

Quarterly Newsletter

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By: Sister Gulsangay Rashidi

Assalamu Alaikum An-Noor Parents,

Alhumdulillah, we are already in our spring semester. We are expecting to have an exciting schedule which includes the International Fair, Fundraising Events, Spelling Bee, Hifdh Exams, Terra Nova Achievement Test and of course the Graduation in May. May Allah help our students succeed and rise to their highest potential. Aameen

Whats New in the Hifdh Department

By: Sh. Mowlid Khalif

Assalamu Alaikum An-Noor Parents,

I hope all of you are doing well by the mercy of Allah swt. It's been a wonderful six months working with An-Noor Hifdh staff as interim/temporary Hifdh principle. An-Noor school is a great blessing for the community, and I thank you all for taking the time and effort to bring your children to school. Please keep up the good work. Memorizing the Qur'an can be challenging at times, but please don't give up. Encourage your child and build his or her confidence.

Dear parents, I would like to inform you that due to family obligations/reasons I have decided to move back to Minnesota. The school is blessed to have dedicated teachers who I have full trust and confidence that they will continue teaching the book of Allah.

Please keep my family and me in your Duas. You are all in my prayers.

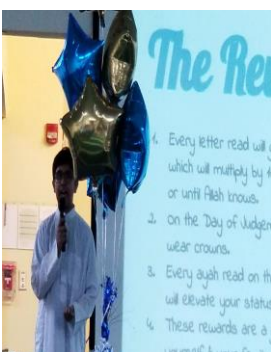
Sincerely,
Mowlid



Juzz Completion

Jazakum Allahu Khairun to all who attended our first Juzz Completion for the 2018-19 school year. It was a wonderful event to celebrate our children's progress. We thank all the volunteers who made this event a success.





for their commitment towards this great achievement. May Allah help Ismail and Asaad 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.

Guest Speakers

This year we have had two guest speakers. The students really enjoyed listening to the guest speakers. It was an honor to host Mufti Azzimudin from Chicago. He spoke about how to praise Allah through Qur'an. The second speaker Br. Isa talked about how the manners should tie with the Quran and how a Haafidh should act and behave. Jazakum Allahu Khairun to both our speakers.



Newest Hufadh

Alhumdulillah, with the blessing of Allah (SWT), Ismail Akhtar and Asaad Ansari have completed the memorization of the Quran. Congratulations to Shaykh Ismail and his parents, Sister Maria Akhtar and Brother Afaque Akhtar and Shaykh Asaad and his parents Sister Ayesha Sultana and Br. Arif Ansari

Daily Khatira

Alhamdulillah, this year the students are enjoying the daily Khatiras after Duhr prayer. The students are preparing power point presentations that include trivia questions to

make sure everyone is paying attention. The Khatira gives students public speaking experience and confidence. The students are doing an amazing job. Well done, keep up the good work.



Thursday Khatira with Imam Abu Taleb or Imam Muamar

Having good character according to the Quran and Sunnah is one of the priorities of the An-Noor Quran Academy. That is why we are pleased to attend of our weekly Tarbiya lessons with Imam Abu Taleb or Imam Muamar. Our beloved Imams are doing a wonderful job and our students are learning many new lessons.



Teacher Workshops

Code Red School Lockdown Procedure

With the blessing of Allah SWT, our staff has completed a workshop with Br. Rashid (Head of Security). He talked about the importance of Code Red Lockdown Procedures. The purpose of a school Code Red lockdown drill is to protect and keep everyone the children and adults in the building from a potential emergency such as the presence of a school shooter.

Lockdown drills are different from evacuation drills. Evacuation drills are designed to prepare students, teachers, administrators, and other people in the school to leave the building quickly and in a pre-planned and organized fashion in the event of danger such as a bomb threat, when conditions outside the building are safer than the conditions inside the building. In a lockdown drill, students are to clear the halls and report to the nearest available classroom where they are to hide and stay as silent as possible.

We have discussed and prepared the students at school. Please discuss the importance of this drill at home with your child and take a few minutes to go over the following procedure.

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.



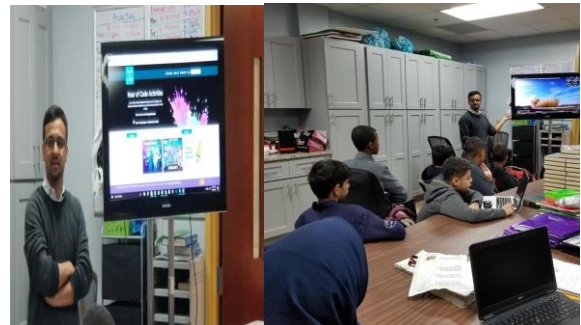
Strengthening Hifdh

Our beloved Hifdh staff had a series of workshops to strengthen the Hifdh program. May Allah swt reward them for all their hard work and dedication.



Coding

We would like to thank Br. Iliyas Pathan for taking time out from his busy schedule to teach our students coding. Hour of Code is a non-profit, education program to teach technology and coding to elementary and middle schools. The goal is to engage youth early to develop critical technology skills required in every field. The Hour of Code class demonstrates how easy it is to use basic coding like block, javascript, and python programming to create games. Students use code.org website games to learn coding principles.



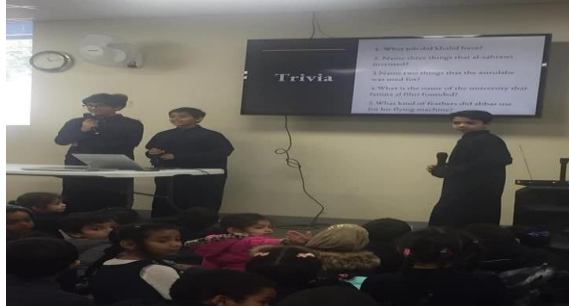
Al-Iman Muslim Heritage

Br. Musa's students from Al-Iman school presented Muslim Heritage presentations to An-Noor school. Our students were a great audience whom enjoyed the presentations because Al- Iman school students did a wonderful job.



Muslim Heritage In Durham

Three of our students took a field trip to visit Al-Huda Islamic School in Durham to share their Islamic Heritage Projects. They did a wonderful job and had a great time. May Allah (SWT) bless all three schools and give them barakah.



Orphan Sponsorship

Learning that doing small things, like selling calendars teaches our students that they can make a difference in the world. Especially when the money is for a great cause. The students helped us sell calendars during the Jummah Prayers. InshAllah I will keep you posted on the outcome of the sponsorship.



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.





8th Grade Science Project

The 8th graders learned about chemical reactions in science this year. They made soap through a chemical reaction between fat/oils and sodium hydroxide (lye). They enjoyed making their own scented soap.



Lockers

Alhumdulillah, with the blessing of Allah (SWT) and a generous parent, we have received beautiful lockers that the students are enjoying greatly with a lighter load on their backs. May Allah reward the donor.



Student Publishings

MashAllah, we are very proud of Maryam Siddiqui, Abeer Shahin, and Ayesah Traore. The three girls had their poems published in the Futures 2018 Poetry Collection. Congratulations girls on a job well done!

Sailing the Friendship by Maryam Siddiqui

We boarded the Friendship together
Putting up the sails and checking the wind
Across smooth waters we sailed
Almost as if the moon was guiding us
Relying on the North Star and its surrounding stars
To show us the way
But, then we hit rocky waters
And the Friendship threatened to break into pieces.
We worked together
Putting sails up and rowing towards smoother waters.
The destination is far from close
But, no matter the rocky waters, the smooth waters
I have faith the Friendship will sail smoothly
We will work together
To stay aboard the Friendship
No matter the rocky or smooth waters
Together we will sail aboard the Friendship.
Together, forever.

My Father's Country by Ayesah Traore

My father's country
It's hot, dry, and sandy
The scorching sun taunts me
As I explore the safari
I see magnificent animals
Different colors, shapes, and sizes
Giraffes, zebras, lions
And cheetahs running in the horizon
I see my father's people
Merchants, travelers, Bedouins,
and don't forget the citizens.
I see my father's clothes
Bright with a colorful blue
Some people might have red, yellow, or orange
Or even purple too!
Can you guess who I am?
Mali! Mali!
It's truly a wonderful country.

Pollution
by Abeer Shahin

In the old days there used to be no pollution,
If you looked at the sky you would find a solution
Nowadays the air smells bad
and the people are mad
I will fix it
People can work on it bit by bit
Instead of driving a car
you can ride a bike
or take a hike
If we all work together we can get rid of mean bad pollution

Important Dates to Remember

- March 1st Teacher Workday
- March 4th Report Cards
- March 11th A/B Honor Roll Party
- March 19 Elementary International Fair
- March 21 Middle International Fair
- April 1st No Uniform
- April 3rd Spelling Bee
- April 6 An-Noor Annual Fundraiser
- April 15th through 19th Spring Break
- April 22nd through 26th Teacher Appreciation Week
- May 6th No Uniform
- May 13th Hifdh Exam
- May 17th Teacher Workday
- May 20th Report Cards
- May 21st through May 24rd Terra Nova Exams

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