

Principal's Newsletter

Al-Huda Islamic School

November 2018

Al-Huda Islamic School Mission:

We are committed to providing a nurturing environment with a focus on core subjects and Islamic subjects to ensure that our students grow spiritually as well as educationally. Low student/teacher ratios ensure that all of our students receive the care and attention that they need and deserve.

Upcoming Events:

November 5- November 16, 2018: Fieldtrips

Special Education Service: This year Al-Huda Islamic School is going to start providing special education services through the Department of Exceptional Education at the TUSD. This month we had a privilege of including a student with disabilities to roster. He will be attending 5th grade in an inclusion setting. We will continue to accept more students with disabilities through the year. contact us through, or stop by the office for more information.

**It is not the knowledge
which should come to you,
it is you who should come
to the knowledge.**

Imam Malik



Fieldtrips: All grade levels are arranging for educational fieldtrips to be held by the first two weeks of November. The fieldtrips for this month will be exclusively educational; tied to the subject areas and what students are learning in specific subjects. Permission slips will be sent home for parents' signatures on timely fashion.

The School Garden:

All students will be participating in this wonderful project; a school garden. Students will be divided by grade level to take responsibility of the school garden. This project will led by homeroom teachers; however parents are welcome to join.

PTO: We would like to invite all parents to join our Parent-Teacher Organization. Forms will be sent out early next week for parents to sign up for PTO. Please contact the office for more information about joining PTO.

A WORD FROM THE PRINCIPAL

This Friday the staff had a short meeting to review the vision for our school. This was a conversation that we have started since day one of my arrival at Al-Huda Islamic School. We already know what our mission is, but we, as a staff, understand the importance of a shared vision that will guide our way towards our mission. This is the vision we came up with “To establish an environment in which students are engaged in intellectual conversations and are provided love, compassion, and support. We will strive to nurture every child by welcoming each student and family and enfolding them into a shared community. By embracing their talents, skills, and gifts, we will create an educational environment that is academically and spiritually focused and suited to students of the Muslim faith.” As this vision was being constructed with the involvement of all staff members, we had in mind a most valuable member of our community; our parents. At Al-Huda Community, we believe in the triadic relationship between staff, students, and parents. We believe that we can only achieve our mission at Al-Huda Islamic School if we work as a team. We don’t just believe in our parents, but we count on them. We don’t want them to be the missing part in this triadic team, and we want them to take an active role in our educational agenda and to be actively involved in the education of their children.

What’s New?

Library: This month Al-Huda Islamic School is rebuilding the library. Our wonderful librarian, Ms. Jackie, is working really hard to get the library ready by the middle of this month. She will hold a grand opening for the library when it’s ready.

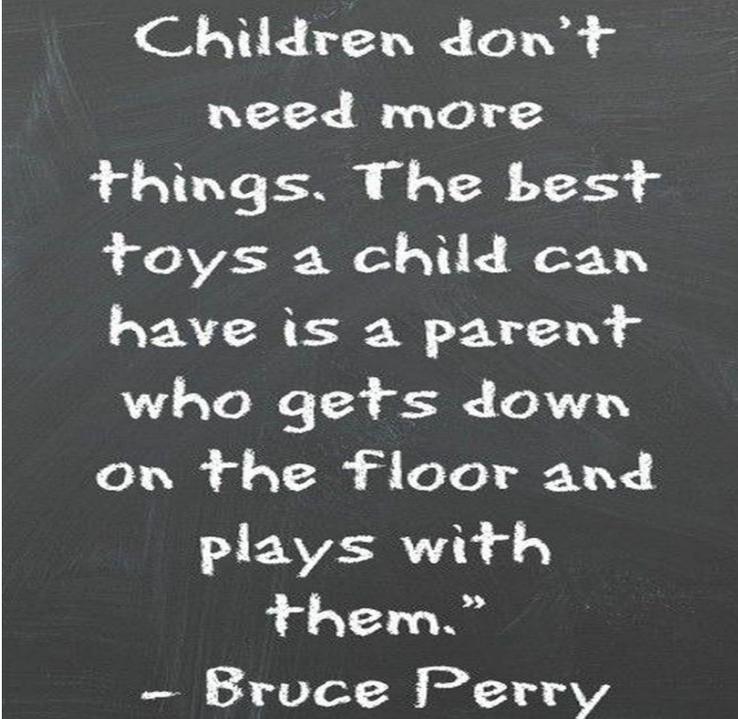
Technology: We brought two wonderful online educational systems that will help your children improve the skills levels, especially in math and science. Freckle Education

<https://www.freckle.com/> is a skill-based educational system, and Learning Farm

<https://www.learningfarm.com/> is a standard-based. They both require access codes, which will be provided by the teachers. All students are assigned laptops to use in the classrooms.

However, laptops can also be checked out to use at home after signing an agreement for responsibility by parents. Please contact the teacher or the principal for more information about these systems.

Book Drive: in our attempts to collect the largest amount of library books, we have started a book drive by contacting local entities, including, YMCA, the University Arizona, the local library, and also spoke to Al-Huda School graduates to donate books. The book drive is open to all parents and everyone in the community.



Children don't
need more
things. The best
toys a child can
have is a parent
who gets down
on the floor and
plays with
them."
- Bruce Perry

School Clubs: This month we are going to start school clubs. The goal for these clubs is to engage the students in extra curricula activity that will focus on the students’ special talent and will enhance their creativity and leadership skills. Activities might be held after school. Please contact office if you have any questions.