

Quarterly Newsletter

By: Sister Gulsangay Rashidi

Assalamu Alaikum An-Noor Parents,

We welcome back our students to An-Noor Quran Academy and look forward to a successful 2018-19 school year! We also want to welcome our new Hifdh Principal, Sheikh Mowlid Khalif.

Shaykh Mowlid was the founder and first Hifdh teacher of An-Noor Quran Academy in 2009 and currently serves as Imam of the two mosques (Parkwood and Fayetteville locations) in Durham. He also established Al-Misbah weekend school for Quranic education and memorization. Al-Misbah school currently has 150 students enrolled. Sheikh Mowlid was the first student to achieve a Bachelor's Degree in Islamic studies and Arabic from Al-Mishkah University and also holds a Master's Degree (Arabic) in Usul Al-fiqh and Sharia from Mishkah University. He is currently pursuing a Ph.D. in Islamic law. We are excited to have him on board.

We also welcome the following new teachers:

- **Shaykh Youssef Fahim: Hifdh teacher**
Shaykh Youssef is a hafidh with an Ijazah in Hafs and Warsh.
- **Sister Ferial Hudaib: Hifdh teacher**
Sister Ferial has an Ijazah in Hafs and a Master in Medical Biotechnology.
- **Sister Aleena Shah: Hifdh Teacher Assistant**
Sister Aleena attended Studio Arabia is working on her Ijaza.
- **Shaykh Abdullah Ahmed: Hifdh Teacher Assistant**



Sh. Abdullah is a Hafidh and is pursuing a degree in Computer Science.

- **Br. Mohamad Ameen: 5th and 6th grade Language Arts and Social Studies teacher**

Br. Mohamad has his Bachelor in History and minor in English from North Carolina State University. He is also pursuing his license in middle school Education.

- **Sr. Jamila Zohra: 5th grade Teacher Assistant**

Sr. Zohra has a Master's Degree in Food Science and Technology. She also has a certification in food safety from the North Carolina State.

Whats New in the Hifdh Department

By: Sh. Mowlid Khalif

"Bismillah--

We are back in school after the Hurricane Florence. Despite the intensity of the storm, Allah has sheltered us and has been good to us. Alhamdulillah, while the school was closed, most of our students were able to recite their assignment over the phone and through Skype. This is a good tradition we want to keep. We're also delighted to see our students developing good relationships with their teachers outside the class room.

I have asked all the hifz students to write down their goals till the end of the school year 2018-2019. The point is to monitor their progress and establish a mutual dialogue with the teachers and parents. Time and again, we need to come up with different programs to motive our students and to get them excited about the memorization of the Qur'an. We ask Allah to give us success in our endeavor. "



Newest Hufadh

Alhumdulillah, with the blessing of Allah (SWT), Omar Farooq and Najma Mohamud have completed the memorization of the Quran. Congratulations to Shaykh Omar and his parents, Sister Mehrin Farooq and Brother Mohammad Farooq and Najma and her parents Sr. Fartun Farah and Br. Omar Iman for their commitment towards this great achievement. May Allah help Omar and Najma retain, perfect, implement, and teach the Quran. May Allah give them the success of Duniya and the ultimate success of the Akhira, Jannat-ul-Firdous.



Teacher Workshops

With the blessing of Allah SWT, our staff has completed their first workshop of the year. The Hifdh Staff did a series of workshops on Strengthening Hifdh.

The academic teachers had a workshop on How to Implement and Build Vocabulary Strategies for all subjects.



Haji Fair and Eid

An-Noor school participated in the Haji fair organized by Al-Iman school teacher, Br. Musa. We thank Br. Musa for including our students in this fun and educational experience. We also thank all the volunteers who helped us with our Eid party. The boys played outside in the bounce houses and the girls got to put henna.



Lunch Menu

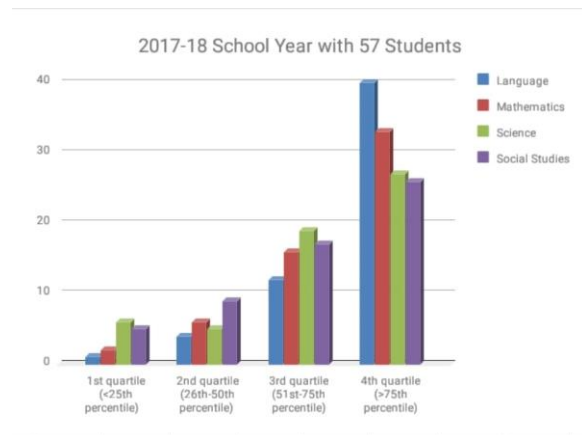
Al-Maidah has a new lunch menu for the 2018-19 school year. We will no longer accept cash. Please buy meal tickets from Al-Maidah.

Al Maidah Weekly Lunch Menu	
Grades 3-5	\$3
Grades 6-8	\$4
Monday: 1. Chicken strips 2. Chicken Nuggets 3. Chicken and rice	
Tuesday: 1. Cheese or Veggie Pizza 2. Chicken and rice	
Wednesday: 1. Kofta and rice 2. Chicken and rice	
Thursday: 1. Pasta 2. Chicken and rice	
Friday: 1. Everything is available	
All meals above include a side of salad or fruit and a small drink: milk, chocolate milk, 100% fruit juice, or water. All meat is Zabihah certified. Please purchase meal tickets from Al-Maidah. No Cash will be accepted.	
Other items: Fries \$1.50 Chicken Nuggets \$2.00 Chicken Strips \$2.00 Meat pie & small drink \$3.00 Spinach pie & small drink \$3.00 Cheese pie & small drink \$3.00 Small Drinks \$0.50 Large drinks \$1.00 Chicken Strips /Nuggets with fries and small drink are available every. Elementary \$3 Middle school \$4	

2017-2018 Terra Nova Results

Alhamdulillah! An Noor students performed very well on the 2017-18 Terra Nova standardized achievement test. The results are read as follows: 0-25: below average; 26-75: average and 76 and above: above average.

Maasha'Allah most of our students scored at or above 75 percentile.



Open House 2018-19

On behalf of An-Noor, I would like to thank all parents that attended our open house this year. It was a great time to meet the new Hifdh Principal and all the teachers to ask any questions or concerns.



Tuition Increase

Please note that monthly tuition has been increased by \$50 monthly to \$500 per month. An Noor school strives to keep tuition as low as possible. In fact, this is the first tuition increase in the past 3 years. However, tuition increase was necessary this year in order to cover the cost of several important and valuable initiatives, including:

- Raleigh Police Department security guard presence on-site during school hours
- Enhanced Hifdh staffing, including new Hifdh Principal and additional Hifdh TAs to achieve less than 6:1 student: teacher ratio
- Investment in staff quality, staff professional development, and staff retention
- A 30% year-over-year increase in financial aid awards
- Enhanced school facilities & school technology

As before, there are multi-family discounts and eligibility to apply for state-based Opportunity Scholarship as well as school-based financial aid.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding. May Allah subhanahu wa ta'ala bless your wealth and make your investment in your children a Sadaqah Jarriyah for you.



An-Noor Quran Academy 2018-19 Tuition Table

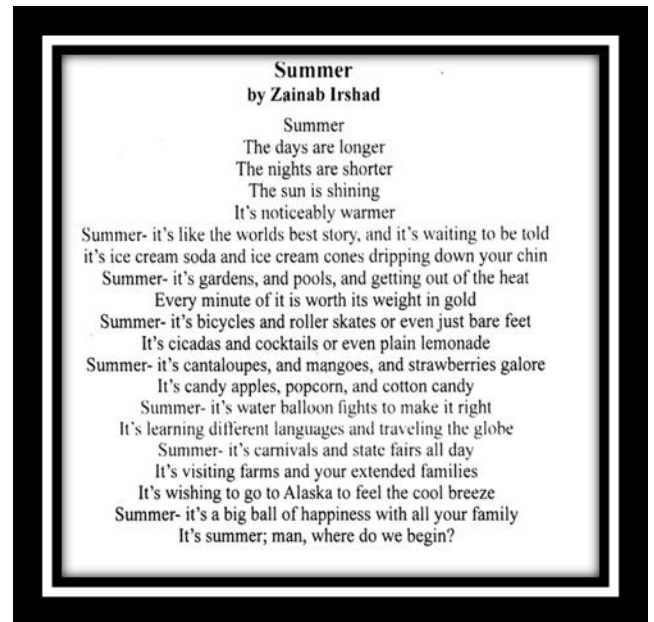
	Annual Book Fee (one-time)	Monthly Tuition (12 installments)	Quarterly Tuition (4 installments)	Annual Tuition (2% discount for lumpsum payment)
Elementary / Middle School Tuition for 1 Student family	\$200	\$500	\$1,500	\$5,880
Elementary / Middle School Tuition per student for 2 or more students in same family	\$200	\$450	\$1,350	\$5,292

Inclement Weather Policy

An-Noor Quran Academy follows the Wake County Public School System decisions about school closure due to inclement weather. Please check their website (<http://www.wcpss.net>). You can also check the school closings/delays on wral.com or abc11.com. It is also televised on wral and abc11.

Student Publishing's

MashAllah, we are very proud of Maryam Siddiqui and Zainab Irshad. The two girls had their poems published in the 2018 Rising Stars Collection by Appelly Publishing. Congratulations on a job well done!



Important Dates to Remember

- **October 15th Hifdh Exam**
- **October 19th Teacher Workday**
- **October 22nd Report Cards**
- **October 29th A/B Honor Roll Party**
- **November 5th no Uniform**
- **November 22-23rd Mini Break**
- **December 5th no Uniform**
- **December 8th Juzj Completion**
- **December 10th through 14th Hifdh Review Week**
- **December 17th Hifdh Exam**
- **December 21st Teacher Workday**
- **December 24th through January 1st Winter Break**



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