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School Calendar

April 30 - May 4 – ITBS Testing for First Grade

May 12 – Graduation Program (tentative)

May 25 – Last Day of School

August 6-10 – Registration

August 9 – Meet Your Teacher Day (tentative)

August 13 – First Day of school for 2007-08



**ADMISSIONS
OPEN FOR PRE-
K,
KINDERGARTEN,
GRADE-1 AND
GRADE-2
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Elementary School Project

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

The school offers Pre-K, Kindergarten, Grade-1, and starting in August 2007 Grade-2, while continuing to expand up a grade each year.

Admission is open throughout the school year. And we accept transfer students and new 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 the large Muslim population living in metropolitan Atlanta, GA. There has been a tremendous amount of moral support for this venture from Muslims and 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.

Our experienced and well qualified Education Committee has, through their extensive research, selected educational resources that include the best educational curricula. Our curriculum includes Saxon Phonics, SRA Open Court Reading for Language Arts, Everyday Mathematics for Math, Scott Foresman for Science, Social Studies and Art.

The Bible, the Qur'an and Science

On the 9th of November, 1976, an unusual lecture was given at the French Academy of Medicine. Its title was "Physiological and Embryological data in the Qur'an". I presented the study based on the existence of certain statements concerning physiology and reproduction in the Qur'an.

My reason for presenting this lecture was because it is impossible to explain how a text produced in the seventh century could have contained ideas that have only been discovered in modern times. Thus, a

research project was developed from the comparison of certain passages in the Holy Scriptures of each monotheistic religion with modern scientific knowledge. The project resulted in the publication of a book entitled, *The Bible, the Qur'an and Science*. The first French Edition appeared in May 1976. English and Arabic editions have since been published.

It is perfectly legitimate, not only to regard the Qur'an as the expression of a Revelation, but also to award it a very special place, on account of

the guarantee of authenticity it provides and the presence in it of scientific statements which, when studied today, appear as a challenge to explanation in human terms.

Excerpt from booklet by Dr. Maurice Bucaille

http://www.witness-pioneer.org/vil/Books/MB_BQS/default.htm

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"Those to whom We have given the Book read it as it ought to be read. These believe in it; and whoever disbelieves in it, these it is that are the losers."

[Al-Quran – Verse 2.121]

Your words, your thoughts, your space

You look at me and call me oppressed,
Simply because of the way I'm dressed,

You know me not for what's inside,
You judge the clothing I wear with pride,

My body's not for your eyes to hold,
You must speak to my mind, not my feminine mold,

I'm an individual, I'm no man's slave,
It's Allah's pleasure that I only crave,

I have a voice so I will be heard,
For in my heart I carry His word,

"O ye women, wrap close your cloak,
So you won't be bothered by ignorant folk",

Man does not tell me to dress this way,
It's a Law from God that I obey,

Oppressed is something I'm truly NOT,
For liberation is what I've got,

It was given to me many

years ago,
With the right to prosper, the right to grow,

I can climb mountains or cross the seas,
Expand my mind in all degrees,

For God Himself gave us liberty,
When He sent Islam, To You and Me!

- Anonymous

Field Trips

Our field trip to **Ringling Brothers Barnum and Bailey Circus** was truly a witness to the greatest show on earth. The themed storyline of a family who dreamed of being circus performers, took thrills and circus action to a whole new level. Our students enjoyed elephant performances, acrobatic horseback riding, motorcycling daredevils inside a steel globe, Chinese acrobats and jugglers, clowns, cat, dog, and bird performances, and even a strong man named Hercules

to name a few. Our students experienced learning opportunities in technology, geography, animal care, fitness, and the role of setting goals in life. We were able to see the science behind the workings of the show, the trust of performance teamwork, and the dedication needed for animal-human partnership. The circus gave our students priceless memories, enlightening information, and the opportunity to see real people doing real things in real time.

Our field trip to the **Cagle Dairy Farm** was an unforgettable experience. Our actual tour was divided into several stages, starting with a hayride and herding demonstration by Ben Cagle's award-winning Border Collies. We saw baby calves being bottle fed, and got a first-hand look at how a live cow is milked. We were even able to pet and hand feed the goats! We visited the Processing Facility. Perks included - A free 1/2 pint of plain or chocolate milk.
By: Sr. Sayeedah Abdush-Shakur

Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) Birthday

"WE HAVE SENT YOU (O MUHAMMAD) ONLY AS A MERCY FOR ALL THE WORLDS." Qur'an (21:107)

On Friday, March 30th, the day before our Spring Break, we celebrated Prophet Muhammad's Birth (P.B.U.H). There was a celebration that included a Pizza Party, with the pizza being donated by

Murray's In a Hurry. The children had a wonderful time blowing bubbles outside trying to catch and pop them. A Moonwalk was rented for the occasion and the students and teachers were able to take turns jumping and flipping around. The children sung "Happy Birthday" to Prophet

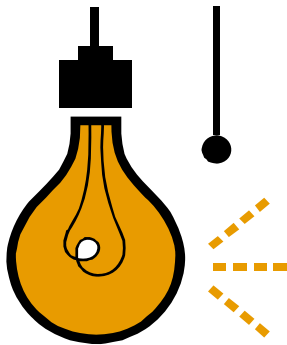
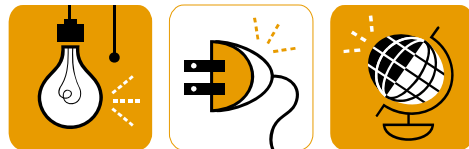
Muhammad (P.B.U.H) and sang a song that they learned called "We Love Muhammad, Yes We Do". An ice cream cake was donated by Dairy Queen and gifts were given to the children.

By: Sr. Nancy Raukko

Mark of Truth

I was recently searching online for books on Islam. I came across a list of books that one could "safely" buy online from Amazon. They ranged from Muslim writers fairly critiquing fundamentalists to unapologetic historical Islam-bashing. Not a single positive book, not even one simply explaining the religion, was on the safe list. And yet, Islam is the fastest growing religion in the world. This is due, in large part, to conversion: ordinary people, [usually] in developed countries such as the US, discover beauty in the Quran and choose Islam as their way of life. Currently, about 1/5 of the world's population follows Islam; 1/3 is Christian. At the present rate of growth, between conversions and birthrate, Islam is set to become the most popular world religion by the middle of this century. As the saying goes, one billion people can't all be wrong. For me, the mark of truth is that it can be verified. That is, I need to be able to see for myself; I'm not one to accept what is told to me without question. (Just ask my high school teachers; I drove them nuts.) There are the "obvious" good ideas

that no one could claim to speak from God and forget - like Quran 5:32 "Whoever kills a human being, it is as if he had killed all mankind. Whoever saves the life of one, it is as if he had saved the life of all." Or Quran 2:42, "Don't confuse truth with falsehood or knowingly conceal the truth." There are also new ideas that Quran brought to the world, ideas that hadn't previously been seriously considered, like the intrinsic worth of both men AND women (Men and women are protecting friends of one another. They enjoin the right and forbid the wrong, and pay the zakat. 9:71; Men and women proceed from one another. 4:25).



And yet, one could argue that any human with a good heart, a good head, and a compassionate soul could come up with such ideas. However, if one could find evidence of advanced scientific knowledge hidden in the Quran, surely that would have to come from a divine source!

likens the unenlightened to "the depths of darkness in a vast deep ocean, with waves topped by waves, above which are waves, above which are clouds. Depths of darkness's, one above another." Needless to say, there was no deep sea exploration at that time; anyone who had descended that far into the sea was quite dead. We now know that, in addition to the fact that there is virtually no light below 200 meters, there are deep ocean currents and distinct layers of water that actually produce underwater waves! That's not even common knowledge in 2007.

discovered? I shall have to keep reading...

By: Niki K.

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SAT PREPARATION CLASSES

The school is preparing to start a program to help students who are interested in taking the SAT in preparation for college enrollment.

The program will be weekly sessions every Sunday. A similar program was launched and had great success among students last year.

The school is now accepting new students for 2007-08 school years.
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In the 21st century, we know that at the beginning of the universe, there was a lot of dust and vapors milling about, and that from that, solid objects condensed and became stars and planets. According to the Quran (41:11), "He comprehended in His design the sky, and it had been smoke..."; "...the heavens and the earth were as one, then we divided them; we made from water every living thing." (21:30) 1400 years later, we know He was right. In Quran 24:40, He

There is so much more to the Quran than a few passages; surely no one ever set their faith and life on a handful of words. What more remains to be

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Kids' Journal

The following are a few excerpts from First Grade students' daily journals, where they are encouraged to write their thoughts daily:

2/7/2007 - [If you could be any animal, what would you be and why?] - If I could be any animal I could be a lion. It could eat zebra. And it makes a mighty roar.

2/8/2007 - I am not scare[d] any more because I'm a brave boy. I can scare monsters. I'm most scared of

tornado and why because it is very loud and it makes lightning [lightening] and it destroy everything.

2/20/2007 - [If I could be in the circus I would be] If I was in the circus I will be a clown. If I was in the circus I will be a [n] acrobat. If I was in the circus I will be a herklise [Hercules].

2/21/2007 - I have to bring my dirty clothes downstairs because it is helpful. It is important because my mom

has to wash it. It is not nice my mom picking my dirty clothes.

2/22/2007 - My favorite sound is birds because it is very quiet. My least favorite sound is noisy sounds because I don't like it!

2/28/2007 - [If I were a teacher I would...] If I were the teacher I won't give them home work. If I were the teacher I will give them fruit loops.

Authors: Aruba, Arsal, and Muhammad – Grade -1



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NEWLY ELECTED BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Parents, community members, advisors and experts of all trades had participated in the election organized at the school.

Summer Camp: Need really affordable summer fun for your kids? Come join us!! Summer camp open to all kids ages 5 – 12. Certified, degreed and experienced teachers. Summer Bridge Academic program, religious classes and tutoring, outdoor recreational activities, field trips, and lots of fun. First come, first serve basis. Only 50 slots available. Spaces fill quickly. Registration begins May 1st, 2007. Call Sister Sayeedah 678-499-3466.

Stories for Kids: Self Reliance

It was a long journey. At one place, they all decided to rest. The Prophet (P.B.U.H.) and his companions alighted from their horses and loosened their luggage. Then they decided to slaughter an animal and prepare a meal. One companion said: "I will slaughter the animal." Another said: "And I will skin it."

The third one volunteered to cook the meat. And so everyone volunteered to help in one way or the other. The Prophet (P.B.U.H.) said: "I will go to find the fuel." Immediately the companions rose to say: "No, O Prophet of Allah, let it be our pride to serve you while you rest. We are here to do the work for you."

The Prophet (P.B.U.H.) said: "I know that you could all do that. But Allah hates a person who enjoys such a privilege among his friends and companions. He hates a man who arrogates himself any preferential position." Then he went towards the woods and brought back with him twigs and thorns which he had gleaned.

