



**Al-Hikmah School  
September 2009 Newsletter**

Assalam Alaikum Respected Al-Hikmah Families,

رَمَضَانَ شَهْرٌ أَنْزَلَ فِيهِ الْقُرْآنَ لِلنَّاسِ هُدًى مِّنْ وَبَيِّنَاتٍ الْهُدَى وَالْفُرْقَانَ

**Ramadan Kareem!** We are so glad to be sharing in all the blessed events of this month with you and your children and to inspire their love for Allah and our beloved Prophet (SAW).



I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to our 2009-2010 school year. I am honored to have been chosen as the new principal this year and am enthusiastic about taking the hard work of former leaders to a new level insha Allah. I am deeply committed to the vision of excellent Islamic Education and am looking forward to creating an environment where all students are motivated to achieve. I hope to renew your trust in our school this year and to inspire the same love and

commitment in our teachers and students as was fostered in the first years of our opening.

**What's New at Al-Hikmah this Month?**

- ✓ Teachers attended workshops on curriculum mapping to align our NJ Standards with classroom objectives and assessments.
- ✓ Parents will be receiving weekly updates about student behavior and progress in our new Weekly Wrap Up form! Please sign and return forms to your child's teacher.
- ✓ Students are learning about school culture and citizenship. Our goal is to have a smoothly running school so that all of our students can focus on learning and all of our teachers can focus on teaching!
- ✓ Our Language Arts department has been working hard to create collaborative lessons and writing sessions across the elementary grades. These efforts will help your children better understand the writing process insha Allah.

In order for education to be purposeful, it should address the needs and interests of each individual child. This year our staff will focus on making knowledge real and approachable for all of our students in challenging, nurturing and stimulating ways. Additionally, it is my vision that students are not only taught information, but that they are given experiences and opportunities that truly allow them to crystallize the knowledge that they learn.

My focus this year will be to empower our dedicated and passionate staff with extensive professional development. I envision a school where students and teachers are equally excited about schooling and are actively seeking a path of life-long learning.

It is my sincere pledge to keep the children's needs first in all of my decision making. It is my hope that we can all make this pledge as a school community insha Allah.

I look forward to getting to know all of you throughout the course of the school year. Please know that my door is always open for your support, ideas, suggestions, and involvement. Your partnership in your child's education is greatly appreciated.



Here is to a happy, productive, and learning-filled year insha Allah!

Sincerely,

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