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# 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.*

Dear Parents, Assalamu Alaikum

As we have completed the first term of the school year 2013-2014, you can witness that our learning community has grown more confidently in attaining a high quality in work habits, attitude, behavior, and academic excellence.

Our revitalized focus in helping our students consistently show improvement in academic skills and Islamic character. We are proud of our students commitment to their success and we are looking forward to further future success.

### FSA Meeting

With the Grace of Allah (SWT), BCMS held a FSA Information/Preparation Session for parents of students in Grade 4 and 7 on November 14th. There were 45 parents in attendance. The feedback from the parents was very encouraging.

### Celebrating Successes

The Monthly Assembly was well organized by the Grade 7 students, and it was filled with many exciting performance. I would like to thank our Celebration Committee and the Grade 7 teachers.

### Parent/Teacher Interviews

Communication is a vital link in a child's education, so we invite you to use any venues available to you. School newsletters, parent/teacher interviews, phone calls, emails, report cards, and notes in your child's agenda, are just a few of the important parts of our communication process. Please call the office on December 9 & 10 to book your appointments to meet with teachers. We look forward to meeting all parents during the parent/teacher interviews on December 12, 2013.

Please be prompt and think through what you want to say ahead for time. Focus on your child(ren) needs. I will be more than happy to meet with you during that night.

I hope you are enjoying the wonderful learning experiences that your child is sharing with you.

Ibrahim Arid, Principal

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

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## Board of Education

On behalf of my team and students, I welcome the new board who will carry the responsibility for 2 years. Also, I would like to thank the members of the previous Board for their efforts and precious time they spent to serve our learning community. They shared with us the challenges we faced last year, and also the success and the happiness.

I ask Allah (SWT) to reward each of them for the support and encouragement.

School is closed on Thursday & Friday, December 12 & 13, 2013 & Winter Break: Dec. 23 to Jan. 3

## The Flu



Many thanks for keeping your children home when they are sick. It is very easy to pass on colds and flu in a school environment. Children who do not feel well, do not learn well, and learning is definitely our goal! If students are well enough to be at school, then the expectation is that they go outside for recess. Unfortunately, we do not have staff on duty inside during recess times.

## Appropriate Clothing for the Weather

The cool wet weather has arrived and there will be many days students will ask the question "Is it an inside day?" The answer on most days is no. Students will be going outside to play at lunch recess unless it is raining heavily. We thank you for ensuring your child comes to school with appropriate rain and cool weather clothing. At BC Muslim School we believe in the importance of fresh air and outside play for all students and appreciate your assistance in this regard. It is also advisable students have a change of clothes in their school bags.

## Inclement Weather—School Closures

It is that time of the year again, we would like to remind parents about emergency school closure procedures. When decision is made, the Emergency Telephone Fan Out System will be in immediate operation. Between 6:10—6:30 a.m., homeroom teachers will call students on their courier list (oldest student in the family) to inform them about school closure.

Parents may also check for current updates by listening to local radio stations (CKNW 930 or 1130 News) or TV stations (Global or CTV BC News).



## Bus Service

Safe transport of students to and from our school is our primary concern; therefore, strict adherence to bus rules and regulations is a must. Students who continually disregard bus rules may have their riding privileges suspended or, in extreme cases, terminated.

## Bus Rules

- ◆ Seats are assigned by the bus driver. No changing of seats will be permitted without the permission of the bus driver.
- ◆ No part of the body is to be out of the bus.
- ◆ No pushing or shoving while boarding the bus.
- ◆ No eating or drinking on the bus.
- ◆ No littering or depositing of garbage on the bus.
- ◆ No swearing, intimidating, threatening or abusive language will be tolerated.
- ◆ No racial slurs or ethnic insults will be tolerated.
- ◆ Do not vandalize, deface, or damage the interior or exterior of the bus.
- ◆ Do not stand or walk while the bus is moving.
- ◆ Do not call out to the driver unless there is an emergency.
- ◆ Do not talk, laugh or shout loudly as it may distract the driver.
- ◆ The bus driver is the authority on the bus. Students must respect and listen to him at all times.

## Good Job PAC!

The December Meet & Greet event was very successful in connecting students, parents and the community together. Children had the opportunity to collectively build a Lego Fire Truck, created a Play-Doh Aquarium and made Pencil Holders.

It was a big team effort to pull it all together and Alhamdulillah it turned out to be a **SUCCESS**. Insha Allah the PAC will plan for more such events with the intention of building a well connected and resourceful community.

A huge thank you to Sr. Shazmin, Sr. Amber, Sr. Maimoona, Sr. Fatima, Br. AbdulRahiman, Br. Abid, Br. Khalid, Br. Ibrahim, Sr. Chantal, all the grade 6 and 7 volunteers and parents who joined in to help out with the event.

The PAC is also working with the Richmond Branch to join the “Extreme Air Park” event—A mind blowing event for the kids on December 14th from 1:00—4:00 p.m. It will be a fun filled event for all. So pleased stay tuned.



## Field Trip to Richmond Nature Park

The **Kindergarten B** students visited the Richmond Nature Park on Monday, November 18th, 2013. We enjoyed meeting Sandy the snake at the Nature House and got to walk around the park. KGB students were excited to learn about different types of living things that reside in the park from tiny spiders to squirrels and birds and learning about fall. Thank you to all parents who volunteered for this field trip! We appreciate your help and taking time off your busy schedules to spend time with us!



## Volunteers Needed

- ◆ **Bulletin Board Decoration**—Volunteer needs to have artistic skills. Please contact the school office.
- ◆ **Portable**—Re-arrange furniture and clean up. Please contact Br. AbdulRahiman.

## Did You Know...

Children aged five to twelve need 10-11 hours of sleep. At the same time, there is an increasing demand on their time from school (e.g., homework), sports and other extracurricular and social activities. In addition, school-aged children become more interested in TV, computers, the media and Internet as well as caffeine products – all of which can lead to difficulty falling asleep, nightmares and disruptions to their sleep. In particular, watching TV close to bedtime has been associated with bedtime resistance, difficulty falling asleep, anxiety around sleep and sleeping fewer hours.

## Dates to Remember

December 9 & 10	Parents Phone In for P/T Interviews
December 12	Pro-D Day (8:00 a.m.—12:00 noon) School is closed for Students
December 12	P/T Interviews (1:30—6:00 p.m.)
December 13	Pro-D Day—School is closed for Students
Dec. 23 to Jan. 3	Winter Break
January 6, 2014	School Reopens

Wassalamu Alaikum

Ibrahim Arid  
Principal