

# December 2017 Newsletter



**By: Sister Gulsangay Rashidi**

Assalamu Alaikum An-Noor Parents,

Alhamdulillah, with the blessing of Allah, the 1st Juzz Completion was a great success. The PTSO and the volunteers did a wonderful job putting the event together. Jazakium Allahu Khairun. We would also like to thank our guest speaker Ammar AlShukry. He gave us some advice that is useful and helpful to all. Also, as a school we are very excited to hear from Br. Mateen Akhtar, An-Noor School chairman, on the new school projects. New security system for the second floor to keep the students safe. We will also get new lockers to keep our students backpacks lighter.



## Juzz Completion



## Hifdh

By: Sh. Hassan

Alhamdulillah we are coming to the end of the first half of this school year and we have made much progress. All of our students have shown such a great deal of dedication, growth, and commitment. Therefore, before we even turn our focus to highlight or commend the students who have aced their exams or received awards for high achievement, we must take a moment to recognize each and every one of our boys and girls for their achievement of just simply being here at An-Noor Quran Academy. As they have all made and agreed to embark this great and honorable journey of becoming Hufadh of Quran. A journey which today very few seek to take and even fewer will seek to take tomorrow. A journey which requires seemingly limitless self motivation, everlasting consistency, and never ending patient. A journey which calls upon its bearer the envy of many as well as the anger and a full assault of Shaitan and his forces. Therefore and without a doubt every student, whether just starting, half way through, or even completed their Hifdh via our program, deserves great and unequivocal recognition, praise, gratitude, reassurance and more. And with that being said we ask and remind all of our students' parents to always be sure to let your children know you are proud of them for being on this journey and will always support them in any way possible. Also remember to motivate them and give them much positive reinforcement. Not to say don't reprimand them and warn them of the seriousness of this journey, but rather always try to maintain a middle approach. We ask Allaah to grant all of our students the Towfiq (Ability) to remain steadfast and protect them from all forms of evil thought this lifelong journey. We ask Allaah to accept all our actions and put Baraka in our daily affairs. Aameen.

## Bullying

I would like to address a very serious matter that our community is facing, which is bullying. An-Noor School has zero tolerance towards bullying. We want to prevent bullying

by training the students and educating parents. We talk to the students constantly about this major issue. We are inshaAllah planning an anti-bullying workshop soon. Having good character comes before the memorization of the Quran. *Prophet Muhammad, Sallallahu Alahi Wasalam, said: "I have only been sent to perfect good moral character." (Musnad Ahmad)*

Bullying is against Islam as it entails injustice being done towards an individual by another. Bullying is a form of oppression. Islam explicitly forbids all forms of oppression and injustice. Saaiduna Jabir Bin Abdullah narrates that the Prophet Muhammad Sallallahu Alahi Wasalam said "Be on your guard against oppression, for oppression is a darkness on the Day of Resurrection." (Sahih Muslim)

Bullying can come in many forms and can be very hurtful. Please talk with your child about the different ways bullying can happen and what to do if they see it. I encourage you to talk with your children on what is appropriate and what is not appropriate in any setting. Some parents say the phrase "kids will be kids" or "that's the school's problem". Unfortunately, those are the wrong responses. As Muslims, it is the responsibility of all of us (parents, children, educators, and community) to teach our children the importance of being kind and considerate to others. Parents need to be observant of their children's behavior, appearance, and mood, both for signs of the child being bullied or engaging in bullying behavior. Studies show that a child who has bonded well with his/her parents and feels warmth and care from them is much less likely to resort to bullying behavior with peers in schools and elsewhere. The parents should have also set adequate limits for a child's behavior at home and not allowed aggression toward siblings, other family members and peers.

Another major problem that we are facing today is cyber bullying. Cyber bullying is defined as online harassment, teasing, using offensive names or put downs, belittling others' abilities or achievements, spreading rumors,



ridiculing another's appearance, degrading another's race or culture, making sexually suggestive comments or gestures, and making rude gestures or expressions. Parents need to be actively involved and vigilant of their children's activities. For the safety of your family, it's important to keep tabs on what your kids are saying, sharing, and doing on social media. Please monitor and limit their electronic use inshaAllah. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me. May Allah protect all of our children from being a victim or a perpetrator of bullying. Aameen!



SobhanAllah, the second quarter is nearing to an end. The report cards will be sent home upon the students return from winter break .

We would like to thank all the parents for taking their time out and coming to the parent/teacher conferences. These conferences have proven to be very beneficial to the students' Hifdh journey.

### **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.



### **PTSO Corner**

Alhamdulillah PTSO would like to thank all the volunteers that helped out in the successful fundraiser at the Apex Masjid after Jummah. We would like to encourage other parents to volunteer towards the PTSO Fundraiser Projects. Jazakium Allahu Khairun.





## Galaxy Fun Park

AlhamduAllah, our first school field trip to Galaxy Fun Park was a fun adventure for all the students. The students learned the mechanical and safety components of the rides and interesting facts about space. They had an absolutely great time and would love to go again.





## An-Noor Academy Sponsors Al-Kahf Youth Club

Al-Kahf Youth Club students continue to have a great time. The students learned about the extraction of DNA from strawberries. Jazaki Allah Khair to Sr. Safiya for coming and teaching our students how to remove the DNA from the Strawberries. The following week they had a great time with the boys competing with the girls in a cupcake war. The theme was Jannah. The kids did a wonderful job reciting ayahs from the Quran that represented Jannah. They then got in groups and made their cupcakes to represent the theme. The final results came out and the boys won. Congratulations boys!

### Strawberry DNA Extraction



### Jannah and The Cupcake War





# Have a great winter break!



## Important Information to be aware of

- December 22nd Teacher Workday
- December 25th through Jan 1st Winter Break
- January 2nd Back to School for 3rd Quarter
- January 8th A/B Honor Roll Party
- January 19 from 4-5 pm Town Hall Meeting with Committee
- February 5th No Uniform
- February 12th through 16 Hifdh Revision Week
- February 19th Hifdh Exam

