeral services**

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**North Vancouver:** Victory Memorial Park - Surrey 5,348 Burial Plots  
**Richmond:** Victoria View Gardens - Chilliwack 2,787 Burial Plots  
**Victoria:** Royal Oak Burial Park - Victoria 100 Burial Plots  
**Langford:** Lakeview Memorial Gardens - Nanaimo 84 Burial Plots  
**Abbotsford:** Cedar Valley Memorial Gardens - Nanaimo 111 Burial Plots  
**Port Moody:** Memorial Park Cemetery - Prince George 53 Burial Plots

**We Have:**

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