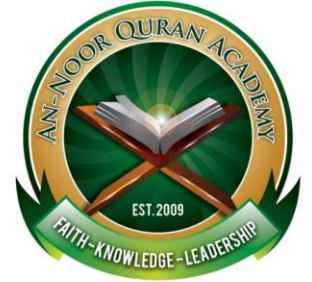


# October Newsletter



*By: Sister Gulsangay Rashidi*

Assalamu Alaikum An-Noor Parents,

There are many interesting things happening at An-Noor School.



First, I would like to inform everyone that the parent teacher conferences are underway. We are meeting with all of the parents to help plan Hifdh goals for the school year. We will also schedule academic parent teacher conferences in the first few weeks of November.

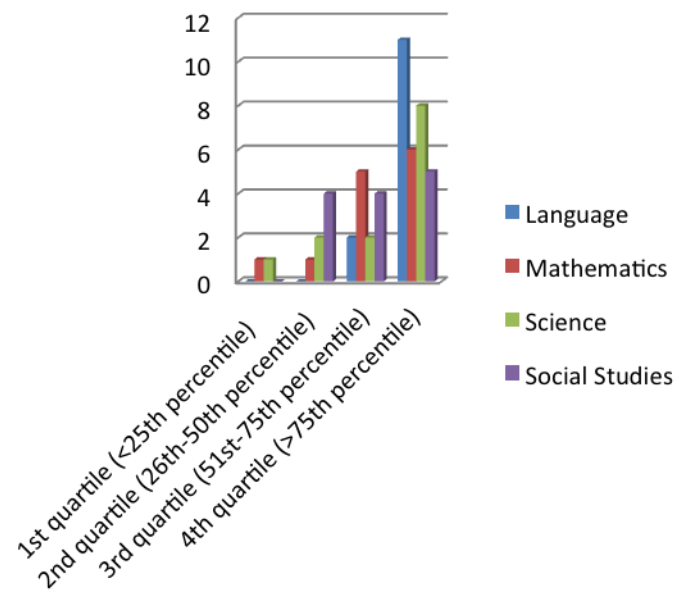


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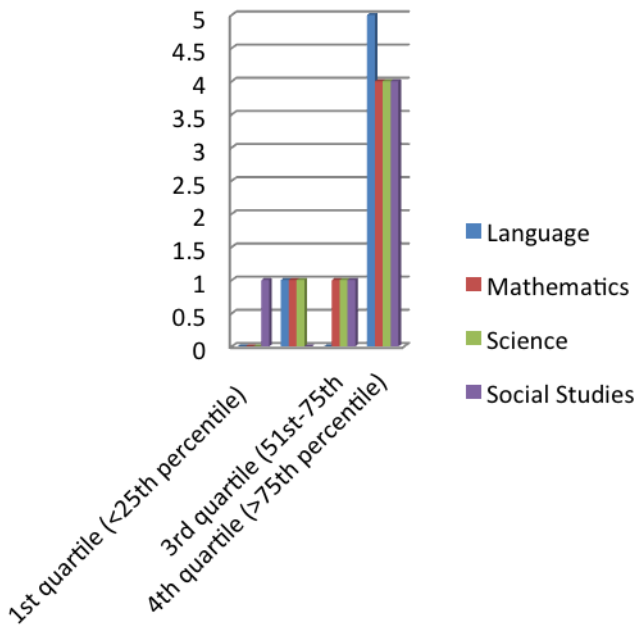
Secondly, we are extremely excited to let you know that we will be getting new Chromebooks for the school! We will be setting up computer stations in the office and our students will have the opportunity to enhance their learning in Hifdh and Academics using technology.

Finally, we are pleased to announce that last years Terra nova results were received and analyzed. Below are the results graphed in bar charts and as you can see, MashAllah most students performed above the national average.

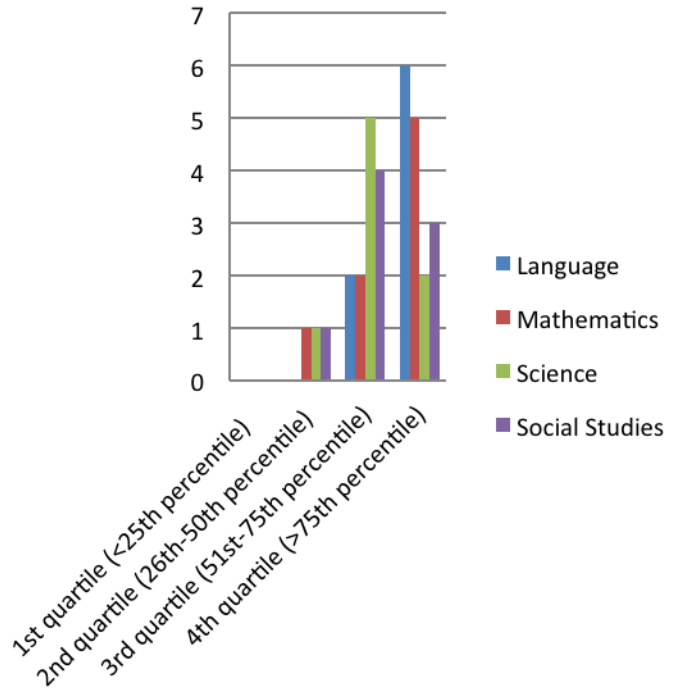
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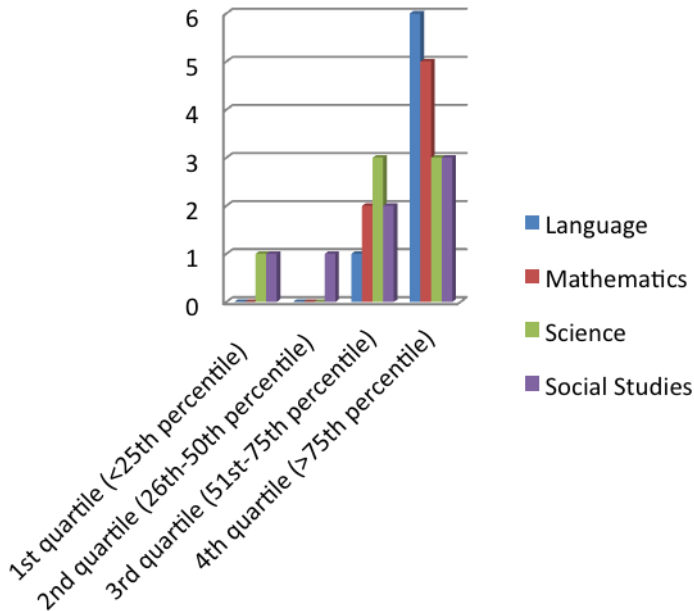
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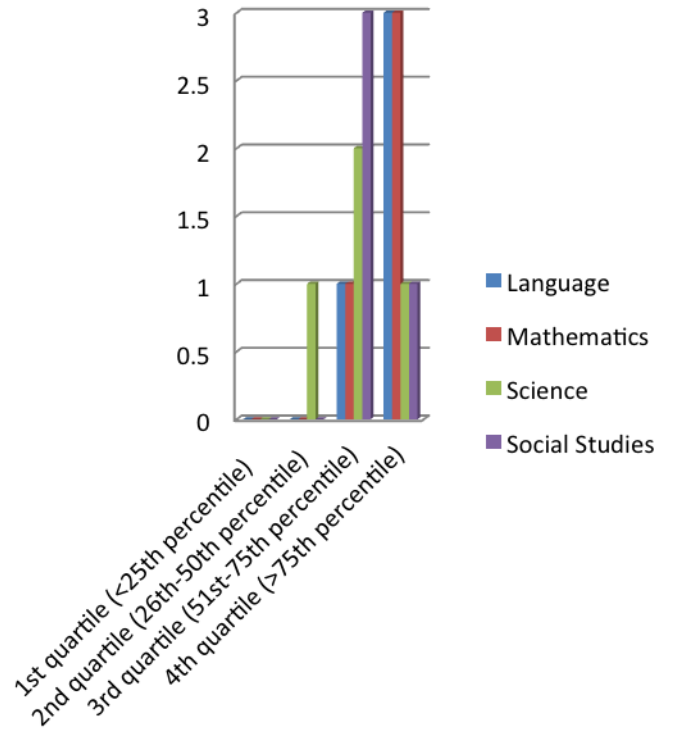
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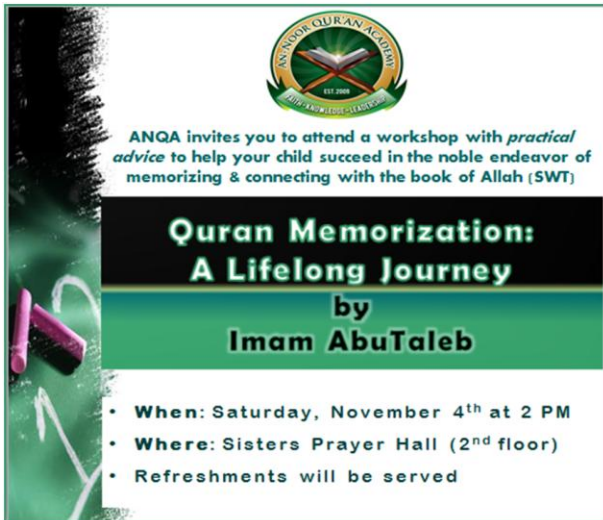


### 8th Grade 4 students



## Hifdh Workshop for Parents

I would like to invite everyone to the first parent workshop for this year. In order to help the parents in being more effectively involved in their children's Hifdh, we have organized a mandatory workshop with Imam Abu Taleb on Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup> at 2pm. All parents are required to attend. In the past, most parents who attended parent workshops have found them to be conducive in helping their children. Lunch will be served inshAllah.



## PTSO Corner

**By: Maria Akhtar**

Assalam o alaikum,

Thank you to all the parents who elected me and my team to work together as PTSO representatives. Sr. Humaira Rasheed is serving this year as PTSO Vice President and Sr. Samia Navaid is the secretary.

I have been an An-Noor mom since 2010 and am very familiar with the school. Our role as the PTSO is to provide support and encouragement to the students and enhance their experience at An-Noor. Listed below are some of the things that we do :

- Arrange and organize field trips
- Plan Juzz Completion ceremonies
- A-B honor roll celebrations after report card distribution
- The Annual An-Noor fundraiser
- Yearbook

To raise money for these and other activities, we have a monthly Fundraiser lunch, where 3-4 volunteer parents provide lunch for students and staff and students pay \$5. I encourage all the parents to support us in arranging this event along with volunteering with other PTSO activities. Jazak Allah khair Sr. Naheed Khan, Sr. Fauzia Salahuddin and Sr. Bushra Dioune for sponsoring the October lunch. My best wishes are always with the An-Noor family.

## Afterschool Programs

### Community Quran Reading Classes by ANQA

Learn to read and recite Quran properly from An Noor Quran Academy's certified experts! Open to all students and all levels — elementary, middle school, high school, college, or beyond, and from Beginner to Advanced levels. Classes are offered during convenient late afternoon/evening hours in small groups to allow for more individualized instruction.

Fee per student is \$50/month (Fee waiver and/or financial assistance available upon request).

All classes are held at IAR.

Separate classes for Brothers & Sisters.

#### 1) Quran Reading For Children Beginner Level:

This course is for students who are learning to read Arabic & recite Quran with proper Tajweed, The goal of the class is to develop the skill to be able to read Qur'an.

#### 2) Quran Reading For Boys Intermediate Level:

This course is for Boys who can read Quran with some difficulty and desire to recite Quran fluently with proper Tajweed.

### **3) Quran Reading For Girls Intermediate**

#### **Level:**

This course is for Girls who can read Quran with some difficulty and desire to recite Quran fluently with proper Tajweed.

### **4) Quran Reading For Sisters Intermediate /**

#### **Advanced Level:**

This course is for Sisters who can read Quran but desire to strengthen Tajweed and continue to improve reading fluency.

### **5) Full-Time Hifdh Prep Class for 1st & 2nd**

#### **Graders:**

This class is for 1st & 2nd grade students who wish to get ready to become future Huffadh. It will prepare students to enroll in An Noor Qur'an Academy's full-time Hifdh Program in 3rd grade with a head-start in acquiring the tajweed & reading fluency needed for successful Hifdh. Upon completion of this course, students will be exempt from the 3rd grade Quran admission assessment test & may be able to skip up to first 3 months of An-Noor school's 3rd grade Quran curriculum.

### **6) Special Needs Qur'an Class:**

This class will introduce children to the five pillars of Islam & other basic Islamic concepts, guide children in the memorization of short Surahs. This is a wonderful opportunity for children with special needs to hear & memorize the Quran in order to identify with their faith. Parents are welcome to attend with their children.

## **ANQA Alumni & Advanced Hifdh Leadership Program**

An-Noor Quran Academy, in collaboration with Al Hirz Institute, is offering an [Alumni & Advanced Hifdh Leadership](#)

[Program](#) starting on Friday, September 29th. Classes will be held every other Friday from 4:30pm to 6:30pm [at the An-Noor meeting room] on the second floor of IAR [main building] and there also is a monthly evening/overnight program. Cost is \$40/month for An-Noor alumni and eligible An-Noor students. For non-An-Noor huffadh/students cost is \$50/month. Enrollment priority will be given to An Noor school alumni & students. The Program [Syllabus](#) will include:

- Eight Classroom Lectures; Da'wah Workshop, Introduction to Qur'an Effortlessly Memorized & Khuluqun-'Adheem.
- Overnight Program; Includes video games, basketball in the gym, food, and social time, followed by a Halaqah and Qiyaam Al-Layl.
- Evening Program; Includes activities, food, and social time, Qur'an recitation & Halaqah.
- Off-Site Activity; Activism with either the IAR SWC , Food Pantry , TMA
- Special session with Shaykh Okasha Kameny



## **AI-Hirz Program on Fridays**



## **An-Noor Academy Sponsors**

### **Al-Kahf Youth Club**

Friday October 6 was the first class for Al-Kahf program. We thank Sr. Muminah for being the leader of this program. We had a great turn out of students. They all left happy. Below is a reminder of what is involved Al-Kahf Youth Club.

#### **Time is from 4:00-5:30**

- Make Art with Islamic Perspective
- Muslim Literacy Cafe events
- Junior Chef workshop
- Create Stories for End of the Year Literacy Magazine.

Cost is \$20 a month to cover materials.



## **Updates on Our beloved An-Noor Hifdh Going to College**

With the immense blessings of Allah SWT, we are pleased to share the good news that An Noor School's first batch of graduates entered college this Fall. Graduates will be attending Duke University, UNC-Chapel Hill, and Wake Tech. Three out of the four

matriculating students graduated with a high-school GPA  $\geq 4.5$ .

Amina Mohamed is majoring in Public Policy and Global Health at Duke University. She graduated from An Noor to continue her education at Raleigh Charter High School. She also completed an internship at The African Summit at Kigali, Rwanda. According to Amina memorizing the Quran was a blessing in her life, which helped her memorize and retain facts faster and easier.

Hamza Kidwai graduated from An Noor School in 2013 and was a part of its pilot program. Hamza joined Wake Young Men's Leadership Academy and graduated as Salutatorian to join UNC Chapel hill where he is pursuing his degree in Computer Science. Hamza's commitment to Islam and the Qur'an motivated him to lead the Taraweh prayers at the Islamic Association of Raleigh, Morrisville Masjid and the mosque at Shaw University. According to Hamza, the training and Tarbiyah at An Noor School has played a major role in transforming and building his personality and character.

Muaizz Rashidi completed his Hifdh in 2013. Since then Muaizz has been taking Arabic and Tafseer classes and is enrolled in the Ijaza program for Hifdh. He has led the Taraweh, Qiyam ul Lail and the Fajr prayers in the Islamic Center of Temecula in California and Winners Masjid in North Raleigh. He also has been leading Fajr prayers at the Islamic Association of Raleigh on Saturdays for the past two years. Muaizz has also taught Qur'an and Islamic studies in the Islamic Center of Cary. Muaizz is enrolled in the Engineering Transfer Program at Wake Tech Community College.

Ali Hida graduated from An Noor in 2013 and has led Taraweh prayers at Islamic Association of Raleigh and at the masajids at Shaw University and High Point. Ali is enrolled in Wake Tech Community College in the Computer Science program.

The academic and leadership achievements of these Huffadh are truly commendable. We pray that Allah SWT bless them, their families, and

the entire IAR community for helping make the dream of Qur'an memorization plus academic success into a reality.

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

- **October 20th Teacher Workday**
- **October 23rd Report Cards**
- **October 30th A/B Honor Roll**
- **November 6th No Uniform**
- **November 23rd and 24th Mini Break**
- **December 4th no uniform**
- **December 11th through 15th Hifdh Revision Week**
- **December 18th Hifdh Exam**
- **December 22nd Teacher Workday**
- **December 25th through Jan 1st Winter Break**
- **January 2nd Back to School for 3rd Quarter**