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School Calendar

1. October 23 & 24 - School Holiday (Eid-ul-Fitr)
2. November 22 -24 - School Holiday (Thanksgiving)
3. December 23 -January 22 School Holiday (Winter Break)



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Elementary School Project

The City of Knowledge is one of the best Islamic elementary school in Georgia.

The school offers Pre-K, Kindergarten, and Grade-1, while expanding into other grades. Admissions are available through out the year, also accepting transfer students.

There are six (6) fully renovated classrooms, 1000 sq. foot praying hall and Islamic library on the second floor, playing area for different ages, and state-of-the-art teaching equipment.

The vision of this project is to develop an educational institute that combines excellent education at the highest level with Islamic teaching for all ages, especially the youth.

The motivation behind this project is a moral responsibility to establish a full time Islamic school based on a large Muslim population living in and around Lilburn, GA. There has been a tremendous amount of moral support for this venture from Muslims and other Islamic institutions here and from

other vicinities. There are many proven examples of successful Islamic schools in Texas, New York, DC, California, Minnesota and elsewhere.

Educational resources include an experienced and well qualified Education Committee who through their extensive research the best educational curricula was selected. This includes Saxon Phonics, SRA Open Court Reading for Language Arts, Everyday Mathematics for Math, Scott Foresman for Science, Social Studies and Art. *Continued on Pg 4.*

Field Trip and Graduation Last Year

Last year, the school was full of excitements for the children, challenges for the staff and teachers and encouraging for the parents.

Some of the highlights include field trips and a graduation ceremony.

Field trip to "Imagine It", The Children's Museum of Atlanta was very exciting for the students, parents/volunteers, and teachers. The field trip lasted for more than two hours with excitement and fun for the children.

During the trip, it was presented to the children the idea of preserving the environment, recycling, and the importance of fresh air. Lunch was provided by the school staff and volunteers.

The graduation ceremony at the completion of the school year was another very exciting event. Parents, children, school staff and volunteers gathering together at the school hall for the ceremony was a great opportunity for all to

celebrate the achievements of our children in this very diverse environment. Dr. Ali Adibi in his speech, highlighted the past, present and future of the school and everyone's continuous effort to support in furthering the development of the school both morally and physically.

The pictures of the school trip and graduation ceremony will soon be available online at www.abf-atlanta.org



*“Victory, Conquest, verily
We have granted thee a
manifest Victory. That
Allah may forgive thee thy
faults of the past and
those to follow; fulfill His
favor to thee; and guide
thee on the Straight Path;
And that Allah may help
thee with powerful help.”
[Al-Quran – Verse 48.1,
48.2, 48.3]*

Parent Teacher Association (PTA)

There is an active effort in progress regarding the establishment of Parent Teacher Association, generally known as PTA for City of Knowledge.

School staff and volunteer parents have approached The National PTA who has provided an informational package with details and referred to Georgia’s PTA representatives to contact us.

The PTA is a non-profit organization, which helps

teachers and parents to work together in an organized and formal manner for the wellness of children, their educational needs and support.

Georgia PTA will be providing more information and is planning to meet at the school with teachers and volunteer parents to discuss the next steps.

The PTA is very important for schools to bridge the gap between parents, teachers

and children.

The PTA is a fun and exciting way for parents and children to be involved in the educational and extra-curricular activities (i.e. pot-lucks, pizza parties, fundraisers, etc.) of their schools.

It is highly recommended that parents should actively participate in PTA activities as it helps your children. To participate please email your contact details at:

pta@abf-atlanta.org

School’s New Website

We are in process of renovating the school’s new website.

Some of the key additions include a class web page, parents and volunteers can subscribe to email notification from the school, children, children’s picture gallery, and so on.

The plan is to make the website more than an informational web page. In fact, the plan is to

organically grow this into a web based platform for school, teachers, children and parents to interact in more of a social network environment.

The use of technology will help reduce the cost, save time and communicate effectively between parents and school.

Additionally, the picture gallery for children will be the area where every

year’s picture will be stored and available online to view.

An updated school calendar and notification of day-off (because of unsuitable climate and other related information) will be available at this website.

Parents are requested to frequently visit this website and subscribe to email notification.

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Saying of Prophet Muhammad (PBUH)

Acquire knowledge, because he who acquires it, in the way of the Lord, performs an act of piety; who speaks of it, praises the Lord; who seeks it, adores God, who dispenses instruction in it, bestows alms; and who imparts it to its fitting objects, performs an

act of devotion to God. Knowledge enables its possessor to distinguish what is forbidden from what is not; lights the way to Heaven; it is our friend in the desert, our companion in solitude, our companion, when benefit of friends; it guides us to happiness; it sustains us in

misery; it is our ornament in the company of friends; it serves as an armor against our enemies. With knowledge the creatures of Allah rises to the heights of goodness and to noble position, associates with the sovereigns in this world and attains the perfection of happiness in the next.

Qualified and Devoted Teachers

City of Knowledge School is equipped with a qualified and professional teaching staff dedicated to their teaching and outfitted with state-of-the-art teaching tools.

Jeannetta Murray

Pre-K Teacher

Ms. Murray is a graduate of St. Paul College, St. Paul, Minnesota; where she studied Child Development. She is also a graduate of Arlington Career Institute, Arlington, Texas; where she studied Computerized Office Administration.

She worked one year as an Assistant Teacher at a child development center and four years as teacher/health and safety coordinator at KinderCare Learning Center.

Sayeedah Abdush-Shakur

Kindergarten Teacher

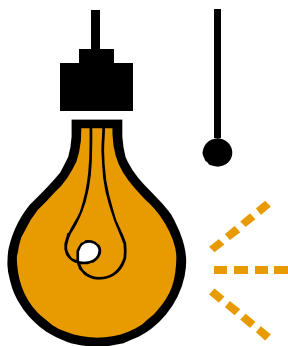
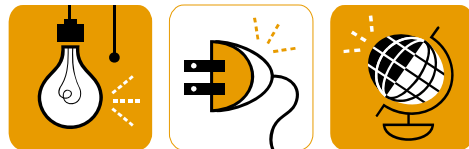
Ms. Sayeedah is pursuing an A.S. Degree in nursing from

Georgia Perimeter College. She also completed a program in Programming/Data Processing from the Atlanta Center for Technical Arts and Sciences. Ms. Sayeedah has over five years experience as a supervisor/teacher at Life's Beginnings Preschool. For five years she has taught children at various Sunday Schools and for eight years, home schooled her 5 children. She is certified in CPR.

Valerie Hicks

First Grade Teacher

Ms. Hicks graduated with Honors from the University of Alabama in Huntsville in 2004 with a degree in Elementary Education. She was on the Dean's List for all semesters.



While attending college she volunteered at various schools tutoring children who needed additional assistance. She is currently working on her Master of Education degree in Curriculum Development and Instruction from LaGrange College. She is a certified teacher.

Ms. Hicks has been teaching for two years. She taught third grade in Alabama at Lanett Central Elementary School.

Masoumeh Rezai

Religion Teacher

Ms. Masoumeh has a teaching degree in Islamic Studies from Iran. Ms. Masoumeh is not a native Arab speaker but is highly experienced in the proper pronunciation of Arabic. She is currently pursuing a degree in Education and Computer

Science.

In Iran she taught different levels and subjects. Her philosophy is to engage her students in the subject matter and encourage them to enjoy the learning experience in Islam.

Nancy Raukko

Art Teacher/Administrator

Ms. Nancy holds a B.S degree in Applied Design with an emphasis in Fine Arts from the University of Maryland, College Park. As a student she held an internship as a Graphic Artist for 3 years.

For eight years she worked fulltime in private industry as a Graphic Artist; four of those years as an Assistant Manager/night-shift Manager, managing a staff of 8-15 employees while working freelance for various companies.

Volunteered for the City of Knowledge as an Assistant Pre-K Teacher for one year, as the Art Teacher for one year and has substituted for Kindergarten.

For more information, email at: editor@abf-atlanta.org

SAT PREPARATION CLASSES

The school has also started a program to help students who are interested in taking the SAT in preparation for college enrollment.

The program has weekly sessions every Sunday. There were about six to eight students who promptly join these sessions and prepare for the SAT exam. This session has been concluded successfully.

The school is now accepting new students for next session. Call at (678) 248-3700

A+ TUTORING ALL SUBJECTS AND AGES

Qualified teachers offering one-on-one specialized tutoring to help with existing homework, or teach additional skill building exercises in reading, writing, spelling, math, etc.

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School Project Update (contd.)

The Islamic Studies curricula is based on the well-developed plans of Madraseh.org making necessary adjustments to fit the school's needs, Quranic teaching uses multimedia resources helping children learn Arabic as a second language.

As the school population grows there will be a need for continuous expansion. The current building is most suitable for elementary classes. However, the main

goal is to purchase 5 – 6 acres of land in a central location and for the building of a comprehensive school project. Additional plans include income-producing facilities like a small shopping center and a women's pool and health club next to the school property.

Some of the major current efforts include forming a public affairs subcommittee, starting monthly seminars and forums and an

extensive advisory board by inviting the experts in the community.

The project needs continuous support and participation from the community at all levels, especially the successful and the experts, to take the lead, provide advice and feedback and help improving this project.

To receive further updates please email to director@abf-atlanta.org



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ELECTION FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Board of Directors election will be held on December 2nd, 2006.

Parents, community members, advisors and experts of all trades are requested to nominate themselves and join these elections. Deadline to submit the name and election form is November 2nd, 2006.

Potential for New Sections

Fun Corner: Sober online games like www.dole5aday.org, contests or puzzles, etc.

Kids Story Board Poems, Short stories, any interesting story/article children or parents like to place here.

Yummy Kitchen Parents share healthy food recipes to all.

Parents can offer tip and tricks to provide healthy food to children.

Ask the Experts This is where experts can provide everyday Q&A in their respective fields like, legal, medical, account and taxes and real estate. Parents are encouraged to ask questions.

Classifieds Adding a page to this news letter for classified & advertisements where Muslims are encouraged to place their business ad like restaurants, auto repair shop, taxes, real estate, etc. that will reach to rest of Muslim community.

Please send these at Editor@abf-atlanta.org

School Project Update (contd.)

The Sunday School program is an additional part of the project, which originally started in March 2005 with twelve (12) students, expanded to 70 students; currently being considered for program improvement new round. Sunday School has morning classes in Quran, Islamic History, Islamic Ethics and Fundamentals. Optionally, Urdu, Farsi and Arabic classes are also available. After school there are fun,

games and sports available among youth followed by afternoon joint prayers.

A few words about the history of the school project, first organization meeting occurred in January 2002. Since 2003, three fundraising meetings occurred which resulted in a purchase of the school property in November 2003. In February, 2004 Board Member Elections occurred. In September,

2004 renovation of school property was completed and led the way to the beginning of Pre-K in November, 2004. With such astounding success, the elementary section of school officially started in August 2005, which successfully concluded in May 2006. By the grace of Allah, grade 1 successfully started in August 2006.