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Furqaan Academy Online Newsletter

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Teacher's Appreciation Week

Teachers play a very important role in shaping the future of us students. Right from kindergarten to university, they are the ones who impart knowledge and teach us about everything important. The chance to express appreciation and respect for teachers who are dedicated to educating all students and helping them in realizing their potential is provided by Teacher Appreciation Week. As teachers adapted to new ways of instruction and parents became more involved in their children's education throughout the pandemic, there was a greater appreciation for the teaching industry. Recently, this feeling of appreciation has decreased and I think we've come to the point where it is no longer enough. Through improved school climate and working conditions, greater opportunity for teachers to interact and grow in meaningful ways emotionally and professionally, and higher payment. I think we must show sincere gratitude for teachers (and other important school-based positions). May Allah bless all our Furqaan Academy Teachers. I thank you all from the bottom of my heart for all of your help in educating us.

Jenna A. 10th Grade

Upcoming Events!

-05/22- 05/26- 2023
6-12th finals

-05/29/2023
Memorial Day

-05/30/2023 06/02/2023
MAP Testing

-06/02/2023
Summer Break

-06/09/2023
4th Quarter Report Cards
published

Registration for 2023-2024
school year is open



Interview Miss. Hadiyah-U-ahk Smith,

The earthquakes in Turkey.

In February of 2023 Mrs. Hadiyah, our Biology teacher, visited Turkey. She was in one of the Southern cities when all those earthquakes took place. Al Hamdullilah, she came back safe to the states.

1-What was your reaction to the earthquake Hitting Turkey?

I was dreaming away in my bed when I felt the bed shaking and heard the chandelier rattling. I woke up a bit confused and bewildered. "What was going on?" I thought to myself. I saw my sis-in-law run down the hall and then she started screaming my name. I rubbed my eyes and frantically got dressed. I was trying to hurry as I heard the panic in their voices. "Was this normal?" I thought to myself. I went outside to try and get more information about what was going on. I was wondering if this was an earthquake. Was I actually living through a natural disaster? Neighbors were running out of their houses and off their properties into the street. My husband told me that Turkey normally gets earthquakes, but this one was bigger than normal. We decided to go out to the street as well. Walking and standing were difficult as the earth shook. It felt like a roller coaster ride. We stood around for a bit, and then sat in the car as it was cold outside.

2-Where were you when the first earthquake hit and what day was it?

I was in Adana, and the earthquake hit. I remember, it was a school day.

3-Did you move after you heard the Earthquake news, and where?

If you were transported from your Tukey where did you go and how and which country? Some people started to leave. We drove around the area for a bit, waiting for everything to calm down. When we thought it was safe. We went back inside. However, moments later another earthquake came through and we went rushing outside again. When things settled for a bit we turned on the news and saw the destruction in the nearby areas. Subanallah, we did not lose our home, family members, or any possessions. However, others were not as fortunate. We sat there watching the news and the grave impact of the earthquake. Throughout the day the electricity was cutting in and out and I debated if I should work. I then decided to start working before learning another big earthquake was going to come through. I took the rest of the day off and prepared to leave. We went to the family farm and waited.

4-How far was the Earthquake from you?

The earthquake hit Adana, so it was close.

5-If you were transported from Tukey, where did you go and how?

Yes, we were transported from Turkey. We went to a family's house far from the earthquakes.

6-Have you ever experienced an earthquake before?

My very first earthquake. I have done drills at school as a student and teacher. I have never experienced one before "that" day.

How muslims celebrate Eid Al Fitr in the East and West

This is a big-time of the year for us. We're all celebrating Eid Al Fitr, which means we get to spend time with family and loved ones and have fun with our friends. It's also a big-time of the year to think about how we can be kind to each other and unite people of different faiths, cultures, races, and backgrounds. We may share some beliefs and traditions, but we don't all practice the same way—and that's okay. In this spirit of tolerance and love for one another, we've decided to share some ways you can celebrate Eid al Fitr in the West.

The Eid festivities are celebrated by men, women, and children. Children dress up and go door-to-door to give out sweets or small gift items. Eid al-Fitr starts at the end of Ramdan. It starts on the 30th and one day and ends on the third day, depending on the country. The celebration varies across countries, but it always involves some combination of prayer, food, gifts, decorations, games, and family gatherings.

Jenna A. 10th Grade

Umrah Trip

This year, I performed Umrah during the last ten days of Ramadan. It was an amazing experience to go to the holiest city in the world. At the time of writing, I am still in Makkah, and it is honestly much better than anywhere else I have ever been. After we exited the airport, a kind man dropped us off at our relative's home in an area of Makkah known as Bathaa Quraysh. We rested for a while until Maghrib because we decided not to tire ourselves in the heat of midday. I touched Maqam-e-Ibrahim, the cloth of the Ka'bah, and the Yemeni stone, but I didn't have a chance to kiss Hajar-al-Aswad. The crowd near the black stone is usually larger, and we did not want to push through during our Umrah. When we did Sa'ee, however, it was a lot freer and more relaxing. I particularly enjoyed running in the area marked by the green lights. After we exited Masjid-ul-Haram, we went to a salon to shave our hair.

Muhammad S. 9th Grade

Why I'm excited for summer break

I am excited for this summer because I will be visiting family and seeing people overseas, such as people from my hometown back in Palestine and Jordan. I am mostly excited because most of my family will be visiting us. Also, this would be my first summer break and the end of the school year at Furqaan Academy online. I will also be seeing most of my friends and cousins across different countries; for that reason, I wish to be happy and enjoy my summer break. It is also very important to greet our relatives and make them feel at home, such as by greeting them, picking them up from an airport or anywhere, or greeting them with gifts and feeding them.

Aya A. 8th Grade



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My trip to United Arab Emirates

When I was nine years old, my family went on a trip to Jazirat, Abu Dhabi, to visit my family and my mom's hometown. We also went to Dubai and visited Burj Al-Khalifa. Here are all the things we did and why I think you should go for a visit soon!

The first thing I noticed when I was in the Emirates was how tall the buildings were. They were so tall, I had to move my neck back to see them. There were offices, huge malls, and grocery stores. The malls were so huge, in fact, that I got lost there. My mother and siblings went to a clothing store, and I went inside one of the dressing rooms. I stayed there for a long time. By the time I came out, my family was gone. I was confused and looked around the store, but I couldn't find anyone. When I tried talking to the staff, they couldn't call my mom because it was an American number. They called security, though, and for about an hour, we couldn't find them. I suggested that they were going to Lulus, a grocery store that they visited frequently. When we arrived at Lulu's store, we didn't find them. Then we went back to the clothing store. My grandfather, whom I'd only seen once when I was a baby, so naturally I didn't know what he looked like, found me and asked who my mom was. I didn't tell him because I thought he was a stranger. When I looked in front of me, my mom was running with my siblings in tow, saying, "We found her!" and then she saw her dad. She started laughing, saying how it was such a coincidence that he was the one who found me. After that, we were all hungry, so we bought food from Popeyes. We went to a beach, and it was very beautiful. It was so blue, and we ended up going on a boat cruise. The trees in the United Arab Emirates are very beautiful palm trees. They are everywhere in the county. The weather was very humid and hot there. Eventually, though, I got used to it. Overall, I would definitely recommend visiting the United Arab Emirate and maybe even living there. It has many places to enjoy, tourist attractions, and big cities. I really enjoyed my time there, and I hope you will too! And a lot of other things I noticed about my time there were that I really enjoyed it there. The UAE in general is a very beautiful country, and another thing I noticed about my time there was the Burj Khalifa. It was one of the most amazing and surreal experiences of my life. Do you know how it feels to be so high in the air? It feels like you're flying. The elevator ride is a little bit nausea-inducing, so that's one con of this part. Everything felt amazing.

Rianna N. 7th Grade

Interviewing Ibrahim Khaleel

- 1:What is your name?:My Name is Ibrahim.
- 2:Which state are you attending Furqaan online from?:
I am attending from the state of Illinois.
- 3:What grade are you in?
I am in 5th Grade.
- 4:What is your favorite subject? Why?
My favorite subject is Arabic class and Quran because I like my teacher and memorizing the Quran.
- 5:What are your favorite books?
My Favorite books are Falling Short and Mighty Inside.
- 6:Have you ever read a Ramadan book? Did you like it? Why?
Yes, I did read it and I like it. It was called "Zahra's blessings". I like it because it shows persistence.
- 7-How was your Ramadan and did you fast for all 29 days of Ramadan?
My Ramadan was amazing!.I did all 29
- 8-Did you pray taraweeh in Ramadan?
I prayed Taraweeh Friday and Saturdays
- 9-What Masjid do you attend in Ramadan to pray Taraweeh prayers?
I attended IFS,Mecca Center,and ICN.
- 10:Did you like the Furqan Academy Ramadan activities?
Yes.I loved the activities
- 11:Which activity was your favorite one? What is the reason for that?
The presentations were my favorite

Huda A. 9th Grade





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