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FULL-TIME ISLAMIC SCHOOL WITH INTEGRATED HIFDH

Quarter 2 Newsletter 2024-2025

Theme of the Month: Gratitude

As muslims we must be grateful everyday. Hence why we have dhikr such as, "Al-Hamdullah". We should be grateful for everything Allah has given us. Even the smallest of things. Our house, family, clothes, food, the ability to see, and even being able to wake up in the morning.

I personally am grateful for having the blessing to wake up comfortably. I wake up knowing I have access to water and food everyday. I don't have the fear of bombs killing me and my family. I am able to sleep and wake up knowing that my family will still be there and not missing.

A very beautiful verse in the Quran is

“وَإِنْ تَعُدُّوا نِعْمَةَ اللَّهِ لَا تُحْصُوهَا إِنَّ اللَّهَ لَعَفُورٌ رَّحِيمٌ”

"And if you should count the favor of Allah, you could not enumerate them.

Indeed, Allah is Forgiving and Merciful." Surah Al-Nahl, verse 18

This verse is so powerful because it shows how much Allah has given us. So much so that if we were to try and count how much Allah has given us, it would be impossible.

Donyia R. 12th Grade

I am grateful for my parents. There are many reasons why I am thankful for them. If I didn't have parents, I wouldn't feel safe at home, and I wouldn't be able to come here or attend Furqaan Academy Online. They pay for the food and work hard to provide for us. Our parents take care of us in so many ways, but sometimes we don't really pay attention or appreciate them. We should always thank our parents for all they provide. Allah mentions in the Quran the manner we should behave with our parents.

This ayah is in Surah Al-Isra, Ayah 24:

وَقَضَىٰ رَبُّكَ أَلَّا تَعْبُدُوا إِلَّا إِيَّاهُ وَبِالْوَالِدَيْنِ إِحْسَانًا ۖ إِمَّا يَنْبَغَنَّ عِنْدَكَ الْكِبَرَ أَحَدُهُمَا أَوْ كِلَاهُمَا فَلَا تَقُلْ لَهُمَا آفٌ وَلَا تُنْهَرُهُمَا وَقُلْ لَهُمَا قَوْلًا كَرِيمًا

For your Lord has decreed that you worship none but Him, and honour your parents. If one or both of them reach old age in your care, never say to them 'ugh,' nor yell at them. Rather, address them respectfully.

Another ayah, which contains the dua, which we all need to memorize:

وَأَخْفِضْ لَهُمَا جَنَاحَ الذُّلِّ مِنَ الرَّحْمَةِ وَقُلْ رَبِّ أَرْحَمُهُمَا كَمَا رَبَّيَانِي صَغِيرًا

And lower to them the wing of humility out of mercy and say, 'My Lord, have mercy upon them as they brought me up [when I was] small.'

Nabihah A. 6th Grade

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Upcoming Events!

Indigenous Day
(NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS)
Oct, 14th 2024

Parent-Teacher
Conference (NO SCHOOL
FOR STUDENTS)
Oct, 25th 2024

Cultural Culinary
Presentations
Nov, 27th 2024

Thanksgiving Break
Nov, 28-29 2024

Quran 5th-12th Mid-Terms
Dec, 9-13 2024

MAP Testing
Dec, 10-13 2024

6th-12th Mid-Terms
Dec, 16-20 2024

Quarter 2 ends
Dec, 20th 2024

FAO CLUBS
Mondays - 6-12th grades
Newsletter club
Tuesday, Wednesday -
6-12th grades Homework club



Interviewing

Huda A. 11th Grade

1. How do you find FAO?

"I have attended FABB for years, and I found much resemblance between the two schools; they teach the same programs. I like it here!"

2. What's your favorite book/movie/TV show/band?

"My favorite movie is Farha. It is a historical Palestinian movie."

3. Where would you go if you could travel anywhere in the world?

"If I could travel anywhere, I would go to Paris!"

4. What's your dream job?

"My dream job is to be a dentist."

5. What's the most interesting thing you've learned?

"The most interesting thing I've learned is who constructed the kabaah 5 times. By Adam, Ibrahim, The Quraysh, Abdullah Bin Zubair, and Hajjaj Bin Yusuf."

6. If you could have any superpower, what would it be?

"If I could have any superpower it would be to fly."

7. Do you have any favorite classes?

"My favorite classes are math and ELA."

8. What's your favorite achievement in FAO?

"An achievement I am proud of is my Quran memorization."

9. What's something you're afraid of?

"I am afraid of failing classes, failing Allah, and the Day of Judgement."

10. What is a book you have read?

"I book I have read is Jane Eyre, an autobiography by Charlotte Bronte. I liked the character development of Jane in terms of her strength and independence."

Noor K. 8th Grade



The MAC Group

The MAC is Masjid Al-Rawda Community Group. It is a club that is full of events and volunteering.

I and other club members meet up after masjid hours to discuss the prices of materials we will need to purchase for events, or discuss reservation issues for events. Issues such as parents misplacing items needed to attend the events.

In addition, we work so hard to make events Islamic and encourage the community members about how important these events are. I also volunteer at the masjid during Sundays and Wednesdays. We make copies for teachers and board members. We also help teach classes when teachers are out as well as make schedules for the Sheikhs and teachers so they know when to expect the Quran classes. However, we still take our Islamic courses before volunteering starts. We revise our Surahs and read Islamic studies. Then, we make files for upcoming events. The MAC group members make sure to prepare the events' materials on time in order for us to know the number of children who have their reservations.

We use the Masjid Group chat to share our plans and ideas we might have forgotten to share during our meetings.

Our first event is this Friday. We will decorate the media room with glowing stars as well as chose a movie and raffle tickets for Movie night. I am hosting the movie night. It is going to be followed by the raffle.

I am the MAC group president. The other group members positions are: leaders, directors, manager, and virtual planners. We will possibly have A kid watcher which is just a funny word we want to use. However, their job is to make sure the kids are sitting down during the movie and also to watch for not blocking out the star projector. We will have a snack table in the hallway, which will be supervised by us. This presentation explains how my group will be an example to others and encourage the youth to be attending our mosque events. We want the youth to know that we can make Islamic events a little more exciting then other subjects in life, without confusing anyone. This presentation informs everyone about the event I will be hosting and how I will manage it insha'a Allah. Hopefully, it will be a successful event.

Layla C. 6th Grade



Interviewing

Layla C. 6th Grader

1. Can you please introduce yourself? How are you enjoying your first year at FAO?

"My name is Layla C. I am 11 years old. I am in sixth grade; my favorite color is Lavender, and my favorite sport is soccer. I really do enjoy FAO. The Islamic aspect of this school interests me and motivates me to learn more."

2. What are some classes you are excelling in, and what are some you are struggling to adapt to?

"I can say I am confident in Math, Arabic, and Quran. Not that I am struggling in Islamic Studies but texts are a little overwhelming for me ."

3. What are some extracurricular activities you do?

"I play soccer, and I am a mid-fielder and a lefty"

4. What is your favorite subject? "Math"

5. Have you always been in an online school, or is it your first year, and how are you adapting if so?

"This is my first year that I intended to do Homeschooling other than COVID-19. I am adapting quite quickly.

6. How do you like gym class?

"Gym is something I look forward to everyday. I get to exercise, which I think is delightful to get up from sitting for the first 4 periods daily."

7. How do you feel about the FAO competitions and activities?

"Competitions make me a little anxious, but at the end, I feel like a winner. Whether I win or not. Extra activities are fine for me. I just have to participate ."

8. How do your teachers make learning fun and interesting?

"They make learning fun by adding different interactive activities, that excites the students and help them focus more.

9. Do you enjoy reading?

"Yes, I do enjoy reading in fact one of my favorite books is Harry Potter. Although it is not Islamic I enjoy reading about potions and mixtures."

10. How do you handle homework and assignments?

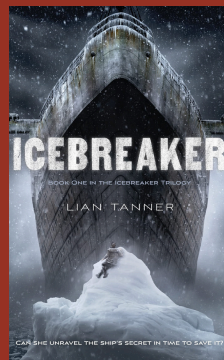
"I create a check out box on docs so when I am done I just check it out ."

Jenna A. 12th Grade

Reading Log

I'm reading Icebreaker by Lian Tanner. It's about a girl named Petrel who lives in an icy world. She's part of a crew on a giant ship called the Icebreaker, exploring frozen lands. Petrel faces many challenges and uncovers secrets about her past. The book is full of action, mystery, and emotions. I enjoy it because it's exciting and keeps me curious about what will happen next. The characters and setting are great. I'd recommend it to anyone who likes adventure and fantasy stories.

Faduma A. 10th Grade



Interviewing Mrs. Obeid

1. Can you introduce yourself?

I am Mrs. Nihad Obeid

2. What subject do you teach?

I teach Arabic and Quran.

3. How long have you been teaching?

I have been teaching for 14 years.

4. When did you join FAO?

I joined this year

5. How do you like teaching at FAO?

I like it because I enjoy teaching the students to read and write.

6. How many classes do you teach?

I teach 3 classes.

7. How many students do you teach?

I teach 10 students.

8. What materials are required for your class?

The materials needed are Arabic books, notebooks, pencils, notecards, and color pencils.

9. How long do you see yourself teaching at FAO?

I wish to teach at FAO forever.

10. What grade levels do you teach?

I teach 1st grade through 8th grade

Rhama M. 9th Grade

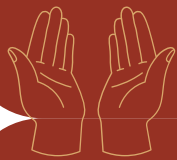


What Are You Grateful For?

One thing I am grateful for is my family. They are the most valuable part of my life. I love spending time with them in every way possible—laughing, praying, and learning together. I can't imagine what I would do without them. A verse from the Quran that speaks about

gratitude is Ayah 53 from Surah An-Nahl
وَمَا يَكُم مِّن نَّعْمَةٍ فَمِنَ اللَّهِ ثُمَّ إِذَا مَسَّكُمُ الضَّرُّ فَإِلَيْهِ تَجْرُونَ
”٥٣“

Whatever blessings you have are from Allah. Then “ whenever hardship touches you, to Him ‘alone’ you cry ‘for help



Jenna A. 12th Grade

What Are You Grateful For?

I am grateful to be a Muslim. I am fortunate that Allah has chosen me to be a member of the Islamic community. I believe that this is a great honor and responsibility, and I am committed to living my life according to the principles of Islam. I am especially grateful for the many blessings that Allah has bestowed upon me, including my family, my health, and my material possessions. I know that these blessings are not guaranteed, and I am humbled by their abundance. I am also grateful for the opportunity to serve others and to make a difference in the world. I believe that this is one of the most important aspects of being a Muslim. I am committed to living my life in a way that is pleasing to Allah and that makes the world a better place.

Abdelrahman A. 6th Grade



What Are You Grateful For?

There are many things that one can be grateful for, they are countless. Allah has blessed us with many things, some that we realize, and others that we are oblivious about. Some of these blessings are: a home, a family, an islamic school, food, clothing, and much, much more.

:Allah (SWT) in the Quran says in Surah al-Nahl
وَإِن تَعُدُّوا نِعْمَةَ اللَّهِ لَا تُحْصُوهَا إِنَّ اللَّهَ لَعَفُورٌ رَّحِيمٌ ١٨

In this Ayah, Allah (SWT) is saying that, if you count the 'one' bounty of Allah (SWT) you will not be able to count. Even the one bounty or blessing can bring forth many other other blessings. For example, the eyes. The eyes are a blessing, but there are more things to the eyes than just making us able to see. There is the eyelashes that prevent germs to get into our eyes and many other things and blessings on just the eyes. Therefore, we must be grateful for all these blessings from the biggest of them to smallest of them.

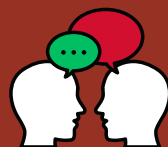
Yasmin Y. 9th Grade



What Are You Grateful For?

I am grateful for when I don't have to be out in a crowded society, and when I'm able to actually hear my thoughts and enter my zone. I become irritated very easily so whenever I can just sit, and be by myself, I feel awesome. Even when I'm around just a small bit of people, I would rather be reading, or something else that doesn't involve talking with someone. I have exceptions though, I do like hanging around with my family and friends. But, I don't like being annoyed all the time, It's not a great feelin. So whenever I can just remove myself from gatherings, that 's when I feel that I have no willing to sit and talk. It's such an amazing feeling to be alone and hear my thoughts.

Hanifah S. 8th Grade





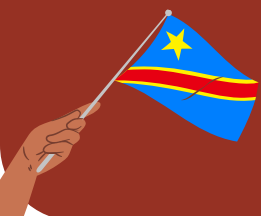
The Crisis In Congo



Right now, the Democratic Republic of Congo is going through an extreme silent crisis. Congo is located in Africa. For many years, different groups have been fighting over the country's resources, like minerals used in phones and other electronics. Different world countries have funded and have a hand in what the people of Congo are going through. These rebel groups and the government of Congo both use extreme violence. So many families are being forced to leave their homes to escape the violence, in fear of their own lives. This has created an extremely large number of refugees. The government of Congo are having difficulties with both fighting with the rebel groups while taking care of their people. Which is making it harder for the innocent civilians to live safely, find food, and get the health aid they need. To add on, many companies have been using and funding the use of illegal labor of Congolese people, including young children. These people are mining for minerals such as cobalt, day and night with little food and water. Companies such as Apple are using these labor found minerals to create their newest iPhones and electronics. While all of these tragedies are taking place, countries like America are silently funding the use of labor. This is a modern-day slavery. The people of Congo must be heard about and saved. Their voices, pain, tears, and screams deserve to be acknowledged and heard.

Free Congo.

Donyia R. 12th Grade



First Culinary Show

The culinary show was a new experience for Furqaan Academy Online. I strongly believe the event was well-enjoyed by everyone. Personally, I found the show quite interesting due to the curiosity of seeing what everyone prepared. Each dish was unique and different from the others. High school students, in particular, made more complex dishes such as maqlubah, dolmas, Palestinian specialties, Italian pasta, and a Lebanese dessert called "Layali Lubnan." Other students made simple dishes like rice and chicken, while others made chocolate specialties. As for myself, I made a mug cake. It was an easy and delicious recipe, as long as you followed the step-by-step instructions and had all the ingredients measured correctly.



Faisal H. 8th Grade



Donyia R. 12th Grade



Jenna A. 12th Grade



Yasmin Y. 9th Grade



Huda A. 11th Grade & Aya A. 10th Grade



Waleed R. 8th Grade

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Every community in the USA can now have a Full-Time Islamic School

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