



Meezan School

May 2016 Newsletter

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Upcoming Events

May 5

Kindergarten to Gr 2
Baking Day

May 6

Baking Day Social (JK to Gr 2)
Fundraising Dinner (evening)

May 9

School Picnic

May 10

Kindergarten to Gr 2
Nature Walk

May 12

School Yard Clean Up

May 17

Track and Field Day

May 20

Dune Village Field Trip (Gr 6-8)

May 23

School is Closed (Victoria Day)

May 28

Quran Recitation Open House

May 30

African Lion Safari Trip

Sunny Days

The month of May is already here! The final months of school are filled with lots of activity as well as lots of work as we near the end of the school year. Grade 3's and 6's are busy preparing for EQAO Testing at the end of the month. All classes will be working hard to keep improving marks before final report cards.

The school community also wishes Ms. Kelly the very best in her ongoing endeavours as a teacher. Having taught students in Grades 3, 4, and 5, she will be greatly missed by everyone.

As the weather improves, students love to spend more time outside. With outdoor play, it is important to remember outdoor safety as well especially in the parking lot after school. In order to ensure student safety, please pick up your children promptly at the end of the school day. Children playing outside after school hours are unsupervised.

High 5 & Poster Competition

Congratulations goes to the Red Team for taking the lead in High 5's for the month of April! In May, students will be working on new activities and sharpening up on their personal goals and characteristics leading up to the month of Ramadan. Ask your child about the daily countdown to Ramadan.

In April, students also worked on some great posters which showed the High 5 characteristics they have been practicing. All our students did a fantastic job! The whole school was able to vote for the best poster. Congratulations to Sara, whose poster was voted, by students, as the favourite! Posters are on display in the main hall.

Don't forget, at the end of May the Team with the most High 5's for the year will earn a team prize! So work hard this month and earn as many High 5's as you can for your team!

2016-2017 Registration

Registration for returning students will continue this month. Early registration helps Meezan to plan our classrooms for the coming year and ensures that we have adequate resources for all our students. We will be extending a discounted registration fee of \$100 per student for two weeks, until May 14th. After this date, registration fee will be \$150.00 per student. This is a non-refundable fee and will hold your child's place for the next school year, 2016-2017. Spots are limited, so please register early. Once all available spots are filled, students will be placed on a waiting list.

Parents can drop by the office or make an appointment. Please note that a student's place will not be confirmed until the registration fee is paid. All registration fees are used to help purchase classroom supplies.

School Trips

Many activities have been planned for the month of May. Our Primary grades will be busy with picnics and nature walks. Our seniors will be headed to Doon Heritage Village in Kitchener. The entire school will be involved in a school-wide yard clean-up and a picnic.

On May 30, there will be a school wide trip to **African Lion Safari**. All students from JK to Grade 8 will be able to join us on this final school year outing before the beginning of Ramadan. More information and permission forms will be sent home in the coming days.

Track And Field Day

Track and Field Day will be held on May 17th. Students will be able to compete in the various events like long jump and races throughout the day. Please ensure that all students are dressed appropriately, in clothing that they can comfortably compete and proper running shoes. They should also bring a water bottle and healthy snacks to keep up their energy.

Quran Recitation Open House: Celebrating Students' Accomplishments

To celebrate the hard-work and dedication in learning to recite and memorize the Quran, students and parents will be welcome to participate in our Quran Recitation Open House. It will be an opportunity to acknowledge the incredible work our students (in Grade 2 and up) have made throughout the school year. We will also be joined by a Guest Qari and a Guest Speaker for our celebration. It will be held on Saturday, May 28 with further details sent in a letter.

May 31

Grade 3 & Grade 6
EQAO week of May 31 to June 2
(Tentatively)

In the Community

Muslim Society of Guelph

Please check www.msofg.org for event announcements and Ramadan notices.

Volunteer Opportunities

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

MSOG Newsletter

Please look for the June MSOG newsletter, filled with important news, events and activities, as well as words of wisdom.

Fundraiser

Meezan School Fundraising Dinner will be held on May 6, 2016. Please contact School Office or MSOG Committee members to purchase your ticket.

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 waterproof footwear. 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

May will be the final month for Homework Club. Please check the calendar and listen to morning announcements for the homework club schedule. 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 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 pick up children **promptly at 3:40 pm** dismissal as teachers also need to get home to their families. Children remain unsupervised on the playground after school and the parking lot can be a dangerous place with cars coming and going.

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.