

Al-Hikmah School October 2009 Newsletter



Assalam Alaikum Respected Al-Hikmah Families,

ALHAMDULLILAH all praise is due to Allah who allows us to educate our community in as Islamic fashion and to instill in our children a love of His Prophet's Sunnah.

OUR GOAL and ultimate purpose as a community is the advancement of our youth.

That being said, this year Al-Hikmah school will be working hard to create a collaborative environment for our teachers. *Why focus on teachers you may ask?* When teachers are focused on professional goals, the whole school can reform from within, creating lasting change that is positive and purposeful.

A good school is one in which learning takes place in a safe environment, but a **great** school takes more than that. A great school is one in which all invested parties- teachers, parents, students, and community members- feel personally invested in the school system and feel that they can and want to make positive change happen. This year, we would like to go from **good to great!**

USING THE RESEARCH of Dr. Robert Marzano, one of the leading theorists in educational reform, our school will be taking on the work of transforming itself from within. Teachers have begun to work collaboratively on curriculum development, improving classroom instruction, and improving student behavior. We will also be working collaboratively to bring parents into our school community and help them invest in the school.

I am pleased to report that I already see positive change amongst our teachers within our first month of school, masha Allah. Our teachers feel inspired to work positively and go above and beyond the duties of the classroom.

Seeing our hard work in motion is such a gratifying experience, alhamdulillah. I pray that our school can continue to grow for generations to come, insha Allah.

Thank you, parents, for your support of Islamic schooling and your commitment to making the best choice for your children!

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Sr. Heba
Principal



What's New at Al-Hikmah this Month?

- ✓ Our School will be holding a Family Book Night for children in Grades PreK to 3 and their families. We look forward to seeing our parents enjoying literature with their children.
 - ✓ Students are continuing to learn about appropriate hallway behavior. We hope that with some better behavior, our school teachers can spend more time on teaching.
 - ✓ Our teachers are collaborating on our first professional book club this month!
 - ✓ **SCHOLASTIC Book Fair-** October 12-16!
 - ✓ Please read the attached handouts
1. A Letter from our Arabic Department about the new curriculum
 2. Flyer about Family Book Night and Registration Information
 3. Good Housekeeping Article on Parent Involvement
 4. Your Child's Daily Schedule