

Al-Hikmah School

March 2010 Newsletter



Assalam Assalam Alaikum Respected Parents,

Alhamdulillah, the year so far has afforded us a lot of opportunities to better our mission and focus our actions. We have been so blessed to have our parents, teachers, and administrators coming together to build the vision of our school. We truly feel that, with everybody working together, we can solidify our efforts and create the type of Islamic environment where our children are become the future leaders of our ummah and our nation.

As a principal, I urge all of our parents to get involved with Al-Hikmah School. The best way to do that is to get involved with our school PTO. This year's PTO has been working closely with our school administration to create lasting, positive change in our school for the benefit of our students. I would like to take this opportunity to inform parents about the work our PTO has been doing this year and to encourage you to please take part in this wonderful organization.

Parenting Workshops: The PTO will begin to offer recurring workshops for parents on various topics. I really encourage parents to take part in these workshops because research shows that positive home environments are one of the most important indicators of student achievement! Our first workshop will be presented by a Muslim Professor from Columbia University, Dr. Shahid Nasar.

WHAT: Paradigm Shift! How can we meet the needs of parenting today?

WHEN: Sunday, March 21st at 11:00

WHERE: Al-Hikmah School

HOW: Please RSVP via email to alhikmah@iefnj.org by March 15, 2009

In School Events: The PTO is planning many enriching after school activities to make the home-school connection richer. Upcoming events include a Mother-Daughter Night in early April.

Superintendent Meet and Greet: Here is your chance to meet our new superintendent of schools, Br. AbdelHamid Salha, and hear his vision for our Islamic School system as well as voice your concerns. Date to be announced.

SMART Boards: Our Gracious PTO will be taking on one of its biggest projects yet! We will be installing top of the line SMART boards into all of our homeroom classes insha Allah (PreK to 6). These new, dual touch boards will allow teachers to take our children's instruction to a whole new level. If you would like to learn more about the dual touch technology, please watch this video on youtube (<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XXpPKnGVbmk>).

Please look out for opportunities to help raise funds for this exciting and important project!

Sincerely,

Sr. Heba Abdo

One generation plants the trees; another gets the shade.
Chinese proverb

What's New at Al-Hikmah this Month?

- ✓ **Pre-Registration forms** will be sent via school reach today in an easy format for our parents. They are due by **March 22nd**.
- ❖ **Four of our students'** entries were selected for publication in the National Anthology of Poetry by Young Americans. TAKBEER! Congratulations to Ahmad Dargal and Omar Kawam, Grade 6 and Ayah Abdallah and Aya Mustafa, Grade 4.
- ❖ **Some of our Hikmah students** will be participating in a Muslim Speech Competition in Flushing, NY in late March- More info to come insha Allah.
- ❖ **Our students really shined** in the 4-6th Grade Hadith Competition this year. We will be celebrating this great accomplishment in the early spring insha Allah.
- ❖ **MUN Pre-Assembly at Ghazaly Elementary** March 12th.

Attached:

- 1) **MANN ANA?** A new focus group for Arab Muslims by Yale University would like your input. Flyer attached
- 2) **Yearbook Pre-Order Forms-** Order by 3/10 to get a **discounted** price of \$40. The price will be raised after 3/10.
- 3) **Terra Nova-** Preparation Information. Testing will be April 13-16 for KG-Grade 6