



## ~DECEMBER 2015 ANNOUNCEMENTS~

### HOLIDAYS

**WINTER BREAK:**  
December 21<sup>st</sup> – January 1<sup>st</sup>

### EVENTS

**MOVIE NIGHT:** Wednesday, December 17<sup>th</sup>  
@ 3:00- 5:30 pm for 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade only!  
(Flyer with details will be sent with students)

### TEST DAYS

**AzMERIT/AIMS Practice:**  
*Reading, Writing, Math and Science*  
(3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade)  
December 1st – 4<sup>th</sup>

**MIDTERM EXAMS:**  
December 14th – 18th

### TUTORING/CLUBS

Tutoring and After School Clubs will temporarily be put on hold for the month of December. This is due to student midterms, as well as the AdvancED accreditation review the school will undergo this month. We will resume these activities in January 2016 Insh' Allah.

On December 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>, the AdvancED accreditation committee will be visiting our school. They are the largest community of education professionals in the world. The purpose of this visit is to ensure that our school is reaching its full potential in every aspect. We ask that on these days, the staff, parents, and students present themselves in the best way. This includes arriving on time and dressing pleasantly.

### IXL LEARNING SITE

Noor Academy is thrilled to announce that we have adopted the IXL program for students, teachers, and parents. IXL is an enriching site-based learning program that provides interactive activities and visual presentations to ensure students master specific subjects. Thanks to IXL's tracking tools, you will never miss a second of your students' exciting learning journey. You will know exactly which questions your students missed, where students' trouble spots lie, and how they are progressing over time.



### SPELLING BEE



On **January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2016** Noor Academy will be hosting its annual school-wide Spelling Bee. The Bee will consist of only English words. Students will receive a packet from their teacher with a list of words to practice this month. Parents are welcome to come support their student on that day.

## Islamic Corner

### ISLAMIC E-DAY WINNERS

Thank you to all the students that participated in Islamic Education Day last month, as well as to the parents who came to support them. Anyone who is seeking knowledge to please Allah (SWT) and improve their faith is considered a winner; meaning all of our participants are winners Alhamdulillah. Though it was a close call, there were 3 final winners from each group. Here is the list:

Grade	1 <sup>st</sup> Place	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place
KG	Laila Owaynat and Abdiwali Sharif	Ruqiya Mohamed	
1 <sup>st</sup> Grade	FathimaHaziqa	Aisha Rage	Sabarin Sharif
2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade	Maryama Osman	Omar Said	YahyeSiad
3 <sup>rd</sup> /4 <sup>th</sup> Grade	IssaMohamoud	Abdellah Mohammad Fidai	Asia Said
5 <sup>th</sup> /6 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Abdullahi Said	Maryam Ismail	Fasil Omar

## ISLAMIC THEME OF THE MONTH

### **COMPASSION**

Prophet Muhammed (PBUH) said: "God is compassionate and loves compassion"

(Bukhari)

### **Friendly Reminders**

Parents please remember to send lunch/snack with your child every day. Pizza is only provided on Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday.

It is now officially winter season and we ask that you ensure your child is dressed in warm clothing and/or provided with a jacket.

Absences and tardiness have a great impact on children's learning experience. Please limit absences to necessary occasions and provide the school with the reasoning.

Please check your child's progress on Engrade. It is vital that parents regularly check students' grades.

Students must come to school in clean clothes, clean socks, and have overall general good hygiene.

### **PTO Corner**

Volunteers are needed for PTO. Please contact the front office administration if you are interested.

Thank you to all the parents who have been donating to the snack store. We appreciate your generosity and hope that you continue to contribute.

Items needed include:

*Juice*

*Water*

*Healthy snacks*

## **~STAFF CORNER~**

**The function of education is to teach one to think intensively and to think critically. Intelligence plus character - that is the goal of true education.**

**-[Martin Luther King, Jr.](#)**



The Kindergarten class will be having a "Healthy Foods Picnic" on Wednesday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>. This will be an opportunity for students to learn about making healthy food choices in a fun and interactive way. They will practice selecting various foods such as fruits and vegetables to form their own salad plate. Students will be taught about the importance of these foods in making them grow strong and healthy.

Ms. Jakia Chowdhury joined the Noor Academy team this year as the Pre -Kindergarten teacher. She received her Bachelor's degree in English Literature from Bangladesh. She also earned a degree in Early Childhood Education from Mesa Community College. She has been working in the field of Early Education since 2012. Ms. Jakia has experience in both public and private schools and we are pleased to have her as a part of our staff.

Ms. Jakia is originally from Bangladesh. She is the youngest child of her parents. She has been living in Arizona since 2004 with her husband and eight year old daughter. Besides English, she can also speak fluent Bangla and Urdu. Ms. Jakia enjoys exploring new places with her family and spending time with close friends.

Ms. Jakia says working with young children is her passion. She has enjoyed every moment with, who she calls, "the amazing little preschoolers" at Noor Academy. She feels very blessed to be a part of this school. She hopes to stay here a long time Insh'Allah to help the young flower buds bloom into great Muslim citizens.

## **STUDENT CORNER**



This month's Student Corner features Maryam Ismail. This is Maryam's first year attending Noor Academy and she is currently in 6<sup>th</sup> grade. She is originally from Somalia and is the youngest of four children. Maryam says she likes all of her teachers and is attending Noor Academy in order to learn Arabic, Quran, and Islamic Studies. When asked about her hobbies, she said she loves drawing and enjoys reading history and fiction books. Maryam's favorite subject is Social Studies; she is specifically fascinated by Native American history. She hopes to one day become a doctor Insh'Allah.