

February 2018 Newsletter

By: Sister Gulsangay Rashidi

Assalamu Alaikum An-Noor Parents,

I would like to thank the parents that came and voiced their suggestions and concerns at the Town Hall Meeting. You, as parents, are an integral part of An-Noor Quran Academy and we strive to address and resolve any concerns you may have. It is essential for the An-Noor community to have good communication in order for us to become stronger and progress.

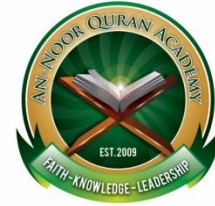
Hifdh News

By: Sh. Hassan Yagoub

Assalamu alaikum wa rahmatu Allahi wa barakatuh

May peace, mercy, and blessings of Allaah be upon you all!

As we come to the end of our 3rd quarter of this school year (2017-2018), the statistics of our students' progress are quite remarkable Maa Shaa Allah. 50 out of 56 students achieved higher marks on their



exams this quarter than the first quarter (in spite of the fact that each quarter's test accumulates the amount of Hifdh each student has completed). 52 out of these 56 all achieved higher than 85% on this quarter's exam; whereas only 36 out of 56 achieved higher than 85% in the 1st quarter. A remarkable 40 students out of 56 scored over 90%: 12 of these students scored 99% and 100%, this quarter; while only 2 students scored 99% and 1 student scored 100% the 1st quarter. Hence with brief mention of this wonderful progress, we hope to express and share with you this robust and jubilant feeling, which we owe to none other than Allaah, The Most Merciful, for granting our students the Towfiq (ability) to make such progress. May Allah continue to bless and increase all of our students in their Hifdh and grant all of us the success of this life and the next.

On another cheerful and delightful note, our first in-school Quran competition was held this month and it was very successful! Alhamdulillah. Much acknowledgement is owed to Sheikh Abdussamad Mukhtaari who took the initiative to organize the main agenda and logistics for the competition. And of course much acknowledgement is also owed to all of the Hifdh teachers and school administration, who all played a role in this event. And finally, the phenomenal and outstanding effort and performance put forth by all of our students in participating and competing in front of the whole school. And though we will only mention the names

of those who came 1st through 5th, all of our students have been marked down as winners and will all be awarded, in Shaa Allaah.



And now the names of the 1st through 5th place winners:

Girls:

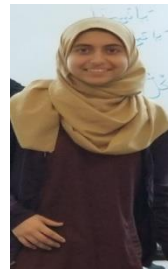
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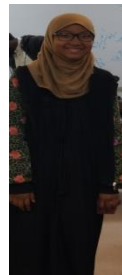
2nd Faiza Moawiye



3rd Batoul Al-Zoubi



4th Ayesha Traore



5th Ashna & Asma & Maryam Jamshid & Zainab Irshad & Samira Hareed

Boys:

1st Yousuf Siddiqui & Yusuf Khan



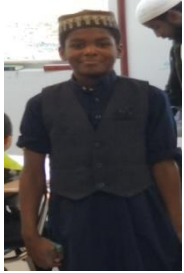
2nd Tarik Qudwa



3rd Ahmed Rasheed



4th Mohamed Atere



5th Khidr & Haroon & Sulaiman & Zain

An-Noor Quran Academy Tardiness Policy

Punctuality is an important trait for an effective Islamic way of life. Being punctual will earn a person credibility and respect and build a positive reputation for his or her character.

Punctuality paves the way for a peaceful and conducive learning environment. It will make the student feel confident and eager to learn. Being early for school gives the student time to relax, plan, and prioritize his/her daily goals in order to achieve success.

When asked our beloved Prophet (SWT), which act is the best?
He (SWT) said: AsSalat at their fixed times,

being dutiful to parents, striving (jihad) in the way of Allah [Sahih Bukhari]

The above Hadith has given great significance for being punctual, dutiful and striving, all of which are vital traits of a true believer.

Tardiness of individual students interrupts Hifdh time for all students. School starts at 7:30 am students may begin entering classrooms at that time. Those students who arrive after 7:45 am are considered tardy. For the students safety, we ask parents to accompany their student to the office.

- The first 3 tardies in a quarter **are excused.**
- After the 5th tardy in a quarter, **an email will be sent to the parents.**
- After the 10th tardy in a quarter, **a family conference will be held.**
- After 12th tardy in a quarter, **the student will get 1 day of out of school suspension.**
- After 15th tardy in a quarter, **there will be consideration for further disciplinary action at the discretion of school administration.**

For any unavoidable circumstances including court proceedings, a death in the family, illness or injury, and medical/dental appointments, please send a note with your child.

Parent Concerns

At the town hall meeting, many of you asked how to bring forward your suggestions and concerns, should you have any. We have the following protocol in place for addressing concerns: Please follow the listed protocol to allow us to efficiently resolve any issues that you may have.

1. Your first point of reference would always be your child's teacher. Please strive to build a strong communication with your child's teachers and don't hesitate to reach out to them if you have any concerns regarding your child's progress. You may email them and schedule a meeting at a time that is convenient to all. **Please do not approach them during class hours.**
2. If you are not satisfied with the teachers approach on resolving your issue, please make an appointment with the Director (Sister Gulsangay) and discuss your concerns with her. You will need to fill out a 'Parent Concern' form.

Reminder of An-Noor's Lockdown Procedure

An-Noor follows a lockdown procedure in the advent of any emergency situation. Please go over it with your child. We have also been practicing in school. Please take the time and talk with your student to make them feel safe.

The School Lockdown Drills Procedures:

1. Doors to classrooms are closed and locked.
2. Students are moved to the safest part of the room, away from windows and doors, to the interior walls.
3. Everyone drops to the floor or out of the line of vision from the door.
4. Window shades are pulled down.
5. Any windows in doors are covered (to prevent an intruder from seeing into the room).
6. Classroom lights are turned off.
7. Teachers are required to check restrooms and move children to the nearest safe place.
8. An adult must be with any group of children. No child should be left by himself / herself.

Thank you for your support in this important matter.

Orphan Sponsorship

Alhumdulillah, our effort to sponsor orphans proved to be very fruitful. We raised \$2,192 from the calendar sales this year. Below I have attached the letter that I received from the Islamic Relief USA. Please read it with your child so they know how their contribution is being used and how important caring for orphans is according to the Quran and Sunnah. May Allah reward everyone who contributed to this great cause and may Allah always bless our school. Aameen!

“Salaam Everyone! We here at Islamic Relief USA want to thank you sincerely for your very generous gift of \$2,192.00 to help people in need. It is very touching to see so many wonderful kids,

volunteers, and parents coming together to help those in need. We were also told about the calendars being sold for the donation and we wanted to thank everyone involved for that as well. Your generosity is exceptional, and your gift will make a real difference to many people. May God bless you for all of the good you're doing!

Your donation was distributed as follows:

- Chechnya Orphan Sponsorship - \$516.00
- Somalia Orphan Sponsorship - \$516.00
- Bangladesh Orphan Sponsorship - \$516.00
- India Orphan Sponsorship - \$516.00
- Syria Humanitarian Aid - \$128.00

I also want to thank you for directing your gift to the needed area. So many times, we're tempted to help people with some kind of personal tie to us, or to a cause otherwise near and dear to our hearts. It's especially selfless to direct it to any human where the need is greatest. We consider your gift a trust, and we take this responsibility very seriously. We promise to implement your wish with the utmost in efficiency and care — because you deserve it, and so do the people you are helping. Thank you for working together with us for a better world.”

Sincerely, Anwar Ahmad Khan President.

In School Field Trip

The students had a wonderful time during the in school field trip. This field trip was collaborated with Al-Iman school.

The elementary school learned the morals in fables through stories like the story of "Boy Who Cried Wolf" and others.

The Sheppard lied so many times that when he was in trouble, no one believed him.



The middle school learned about black history month. They learned about Rosa Parks, Martin Luther King, Harriet Tubman, and many more.



An-Noor Academy Sponsors Al-Kahf Youth Club

Al-Kahf Youth Club students continued their quest for learning with new and innovative projects. One week, the students learned to use 2 tone nature background with watercolor to create a natural scape. Some students used the proper technique while other created their own landscape. They all did a wonderful job.



The following week the students made passports to Japan. They made Japanese Calligraphy on scrolls using words from the Quran like Justice, Peace, and Mercy.



For the final week of the month, the students had another cupcake war. The theme was Allah's creation. The boys were put on one team and the girls on another team. They had a wonderful time learning to collaborate with each other and coming up with Allah's creations. This time the girls are the winners. Congratulations girls!



Important Information to be aware of

- **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**
- **March 24 9th Annual Fundraiser**
- **April 2nd through 6th Spring Break**
- **April 18th In-School Spelling Bee**
- **April 23rd to 27th Teacher Appreciation Week**
- **May 7th to 11 Hifdh Revision Week**
- **May 14th Hifdh Exam**
- **May 18th Teacher Workday**
- **May 21st Report Cards**
- **May 22nd to 24 Terra Nova**
- **May 25 Terra Nova Make-up and Last Day of Academics.**