



# January Newsletter

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## What's new in Hifdh?

by Sh. Hassan

Now that we've completed our intense Hifdh revision initiative, we are ready to re-incorporate ANQA's Official *High Achiever Standards and Minimum Daily Lesson Standards*. These policies have been devised in the most conducive and beneficial manner to avail and strengthen our students Hifdh. In turn, it will bring out the best from all of our students. Although we recognize some of our weak students may find it a bit much at first, we strongly urge all of our students, and parents alike, to stand firm, especially those parents who find their children struggling in the beginning. As Allah (Glorious is He) says: "For indeed, with hardship [will be] ease." Then He (the All Wise) again repeats this same statement as a reassurance for us: "Indeed, with hardship [will be] ease." [94:5,6].

On that note, we have also revised our Graduation Criterion which has also been updated to avail our students as future Huffaadh and the leaders and role models of our communities. There's nothing we wish more, at ANQA, than to see our students graduate and be certified as strong competent Huffaadh, awarded and recognized. We pray that Allah (The Most High) grants all of our students the Towfeeq (ability) to complete the memorization of His Miraculous Book and to act upon it. Furthermore, we pray for Allah (The All Merciful) to grant all of our students' parents honor and virtue in this life and the next for their dedication and commitment. Aameen, Aameen, Aameen!

Assalamu Alaikum,

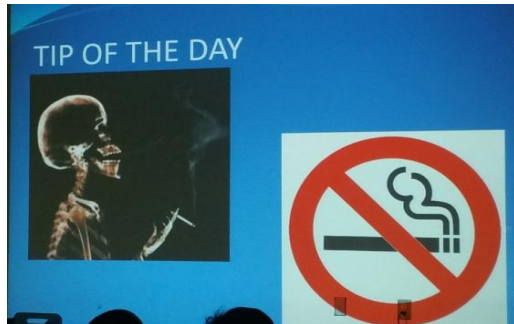
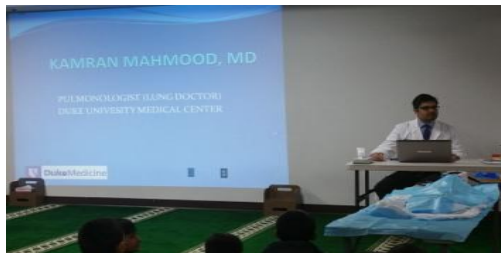
Alhumdulillah, we are off to a great start to the third quarter. Report cards were distributed and the kids had fun during the A/B Honor Roll Party. We would like to welcome Sheikh Zaid Lites as a Quran teacher. We would also like to welcome our newest committee member Br. Farooq Cheema.

Sh. Zaid Lites is experienced in teaching Islamic studies, Arabic, and Quran to various age groups, focusing on language acquisition, character rectification, and spiritual development. He has a Bachelor of Islamic Law from the Islamic University of Madinah, Certificate of *Ijaazah* in Quran from the Prophet's Masjid in Madinah, and an Arabic Language Diploma from the Arabic Institute in Madinah.

Br. Farooq Cheema is an experienced entrepreneur and an accomplished operating executive. He is the CEO of Study Sparkz, which employs over 200 tutors in five states. He earned his undergraduate degree at Purdue University in Electrical Engineering, and his MBA at the Smith School of Business at the University of Maryland.

## Guest Speaker

We would like to thank Dr. Kamran Mahmood for his presentation on how to keep our lungs healthy. He talked about eating healthy, exercising, and mainly staying away from smoking and taking drugs. The kids were really excited. They even had the opportunity to see how a lung expands and deflates. Jazak Allah Khair Br. Kamran.



## The Morehead Mobile Planetarium

The Morehead Mobile Planetarium was an in-school field trip. The Elementary students got to learn about The Solar System. The kids had a fun time and enjoyed it. The middle school, on the other hand, learned about Black Holes. They also enjoyed it. May Allah reward the anonymous person who sponsored this field trip.





## 7th Grade Science Project

All humans have the same genes arranged in the same order. Yet there are a few differences that make each of us unique. Sr. Maie's seventh grade class made a model of DNA strands. The students had a wonderful time making the model with the two base pairs A-T (adenine-thymine) and G-C (guanine-cytosine). They learned that the base pairs G-C and A-T always go together.



## Hifdh Volunteers

We would like to thank our volunteers for helping the students complete their assignments. Jazakum Allahu Khairun.



## Student's Corner

### How An-Noor School Teachers Effect My Life

#### **Abd Al-Wahab Al-Kasas:**

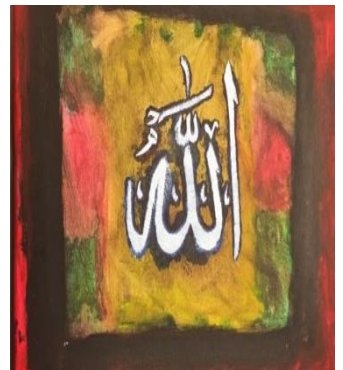
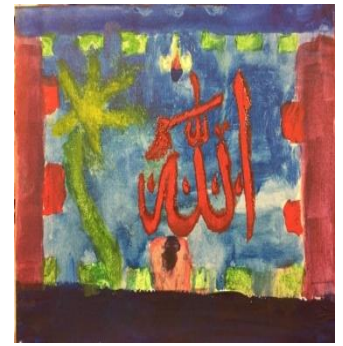
Asalamu Alaikum. The An-Noor School teachers are a great part of my success. The teachers are very nice. They encourage me to exceed in my studies. I have learned the proper rules of tajweed from Sh.Abdullh and now Sh.Hassan. I also learned Islamic studies with Sh.Cafik. I can't ever forget my main teacher for Quran memorization, Sh. Abdessamad. My academics teachers are very skillful. I have learned a lot in their classes. My favorite teacher/ principal is Sr.Gulsangay because she gives great advice. They all taught me that patience is one of the best solutions in life. Finally, they have made me a better Muslim alhumdulillah.

#### **Maham Siddiqui:**

An-Noor School teachers have played a major role in the last four years of my life. They've kept me motivated and have opened new doors for me. They've always shown patience and dedication into helping me achieve my goals. Each and every teacher has taught me something in many ways, whether it was by their own actions or by their advice. MashaAllah, I've learned a lot more and have become a better person because of them.

## Art Club

An-Noor School is proud to have the Art Club as an extracurricular activity this year every Friday. These paintings represent the latest projects. MashAllah, they look so beautiful and we are very proud of our students. May Allah reward Sr. Nisrin Shahin for conducting this class.



### **Important Information to be aware of**

- February 13-17 Teacher Appreciation Week