



# Meezan School

## October 2015 Newsletter

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### Upcoming Events

#### October 12

Thanksgiving Holiday  
School Closed

#### October 13

Grade 3,4,5 trip to Doon  
Village

#### October 29

Spirit Day

#### October 30

PA Day  
School Closed

### Fall is in the Air!

October is here and students have settled into routine. We would like to thank all the parents who came out for Open House to meet your children's teachers and see their classrooms. For those who didn't make it, we urge you to take the time to make an appointment with your child's teacher. Home to School Communication is key to your child's success.

Also a reminder that as the weather cools down please make sure that children are dressed appropriately for outdoor activities

### School Timings

Please remember that school starts at **8:30 am**. It is important that students be on time and not miss valuable learning time. Please also 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**. If your child will be late or absent, please call 519-265-0306 and leave a message.

### 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 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.

## School Uniform

Students are expected to abide by a dress code policy. The dress code is meant to promote discipline and inclusivity across the diverse school community and ensure that all students are dressed appropriately to promote an atmosphere of learning. The new uniform policy has been updated to provide some choices and variation on what a student might wear to school. Please review the guidelines at [www.meezanschool.com/dresscode](http://www.meezanschool.com/dresscode). It is important that all students comply with the dress code, as we are well into the school year and adequate time has been allowed for students to purchase clothes that meet the guidelines.

## Appropriate Dress

As the weather cools down please make sure that your children are dressed appropriately for outdoor activities and recess. Children should have sweaters or jackets and a separate pair of outdoor shoes. All clothing items should be labelled with your child's name.

## 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](http://www.meezanschool.com)

## 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.

## 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 and school closures. All newsletters will be posted monthly on the website, [www.meezanschool.com](http://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.

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## In the Community

### Muslim Society of Guelph

Please check [www.msog.org](http://www.msog.org) for event announcements.