

Ilm Academy

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Asalaam alaikum Wa Rahmatullahi Wa Barakatuhu

InshaAllah everyone has had a rejuvenating winter break. We look forward with renewed energy and vigor for the rest of the school year. As we continue to focus on student growth, we want to request that parents help their students by reminding and reinforcing the importance of always doing their best and submitting work on time.

We pray that the New Year brings greatest Afiyah for you and your family, Ameen!

Attendance

We would like to reiterate the importance of ensuring that students are not missing learning time and days at school. We have seen first hand how challenging it can be for students to miss instruction and having to catch up on the course material. In addition, we are strictly following CA education department guidelines for attendance. Students missing school for more than 18 days are considered excessively truant and can result in the student being held back.

Re enrollments and New enrollments

Enrollment for the academic year 2024-2025 has begun and seats are filling up quickly. Please submit the applications to ensure your child has a spot. New students enrollments for the coming academic year have begun.

Winter Drive Assembly

Alhumdulillah the Winter Drive was huge success. With the support from the Ilm Academy community , we were able to collect warm items and donate it to the Fremont City. We are extremely appreciative of everyone who donated to this cause. May Allah (SWT) accept these contributions as means to allevaite the suffering of the needy. We are thankful to Mayor Lily Mei and the city officials who took the time to attend the assembly and receive the donations to be disbursed to the unhoused within the Fremont community.



Spelling Bee

Congratulations! to the winners of our Spelling Bee Contest. The students' spelling prowess was quite impressive in all grades. It was a tough competition and in some grades we had 11-12 rounds, MashaAllah. We are very proud of all the finalists and winners.

| Grade | 1st Place | 2nd Place | 3rd Place |
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| Kindergarten | Abubakr Anwar | Shahzaib Khan | Suraiya Arshi |
| First | Musfirah Oovais | Saja Elimam | Basmah Mused |
| Second | Muneeb Shaikh | Ebadullah Mujaddide | Bushra Ehsanyar |
| Third | Inaya Oman | Mustafa Cochinwala | Umair Hamdan |
| Fourth | Muhammad Khan | Nubaid Altalib | Salahuddin Durrani |
| Fifth | Zahra Qureshi | Aisha Mohseni | Maryam Bandarkar |
| Sixth | Zainab Safi | Muhammad Bilal | Aisha Hanif |
| Seventh | Maya Durrani | Nazif Safwan | Misbah Bondre |
| Eighth | Nysm Mustafa | Aisha Ahmed | Hamza Makda |





<u>Teacher Appreciation and Cultural Day by Student</u> Council

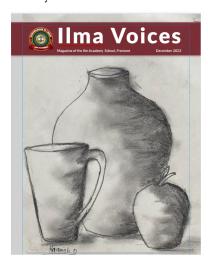
Our student council has been working hard to plan activities for their peers. They successfully organized Teacher Appreciation Lunch and Cultural Day before the winter break. Students were dressed in their best traditional attire and brought food to share with their teachers and their classmates. It was a fun and exciting day for everyone, MashaAllah!





ILMA Voices

We are very excited to announce the 14th publication of our school magazine ILMA voices which has been published on Amazon. Our students have done an excellent job of creating writing pieces that showcase the depth with which they view the world around them. We are very proud of all of our students for doing such an excellent job. Parents can make a tremendous impact on the students' confidence by celebrating their work. You can encourage your child's creativity by purchasing the magazine from Amazon and sharing their work with the entire family.



Exam Days

We urge parents to refrain from taking days off or doing early pick up for their children during exam days. These days will be regular school times. Please mark you calendars for February 5th -8th as exam days.

SAT's and PSAT /SAT (College Board)

SAT's for KG - 7th and PSAT/ SAT for high school students have been scheduled for March 4th - 7th. Students are not allowed to miss these days in order to ensure that they are prepared, well-rested and able to test well, InshaAllah.

Bake Sale

Our Bake sale is one the many events that students eagerly look forward to participating and attending. The PTA and the entire school community come together to make this event enjoyable for everyone. It is an amazing way to give our students an opportunity to see how the parents, staff and teachers collaborate and come together as community. Not only do we get to enjoy amazing food but we also raise funds for enrichment activities for our students. InshaAllah, the bake sale will be on January 26th 2024. The Bake sale forms have been sent home with your student, please return the signed forms by January 17th. We look forward to all families participating in this event.

ILMA Seeds won the Jane Goodall Roots and Shoots Grant

Congratulations! to our 9th graders for winning a grant of \$250 for their ILMA Seeds project. MashaAllah they did an excellent job of getting the younger graders involved in planting the seeds. InshaAllah they hope to get a good harvest that they plan to donate after harvesting sometime in March.





Debate Club

Debate Club office holders have been diligently and helping the debate teams prepare. The goal of the team leads this year is to help the debaters face their fears. The topic this month is "Should Middle School students be involved in community service". The topic will be debated by the senior team (5th grade - 8th grade). Parents will be informed of any afterschool debate practice sessions .

Recycle Club

Recyle club have been working hard .They are consistent with auditing and ensuring that everyone at school is following recylcing guidelines. We look forward to seeing their recycled and reused project ideas.

Coding and Computer Classes

We would like to begin offering computer and coding classes, subject to the level of interest. In order for us to organize these courses, we will need feedback from parents. An interest form (google form) will be emailed shortly. Please respond at the earliest so we can determine the types of courses to be offered, InshaAllah.

Important Dates

Jan 8th New Student Enrollments have begun Jan 16th Martin Luther King Jr Holiday Jan 26th Bake Sale

February 5th - 8th Exams

March 4th - 7th Stanford Achievement Test (SAT) (Elementary)

PSAT/SAT (8th Grade and HS)