

**December
2014**



BC MUSLIM SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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PERSEVERANCE—COMMITMENT—KNOWLEDGE—EXCELLENCE

Message from the Principal

***Please remember to phone
the school office before 8:45***



***a.m. whenever
your child is
absent. Please
mention your child's name,
grade and the reason of his/
her absence.***

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

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Dear Parents,

Assalamu Alaikum,

As we enter the month of December, the 1st Term for the school year has come to an end. Alhamdulillah, there were numerous achievements over the course of the last four months. The school held a mesmerizing Hajj Presentation in October. We initiated our Health and Well Being Days that helped to promote a healthy and active life in addition to building sportsmanship and team building skills. Our Grade 5 students completed the Dare Program which culminated with a Graduation. And we began our Community of Learners program which brings members of our community into our classroom for presentations about various professions. This month, the Milk Program ends for Term 1, order forms for Term 2 will be distributed in January 2015.

Today, your child will be bringing home their Term 1 report card. Please take the time to read through it with your child. If you would like to discuss the report card with your child's teacher(s), please phone the school office at 604-270-2511 on Dec. 8th or 9th in order to book an appointment for Dec. 11th (Parent/Teacher Interviews).

The weather this past week has reminded us that we live in a country that is known for harsh winters. Please ensure that your child arrives at school with proper winter gear i.e. winter jacket, gloves, touque, winter shoes. This month will provide many opportunities to take advantage of the sales that stores will hold for winter wear.

Last week, our school went through an extensive external evaluation by the BC Ministry of Education that is completed every 6 years. Alhamdulillah, our school did a remarkable job. I am grateful to Allah (SWT) that we passed the External Evaluation without even one error. From the administration staff to the teaching staff to the support staff, all the staff worked together to achieve this successful result.

On December 14th, the PAC will be hosting a Meet and Greet from 2pm to 4pm at the Richmond Masjid Gym. Please attend this great event in order to meet new families and enjoy the day participating in fun filled activities. The tickets are currently available for sale at the school.

On behalf of the entire staff at the BC Muslim School, I would like to wish everyone a safe and enjoyable Winter Holidays. May Allah (SWT) accept our dua's and keep us on the right path.

*Wassalam
Shuaib Yunush
Acting Principal*

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

November Assembly:

Masha Allah, the Grade 5 students hosted an unforgettable assembly in November. The students performed a beautiful nasheed titled "Happy". They also performed a wonderful skit about Cooperation. Excellent job!

Congratulations to the following students who have been selected by their teachers for demonstrating their best ability in the following categories:

Grade	Academic Excellence	Qur'an and Islamic Studies	Arabic
KGA	Aly Hessein Hassona	Maryam Abubaker	Yusuf Imran
KGB	Fatema Mustafa Idrees	Zaina Hasan	Malek Sherif
1A	Mirabelle Souici	Fattah Pramono	Dania Alsaiani
1B	Farah Alaya	Khadija Ali Basyah	Abrar Shalabi
2A	Hamza Abubaker	Hayaa Arafath	Ibraheem Shouman
2B	Mariam Barakat	Muadh Fazahir	Derya Sametoglu
3A	Menam Mahmood	Aya Benmoussa	Aya Othman
3B	Rayaan Khan	Lena Cheboubi	Aisha Muneer
4A	Ali Hooda	Shahar Bano	Mina Shakir
4B	Zaim Awais	Asher Khan	Sarah-Al-Khatib
5A	Osama Alshabani	Afaf El Shehawi	Leen Abu Arja
5B	Jamil Moore	Nawal Omar	Fathima Zaina Rizan
6A	Raghd Abushahin	Haffsa Zahid	Sohiyeb Hassan
	Raiq Ahmed (6)	Dania Othman (6)	Mohamed Aldernawi (6)
6/7	Seema Al-Tabba (7)	Bushra Kaderi (7)	Anas Chellabi (7)

November Assembly Album:

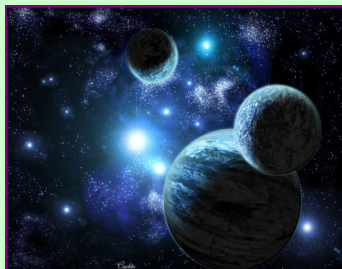
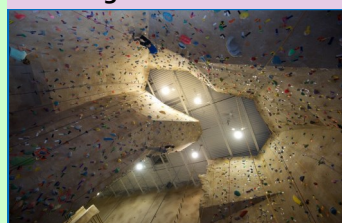


November Field Trip

We had three Field Trips in November. Our Grade 1 and Grade 3 students enjoyed field trips to the **Space Center**. The Space center educates people about satellites, stars, planets and technology used in space. It was a fascinating experience. Our students enjoyed the field trip and learned about the wonders of space.

Our Grade 6 and 7 students enjoyed a fieldtrip to **Cliffhanger**. Cliffhanger is a climbing Gym. It is a good place for physical activities for children and adults. People learn about rock climbing at Cliffhanger.

Cliffhanger Vancouver



Space Center Vancouver

Qur'an Competition

The preparation for the Qur'an Competition is underway. Participation permission forms will be distributed to all students on Monday Dec 8th. These forms are due back to your child's Qur'an Teacher by Friday Dec 19th.

Theme of the Month—Tolerance

WHAT IS TOLERANCE?

Tolerance means "to bear." As a concept, it refers to respect, acceptance and appreciation of the rich diversity of cultures, forms of expression and ways of being human. In Arabic, it is called tasamuh. Words like hilm (forbearance) or 'afw (forgiveness) or saf-h (overlooking) also convey the meaning of tolerance. Tolerance is the ability or willingness to tolerate something, in particular the existence of opinions or behaviour that one does not necessarily agree with.

Tolerance is a basic principle of Islam. It is a religious and moral duty. It does not mean concession. It does not mean lack of principles, or lack of seriousness about one's principles. Thus tolerance comes from our recognition of:

- A. The dignity of the human beings,
- B. The basic equality of all human beings,
- C. Universal human rights
- D. Fundamental freedom of thought, conscience and belief.

The Qur'an speaks about the basic dignity of all human beings regardless of their race, colour, language or ethnicity. In **Sura al-Nahl**, Allah reveals to the Prophet (pbuh) the method to be followed while preaching the Message of Allah: **"Invite [all] to the way of your Lord with wisdom and beautiful graciousness. Your Lord knows best, who have strayed from His Path, and who receive guidance."**

Islam teaches tolerance at all levels: between family members, between husband and wife, between parent and child, between groups and nations. The Qur'an says, **"O Mankind! We have created you male and female, and have made you nations and tribes so that you might [affectionately] come to know one another. Surely, the most honoured among you, in the sight of Allah, is the one who is the best in conduct."** The best conduct in Islam is to treat human beings with dignity, equality, fraternity and justice.

We should always be tolerant towards each other and practice tolerance in every single way in our life.

Health and Well-Being Day-Album

On Wednesday, November 19th, we had our second Health and Well-Being Day. All of the groups worked hard to demonstrate this month's theme of co-operation. The teams rotated through 8 stations, with each team participating in either an hour-long session of cooking or science experiments. The students had a great time. Thank you once again to the Grade 6/7 and Grade 5 students for being excellent and responsible team leaders. The teams that are in the lead for the championship trophy are black, blue, and purple. We are all excited about our next Health and Well-Being Day in January.



DARE PROGRAM

The Grade 5 classes completed their D.A.R.E. program with great success! As a result, a D.A.R.E. graduation ceremony was held in which the students were presented certificates, as well as a special gift for participating in the program. The celebration was a very important part of the program as it rewarded our students for their ongoing use of the D.A.R.E. decision making model and for their pledge to resist any bad influences that they may encounter in the future. Congratulations Grade 5's!



Message from Lifetouch—School Portraits

The school portraits can still be ordered online at MyLifetouch.ca. Online orders will be shipped home but there is a shipping fee applied to the order and will ship to school with no shipping fee applied.

Sick Students

This is a cold, cough and flu season. As the weather is frequently changing, it is important for our children to be healthy and safe. For keeping them healthy please make sure the children wear proper clothing for example rain jacket, winter cloths, proper shoes, mittens etc. when they come to school. If your child has fever, having sore throat, or any other sickness please keep them home. Do not send them to school as other children can get effected. Your cooperation will help us to have a school with healthy children.

News from Pre-school Early Learning Center

The registration for the year 2014-2015 is open for the Early Learning center Pre-School. If you have a child aged between 3-4 years old, they are eligible to enroll in pre-school.



Enrolling in pre-school is a good way to learn the fundamentals of academic, social and behavioral aspects. Our Pre-school is also teaching the fundamentals of Islam. Our pre-school children enjoy field trips, science activities, arts and crafts and other physical activities. If you would like to enroll your child in preschool or day care, please contact **Sr.**

Fatima on **(604) 270 2511 ext. 230** or email: [**preschool@bcmuslimschool.ca**](mailto:preschool@bcmuslimschool.ca)

PAC Meet and Greet

Assalamu Alaikum

Dear Parents/guardians,

I am very excited to announce that the PAC is organizing an event. Please mark your calendar for this fun filled and joyful family day.

2nd ANNUAL MEET & GREET EVENT

When: Dec, 14, 2014

Where: Richmond Masjid (Gym)

Time: 2pm to 4pm

Cost: \$ 3.00 (Advance purchase—Dec 12, 2014)

Cost: \$ 5.00 (at door)

(Adults are free, Ages 3 and up require ticket)

Activities for the kids include:-

Soccer; Basketball; Ring Toss; Build a Masjid Arts and Craft; Bowling; Cat Rack; Clown Bean Bags.

Foods for sale separately after 4pm

"We need volunteers from 1:30pm to 4pm to help set up and monitor the activities; remember this count towards your \$150 credit" please contact us:-

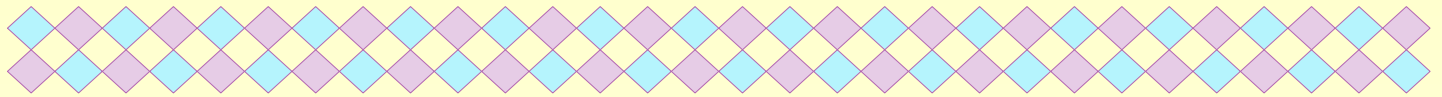
Sr. Ambar 604-499-7962

Sr. Iram 604-227-2667

Sr. Fatima 604-324-0267

Sr. Nadia 604-612-5943

Note: - Tickets are mandatory at the door



MESSAGE FROM THE SCHOOL NURSE



Dear Parent:

Cold and Flu Season is upon us and we are asking for your support to maintain the health of all children by keeping your child home when they are ill. Their recovery will be sped up when they have the opportunity to rest at home. A proper sleep and breakfast are essential to ensure children function well at school.

Children should be kept home from school when there are **any of the following symptoms:**

- Fever over 38 degrees Centigrade
- Diarrhea and/or vomiting
- A rash that has not yet been diagnosed
- Blister like sores that have not yet been diagnosed
- Cough, runny nose and sore throat

Influenza is spread through the air by coughing or sneezing, or by direct touching of the infected person, or by touching articles infected with mucous from the sick person's nose or throat. Remember to keep your kids home until they are symptom free for 48 hours. Influenza vaccine is now available at your physician's office, local pharmacy and Public Health Department. Protect yourself and your children and get a Flu Shot!

Please reinforce with your children the necessity for frequent hand washing, covering the mouth when coughing and sneezing. .

Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact your school nurse at 604-233-3150.

Yours truly,

James D Lu, MD MHSc
Medical Health Officer

Introduction to Mindful Parenting

A Free Introductory Workshop to the 9-weeks "Mindful Parent Resilient Child" Program

Priority given to Richmond Parents of children under 12

"Mindful parents can offer the most precious gift of their purposeful awareness to raise some joyful and resilient children." — Mindful Parent Resilient Child Program



This is a parenting workshop you...if you want to raise a happy and resilient child..or, if you want to have better understanding of your child's meltdown, difficulty in focusing, or sad/mad/anxious feelings.

In this 2 hour workshop, you will also learn about :

- A Neuroscience perspective of children's difficult emotions and tough behaviors
- How mindfulness assists you to be the parent you want to be
- Some experiential mindfulness exercises
- Key elements of the 9-weeks fee-for-service "Mindful Parent Resilient Child" Program

Date and Time: January 13, 2015 (Tuesday)
9:45am to 11:45am

Location: Richmond Public Health
Room #345- 8100 Granville Avenue, Richmond

Language: English

Questions and registration:
604-233-3223

Registration is open until January 8, 2015 at 4p.m.

NO Babysitting/Childcare



BCMA Sports & Rec presents



4 age groups

Ages 8 & 9

Ages 10 & 11

Ages 12 - 14

Ages 15 - 17

6 vs 6 Ages 8 -14

5 vs 5 Ages 15 -17

Max 9 players Min 6

30 min games

Youth Cup 2015

Indoor Soccer (Turf Field)

Limited Space, register ASAP

3 or more games
guaranteed

Sportstown 4991 No. 5 Road

Richmond BC

Jan 1st 2015 10am - 8pm

\$50.00 per team (includes lunch)

For more information please contact

Irshad Siddeeq (VP Sports and Recreation BCMA) (604) 505-7179

Imtiaz Asin (VP Youth Development Services BCMA (778) 863-4771

We acknowledge the support of the Provincial Government of British Columbia



Dates to Remember

Dec 08 & 09	Parents Phone in for P/T interviews
Dec 11	Pro-D Day (No School)
Dec 11	Parents-Teacher Interviews (1:30pm–6:00pm)
Dec 15	Milk Program ends (for Term 1)
Dec 15	PAC Hot Lunch
Dec 16	Grade 3 Field Trip to SFU (Burnaby Campus)
Dec 18	Fire Drill
Dec 19	Last day of School before Winter Break
Dec 22–Jan 02	Winter Break (No School)
Jan 05	School Reopens

Wassalam

**Shuaib Yunush
Acting Principal**