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FROM THE DESK OF ADMINISTRATION

2011-2012 Salam Academy Annual Fundraiser. The theme of this annual fundraiser: **Fighting Hunger in Somalia.**

Each student has a fundraising goal of \$500 towards this campaign organized by the school. A portion of the money collected by each student will go towards the benefit of hungry people in Somalia, Insha'Allah!

A main goal behind this fundraiser is to teach our students to be socially responsible and to be humanitarians. Through this fundraiser the students will see Salam Academy's commitment through Staff/Teachers and Board to helping others in need. This is something the Islamic faith emphasizes.

In addition, the students will see that their parent/guardians are also engaged in charitable acts by helping them reach their fundraising goal. This will also improve the bonds between students and parents while working on this common goal.

How to raise money for the student's fundraising goals:

1- Contact family members and friends of the family to ask them to help



Ms. Iman Babaa mixes Arabic learning with fun!

2- Sell food (ethnic or non-ethnic) door-to-door in the neighborhood or in stands with other Salam Academy students in front of stores

3- Sell gift cards, specifically Donut Mart cards

4- Sell art and craft work. For example, they can sell items brought from overseas from their native countries

5- Tell potential donors that their donation is tax deductible

What happens if a student can not reach their fundraising goal of \$500? The answer is nothing. However, we encourage each student to reach or exceed their fundraising goal.

Teachers can do many positive things for this campaign. They can constantly remind their students and parents/guardians of engaging in fundraising to reach their monetary goal.

The deadline for this fundraiser is March 25, 2012. Thank you for your time and

Volunteers of the Month:

- ◆ Mr. & Mrs. Rhodes
- ◆ Sr. Susan Khalili

REMINDERS!

- ◆ **REMINDER!** Tuition is due on the 1st of each academic month. Late fees apply after the deadline.
- ◆ Stay connected by visiting the school's website, **"Like" us on Facebook** and remember to check the "My Grades" tab on the

And certainly did Our messengers come to Abraham with good tidings; they said, "Salam (Peace)." He said, "Salam (Peace)," and did not delay in bringing [them] a roasted calf. (Qur'an-11:69)



Newsletter Committee:

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THANKS to ALL the Salam Academy Students who have been helping with bake sales to help fundraise for the school.

school's website to connect to GPA system.

Please help us in building responsible citizens by making sure that students are following all the policies and procedures of the school; including school uniform, personal hygiene and taking care of the school's property.

EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAM NEWS FROM THE DESK OF MS. GREEN & MS. AMARAL

The preschoolers have grown and matured incredibly in the past six months.

The children have learned routines, procedures, manners and what it means to be a student.

Ms. Amaral's class has welcomed Becker and Ryhab to the friendly bunch. They have completed letters and phonics curriculum of Alpha Zoo Phonics. They can count to 100 and are going to start simple addition and subtraction. They are in the works of planning a field trip to the ABQ Bio Park. The Zoo and Aquarium should satisfy the children's interest in animals and marine life.

Ms. Amaral's Pre-K will start "Star of the Week" in which the students and family will have a week to complete a collage poster featuring their Star Preschooler!

Congratulations to Sajad, who won the school's Student of the Month of January! Sajad has learned English and has made close friendship. He is always happy and is anxious to learn.

In March, the Early Childhood program will be taking part in Salam Academy's **Jog-A-Thon Fundraiser**.



The preschoolers will spend the day at the park and jog laps to encourage healthy physical activity and fundraise for our school.

Please support us by sponsoring a Salam Academy jogger!

Picture days will be next week Feb 29th and March 1st.

KG NEWS FROM THE DESK OF MS. TONG & MS. BANERJEE

Kindergarten is working very hard on their reading this month. They are learning to read the sight words and words with the silent 'e.' In Math, they are going to learn about odd and even numbers and count by 2s. They are also learning to tie their shoe-laces! **This month's Student of the Month in KG II is Ahmad Awwad** who has been steadily improving and concentrating in class.

KG students are also looking forward to next month's visit by the Albuquerque Bio Van.



MS. JOAN BOYDEN'S 1ST GRADE

1st graders are excited to see the Bio Van on March 19 and 21. On March 23, they will be going to the Bio Park. This all is a follow up on the long time learning on different types of habitats.

They are busy writing biographies about parents who come from the country of origin of the school flag project.



MS. SUZANNE CORDOVA'S 2ND GRADE

Second grade is working very hard on their book to be published. They are learning all about penguins. For the book, each student will have 1 or 2 penguins to research. They will write about their penguin and draw a picture of it. They are having a great time learning about these funny birds.



Feb 2012– Students of the Month

- Early Childhood - Sajad Emami
- Elementary - Yasmeen Hammad
- Middle - Caleb Fisher

Here are the winners of the **A Senior I Know** Contest by grade. These winners will continue to the city contest, Insha'Allah!

- 1st - Mariam Assed/Nabil Zeyaae
- 2nd - Rami Alnashef/Aisha Raji
- 3rd - Ahmed Khalaf/Rakin Faruk
- 4th - Amir Hawash/Mahnoor Gauba
- 5th - Shoaib Ishaq/Malaak Saeed

Abu Hurairah (RA) related that Rasulullah (SAW) said, "You shall not enter Heaven unless you have Faith and your Faith is not complete until you show love towards one another. Would you want me to show you how you can achieve this? Shower your "Salam" (peace) upon one another."



Teacher of the Month Jan 2012:

Mrs. Maggi Brisbin

Awarded a gift certificate from Olympia Café and a Certificate of Appreciation from the Board.

MS. SHARON CUBA'S 3RD GRADE:

We have three weeks until Spring Break!!!! Many of my students have become wiggle worms and I have a feeling that they know a break is coming. This Friday will be Teacher Parent Conferences. If you are unable to attend this Friday I am available before school (8:00-8:20) or after school (3:30-4:00). Thank you for

taking time out of your busy schedule to meet with me.

We will be working on patterns in Products, multiplication facts surveys, and number models with parentheses. In reading we will be reading Pure Power and our Spelling words will be science words. In Language Arts we will be working on prefixes, leads and

endings and test prompts. We will have a Social Studies test this Friday on Chapter 9. Students will be taking their Social Studies books home to study the chapter 9 content. In Science we will be learning about rocks and soil.

Stay tuned about the school's upcoming Free and Reduced Lunch Program!

MS. SHERI PETERSON'S 4TH & 5TH GRADES

4th & 5th class recently finished reading "The Phantom Tollbooth," much to our hearts' content. It was thoroughly enjoyed by all, educating many fun-filled learning projects. They learned about similes, metaphors, idioms, jumping to conclusions, appreciating several points of view, valuing the significance of numbers and words and truly grasping the intriguing wonder of life. They celebrated by having a 'Royal Banquet,' as only

they can, after finishing and honoring the book, dressed as the characters they were throughout their reading. Their banquet was complete with 'synonym' buns, home-made numbered and lettered cookies, home-made cake, doughnuts, and so much more in association and enjoyment. **Congratulations, Fourth and Fifth Graders! You did a wonderful job!**



SALAM ACADEMY SCIENCE FAIR 2012 WINNERS



Ask about Salam Academy's Tutoring Program! It is open to all internal and external students.

Grades 1 and 2:
1st place: Mariam Assed
2nd place: Mutazz Jaber
3rd place: Eman Gauba

Grades 3, 4 and 5:
1st place: Hamza Momeni
2nd place: Darya Mosallaei
3rd place Tie:- Rakin Faruk/
Amir Hawash



WISH LIST!

- Electric Pencil Sharpener, Batteries, Tennis Balls, Clorox Wipes, Tennis Racquets, White Board Markers for the Middle School
- Art supplies for Pre-K
- #2 pencils for Grade-1



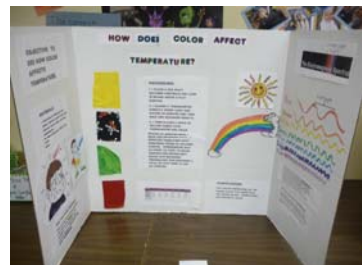
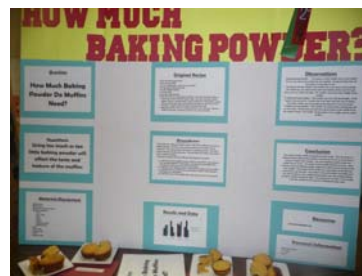
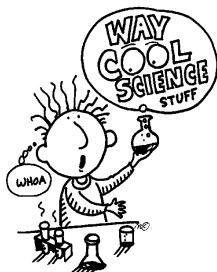
Visit to Water Utility Authority

Middle School:
1st place: Rinad Yousef/Fatimah Gauba
2nd place: Abdullah Shah
3rd place: Aminata Sall



CENTRAL NM REGIONAL SCIENCE COMPETITION QUALIFIERS

1. Rinad Yousef and Fatimah Gauba (Group Project)
2. Abdullah Shah
3. Aminata Sall
4. Nimra Ishaq (honorable mention)
5. Layla Saleem (honorable mention)
6. Taha Quraishi
7. Alexis Al-Omari
8. Caleb Fisher
9. Marwa Kassem
10. Landon de Rekeneire
11. Isa/ Sannan/ Mahmud
12. Sara Hasan
13. Bilal Momini





MS. KAMILA KASPARIAN'S LANGUAGE ARTS & SOCIAL STUDIES

It is hard to believe that we have finished the second trimester and moving on to the very last part of the year.

Language Arts:

It is important that we remember to keep up on our work and continue our study of English, literature and writing. We've read some of the most classic works in American literature including, "Rip Van Winkle," "I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings," and "The Phantom Tollbooth." As we have progressed throughout the year it has been such a treat to see how much broader and deeper their understanding of literature has become. I have been trying to get the students ready for college level

thinking with multiple literature discussions where conversations, answers and ideas can flow freely.

We've also been working very hard on the writing process, specifically as it relates to research papers. Each student is doing something very different and it is wonderful that there is such a vast array of interests and strengths. I feel very confident in the final products that we will be working on shortly. Based on what I have read so far, these students will be ready to write confidently in any area of study.

Social Studies:

Though we have been focusing on different aspects of history in the

different grades, there has been one theme that has been prevalent in all my classes: finding an identity as a world citizen, New Mexican and American. Though the details of history are all unique, there are similar threads that unify the subjects. In Sixth Grade we finished studying Ancient Rome by performing a small part of William Shakespeare's "The Tragedy of Julius Caesar". In studying New Mexico in Seventh Grade, we are wrapping up with a study of Life Zones and food and the environment before we move on to New Mexico's early people. In 8th grade we are progressing through American history and switching gears from the American Revolution to the Constitution.

Class Website: lasalamacademy.blogspot.com

MS. MAGGIE BRISBIN'S SCIENCE FUN

In 8th grade, we dissected Perch. There was a bit of a fishy smell to be overcome, but it was great to observe all the things that we have been talking about in lecture.

In 7th grade we listened to Fatimah and Nimra's presentation on the lovely Pin Cushion Star Fish. This is one of my favorite

animals that I saw often while diving in The Bahamas this past summer. The girls may have suffered a bit, by researching something that I know a lot about, but they answered questions to the best of their ability and did a really great job presenting! Their diorama was amazingly creative and so, so pretty!!

In 6th grade science, we went outside to perform a lab that explored some aspects of kinetic energy. Different sized balls (tennis, golf, Ping-Pong, and baseball) were dropped from varying heights into Play-Doh. The indent was measured and used to discern how mass and height dropped from affects the balls kinetic and potential energy.

Class Website: brisbinscience.blogspot.com

MS. NUHA BABAA'S MIDDLE SCHOOL MATH:

Sixth Grade Math is using Everyday Mathematics, studying arithmetic and algebraic operations on mathematical expressions together with the order of operations.

Seventh Grade Math is using Saxon Algebra 1, studying factoring, simplifying and evaluating algebraic expressions, also solving equations and inequalities.

Eighth Grade Math is using Saxon Algebra 2, studying different algebraic

operations on algebraic expressions. Evaluating arithmetic expressions and solving and graphing equations of two variables.



Participants of Regional Math Counts 2012



Visiting Mayor Richard J. Berry

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CONGRATULATIONS!

2ND TRIMESTER "A" HONOR ROLL- 2012

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| IMAN AGGAD | SAKENNA AL-HASSAN |
| RAKIN FARUK | AHMAD AWWAD |
| SARA HASAN | ABDULLAH MAMDANI |
| AMR KASSEM | MARWA KASSEM |
| AMIR HAWASH | DARYA MOSALLAEI |
| LILY MOSALLAEI | MECKREM YOUSEF |
| ODEY YOUSEF | |

Salam Academy needs volunteers! We are looking to fill the following volunteer positions:

Data Entry - Must be able type accurately and navigate through forms. The time for this position is flexible and can be done for short periods of time like an hour before and after drop-off or pickup.

Filing - Must be able alphabetize. The times for this position are flexible and can be done for short periods of time like an hour before after drop-off or pickup.

Answering phones - Must be able to speak clearly and professionally. Hours are flexible and we can use many people in this position at different times of the day.

Copying - We need a reliable person who is available most mornings for a half hour who also knows how to use a copier. This job can be done during morning assembly or immediately after.

Pre-K assistant - Must be able to work with children and help in the classroom on a regular basis. Does not need to work everyday but must commit to a regular schedule

Library assistant - Must be able to alphabetize to re shelf books and help teachers on library days. Must commit to a regular schedule.

Playground monitors - Must be able to be at school during middle school recess from 12:15-1 pm. Does not have to work everyday but must be able to commit to a regular schedule.

Assistant Chess Coach - Must be available Wed afternoons from 3:45-5:00 pm. Should have some knowledge of chess.

Recycling Coordinator - Must box up recycling once a week and prepare it to send in. This can be done anytime of the day.

Box tops Coordinator - Get Box Tops ready to send in to company about once per month. This does not take much time and can be done anytime during the day.

BEHAVIORAL PROBLEMS IN CHILDREN EXPOSED TO CELL PHONES

The 2008 study revealed that mothers who used mobile phones were in fact 54 percent more likely to have children with behavioral problems. When the children also later used the phones themselves, they were:

- 80 percent more likely to suffer from difficulties with behavior
- 25 percent more at risk from emotional problems
- 34 percent more likely to suffer from difficulties relating to their peers
- 35 percent more likely to be hyperactive
- 49 percent more prone to problems with conduct

Top 10 Tips for Cell Phone Safety:

- Children Should Avoid Using Cell Phones
- Reduce Your Cell Phone Use
- Use a Land Line at Home and at Work
- Reduce or Eliminate Your Use of Other Wireless Devices
- Use Your Cell Phone Only Where Reception is Good
- Also Seek to Avoid Carrying Your Phone on Your Body
- Don't Assume One Cell Phone is Safer Than Another
- Keep Your Cell Phone Away From Your Body When it is On
- Respect Others Who are More Sensitive
- Use Safer Headset Technology



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.