



Meezan School

February 2016 Newsletter

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Upcoming Events

February 5

French Day

February 8

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

February 10

100th Day of School

Junior Chef Day

February 11

Lost and Found Day

February 12

Valuing Families Day

February 15

Family Day (No School)

February 16

Report Cards Go Home

Term 2 and the 100th Day of School!

It is February already, and Term 2 has begun! This term will be filled with lots of new lessons and activities. Report Cards for Term 1 will be going home on February 16. Be sure to check with your child's homeroom teacher to schedule interviews regarding your child's progress.

February 10 will be our 100th day of school! Ask your children about the activities they have planned. Be sure to read the newsletter to find out all the great activities being planned for this month and keep your calendars handy!

High 5

For the month of January, students practiced "Being Respectful". Congratulations goes to the Red Team for taking the lead with 501 High 5's! Class winners are posted on the front-hall board. In February, students will practice "Being Kind" to their classmates and teachers! Ask your children for great examples on how to "be kind" and to practice their skills at home! In addition, they should continue to "Be Safe", "Responsible", and "Respectful" as they can still earn High 5's!

French Day

On Friday, February 5th, Grades 4-8 French classes will be hosting "French Day". The day will include activities and foods, all with a French flair. The day will start with some French songs, followed by a French café, where students will cook crepes and eat other French foods. There will be face painting and, at the end, a fashion show featuring clothes from francophone countries.

Valuing Families Day

On February 12, we will be celebrating families by holding “Valuing Families Day”. The theme for this day will be how to build better relationships with those in our family.

Report Cards & Parent-Teacher Interviews

Term 1 report cards will go home on February 16. Please be sure to sign and return the reports once you have reviewed them. Parent-teacher interviews can be scheduled for February 18 with your child’s teacher(s) to go over your child’s progress.

Guelph Police Visit

Guelph Police Services will be visiting Meezan School on February 1. As part of the VIP Program, visiting officers will be working with the Grade 6/7/8 class on the subject of substance abuse. The Guelph Police Services will be visiting throughout the school year to teach students about safety inside and outside of school.

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 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.

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, insulated 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!

Students are also expected to abide by the school uniform policy. It is meant to promote an inclusive and safe environment, where students are dressed appropriately and focused on learning.

February 18

Parent Teacher Interviews

February 23

Winter Carnival Day

February 29

High 5 Assembly

Important Announcement



Hats and mitts and warm clothing are absolutely necessary for outdoor play. Don’t’ forget to pack an extra pair of mitts, hat and socks in your child’s back for emergencies and extra warmth!!



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.

Homework Club

Homework Club will resume on **February 8** after our high school volunteers come back from writing exams. Homework Club has been a great success, with many students staying after school for extra help and a chance to finish up extra homework. Our high school volunteers will be on hand to give extra support to students who may be having difficulty in particular subjects. Homework Club will now run on Mondays and Wednesdays, after school. For additional homework help online, check out the following websites. Students can ask a question and an online tutor will help with their question.

homeworkhelp.ilc.org (for grades 7-10)

www.guelphpl.ca

School Timings

Please remember that school starts at **8:30 a.m.** It is important that students be on time and not miss valuable learning time during first period. **If a student arrives at school late, he/she must receive a pink Late Pass from the Main Office before going to class.**

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.

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 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.msofg.org for event announcements.

Volunteer Opportunities

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

Please look for the first MSOG monthly newsletter, filled with important news, events and activities.

Kindergarten Registration

We will be starting registration for Kindergarten in the first week of March. Any child turning 4 this year is eligible to start Junior Kindergarten in September. Stay tuned for registration dates and Open House in the first week of March. Announcements will be posted on our website and during Juma Prayers.

Please let friends and family know registration will start soon!

Lost and Found Day

On February 11, Lost and Found items will be displayed in the hall. Please check for any items belonging to your children. Any unclaimed items will be donated to charity.