



# SURREY MUSLIM SCHOOL

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## September 2014 Newsletter

### *Principal's Message*

Assalamu Alikum students, parents, and community members,

It is with great pleasure and honor that I am welcoming new and returning students to the Surrey Muslim School. I am very pleased to see that our students have been re-energized over the summer and are ready to learn. Insha Allah, we will have another productive and fruitful year together.

It is with great pride and humility that I am able to announce that our school has grown significantly compared to last year. This shows our community's trust in and support for Muslim Schools. This is an Amannah that my staff, the Board of Education, and I take very seriously.

I also want to acknowledge and thank BCMA President Br. Musa Ismail and Master Plumber and Project Manger Br. Nabi Dean and their team for working tirelessly throughout the summer to build us new wudu rooms, new bathrooms, a new classroom, and classroom supplies.

All of our last year's teaching staff have returned again this year. As the school has grown, we have also added some additional employees to both our teaching and support staff. I encourage you to help me welcome them to our school community. A full staff listing is located elsewhere in the newsletter.

My goal this year to encourage more cross-curricular programs, introduce more school programs, and increase parent and community involvement. Insha Allah, more parents will be able to come forward to help with these projects.

Together, lets make the school the best it can be.

Fee Iman Allah,  
Jazzak Allah Khair,

Ebrahim Bawa,  
Principal.

### *New Payment Policy*

*Important information about School Fees:*

*A special announcement that the 3% discount on school fees (paid in full) has been extended to the end of October 2014. If the entire cost of the school fees is paid (with cheque or cash) by October 31st, 2014, a 3% discount will be deducted from the total cost.*

*If the entire cost of the school fees is paid by credit card, the 3% surcharge will be waved. N.B. The 3% surcharge (credit card processing fee) is applicable to any amount paid by credit card except payment for the entire cost of the school fees, (in a single transaction).*



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## *SMS Staff List*

Principal: Ebrahim Bawa

Head Secretary: Chantal Guillemette

School Secretary: Ashly Nicol

School Accountant: Hassan Al Khatab

Head Teacher: Chunpeng Wang

Gr. 7: Chunpeng Wang

Gr. 6: Satwant Rai

Gr. 5: Frances Parent

Gr. 4A: Vibha Budshah

Gr. 4B: Naheed Hussain

Gr. 3A: Simran Kochhar

Gr. 3B: Mahanaz Irani

Gr. 2A: Helen Cho

Gr. 2B: Enrique Yep

Gr. 1A: Randolph Lockhart

Gr. 1B: TBA

Kg-A: Maninder Deol

Kg-B: Paramjeet Chatrath

Islamic Studies / Quran/ Arabic:

Adla Abu-Sharife

Aysha Sidat

Amel Zaouali

Asmaa Khatab

Bus Coordinator and Maintenance:

Abdul Rahiman

Bus Driver: Akbar Buksh

Bus Driver: Adam Buksh

Custodian: Shaimud Dean

## *Summer Updates*

As you may be aware, the general membership of the BCMA voted to purchase our school property at a special general meeting at the Surry Delta Branch.

Following the vote, BCMA President Br. Musa Ismail and Master Plumber and Project Manager Br. Nabi Dean constructed new wudu rooms, new bathrooms, a new classroom, and a new lobby at SMS.

I would like to publicly recognize their hard work and dedication to our school. Jazakk Allah Khair.

## *Save the Date - School Significant Days*

### **Theme: Hajj Compassion**

September 1	Statutory Holiday (Labor Day)
September 2	First Day for Students
September 18	Meet the Teacher's Night (4:30 pm - 6:30pm)
September 23	Newton Library Day
September 24	Terry Fox Run
September 24	Grade 6 Immunizations
September 25	Assembly @ 10:30 am



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## Save the Date-School Significant Days

### **Theme: Respect**

October 6	EidulAdha (School Closed)
October 7	EidulAdha (School Closed)
October 8	EidulAdha Celebration (in School)
October 13	Statutory Holiday
October 14	Newton Library Day
October 23	School Hot Lunch
October 24	Pro-D Day (School Closed)
October 29	Health and Well-being day
October 30	Assembly @ 10:30am

### **Theme: Cooperation**

November 2	Day Light Saving Time ends
November 4	Photo Day + Newton Library Day
November 11	Statutory Holiday (School Closed)
November 16	Fundraising Dinner
November 19	Health and Well-Being Day
November 20	School Hot Lunch
November 25	Photos Retake + Newton Library Day
November 27	Assembly @ 10:30 a.m.

### **Theme: Tolerance**

December 5	Report Cards out/Term 2 Begins
Dec. 08 - Dec.09	Parents Phone-in for P/T interview
December 11	Pro-D Day and P/T interviews 1:30pm – 6:00 pm (School Closed)
December 16	Newton Library Day
December 18	School Hot Lunch
Dec. 22- Jan. 02	Winter Break (School Closed)

### **Theme: Unity**

January 5	School Reopens
January 16	One Ummah Showcase Event + Calligraphy Showcase
January 21	Health and Well-Being day
January 22	School Hot Lunch
January 26	Re-Registration Begins
January 27	Grade 6/7 Interschool Hockey Game
January 29	Assembly @ 10:30 a.m.

### **Theme: Responsibility**

February 2-6	Dua Competition
February 6	Open House and Ready Set Learn
February 9	Statutory Holiday (School Closed)
February 12	Health and Well-Being day
February 13	Re-Registration Deadline
Feb 16-20	Scholastic Book Fair (to be confirmed)
February 25	School Hot Lunch
February 26	Assembly @ 10:30 a.m.

### **Theme: Perseverance**

Mar.04	Qur'an Competition
-Mar. 05	Preliminary
March 8	Day Light Saving Time Begins
March 11	Hockey Day
March 12	Science Fair Showcases
Mar.16- Mar.27	Spring Break (School Closed)



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## *Save the Date-School Significant Days*

### **Theme: Excellence**

- April 2 Report Cards out/  
Term 3 Begins
- April 3 Statutory Holiday  
(School Closed)
- April 6 Statutory Holiday  
(School Closed)
- April 07 Parents Phone-in for P/T  
- 08 interviews
- April 9 Pro-D Day (School Closed)
- April 8,10 Qur'an Competition Final
- April 13 Jump Rope for Heart  
Presentation
- April 14 Health and Well-Being day
- April 15-16 Author Presentation
- April 16 Panorama, Class and  
Grad Photos
- April 17 Academic Assembly  
@ 10:30 am
- April 28 Tour of the School  
9:30am - 11:30am
- April 30 Qur'an Competition Celebration  
Assembly @ 10:30am

### **Theme: Honesty**

- May 6 School Hot Lunch
- May 12 Israa and Mirage Show case
- May 13 Volunteer Appreciation Tea
- May 18 Statutory Holiday  
(School Closed)
- May 20 Health and Well-Being  
day/Jump Rope for Heart Event
- May 26 Tour of the School  
9:30am - 11:30am
- May 28 Assembly @ 10:30am
- May 29 PAC Pancake Breakfast and  
Teacher Appreciation

### **Theme: Patience**

- June 16 Awards Assembly Grade 1-6
- June 17 Kindergarten Graduation
- June 17 Grade 7 Graduation
- June 18 First Day of Ramadan
- June 25 Last day for students-Report  
cards out

## *Health and Well Being Days*

Parent of older children of the school may remember this program as "Fun Thursdays". One day per month students will be transported to recreation areas (eg. Newton Athletic Park) where they can enjoy exercise and recreation in larger play areas.

*Parents will not be charged fees for this program.*

## *Library Program*

One day per month, students will be transported to the Newton Public Library where they can borrow books, do research, and complete activities with library staff. To maximize use of this time, students are required to bring their library cards and books with them on Library days.

Parents will not be charged fees for this program.



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## *Jumma Program*

As you may be aware, Mufti Aasim Rashid's Alim students perform the Kutbah and Jumma Services at Surrey Muslim School. These students volunteer their time to be with our children. However, they do not have their own transportation, and rely on the school.

Br. Sikandar Hayat, Br. Quratulain Bajwa, and Br. Wasim Afzal transported our Imams last year.

I am humbly requesting additional parents to assist with transporting our Imams on Fridays. Please contact the school if you are able to help in this capacity.

## *Bus Services*

This is a reminder that all students using the bus must be registered with the school and on our official bus lists. This is Ministry and legal requirement that the school is required to enforce.

In the event of overcrowding (over loads) on the bus, we may be required to remove students not on our bus lists.

I would also like to remind parents who drop off and pick up their children from the masjid that they are responsible for supervising their children before the bus arrives and after they are dropped off.

## *2013-2014 Tuition Credits*

As you may be aware, the school reimburses a portion of the tuition fee if parents volunteer at the school. If you volunteered at the school last year and did not receive an account credit notice, please contact the school.

## *PAC and Volunteer Requests*

Schools depend on active parent communities to run effective programs. I am humbly requesting that parents come forward to volunteer with our Parent Advisory Council (PAC). The first meeting will be on 24 September 2014 at 3:00 pm.

I hope to see many of you there.

Please also be advised that all volunteers need to sign in and out with the office. This is to ensure that we have accurate records for the tuition credits and our volunteer recognition program.

Please also note that volunteers may also need to undergo criminal record checks prior to working with children. This is a legal requirement. In cases where criminal record checks are required either the school or the Ministry will pay the record check fees.

Jazak Allah Khair,

Ebrahim Bawa,  
Principal