



Meezan School

September 2016 Newsletter

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Welcome Back!

It is a brand new school year at Meezan and we are excited to jump right in and begin learning. We have made some new changes around Meezan, so please make sure you read the entire newsletter and also plan to visit us at our Open House! We would like to welcome our new staff members Ms. Seema Gul, Ms. Yasmeen Khan, Ms. Jennifer Burnett and Ms. Soizic Freychet who will join our returning staff members in the task of educating our future generation.

Please remember to check the school website at www.meezanschool.com. The website contains important information and policies and is updated regularly to keep you informed about what is happening around the school.

School Schedule

Please remember school will begin at **8:30 am** and end at **3:40 pm**. **Please have students at school by 8:20 am so that they have time to settle into classes before 8:30 start time.** The students will have two 40-minute nutrition breaks at 10:30 am and 1:10 pm. It is important that students have healthy and nutritious snack and a lunch for these two breaks to ensure students can do their best learning. Please 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.

Parking and Drop Off

Starting this fall, we are asking that parents/guardians drop-off their children by using the drop off lane by the school doors. Starting at 8:15 am parents can drop their children by the school doors, where students can walk into school. For kindergartens we ask that parents

Upcoming Events

September 6

First Day of School

September 12

September 13

School Closed for Eid Holiday

September 23

First Pizza Day

September 29

Open House

September 30

School Assembly

park at the back of the school and walk their children into school. After school, at 3:40 pm, we ask that parents wait by their cars or in the covered area in front of the school doors for their children. We are asking, however, that kindergarten students continue to be met by their parents inside the school itself.

Attendance

Attendance and Punctuality are key to every student's success. 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.

Junior Kindergarten

Our JK students will have two transition days on Friday September 9th and Wednesday, September 14th. The first full day for Junior Kindergarten students will be on Thursday September 15th. We wish them good luck as they begin their first year in school.

Open House

Meezan School open house will be scheduled for **September 29th**, from 6 pm to 8 pm. Please join us to meet your child's teacher and visit their classrooms.

Pizza Day

This year, Pizza Day will be held every **Friday**, starting September 23rd. Students may purchase pizza slices for their lunch. Order forms will be sent home with your child. Please fill and return order forms and payment as soon as possible.

School Supplies

It is important that students come well-prepared for all aspects of learning. This includes bringing the necessary school supplies to class. While Meezan School provides students with many of the necessary materials, students are expected to bring the following:

- a backpack that can carry a lunch box and communication agenda;
- a lunch box with hearty and healthy snacks for two breaks;
- a pair of indoor shoes to be kept at the school
- During the first few days, the student's teacher might also request additional supplies be brought to school.

Important Announcement

Just a reminder that Meezan School is a Nut Free School. We ask that children refrain from bringing snacks with nuts, peanut butter, nutella etc for the safety of children and teachers who have allergies.

Staff

Mr Omar Abdool, Social Studies

Ms. Asmaa Abdulhamid, Math, Science

Ms. Jennifer Burnett, English

Imam Mubeen Butt, Islamic Studies

Ms. Soizic Freychet, French

Imam Ibrahim Gangat, Quran Studies

Ms. Seema Gul, Kindergarten

Ms. Cathy Harding, Resource Teacher

Mr. Ibrahim Moustafa, Arabic

Ms. Brandi Jessop, Art, PhysEd/Health

Ms. Yasmeen Khan, Grade 1&2

School Uniform

School uniforms are an important and mandatory part of Meezan School. Uniforms help create an atmosphere for inclusive learning and discipline. Important changes have also been made to the Uniform Policy. Visit www.meezanschool.com/dresscode for more information. Please note that indoor shoes are a **mandatory** part of the uniform. Children not wearing a uniform will not be allowed to attend class.

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. 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.

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

Library

We are pleased to open a brand new Library this year at Meezan School. We hope this space will be used by students to work on projects and assignments and will encourage them to read and learn! Donations of gently used or new books to our Library are welcome! Please drop them off at the Office.

Communication

Home to school communication is an extremely important part of your child's education. At Meezan, we encourage you to meet with and speak with your child's teacher regularly. As such, each child has been given an Agenda. It is important that you check the agenda on a daily basis for homework, what was done at school, upcoming events and holidays and other such notes from the teacher. You can also use the agenda to send notes and messages to your child's teacher.

In the Community

Eid Prayers

Eid prayer will be held at 286 Water St on Monday September 12, 2016 at 8:30am

Muslim Society of Guelph

Please check www.msogf.org for event announcements.