



Meezan School

December 2015 Newsletter

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December Is Here!

After a busy month students will be settling in for the final three weeks of school before Winter Break! A new term has begun and there is lots to learn before the end of the year! It's hard to concentrate with winter break so close. Parents can help students stay focused by offering encouragement and making sure homework gets completed. Parents, be sure to check agendas daily for important notes and daily homework.

High 5

Students have been working hard to earn High 5's throughout the month of November for "Being Safe". Congratulations Red Team for earning 154 High 5's! For the month of December students will be concentrating on Being Responsible to earn High 5's for themselves and their Teams

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 in the morning, after 7:00am, 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.

Winter Break

The last full day of school will be December 18, 2015. School will be closed until the New Year. Children will return on Monday January 4, 2016.

Upcoming Events

December 9

Healthy Eating Day

December 16

Kindergarten to Grade 2

Popcorn & Movie Day

December 17

Social Studies Fair

Grade 3, 4, 5

December 18

High 5 Assembly

Last Day of School

January 4

First Day Back to School

Healthy Eating Day

Our Kindergarten and Grade 4/5 class will be having a monthly Healthy Eating Day. Together the classes will learn about healthy foods and will then prepare a healthy snack in the school kitchen. For December they will be learning how to make salad.

Social Science Fair

The Grades 3, 4 and 5 class will be busy working on social science projects this month. Parents will have a chance to come in to the school to view their child's project on December 17. Check agendas for more information from Ms. Mitchell!

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. Homework Club will run on Monday's after school. For additional Homework help online, check out the following links. Students can ask a question and an online tutor will help with their question.

homeworkhelp.ilc.org/ For grades 7-10

www.guelphpl.ca/ follow the link on bottom left of homepage.

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.

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 Announcement

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

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 ensures 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. 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: Indoor Shoes

As the weather cools down please make sure that your children are dressed appropriately for outdoor activities and recess. Being outside for fresh air is important for healthy, growing children. It also helps them focus better while in class. Children should have coats, hats, mitts and a separate pair of warm, waterproof outdoor boots. 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!

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

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. 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.msog.org for event announcements.

Volunteer Opportunities

MSOG is looking for volunteers to help settle Refugee Families arriving to Guelph. Check www.msog.org for information.