



# Meezan School

## January 2016 Newsletter

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### Happy New Year!

A brand new year is here! Time for students to start fresh and work on improving skills and character. There are some exciting, new changes in store for Meezan students. We would like to welcome back Ms. Brandi Jessop. Ms. Brandi. She will be teaching Health, Phys Ed., and Art. Imam Mubeen, who has been teaching Quran classes for Imam Ibrahim, will be working with students once again. Also, as the school year progresses, Meezan School hopes to welcome children of newly settled Syrian Families to our classrooms.

### High 5

In December, our students continued to earn High 5's for "Being Responsible". Congratulations goes to the Blue Team for taking the lead with 343 High 5's! Class winners are posted on the front-hall board. For the month of January, students will be concentrating on Being Respectful to earn High 5's for themselves and their teams. In addition, they should continue to "Be Safe" and "Responsible", as they can still earn High 5's!

### 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 7:00am, 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.

### Upcoming Events

#### January 6

Homework Club Starts:  
Mondays and Wednesdays  
3:45-5:00 pm.

#### January 7

Pizza Day Every Thursday

#### January 12

Trip to Zehrs  
Grade 3, 4, 5

#### January 13

Trip to Zehrs  
JK/SK and Grades 1, 2

#### January 22

PA Day (No School)

#### January 29

High 5 Assembly

## Appropriate Dress: Indoor Shoes

As the weather gets cold, 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, snow pants, hats, mitts/gloves, 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!

## Healthy Eating

Meezan students will continue to learn about Healthy Eating this month with a trip to Zehrs. Classes will learn about healthy foods and nutrition and will then prepare a healthy meal in the Zehrs kitchen with the help of a chef. Be sure to sign and return permission forms for this exciting trip!

## 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 now run on Mondays and Wednesdays, 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](http://homeworkhelp.ilc.org) (for grades 7-10)

[www.guelphpl.ca](http://www.guelphpl.ca)

## 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.

## 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.

## 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 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 ensures 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 [meezanschool.com/dress-code](http://meezanschool.com/dress-code). 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.

## 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) and in the front entry hall. 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](http://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](http://www.msog.org) for information.