



FROM THE DESK OF ADMINISTRATION

**Remember!** Cleanliness is next to Godliness. The S.A. dress code is established to teach Islamic grooming and hygiene and to encourage modesty. Students should be dressed and groomed in a manner that is clean and neat and that will not be a health hazard to themselves or others. School uniforms are required and students are required to be in uniform every day.

Fridays are Muslim's holy days. Respect of the day must be demonstrated in the dress up of students. Fridays are dress up days when students can ONLY wear modest dresses representing their ethnic background. NO Street clothes, including any kind of jeans pants. NO make-up or open toe sandals or heels allowed. Hijab is required for middle school girls. The school will inform the parents when there is any other dress up days. Students are permitted to dress up on school Eid celebration following the Islamic dress code.

**PE Uniform:** School approved PE uniform is required on P.E. Day.



NEWS!



**IMPORTANT Grooming Guidelines**

Uniforms are to be clean, mended and in school approved colors ONLY. Hair is to be clean and combed. NO gels or punk hair styles. Hijabs are to be clean and worn neatly. Fingernails are to be trimmed short and clean. No make-up, nail polish, jewelry, perfume or open toed shoes or high heels are allowed.

**Uniform Violations**

If a student fails to wear his/her uniform, the parents will be notified. If the problem persists, the student will be sent home. The school principal reserves the right to decide the impact of uniform violation on student's grades.

**Our Vision:**  
Salam Academy's Vision is to create outstanding American citizens who are trained to be leaders in their family, community and the American society as a whole.

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**Teacher of the Month**  
**Feb 2012:**  
*Mrs. Kamila Kasparian*  
Awarded a gift certificate from Olympia Café and a Certificate of Appreciation from the Board.

- ◆ Tuition is due on the first day of every month.
- ◆ Please keep up-to-date about your children's performance by visiting GPA link on school's website.
- ◆ Please send your suggestions and comments about the school's handbook by April 15th.
- ◆ Imam Shafai is speaking with our middle school children every Thursday right after school.
- ◆ Math Club meets every Wednesday after school.



NASA Event at UNM

## Central NM Science & Engineering Research Challenge 2012:

**Fatima Gauba & Rinad Yousef (Team Project)- 7th Grade:** First Place- Sandra P. & Clifford E. Richardson III (In memory of George S. Pellegrino)- \$50 each plus a Certificate

**Sarah Hasan- 7th Grade:** First Place- NM Solar Energy Association- \$50; Second Place- Kiwanis Club of Albuquerque- \$200; Second Place- Lockheed Martin/ Sandia National Laboratories- \$50, Silver Medallion and Certificate; Second Place: Regional Science Fair Award- Energy & Transportation Category. \$50 plus Medal; BROADCOM MASTERS Invitation

**Marwa Kassem- 7th Grade:** First Place- NM Speech, Language and Hearing Association- \$50 (Plus a T-Shirt for the Science Teacher); Second Place- UNM- Dept. of Neuroscience Award- \$50; Second Place: Regional Science Fair Award- Behavioral Sciences Category. \$50 plus Medal; BROADCOM MASTERS Invitation

**Taha Quraishi- 7th Grade:** First Place- The Water Award- \$100

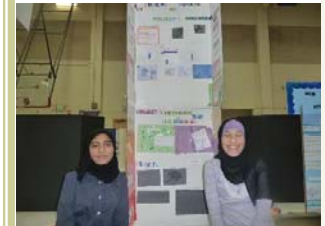
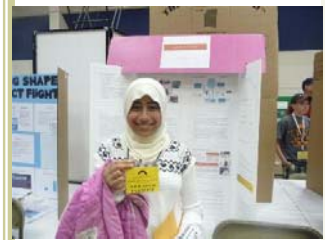
**Amina Sall- 7th Grade:** Honorable Mention- Regional Research Challenge- Junior Encouragement Award- Microbiology Category- \$10

**Abdullah Shah- 8th Grade:** First Place- Jim Adams Memorial Award- \$100; Second Place- NM Junior Academy of Science- Research Paper and Oral Presentation

Competition- \$50 plus Certificate; Honorable Mention- Regional Research Challenge- Junior Encouragement Award - Plant Science Category- \$10; Honorable Mention- Regional Science Fair Award- Plant Sciences Category. Medal

**Participation Certificate:**

- Caleb Fisher- 6th Grade
- Issa Manzanaras- 6th Grade
- Laila Saleem- 6th Grade
- Landon de Rekeneire- 6th Grade
- Nimra Ishaq- 7th Grade
- Sanan Gauba- 6th Grade



### NM STATE SCIENCE & ENGINEERING CONTEST!

**Sara Hasan- 7th Grade:** 2nd Place Medal in Energy and Transportation Category plus one special award

**Marwa Kassem- 7th Grade:** 2nd place Medal in Behavioral Science Category.

**Abdullah Shah- 8th Grade:** Participation Certificate in NM Junior Academy of Sciences Research Paper and Oral Presentation

Alumni:  
**Soiba Mansoor-** First Place medal in Health & Science Category plus

many special awards & Grand Award & is selected to compete in ISEF.

**Jenene & Serene Akkad (Team Project)-** First Place medal in Microbiology Category & are selected to compete in ISEF.

# RAISING MORAL CHILDREN

## 1. Commit to Raising A Moral Child

Research finds that parents who feel strongly about their kids turning out morally usually succeed because they committed themselves to that effort.

## 2. Be a Strong Moral Example

Parents are their children's first and most powerful moral teachers, so make sure the moral behaviors your kids are picking up from you are ones that you want them to copy.

## 3. Know Your Beliefs & Share Them

Before you can raise a moral child, you must be clear about what you believe in. Take time to think through your values then share them regularly with your child explaining why you feel the way you do.

## 4. Use Teachable Moments

The best teaching moments aren't ones that are planned—they happen unexpectedly. Take advantage of those moments because they help your child develop solid moral beliefs that will help guide his behavior the rest of his life.

## 5. Use Discipline as a Moral Lesson

Effective discipline ensures that the child not only recognizes why her behavior was wrong but also knows what to do to make it right next time.

## 6. Expect Moral Behavior

Studies are very clear: kids who act morally have parents who expect them

to do so. Post your moral standards at home then consistently reinforce them until your child internalizes them so they become his or her rules, too.

## 7. Reflect on the Behaviors' Effects

Researchers tell us one of the best moral-building practices is to point out the impact of the child's behavior on the other person and imagine what it would be like to be in the victim's place.

## 8. Reinforce Moral Behaviors

Acknowledge his or her good behavior by describing what he or she did right and why you appreciate it.

## 9. Prioritize Morals Daily

The real goal is for kids to become less and less dependent on adult guidance by incorporating moral principles into their daily lives and making them their own. That can happen only if parents emphasize the importance of the virtues over and over and their kids repeatedly practice those moral behaviors.

## 10. Incorporate the Golden Rule

Remind him or her to ask himself before acting, Would I want someone to treat me like that? It helps him or her think about his behavior and its consequences on others. Make the rule become your family's over-arching moral principal.

Source: <http://moralsandethics.wordpress.com/2007/09/11/10-tips-for-raising-moral-children/>

*“Teach others, make things easy, not difficult. When any of you is in a state of anger, let him keep silent.” (Related by Al-Bukhari in Al Adab Al Mufrad and by Ahmad).*

## YOU CAN HELP YOUR CHILD TO BETTER GRADES:

- Create a routine.
- Prepare for the morning the night before.
- Help your child get organized.
- Provide a quiet place for homework but let your child work alone.
- Limit distractions.
- Encourage intellectual curiosity.
- Allow free time.
- Build relationships with teachers.
- Focus on efforts rather than grades.
- Learn how to step back.

Source: [www.schoolfamily.com](http://www.schoolfamily.com)

## SALAM ACADEMY SUMMER CAMP

**Admission open to all internal & external students.**

Separate sessions for 2-5 year olds; 6-9 year olds and 10- 14 year olds. **June 4- July 26, Monday- Thursday, 9:00 am- 2:00 pm. \$350 per month (\$495 per month for 8 am - 5pm).** Will be focused on Arabic, Islam, Language Arts, Math and extra curricular activities like Arts and Crafts, Theater and Drama, Athletics, Literacy and Field Trips. Additionally, we will be performing a short, one act play at the end of the summer! Also, please ask about Summer Tutoring program!



## FUN & ACTIVITIES

- ◇ Early Childhood Program kids are going to **visit the Zoo** on April 6th.
- ◇ Ms. Cindy's class is having a **Fruit Bowl** party on April 4th. Parents are requested to send yummy fruits with their children.
- ◇ Our Chess Club is a great success so far! The kids are learning rapidly and Coach Ramzi hopes to take them to tournaments next year. We are offering **Chess Sets for sale** at the low price of \$15.00. If you are interested in ordering one of these, please contact Ms. Joan or Coach Ramzi (on Wednesday afternoon during Chess Club after school). The **DEADLINE FOR ORDERING A SET IS APRIL 18th**. This is a great price so take advantage of it now!
- ◇ The **Bio Van** visited our school all day on Monday, March 19th and March 21st. All of our students from Early Pre-K to 8th grade were able to enjoy their presentations and learned a lot. The staff on both days commented to Ms. Joan Boyden on how much they enjoyed working with our students. They were impressed with their attentiveness and the good questions that they asked.
- ◇ We urge **EVERYONE** at Salam Academy to be part of the **Run for the Zoo** coming up in May as this helps to raise money for programs such as the Bio Van. We did all of this at no cost to our school or parents!
- ◇ Elementary school also enjoyed a field trip to the UNM Popejoy hall to watch a play.
- ◇ On Friday, March 23rd we took a follow-up **field trip to the Bosque** to see the wonderful ecosystem along the Rio Grande. We got to see 3 porcupines high up in trees, 2 great horned owls (one sitting on a nest!), a huge beaver lodge and Canada Geese very close up swimming in a pond. The staff was impressed with our students and how quiet and respectful they were on the trails and how interested they were in everything they saw.
- ◇ On Friday, March 30th students attended NASA day at UNM.
- ◇ We are now selling **Baklavia T-Shirts** to advertise for Salam Academy's Spring Play. If you would like to purchase one, please turn in \$15 and tell us your size ASAP!

Thanks to all of the parents who helped out as chaperones on the field trip.



You are invited to Salam Academy's Spring Performance! We will be presenting the farce Baklavia, a play in two acts by local playwright D.M. Larson. Come and find out how a family of bakers take on the Greek government's increased taxes, a band of silly soldiers and a battle involving flying donuts! You'll sure to enjoy every minute of hilarity this family of pastry bakers can think up!

**Where:** The Southwest Rural Theatre Project- 5800 Kathryn Ave SE

**When:** May 4 @ 6:00pm, May 5 @ 2:00pm & 6:00pm, May 6 @ 6:00pm

The Middle School Students at Salam Academy have been working extremely hard and have a great show cooked up for you.

Please come and support your community, the arts and enjoy a good laugh. We look forward to seeing you!

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