



Meezan School

September 2015 Newsletter

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Welcome Back!

It is a brand new school year at Meezan and we are excited to jump right in and begin learning. We have made some new changes around Meezan, so please make sure you read the entire newsletter and also plan to visit us at our Open House! We would like to welcome our newest staff member Ms. Kelly Mitchell who will be teaching English, Science and Social Studies for grades 3, 4, and 5.

New School Schedule

The most important change to be made this year is to our school day schedule. Classes will now begin at **8:30 am** and end at **3:40 pm**. The students will have two 40-minute nutrition breaks at 10:30 am and 1:10 pm. It is important that students have healthy and nutritious snack and a lunch for these two breaks to ensure students can do their best learning. Please remember that Friday is a full school day for all students. Students will be expected to return to class after Jumaa Prayers and dismissal will be at 3:40 pm.

Parking and Drop Off

Starting this fall, we are asking that parents/guardians drop-off and pick-up their children by parking on the Water Street. Starting at 8:15 am there will be no entry to the parking lot. Parents can drop their children at the entrance to the parking area and children can walk into school. For kindergartens we ask that parents park on Water St and walk their children into school. After school, at 3:40 pm, we also ask that parents wait by their cars for their children on Water St. We are asking, however, that kindergarten students continue to be met by their parents inside the school itself. A limited number of passes to

Upcoming Events

September 7

Labour Day
School Closed

September 16

First Full Day for JK

September 17

Open House

September 24 & 25

Eid Ul Adha Holiday

September 29

Picture Day

September 30

Spirit Day

enter the parking lot will be available for parents of infants or with other special circumstances.

Attendance

Attendance and Punctuality are key to every student's success. Please note that school hours have been revised and the school day now begins at 8:30 am and ends at 3:40 pm. If your child will be late to school or will be absent, please phone the school at **519-265-0306** and leave a voicemail. In order to ensure the safe arrival of your child it is important that you inform the school. In the event that the office does not receive a message, phone calls will be made to confirm the whereabouts of each student.

Junior Kindergarten

Our JK students will have two transition days on Friday September 11 and Monday September 14. The first full day for Junior Kindergarten students will be on Wednesday September 16. We wish them good luck as they begin their first year in school.

Open House

Meezan School open house will be scheduled for **September 17**, from 6 pm to 8 pm. Please join us to meet your child's teacher and visit their classrooms.

Picture Day

Picture Day for students and staff has been scheduled for Tuesday **September 29**. Students will not be required to wear uniform on this day, however clothing must be appropriate for a school setting.

Pizza Day

Pizza Day will again be held every Thursday, starting September 17. Students may purchase pizza slices for their lunch. Order forms will be sent home with your child. Please fill and return order forms and payment as soon as possible.

School Supplies

It is important that students come well-prepared for all aspects of learning. This includes bringing the necessary school supplies to class. While Meezan School provides students with many of the necessary materials, students are expected to bring the following.:

- a backpack that can carry a lunch box and communication bag;

Important Announcement

Just a reminder that Meezan School is a Nut Free School. We ask that children refrain from bringing snacks with nuts, peanut butter, nutella etc for the safety of children who have allergies.

- a lunch box with hearty and healthy snacks for two breaks;
- a pair of indoor shoes to be kept at the school (slip-on or Velcro is preferable).

Grade 6, 7 and 8 students should also bring additional supplies which are listed on the website at www.meezanschool.com. During the first few days, the student's teacher might also request additional supplies be brought to school.

School Uniform

Important changes have also been made to the Uniform Policy. Visit www.meezanschool.com/dresscode for more information.

Hifz Program

The school is starting a new hifz program that will be integrated within our school curriculum. This program, organized and taught by Imam Ibrahim, is intended to be an opportunity for some students, in grades 5 to 8, to build upon their continued Quran lessons and work towards memorizing the entire Quran. If you are interested in having your child participate, and would like more information on the requirements, please contact the school before September 14.

Monthly Calendar

Each newsletter will be followed by a monthly calendar with school wide events and reminders. Please keep a copy handy to stay up-to-date on events. All newsletters will be posted monthly on the website, www.meezanschool.com. If you wish to receive a paper copy, please inform your child's teacher so that one can be sent home for you.

Homework Club

Homework club is an after school program which allows students extra time and help with homework. Our high school volunteers will be on hand to give extra support to students who may be having difficulty in particular subjects. If you are interested in having your child attend, please inform their teacher or contact us for additional information.

Volunteers

Volunteers are an important part of the Meezan School community, lending a helping hand with tasks around the school. Volunteers are needed to supervise children during break times and before and after school as well as assist teachers throughout the day. If you are interested in volunteering please contact the office or visit the website at www.meezanschool.com

In the Community

Clothing Drive

A special thanks to all those who donated clothing to be sent to Syrian refugees. We successfully collected about 200 bags of clothing.

Muslim Society of Guelph

Please check www.msogf.org for event announcements.