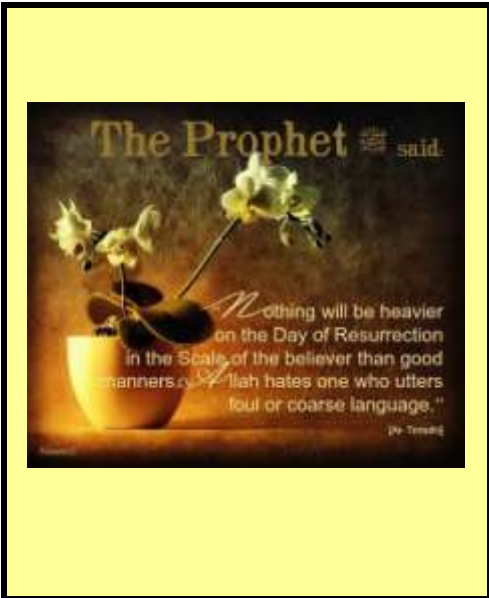


MISSION: Al-Iman School shall, provide an Islamic environment that offers quality education and leadership skills to develop global awareness and 21st Century skills.



Character Trait: Self-Restraint & Control

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1st Quarter Events



[From the Desk of Sr. Jabeen](#)

Assalaam-o-Alaikum Dear Al-Iman Parents,
We want to thank those parents who attended our Open House on Monday, October 2, but we missed the ones who **couldn't make it**. The Center for Public Education examined a research on how parental involvement affects student achievement, and found that creating a partnership between parents and schools focused on academics truly does have significant impact on student achievement.

We would like to strongly encourage all parents to actively participate in the parent conferences and other events that will help us maintain school-home partnership effectively. We firmly believe in working together with our students and parents to enhance student learning. In sha Allah we will conduct a short survey to find out availability of parents to attend school events.

We request parents to take some time to review their child's progress and meet with the teacher(s) to discuss their academic, social and emotional well-being.

In sha Allah we will be having a Fall Festival on Tuesday, October 31, we invite all families to join this fun-filled event!

We pray that our students and parents have a great weekend in sha Allah!

Sincerely,
Sr. Jabeen








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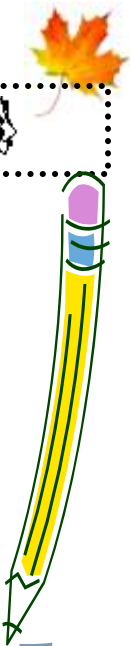
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
2  Student Council Elections	3 Early Release 	4	5	6
9	10 Fall Picture Day! 	11	12 Colonial Festival 	13
16	17	18	19  State Fair—8th Grade	20  International Festival—6th Grade
23	24	25	26	27
30  Teacher Workday	31			



8th Grade's trip to Durham Academy

The 8th grade visited Durham Academy last Thursday to collaborate on a diversity project. Students learned about one another and spent time designing and creating "Welcome to Al-Iman/Durham Academy" posters that featured a variety of languages. We had a fantastic time and are looking forward to more collaboration with their students and staff!



Student Council

Al-Iman's 2017-2018 Student Council

Congratulations to the newly elected members of Student Council!

President- Sara Trimech
Vice Presidents- Huda Kamal & Razi Sayyed
Historian- Haleema Shaikh
Treasurer- Omar Shehadeh

6A Class Representative: Sohaib Hattab

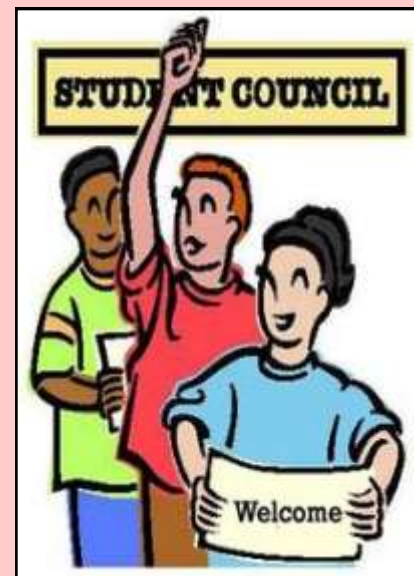
6B Class Representative: Marwan Arafa

7A Class Representative: Yusra Arafa

7B Class Representative: Ameer Haidary

8A Class Representative: Zainab Aleem

8B Class Representative: Fatima Aleem



Congratulations to our student non-voting members of Student Council as well. Everyone did a fantastic job with their campaigning and speeches. I can already tell we're going to have an amazing year.

Sr. Kaitlin



Counselor's Corner

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As we enter the month of October, I want to touch base on the value of positivity. I feel so blessed to have the opportunity to meet Al-Iman's wonderful students, and learn the unique strengths and gifts with which they have been blessed. On this note, I find it beneficial to highlight one of my favorite approaches when working with children; the strengths based perspective.

Wayne Hammond, Ph.D., identifies one of the basic principles of strengths based perspective as **"An absolute belief that every person has potential and it is their unique strengths and capabilities that will determine their evolving story as well as define who they are - not their limitations (not, I will believe when I see – rather, I believe and I will see),"** (*Principles of Strengths Based Practice, 2010, Resiliency Initiatives.*) We have been given the opportunity to foster development of young men and women as they discover their unique gifts and blessings.

With this knowledge, we consider the second component of strengths based interactions with students; positive reinforcement. Al-Iman has made strides to adopt a position of positivity through implementation of Positive Behavioral Interventions and Support (PBIS). This method is recognized nationwide, and has received grant funding from the US Department of Education (OSEP Technical Assistance Center on Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (2017). Positive Behavioral Interventions & Supports [Website]. Retrieved from www.pbis.org.)


The center reports, **"Research has shown that the implementation of punishment, especially when it is used inconsistently and in the absence of other positive strategies, is ineffective. Introducing, modeling, and reinforcing positive social behavior is an important step of a student's educational experience,"** (OSEP.) This method has been facilitated at Al-Iman through interventions such as character traits of the month, incentives programs such as the merit system, and positive student recognition during our daily huddle.

Let us remember the value of a kind word or gesture as we work together to cultivate an environment of positivity for our students.

All the best,

Julianne Kiesel, MSW, LCSWA
School Interventionist



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