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“And that those on whom Knowledge has been bestowed may learn that the (Quran) is the Truth from thy Lord, and that they may believe therein, And their hearts may be made humbly (open) to it for verily Allah is the Guide of those who believe, to the Straight Path.”

- Holy Quran, Sura Al-Hajj, Ayah 54-

Assalamu alaikum w.b.

March is Science Fair Month at IANE !

All our students at the Islamic Academy of New England are excitedly looking forward towards commencing work on their Science Fair projects from next week on.

There will be ample opportunities for great discoveries as our students explore various skills and methods in conducting research, performing experiments, and developing surveys.

Interested parents who are able to contribute towards our students' learning experience are highly encouraged to connect with their child's respective homeroom teacher.

With special courtesy of the school's dedicated PTO, our budding scientists will be rewarded for their efforts with a special "Robot" experience in early April, inshaAllah!

Jazakum Allahu Khairan.

Wassalam,
Sr Nur'Izzah Khalil
Acting Principal

Pre-Registration for 2010-11 Begins!

All parents are encouraged to pre-register their children early for 2010-11 to secure their place in class in the next academic year. A timely indication of student enrollment allows us to determine how many classrooms will be opened, how many teachers and teacher aides needed for the upcoming year and quantity of student materials to be ordered. Do take advantage of the early registration incentives **now** as registration will be on first-come basis by mid-March!!

Thank You

Our sincere "Thanks" to all students, parents and staff for supporting our recent bookfair and Parents' Night and making these events such a huge success each and every year, alhamdulillah.

Parenting Tips - Week Four: "Islamic Knowledge: The Key to Raising Righteous and Successful Children"

We're pleased to share the attached 4th issue of parenting tips from www.missionislam.com to benefit your family, inshaAllah.

- Open House Invite -

We warmly extend an invite to parents who are interested in enrolling their children at our school for the first time. Please join us if you would like to visit and discover what the Islamic Academy of New England (IANE) can offer. Please help pass-on this invite if you know of any parents who may be interested.

When? Thursday, March 25th
9.00 am to 10.00am

Kindly contact Sr Dalal at 781-784-0400 to confirm your attendance. JAK.

Mark Your Calendar Event

Date	Event
Mon, 3/1	Science Project Begins
Fri, 3/19	School Closed - Staff Professional Day
Thurs, 4/1	Science Fair Day
Thurs, 4/8	A "Robot"-tic Experience!



Parenting Tips Week Four

An Excerpt From: www.missionislam.com



Islamic Knowledge: The Key to Raising Righteous and Successful Children

Teaching Islam to our Children: An Important Islamic Duty

Islam teaches us different ways to attain success. One best way is to seek Islamic knowledge based on the Qur'an and the Sunnah. We spend time, money, efforts, emotions and patience to learn authentic knowledge of Islam not only for our own success but also to be able to share it with others, especially to our children. The most important and lasting gift or inheritance that we can give to our children is knowledge of Islam. It is a must that we should educate our children with Islamic knowledge since as parents we are accountable for their success and failure. The Prophet (s.a.w) makes it very clear that we are accountable to our respective families/children: Abdullah ibn Umar reported that he heard the Prophet Muhammad (s.a.w) saying: "Every one of you is a guardian, and responsible for what is in his custody. The ruler is a guardian of his subjects and responsible for them; a husband is a guardian of his family and is responsible for it; a lady is a guardian of her husband's house and is responsible for it, and a servant is a guardian of his master's property and is responsible for it. A man is a guardian of his father's property and is responsible for it so all of you are guardians and responsible for your wards and things under your care." (Bukhâri 3/592)...The best way to perform our duty to our children is to teach them Islam. Allah tells us that our children, just like our wealth and possessions, are but a trial from Him. Allah the Most High says:

**"And know that your possessions and your children are but a trial:
and that it is Allah with whom lies your highest reward."**

[Qur'an 8:28]

Since our children are but a trial and that the highest reward is with Allah the Almighty, it is then our responsibility to guide our children to Islam. It is only through Islam that they can become righteous and be of service to Allah. We pass Allah's trial once our children worship and please our Creator. The best thing that we can give to our children is knowledge of Islam. It is the best education and the best means to fight ignorance and drive away evil....Amr bin Sa'id or Sa'id bin Al-'Ast narrated that Allah's Messenger (s.a.w) said, "A father gives his child nothing better than a good education." (Tirmidhi 4977 and Baihaqi)...

Raising Responsible Children

When we teach Islam to our children, we raise them to be righteous and responsible Muslims who will subsequently treat us with kindness and respect. Islam is the only religion that clearly raises the status of the parents to a high degree and honor. In fact, Allah in many ayat of the Qur'an has commanded us to please our parents after pleasing Him. Allah the All Knowing and Most Merciful knows that parents especially mothers bear hardships in rearing their children. Thus, He commands children to show gratefulness to their parents. Every man, therefore, is expected to be good to his parents, especially when they attain their old age where they need most his care, service and respect:

"Your Rabb (Cherisher and Sustainer) has decreed that you worship none but Him, and that you be kind to parents. Whether one or both of them attain old age in your life, say not to them a word of contempt, nor repel them but address them in terms of honor. And out of kindness, lower to them the wing of humility and say: O my Rabb (only God and Sustainer) (Only God and Cherisher)! Bestow on them (my parents) Your Mercy even as they cherished me in childhood." [Qur'an 17:23-24]

...When we guide our children to Islam, they become righteous Muslims whose prayers to Allah, for our own benefit, continue to reach us even when we die. The Prophet (s.a.w) says in the following Hadith: "A man will be raised some degrees in Paradise and he will say, 'For what reason I am receiving this?' He will be told, 'Because of your son asking forgiveness for you.'" (Bukhari 1613)... Knowing the importance of Islamic knowledge, it is imperative that we encourage our children to spend time acquiring it. We must remember that one of the characteristics of a believer is love for the search of knowledge. The following Hâdîth should inspire us and our children to continuously seek for Islamic knowledge: Abu Said Al-Khudri narrated: Allah's Messenger (s.a.w)said, "A believer is never satiated with gainful knowledge; he goes acquiring it till his death and entry into Paradise." (Tirmidhi 222) We have to remember that on the Day of Judgment we shall be asked how we spent our lives, wealth and knowledge. In other words, we will be questioned on how we spent everything that Allah has given us as implied in the following Hadith: Abdullah Bin Mas`ud narrated that Allah's Messenger said, "A man shall be asked concerning five things on the day of resurrection: concerning his life, how he spent it; concerning his youth, how he grew old; concerning his wealth, whence he acquired it, and in what way he spent it; and what was it that he did with the knowledge that he had." (Tirmidhi 5197)... With Islamic knowledge that we acquire and subsequently share to our children, Insha Allah, we will be able to answer whatever questions on the Day of Judgment. We and our righteous children will pass the real tests on the Day of Reckoning. This is because Islam teaches us to believe and to do deeds of righteousness and Allah the Almighty promises us everlasting life in Paradise. Our Only Rabb says:

"But those who believe and do deeds of righteousness We shall soon admit them to Gardens, with rivers flowing beneath, to dwell therein forever. Allah's promise is the truth, and whose word can be truer than Allah's?" [Qur'an 4:122]

Conclusion and Recommendations

Knowledge of Islam tells us that by guiding our children to Islam, we do not only respond to the duty that Allah and His Messenger (s.a.w) enjoin upon us i.e., to be accountable to our children; but also, we expect subsequent rewards for raising righteous children. If we want our children to be righteous and be successful Muslims, we must learn and teach our children authentic knowledge of Islam, which is one that is based on the Qur'an and the Sunnah ...Children learn more from their parents as they are spending their full time at home... (and) we can encourage our children to seek knowledge of Islam by any of the following means:

- 1) attendance to Islamic lectures, forums and seminars,
- 2) reading books and other reading materials on Islam,
- 3) listening to radio and television programs on Islam,
- 4) buying books, booklets, magazines and other reading materials on Islam,
- 5) purchasing other learning media (e.g., CDs, Videos and cassette tapes) on Islam, and/or
- 6) giving them proper access to the Islamic reading materials available in the Internet (i.e., Islamic websites).

...Indeed, Allah is Most Gracious, Most Merciful, He has opened for us various ways and means to learn Islam...It is only by knowing Islam that we know our Creator and how we can worship Him to the best we can and therefore attain His rewards and be successful in the eternal world to come. Islam teaches us to be accountable to our respective children. The best way is for us to share our authentic knowledge of Islam with them. Let us remember that their success means our ultimate success too.

May Allah guide us in Seeking authentic Knowledge on Islam, in order to impart it to our children, not just by verbal means, but by being the best example to them. Ameen.