



December 2022

Surrey Muslim School

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December/January Newsletter 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.
(604) 599-6608*

Assalamu Alaikum Wa-Rahmatullahi Wa-Barakatuhu Dear Parents,

We were so busy in the month of November. We had so many activities, Interim Report Cards, Parent/Teacher Interviews, Assemblies, Spelling Bees, Field Trips, Fountas and Pinnell testing and class projects. The winter is upon us! We expect further cold temperatures and significant snowfall in the coming weeks.

Please continue to monitor weather conditions carefully and send children to school prepared with warm jackets, gloves, toques, and boots.

During this season of the year, we would like to say thanks to:

- ◆ Parents and guardians who diligently check their child's homework; who are seated beside them as they complete their homework; and spend quality time with their child.
- ◆ All the volunteers particularly the PAC members who give countless hours to make SMS a better place for students and staff.
- ◆ All the Staff at Surrey Muslim School are committed to giving their best to your children every day. Examples: custodians, bus drivers, student aides, secretaries, teachers, and members of the school board.
- ◆ All of you are doing your very best to send your child ready to learn every day.

Here are some suggestions that will help your child during the break:

Keep Your Child Reading Over the Winter Break! It is not a time just for worksheets and textbooks, your child should continue to learn. The best way is just to read a little bit every day. And that means reading more than text messages! Here's how:

- ◆ Link movies to books. Your middle schooler, like many others, may enjoy watching movies during winter break. Encourage them to watch at least one based on a book--and read the book first.
- ◆ Practical reading- It should be both fun and informative.
- ◆ Have your child(ren) recite the morning Duaa consistently.



*If you have a
change of
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please inform
the secretary.*

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- ♦ Have your child(ren) pray on time so that school and home are on the same page.
- ♦ Make sure your child has the Duaa copy with them before the Winter Break!
- ♦ Have them recite Qur'an regularly during the break so that they are ready for the upcoming Qur'an Competition.

Remind your child that regular school attendance is a priority. Please emphasize the need for rest, nutrition, and exercise to stay healthy and stay in school. Consider making appointments outside school hours.

We currently do have a supportive Board and supportive parents, but as we stand now, the Board will have to help us restructure our students, in line with the demands of the coming year, until we find that much-needed new building.

We always have room to improve, and we have more work to do to reach the next level. However, overall, the school improved in the quality of our staff, administration, Islamic vision, and our overall professionalism. May Allah give us continuous growth and progress. Ameen

On behalf of the staff at SMS, I wish you a safe and restful Winter Break.

Fee Amman Allah!

Mohamed Bush
Principal -Surrey Muslim School



Award Winners for Respect



KG A	Munirah Ahmad	Abdul Baadee Mohammed Aggoun
KG B	Abdullah Wahab	Haniyah Shahzad
1A	Muntaha Shahzad	Hala Hadjer Sendhadji
1B	Rehan Mahboob	Wessam Waziri
2A	Saadia Mariam Miah	Zainab El-Najjar
2B	Jamahl Isse	Amira Dean
3A	Maryam Khan	Abdhullah Ghogawala
3B	Faatimah Wahab	Mohamed Abdella Hassen
4A	Mustafa Ustowar	Maria Mouaket
4B	Maryam Shahzad	Ahmed Akhter
5A	Juwariyah Choudhry	Noor Nauman
5B	Sauda Khan	Mariam Sadik
6A	Sumaya Rahmani	Ahmed El-Najjar
6B	Saphia Saleh	Isra shaik
7A	Muhammad Ibraheem Usman,	Hafsa Aitalla
7B	MuhammadIbraheem Shahzad	Sarah Ismail
8A	Amina Senhadji	Muhammad Rashad
9A	Yamin Samour	Eliya Khan





Award Winners for Responsibility



KG A	Aliyah Oduola	Sarah Khan
KG B	Maria Mansour	Maryam Ali
1A	Abdirahman Ahmed Bare Abdihakim	Aisha Ait Alla
1B	Arwaa Mujawar / Fatimah Memon / Naira Niazi	
2A	Noor Alkhasharfa	Ayesh Mubashar
2B	Fatima Kashif	Mariya Kadva
3A	Ali Ata Ullah	Hadi Alkhasharfa
3B	Ilzat Kaiseer	Aaminah Patel
4A	Khadija Aftab	Rayyan Hassoun
4B	Khanzah Fathimah Aggoun	Sairan Saleh
5A	Danish Misan	Limar Fadlallah
5B	Yusra Ahmad / Samara Kashif / Salma Chire	
6A	Subhan Adil	Anniyah Riaz
6B	Mohammed Sheikh	Iqra Khan
7A	Adam Mansour	Mysha Bhatti
7B	Aiza Kashif	Subhan Khan
8/9	Muhammad Alkhateeb	Rayyan Mirza





ENGLISH SPELLING BEE WINNERS

Grade	1st Place	2nd Place	3rd Place
Gr. 3	Hafsa Khan	Muhammad Patel	Abdurrahman Rashid
Gr. 4	Mustafa Ustowar	Hassan Benzerga	Ahmed Akhtar
Gr. 5	Mohammad Ata Ullah	Mihika Islam	Yusra Ahmad
Gr. 6	Ahmed Benzerga	Hashim Alkhateeb	Alizay Yasir
Gr. 7	Adam Mansour	Aiza Kashif	Ayoor Suleiman
Gr. 8	Muhammad Rashad	Minat Aljuobori	Ayesha Jidran
Gr. 9	Malek Eldeeb	Shaban Abdellahassen	Eliya Khan

Absent & Late Students

Reminder to call or email the school when your child will be late or absent.

The safety and well-being of your child is an important concern for us and making sure your child arrives to school safely is a responsibility we take very seriously.

Parents and guardians have a responsibility to contact the school by **8:30 am** or the child will be marked late or absent. You have two ways to contact the school:

- Call Us – We can be reach at **604-599-6608**. Mention the name of your child, grade and reason for absence.

Or;

- Email us – You can send an email to **sms@bcmaschools.ca** and include the following information:

Subject Line: Absence **or** Late

Body of Email: Student's name, grade, the reason for the absence or late and your name.

Select the option that is most convenient for you. Both options are available 24/7.





Surrey Muslim School is an independent school that abides by the BC Ministry of Education rules, regulations and requirements. As all parents know, a pivotal part of the registration process is for our school to attain several legal documents from each family. The process of obtaining and updating such documents is an essential requirement from the BC Ministry of Education. Our administrative team are responsible for collecting specific documents from you as well as ensuring they are up to date by calling and or emailing you and kindly requesting a specific document to add to your child's file. Failure to cooperate with our administrative team in providing such document will result in your child / children becoming ineligible for government funding at BC Muslim School.

Our administrative team is dedicated to all their responsibilities and to protect them, the Surrey Muslim School would like all students, parents and guardians to know that our school has established a Zero Tolerance Policy against all our students, faculty and staff. Since our administrative team is the first face parents see and communicate with, we would like to take the chance to kindly remind parents that they must exercise respect and professionalism when dealing and communicating with our Administrative team.

Emergency Unscheduled Closures



As winter weather approaches, we want to remind parents/guardians of the School's winter weather procedures and announcements. In the event of an unscheduled school closure caused by snow, emergency, or extraordinary circumstances, the school closure will be decided by 6:15 a.m. at the latest, and will be announced through **EMAIL** and **SMS App**. As house calls will not be made we urge parents to join SMS App as soon as possible. Families are encouraged to establish an emergency plan for their children in the event that schools are closed, school's start time is delayed, or students are dismissed early.

As always, it is a parent's decision whether to send their child to school based on safety and individual circumstances. If you feel it is unsafe for you or your child to travel to or attend an open school for any reason, please keep your child home and report an absence to the school.

With your cooperation and adherence to winter weather procedures, we can help achieve safe conditions for students travelling to and from school. Please put safety first.



Poetry Presentation

Poetry/Spoken Word:

Our young poets will be writing and presenting their pieces this December. Students will have an opportunity to learn how to create and deliver various forms of poetry in their classes. The higher grades will focus on preparing Spoken Word, which is an elevated form of poetry, where students will require to choose a topic that is meaningful to them. We encourage students to find a topic they can make deep connections with and something they are truly passionate about. On December 15, the top three poets from each class will come to present their piece in Assembly in front of their peers. We look forward to hearing some creative poetry!



Virtue of the Month: Honesty

Honesty was one of the prophets (PUH) characteristics. He was called the truthful and the trustworthy.

Islam is distinguished by good manners, and it takes overspreading the best manners among the believers. Honesty is one of the most important characteristics the Muslim should be characterized with. Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) was described as being truthful and honest before his prophethood.

What is honesty?

Honesty is defined as saying the truth without changing it. It means to do what you say and that all your deeds are identical to all your sayings. Honesty and truthfulness are considered the weapons of the believers in the battle against the falsehood on earth. They are the merits of those who believe in Allah (SWT) as the only God to be worshipped and that Muhammad is the Messenger of Allah.

Honesty always gives strength, reassurance, and self-confidence to the honest person, unlike the liar who always feels afraid of being disclosed and despised by people when they find out his/her reality.

The Arabic word for honesty is “al Amanah” which means trustworthy. That is to give people their rights and to render back the belongings that are kept with you and to keep these rights for them.

Building Honesty

The important question to be asked, however, is this: How does Islam build honesty in the Muslim?

Islam builds ethical qualities in general and honesty in particular in several ways:

1. Instructions. Allah orders the Muslim to be honest in all cases, in all deeds and words, to himself and others.
2. Reason. Allah shows the Muslim rationally that honesty is the best policy, even on utilitarian bases.
3. Reward. Allah promises the honest person generous rewards in the first life and in the second life.
4. Punishment. Allah threatens the dishonest person with severe punishment for his dishonest behavior.
5. Practice. Allah develops the habit of honesty in the Muslim through actual practice, i.e., through fasting and prayer.

Thus Islam builds the habit of honesty in the Muslim through direct instructions, through rational arguments, through the reward and punishment principles, and through practice.

TIPS TO BUILD EMOTIONAL RESILIENCE IN KIDS

Spend quality time with kids. When they feel loved and supported, children develop emotional strength.

Talk about feelings so your child learns to share their worries and fears with the people they trust.

Instead of rushing to solve problems, give kids time to work things out themselves.

When children experience failure or disappointment, it's important to praise their effort and encourage them to try again.

Acknowledge your own mistakes to teach kids that mistakes are essential for learning and Growth.

If your child can't find a solution to a problem, use gentle questioning to guide them towards it.

Ensure kids are eating well and getting enough sleep and exercise

10 Things Children Want From their Parents

- * Show them that you love them
- * Be patient with them as they learn new things
- * Hear them out and let them vent without any judgements.
- * Don't compare them with siblings or other children their age
- * That you trust them to make their own choices.
- * Make weekend plans with them.
- * Tell them stories of when you were young.
- * Feed them well so they can grow up healthy.
- * Allow them to play outside and get dirty
- * Know that they don't need to be prefect and that they can make mistakes.

Student Tips

Successful Students

- ☐ COME TO SCHOOL EVERYDAY
- ☐ PAY ATTENTION
- ☐ LISTEN TO DIRECTIONS
- ☐ ASK ON-TOPIC QUESTIONS
- ☐ TRY YOUR BEST
- ☐ WORK QUIETLY
- ☐ LOOK FOR MISTAKES
- ☐ MAKE CORRECTIONS
- ☐ HAVE SUPPLIES READY AND ORGANIZED
- ☐ FOLLOW SCHOOL RULES
- ☐ HELP OTHERS
- ☐ Read or listen to the chapter of a book
- ☐ RESPECT THE TEACHER, THE CLASSROOM, OTHER STUDENTS

Have a great winter break!

School Closes Monday, December 19th, 2022

School Opens Tuesday, January 3th, 2023

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Spoken word/ Poetry Gr. 4 and up	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15 Poetry Presentation/ Assembly	16	17
18	19 Winter Break	20	21	22	23	24
25	26 Winter Break	27	28	29	30	31
1 Jan.	2 Jan. Winter Break	3 Jan. School Reopens		January Reminders: 1. Writing Competition: Jan. 16th, 2023 2. Report Cards Out: Jan. 20th, 2023 3. P/T Interviews: Jan. 27th, 2023 4. Re-Registration: Jan. 23rd, 2023		