

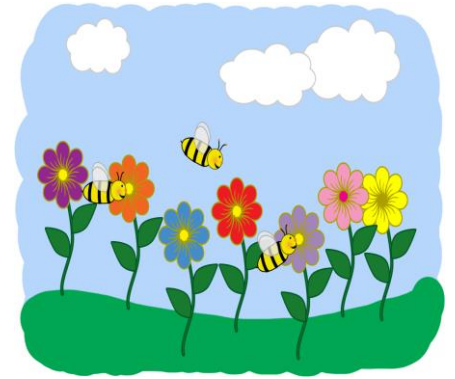


Meezan School

March 2016 Newsletter

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Upcoming Events

March 8

Kindergarten Registration
5pm to 7pm

March 13

Daylight Savings Time Starts.
Move Clocks Ahead 1 Hour

March 14

March Break Starts.
Back to School on March 21

March 20

First Day of Spring

March 25

School is closed

March 28

School is closed

March 30

Grade 6/7/8 Trip to ROM

Spring is Here!

March has begun. Students are already a month into second term and warmer weather is around the corner!

Students have many exciting projects and trips planned for the month. Be sure to check calendars and agendas for trip dates.

High 5

Congratulations goes to the Blue Team for taking the lead in Hi5's for the month of February! In March, students will practice "Being Positive". Help your child maintain a positive attitude while doing homework and around the house as well as at school.

Kindergarten Registration

A special Registration session will be held on March 8th, from 5 pm to 7 pm, for new students entering Kindergarten. If your child or anyone you know has a child born in 2012, they will be eligible to start Junior Kindergarten in September. Please bring one piece of ID (birth certificate, passport or PR card) and Immunization Card with you for registration as well as.

School Trips

Students will be busy taking lots of trips this month which will provide hands on learning and getting to know the community. Junior and senior classes will head to John McCrae House to learn about the history of Guelph and Colonel John McCrae. Later this month the senior class will head to the Royal Ontario Museum to learn about biodiversity. Our primary grades will explore the community by taking the city bus to the Fire Station.

In the Community

Inclement Weather

Even though spring is around the corner, we continue to experience extreme weather days. 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 continues to change, 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. For younger children extra socks and an extra pair of pants is a good idea.** 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 dress code. It is meant to promote an inclusive and safe environment, where students are dressed appropriately and focused on learning.

Homework Club

Homework Club will continue through March. Please check the calendar for schedules as there will be changes due to the holidays. 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

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.

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.** Also please pick up children promptly at 3:40 pm dismissal as teachers also need to get home to their families.

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.