

# January 2018 Newsletter

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Assalamu Alaikum An-Noor Parents,

We begin the New Year by welcoming two new members on our Hifdh staff, Sheikh Elbachri Kasmir and Sheikh Iqbal Khan. May Allah make it a successful year for the entire An-Noor family.

Sheikh Elbachri is a full time Hifdh teacher with over 20 years of teaching experience. He was the founder and Director of the Taher Quran Educational Institute and Al- Madien Quran Institute. He was also the Imam of Masjid Al-Madina. He has an Associate degree in Islamic Studies and an Effective Teaching Certificate. He believes in using positive reinforcement with the kids in order to help them achieve their goals.



Sheikh Iqbal is a teacher assistant at An-Noor School. He is a Hafidh who is certified as a Quran teacher. He has 13 years of teaching experience in Quran recitation. He has a Bachelor of Arts in Urdu language. He also has experience with Islamic Calligraphy.



## Anti Bullying Workshop


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 -darkness on the Day of Resurrection." (Sahih Muslim)

We invited Poe Health Center to conduct the anti bullying workshop on Thursday January 11th. It was an interactive and productive workshop. The students learned how to recognize and stop bullying. Please have a discussion about this workshop with your child. InshaAllah through regular conversations with our

children, we can tackle this unfortunate issue that communities across America are facing.


### WHAT CAN WE DO? BE A HERO

- Helping
- Everyone
- Respect
- Others




### WHAT IS BULLYING?

Bullying is when someone repeatedly and on purpose says or does mean or hurtful things to another person who has a hard time defending himself or herself.



### BULLYING IS VIOLENCE

- Two Categories
  - Direct
  - Indirect



### DIRECT: FACE-TO-FACE

- Verbal
- Physical
- Nonverbal

DIRECT



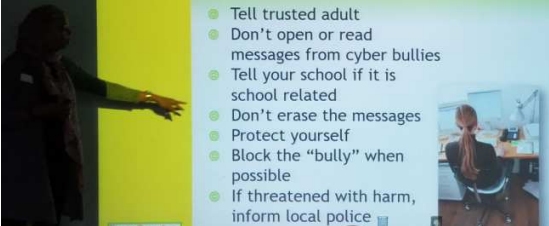
### INDIRECT: BEHIND SOMEONE'S BACK

- Exclusion
- Gossip



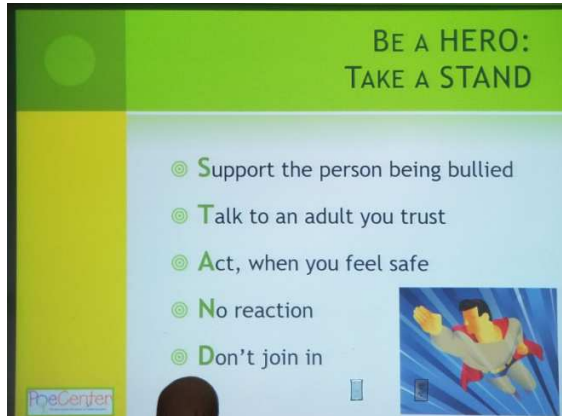
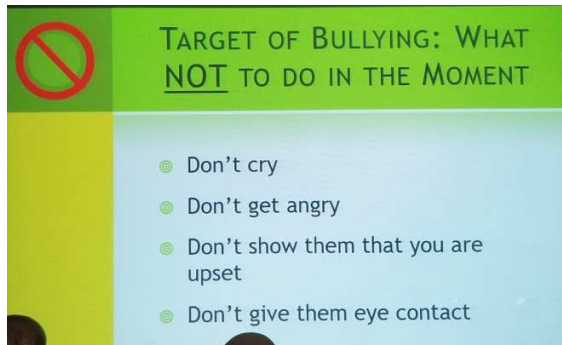
### CYBER-BULLYING TIPS

- Tell trusted adult
- Don't open or read messages from cyber bullies
- Tell your school if it is school related
- Don't erase the messages
- Protect yourself
- Block the "bully" when possible
- If threatened with harm, inform local police



### TARGET OF BULLYING: WHAT TO DO IN THE MOMENT

- Ignore them, or pretend you didn't hear them.
- If you do talk to the bully, respond evenly and firmly
- Turn their comment into a joke
- Walk away, remove yourself from the situation
- Write down the details, keep track
- Go and talk to an adult



**Morning Assembly (Bullying through the Islamic perspective)**

In addition to the workshop on bullying, we discussed bullying from an Islamic perspective in our morning assembly. Our teachers narrated relevant stories to the children. They also used verses from the Quran and Hadith to further reiterate how bullying is wrong and against Islam. The students showed respect as they listened carefully, MashaAllah.



**Security**

Alhumdulillah, the new security system for the second floor was installed during winter break. Please follow the instructions on how to enter the second floor.

1. **Stand in front of the camera.**
2. **Press the button.**
3. **Wait for school personnel to talk to you over the speaker.**
4. **Enter when the buzzer sounds.**



**Muslim Heritage Presentations by Al-Iman School**

Jazak Allah Khair to Br. Musa, from Al-Iman School for inviting An-Noor to listen to presentations on Muslim Heritage. The students had a wonderful time listening and learning about the history of our great Muslim inventors.







### **Calendar Sale to Support the Orphans**

We aspire to teach our children that they can make a difference in the world with even the simplest of acts, like selling calendars. For several years now, An Noor students have been sponsoring orphans through calendar sales. Jazak Allah Khair to the seventh and eighth graders who sold calendars during the Jummah Prayers. InshAllah, I will keep you posted on the outcome of the sponsorship.

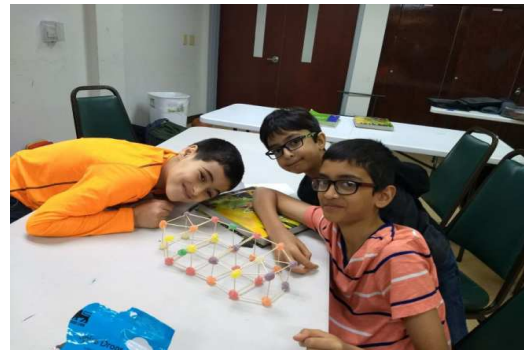


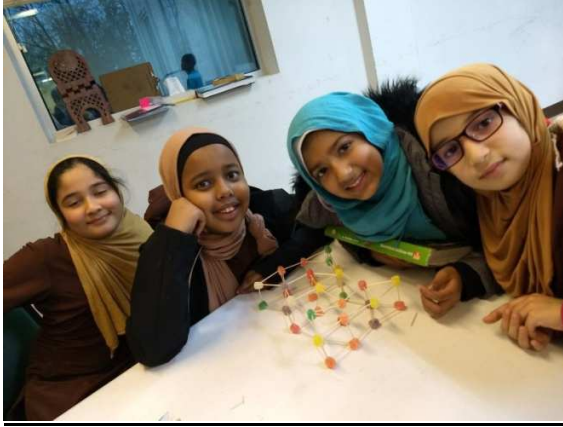
### **An-Noor Academy Sponsors** **Al-Kahf** **Youth Club**

Al-Kahf Youth Club students continued their quest for learning with new and innovative projects. The week before winter break, students made gum drop structures to understand tensile strength. The boys and girls competed to see whose structure would hold a book longer. The girls' structure was a better structure and was able to hold the book longer. Way to go girls!

Students also used Chrome books to learn coding.

Students in the Al-Kahf club are also encouraged to explore their creativity through writing. This month, students picked their favorite Ayah from the Quran and wrote about why it was their favorite Ayah.





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

#### **February 5th No Uniform**

- **February 12th through 16 Hifdh Revision Week**
- **February 19th Hifdh Exam**
- **March 2nd Teacher Workday will now be a snow make up day. It will be a full day of school.**
- **March 5th Report Cards**
- **March 12 A/B Honor Roll Party**
- **April 2nd through 6th Spring Break**