



# Meezan School

## November 2015 Newsletter

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### Progress Reports will be Here!

November is already upon us and students are busy and working hard. Progress reports will also be out this month! Please take the time to go over your child's progress report as well as both celebrate their successes and discuss ways to improve. Be sure to contact the teacher with questions and concerns. Communication between home and school is key to a student's success.

### Inclement Weather

As colder, winter weather arrives, classes might be cancelled and the school closed if the weather gets particularly bad. When a winter storm or bad weather is forecast, parents are encouraged to check our website [www.meezanschool.com](http://www.meezanschool.com) in the morning, after 7:00 a.m., for any notice of the school being closed. Meezan School will be following decisions made by the Upper Grand District School Board for Division 1 schools (Yellow). If Division 1, Yellow, City of Guelph schools are announced as being closed, Meezan School will also be closed.

### Progress Reports

On November 19, all students will bring home progress reports. These will provide you and your child with early and specific feedback on their successes and steps for improvement. The information provided is based on their teachers' assessments and observations during the first two months of the school year. Information about your child's learning skills and work habits, as well as academic programs, will be provided. You will know if your child is progressing "very well", "well", or "with difficulty".

Interviews can be arranged with your child's teacher to further discuss the progress reports. Teachers will also be available to meet on **Friday, November 20, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.**

### Upcoming Events

#### November 1

Daylight Savings Time Ends

#### November 2

Spirit Day – Being Safe!

#### November 5

Dental Screening Gr JK-2

#### November 11

Remembrance Day

#### November 12

Immunizations Gr 7-8

#### November 16

Picture Re-Take Day

#### November 19

Progress Reports Go Home

#### November 24

JK – Gr 2 Trip to Museum

#### November 27

PA Day, School Closed

## Picture Re-Take Day

November 16 has been scheduled for Picture Re-Takes. If your child missed the first opportunity to have his/her picture taken, he/she can do so on this day. If you were not satisfied with the original pictures taken of your child or lost the order form, you are welcome to have your child's picture retaken. Please inform the teacher so that your child can be sent at the appropriate time. Also, please note that when you purchase pictures, a portion of the cost is donated to the school! There are also discounts available when ordering pictures for siblings!

## 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 Juma 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.

## Attendance

Attendance and punctuality are key to every student's success. Please note that school hours have been revised and **the school day begins at 8:30 am and ends at 3:40 pm**. Attendance is also an integral part of the progress report as well as report cards.

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.

## Dress Code

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 dress code 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.

## Important Announcements

### We're Nut Free!

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 life threatening allergies.



## Appropriate Dress: Indoor Shoes

As the weather cools down please make sure that your children are dressed appropriately for outdoor activities and recess. Students should have coats, hats and mitts and a separate pair of outdoor shoes. All clothing items should be labelled with your child's name. A separate pair of clean, comfortable running shoes are absolutely MANDATORY for indoor wear. For safety and hygiene, children must have shoes on at all times during the school day!

## 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)

## 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.

## In the Community

### Muslim Society of Guelph

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

### Youth Programs

New and exciting programs for high school students are being held at the masjid and University of Guelph by the MSA.

Check [www.msogf.org](http://www.msogf.org) for details.