



**SURREY MUSLIM SCHOOL**  
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## Principal's Message



**Please remember to phone the school office before 8:30 a.m. whenever your child is absent. Please mention your child's name, grade and the reason of his/her absence.**

It has been an interesting first month. As many of you know, my first impression of the school was the need to create a safe playground for the children. The parking lot is not ideal as a playground, but it would be a lot better if we could keep the cars from entering it during school hours. I spoke with the Strata Management and they said they would have no problem with our blocking it off as long as our neighboring businesses did not mind. I took a delegation of 4 children door to door and all of the neighbors were more than reasonable. They assured me that at the Annual General Meeting to be held soon that they would not object to our motion permitting the closure of the back lot during school hours. So . . . I hope things work out, and soon!

During the month we also had an annual inspection by the Ministry of Education. The Inspector was quite positive in his remarks and supported my contention that Sr. Chantal is a marvel when it comes to record keeping. The school received top marks for our performance this year.

We were also visited by the Fire Marshall to make sure we are in compliance with all the regulations regarding safety. Not being an Art lover, the Inspector required that we take down some of the hallway decorations so that the emergency safety was enhanced. While we all appreciate the creations of the children, it seems that they will have to hang a few more of their projects up at home from now on to keep the school a safe place.

Regarding children's safety, we had our first "Lockdown Drill" last month under the supervision of Const. Della-Paolera of the RCMP. Things went well and I hope no child went home afraid because of the event. Since that time, we have installed new blinds in all the classrooms needing them not only for comfort from the sun's rays, but also for safety in case of any incident that required a lockdown.

With the cold weather moving in, it's become obvious that our heating system is not functioning properly. We've had the experts in to check it out and the Board has approved an expenditure to replace a broken compressor in the gymnasium. This repair should be done fairly soon, allowing for us to turn off the space heaters in those classes that are experiencing problems and get back to normal.

When talking with our neighbors in the Strata about the parking lot closure, a couple of them expressed the wish that I communicate their concern about parent driving habits when you drop off or pick up your child from the school. They asked me to ask you . . . **please slow down in the parking lot.**

Coming up soon, we will be having a PAC Meeting here at the school on Friday afternoon. Also on Friday, we will have a demonstration of Arabic Calligraphy by Tauheed Faheem which will take place following Jumua (1:45). This is primarily for Grades 4 through 7 and parents are welcome. Hopefully this will provide our children with a useful pastime during the holiday break. Parents are welcome to observe and buy packages including a guide, practice sheets, and a calligraphy pen that will be available for sale (\$10) at the conclusion of the demonstration.

*Ali Roy, Principal*



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

## Thank You! - You truly have made a difference!

You made our day! Our fundraising dinner was a success. Your presence was phenomenal, we had over 500 people attending this function. The total amount collected was \$118,000 which include pledges.

We would like to thank you for your very generous donation. Your support means so much, not only to the school, but to the kids!

Thanks to our staff, grade 7 students who volunteered their time to do henna, face painting and entertained the children. Thanks to our performers who did an excellent job.

May Allah SWT reward you abundantly in this life and in the hereafter. Ameen

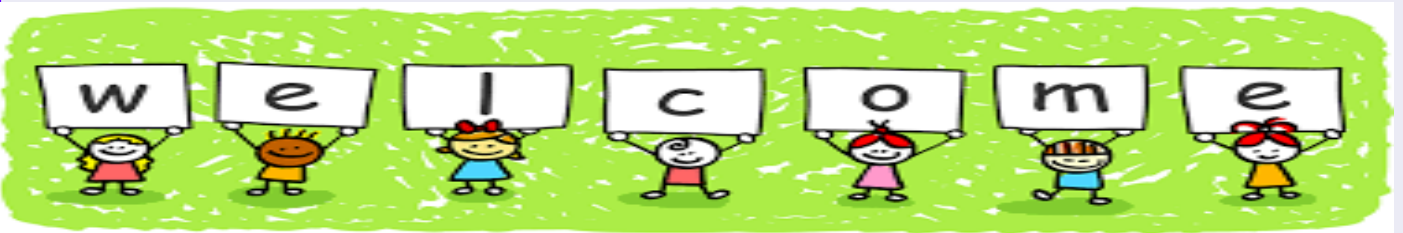
## Term 1 Report Cards & Parent/Teacher Interviews

Report Cards are being sent home on Friday, December 8th. We hope that all of our families take time to read these reports together and pay close attention to the efforts your children have made.



You are invited to call the office on **December 11 and 12** to book appointment with the teacher(s) you would like to meet. We encourage both parents, and if not at least one, to make it a point to attend all the Parent/Teacher conferences. This will be held on Thursday, November 14 from 1:30 to 6:00 p.m. Conferences are scheduled for 10 minutes. If additional time is required, please arrange for another meeting with your child's teacher at a mutually convenient time. I hope

everyone can join us on that day.



## Staff Changes!

We are proud to welcome Sr. Sakina as our new Grade 2B teacher. She holds a Teaching Certificate from Ontario as well as from BC.

Sr. Sakina will be starting on her new assignment on Monday, December 11, 2017. We wish her well in her new position.

# Next PAC

## Friday, December 8th @ 2:30 p.m.

### Parent Advisory Council Meeting –

All parents in our school community are invited and encouraged to attend the monthly meetings. These meetings provide an opportunity to meet families, connect our community, and support the wonderful events that keep our community strong!

### Milk Program

This is to let you know that we are still interested in securing a milk delivery and we appreciate your patience. The milk program will likely start in the new year. As details become finalized, we will keep you posted.



# CAUTION

**Please drive slowly when you come to drop off and pick up your children.**

**Do not put any life at risk.**



## School Closures

- December 14—Pro-D Day & P/T Interviews
- Dec. 25 to Jan. 5—Winter Break

## TERM 1 ASSEMBLY

This year, we will be holding 3 Term Assemblies instead of Monthly Assemblies. Our first term assembly will be held in the gym on Thursday, December 21.

Primary (KG—Gr. 3) Assembly will start at 9:00 a.m.

Elementary (Gr. 4 to 7) Assembly will start at 11:00 a.m.

Parents will be notified by their teachers if their child is receiving a class certificate in the assembly. Everyone is welcome to join us and we look forward to welcoming you at our next assembly.



# THEME OF THE MONTH

## Truthfulness is Righteousness

*“O you who believe! Have fear of God, and be among the truthful.” (Quran 9:119)*

*“I order you to be truthful, for indeed truthfulness leads to righteousness, and indeed righteousness leads to Paradise. A man continues to be truthful and strives for truthfulness until he is written as a truthful person with God. And beware of falsehood, for indeed falsehood leads to sinning, and indeed sinning leads to the Fire. A man continues to tell lies and strives upon falsehood until he is written as a liar with God.”*

*(Sahih Muslim)*

## December 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4	5 Library - KG-3	6	7	8 PAC Meeting @ 2:30pm Report Cards Out / Term 2 begins	9
10	11 Parents Phone-in for P/ T Interviews	12 Parents Phone-in for P/ T Interviews	13 Bake Sale	14 Pro-D Day & P/T Interviews School Closed	15	16
17	18	19 Health & Well-Being Day	20	21 Term 1 Assembly	22	23
24	25 Winter Break	26	27	28	29	30

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- **Pro-D Day & P/T Interviews**—December 14—School is closed for Students
- **Winter Break**—December 25 to January 5—School is closed