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## VOICE OF AMERICA FILM PRODUCERS SELECT IScGKC

On Friday, January 13, 2023, we had a TV producer and two co-workers from Voice of America (VOA) Indonesian Service in Washington, DC. come to our school to interview and take videos with our teachers, students, and parents. They are working on several TV packages and social media content for their Indonesian audience. They came across our school website as they were researching about Kansas City, and they were interested in doing a profile of the Islamic School of Greater Kansas City. They believe this will enrich their audience perspectives about Islam in America. It will be a 3-minute TV/video package, and a shorter one for digital content. They plan to release the story during Ramadan this year. Their website is [www.voaindonesia.com](http://www.voaindonesia.com)



IScGKC students **Abdinaser Weli** and **Abdirizak Weli** sharing information about our school, their experiences, and their future career options.

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### VISION

Striving to be a premier Islamic progressive and scientific learning Institution.

### MISSION

To provide a nurturing environment where students aspire for excellence in education, integrity and leadership skills to better serve humanity.

### GOALS

Dedicated to produce Committed Balanced Muslims, Knowledgeable Scholars, Contributing Citizens and Community Builders.



### Hickman Mills C.O.D.E. Students

Congratulations to two of our IScGKC students who qualified for the C.O.D.E. (gifted program)!

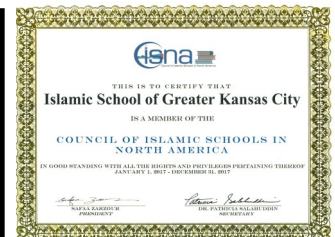
**Khalid Benyusuf - 4th Grade**



**Basam Mohamed - 1st Grade**



### IScGKC Accreditation



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## Teachers' Meetings

### JANUARY TEACHERS' MEETING

- \* **January 6, 2023** - Teachers met to discuss the procedures for the Cultural Fair Kids' Market. They also discussed information about workshops available for the teachers.
- \* **January 20, 2023** - Teachers met to discuss some school concerns, Br. Hasan Shatara gave a lecture about how to teach our children to grow up as Muslims and live their lives as Muslims, and Sister Maisa Jouhari gave advice on sincerity.



*"When we look at our students, we see UNLIMITED POSSIBILITIES!"*

## CISNA School Board Retreat



School Board members Raqib Huq, Saba Hamouda, and Arifa Garman, along with a former parent, Nik Huq, attended a Board

Development Retreat in Tampa, Florida on January 20-22, 2023. They attended interactive professional development sessions on "Building An Effective Board", "Hiring & Evaluating Principals", "Fundraising & Endowments", "Board Roles & Responsibilities", and "Strategic Planning". This retreat was organized by CISNA (Council of Islamic Schools of North America).



## Accreditation Renewal

IScGKC will be working on our accreditation renewals during this year and the next school year. The renewal will be for both COGNIA and CISNA.

COGNIA is the national accreditation organization and CISNA is the Islamic accreditation. CISNA will be the organization that gives us our review.

We will be asking our parents and all stakeholders for your assistance in meeting some of the requirements for our school. We will start during Parent/Teacher conferences in February by asking parents to take a survey. We will have a table set up in the gym with a computer to take the survey which will be available on our website.

We thank you in advance for your help.



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## SICK CHILDREN POLICY

### REMINDER: AGREEMENT REQUIRED BY THE STATE

When my child is ill (has a temperature, diarrhea, vomiting or a communicable disease) it is understood that he/she will not come to school or will be sent home.

Flu seasons are unpredictable. Although widespread flu activity usually occurs every year, the timing, severity, and duration of it depend on many factors, including which flu viruses are spreading, the number of people who are susceptible to the flu viruses that are spreading, and how similar vaccine viruses are to the flu viruses that are causing illness. The timing of flu activity can vary from season to season.

#### Best Precautions:

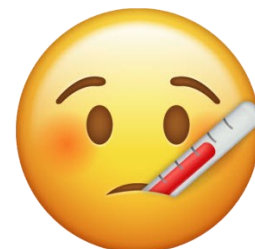
- Wash your hand frequently to avoid spreading germs.
- Sanitize areas around you often.
- Stay home when you have a fever or vomiting.
- Optional: Vaccinations can be preventative.

## Reporting Child Sick Days

Please remember to report first thing in the morning if your child is sick and will not be attending school that day.

**Also, please do not send sick children to school. Just notify the office by 8:30 a.m., so that we can mark it as an excused absence, NOT in the afternoon or the next day.**

Thank you.





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## Quran Competition 2023 Results

### 8th-10th Grade Advanced

#### Surat Yusuf

**First place:**

Erum Syed, Abdirizaq Weli, Abdinasir Weli, Bahja Nur, Sumaya Ahmed, Hamza Al-Shaikh, Rimas Dalaq, Jinan Salem, Sabeer Salam, Abdullahi Awil, Imran Adam, and Yanus Ahmed

**Second place:**

Adam Al-Shaikh.

No third place.

#### Surat Ara'ad and Surat Ibrahim

**First place:**

Erum Syed, Abdirizaq Weli, Abdinasir Weli, Bahja Nur, Sumaya Ahmed, Hamza Al-Shaikh, Rimas Dalaq, Jinan Salem, Sabeer Salam, Abdullahi Awil, Imran Adam, Yanus Ahmed, and Usuf Farah.

**Second place:**

Adam Al-Shaikh, Abdalrahman Benkhadra, and Hamza Nur.

**Third place:**

Akram Yusuf.

### 7th Grade Advanced

#### Surat Al-A'raf

**First place:**

Marya Taha, Sumayyah Mohamed, Abdullah El-Yousef, Nusaiba Awil, Maryan Nur, Muayad Benkhadra, Amar Adam, and Isra Syed.

**Second place:**

Yusuf Barakat, and Ayah Salem.

**Third place:**

Abdurrazaq Al-Shami



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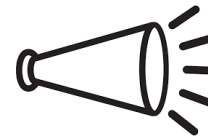
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### January Student

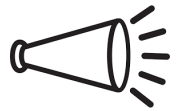
#### Shout Out Goes to . . .

#### Erum Syed - 8th Grader



*"Thank you for being a great role model to other students!"*

### January Students



#### Shout Out Goes to . . .

**Al-Hasan  
Aldini**

4th Grade



**Al-Ameen  
Adem**

4th Grade



**Yusuf  
Murayan**

2nd Grade



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Governor Mike Parson issued a proclamation recognizing **January 22-28, 2023** as Missouri School Choice Week. So, our school participated in this event too, since we have been receiving information from this organization for the past several years. The National School Choice sent us information, yellow scarves, and stickers to celebrate this freedom of choice for our children's school selection.

National School Choice Week (NSCW) informs, inspires, and empowers parents to discover the K-12 education options available for their children, while generating widespread public awareness of the importance of opportunity in K-12 education.



Made by our

Elementary students.

Thank you **Sister Rose, Elementary Student Council Advisor**, for organizing this event.



We would also like to thank our parents for selecting IScGKC for your child's school choice.



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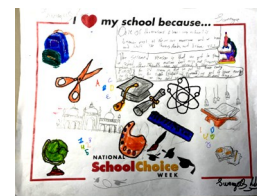
## I ♥ LOVE MY SCHOOL

The Elementary Student Council had a "I Love My School because..." Contest for the National School Choice Week.

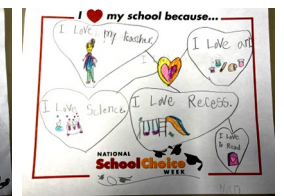
The top three winners are listed below.



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| 3rd Place<br>Sumaya Adam<br>4th Grade | 2nd Place<br>Haniya Kabir<br>1st Grade A | 1st Place<br>Taleen Khalil<br>4th Grade |
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3rd



2nd



1st

### Class winners were:

- 1st Grade A Haniya Kabir & Raed Nasser
- 1st Grade B Safiya Benarous
- 2nd Grade Yusuf Murayan & Zayne Kamran
- 3rd Grade Talia Benyalmarjeh & Ibrahim Aldini
- 4th Grade Taleen Khalil & Sumaya Adam
- 5th Grade Malak Mounded & Khushi Ahtisham



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## CULTURAL BREAKFAST WITH PARENTS

*Sponsored by our IScGKC Student Council*

On Thursday, January 26, 2023, our Student Council hosted a Cultural Breakfast with Parents. Parents brought a plate of food to share with other parents and student to celebrate our diversity and our many different cultures at IScGKC.

Sumaya Ahmed welcomed everyone for coming, and Abdullahi Abdi read Quran to start the program and breakfast. Some students gave a short speech about their culture. All students (6th-10th grades) participated and dressed with Islamic culture clothes.

Three prizes from random drawings were given to parents for participating.

We are sharing with you a poem that was written by one of our students and read at the breakfast about her country, Kenya.

\* \* \* \* \*

### KENYA

By Sidra Osman, 7thB Grade, January 26, 2023



*My beloved country.  
House full of different people.  
We are as different as flower pedals.  
  
From our mistakes, we retrace our steps,  
And get through every disaster.  
We fight each other, but we should not.  
Strengthen the binding knots,  
And work together for a stronger Kenya.*

*The night is beautiful.  
So are the faces of my people.  
The stars are beautiful.  
So are the eyes of my people.  
The sun is bright,  
So are the souls of my people.  
The sky is unique,  
So as my country, Kenya.*



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## Student Council Activities

Thank you to our Student Council Officers for planning the breakfast and also the Kids' Cultural Fair Market:

**Sumaya Ahmed, President**

**Rimas Dalaq, Vice President**

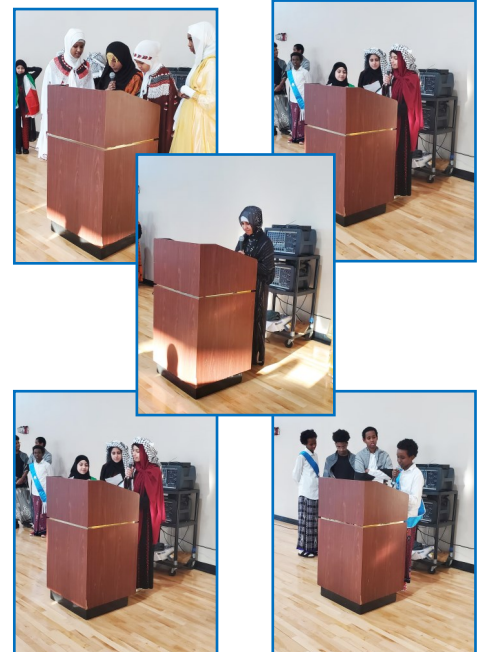
**Akram Yusuf, Treasurer**

**Bahja Nur, Secretary**

**Mulki Ahmed, Community Relations Director**

If you have any ideas or suggestions for future student events, please share your ideas with one of these officers.

*Jazakallah Khair!*





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"Surely Allah loves those who do good."

The Holy Quran 2:195



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## CULTURAL FAIR KIDS' MARKET

*Sponsored by our IScGKC Student Council*

On Friday, January 27, 2023, our school hosted a Cultural Fair Kids' Market. Students in 1st-8th grades rented tables to sell their product represented from different cultures. The students did a great job and had a variety of items to sell. We had an excellent turnout. The students cleaned up after the sell and received their deposit money back.

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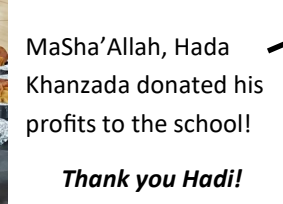
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*Thank you to the students, parents, and community for your support!*



MaSha'Allah, Hada Khanzada donated his profits to the school!

**Thank you Hadi!**



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## DENTAL PRESENTATION By Zoha Malak

On Tuesday, January 10, 2023, Zoha Malak, a former IScGKC student, and her co-partner, came to our school to give our 9th and 10th graders a presentation on dental health. She is attending the Concorde Dental Hygiene school to become a certified dental hygienist. She shared information with our students about the importance of oral dental care.



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Displaying acts of kindness is a fundamental aspect of our religion. **Islam encourages kindness and compassion towards everyone, no matter, one's religion, status or color.** There is an emphasis in the **Quran** to be kind to one's parents and orphans.

## KINDNESS

*“Every Act of Kindness is Charity, Even If It Is Just A Smile.”*

~ Prophet Muhammed ~

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## WANTED: GREAT BOOKS TO READ!!!

Sister Fazeela Saiyed, one of our parents, is helping with a book drive and collecting books from our school community parents and students. These books will be given to a women's homeless shelter.

## IScGKC Bad Weather Closing Policy

School closings or late starts depends a lot on the nearby school closings around us. The following is our policy for closing our school:

**If Hickman Mills, Lee's Summit, Independence, Blue Springs, Raytown, etc. close their schools, we will most likely close IScGKC also.**

When we close the school for any reason, we try our best to notify everyone through various methods. We will try to give you as much advanced notice as possible. If you have any doubt about if our school will be closed, these are the methods that we use:

We send text messages to all parents, teachers, and staff. Please make sure that the office has your **current cell phone number** to receive the text messages.

We send email messages to all parents, teachers, and staff. Please make sure that the office has your **current email address**.

We post it on our school website, [www.iscgc.org](http://www.iscgc.org).

For Android phones, we post it on our school app, "IScGKC School App".

We post it on **Orbund**, <http://iscgc.orbund.com>.

We call it into the local news stations (if we can get through to them quickly enough).



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## Student Knowledge Shared

“If you have knowledge,  
let other light their candle by it.”

~ Margaret Fuller~



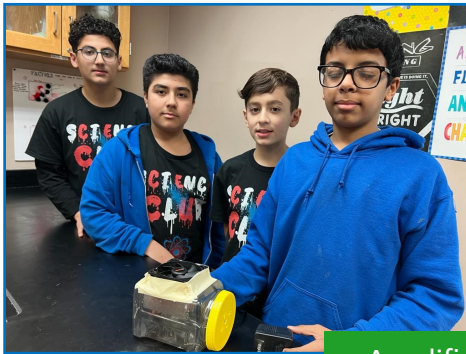
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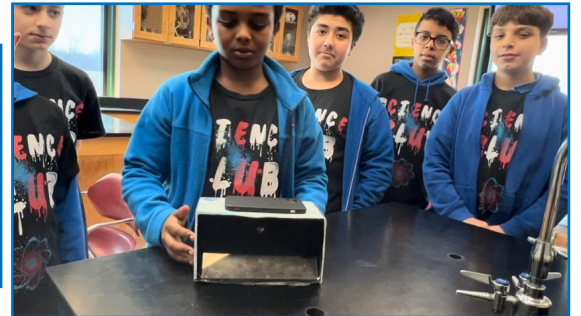
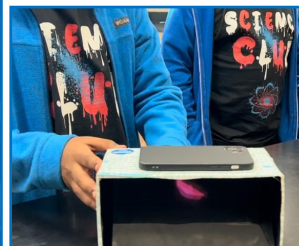
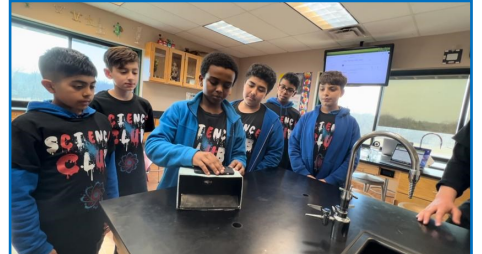
## 2022-2023 Science Club in Action



Amplifier Project



A.C. & Hologram Project





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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### IMPORTANT DATES:

January 2	First Semester Grades Due
January 16	Martin Luther King Day (NO SCHOOL)
January 20	Celebrate Diversity (6th-10th)
January 27	Celebrate Diversity (K-5th)
February 3	Mid-Term 3rd Quarter (24 Days)
February 10	Mid-Term 3rd Quarter Grades Due
February 13-17	Book Fair
February 17	Parent/Teacher Conferences (NO SCHOOL)
March 10	End of 3rd Quarter
March 13-17	Spring Break (NO SCHOOL)
March 22	1st Day of Ramadan
March 23	Quran Competition (KG-5th)
March 24	Quran Competition (6th-10th)
March 26	Town Hall Meeting
April 3	1st Day for Early Registration
April 3-14	MAP Test (K-10th)
April 7	Science Fair Union Station (4th-10th)
April 20	Mid Fourth Quarter (24 Days)
April 21-25	Eid Al-Fitr (No School)
April 28	Mid Quarter Grades Due
	Early Registration Ends

## School Announcements

Just a reminder, we will be making the latest school announcements via these methods:

- Orbund Text Messages
- Orbund Announcements
- Voice Messages
- Email Messages
- [www.iscgkc.org](http://www.iscgkc.org) (School Website)



If you need to reach the administration office, please email us as follows:

admin@iscgkc.org - Diane Ghosheh, Technical Coordinator  
 schooladmin@iscgkc.org - Maryam Haggins, School Administrator  
 shamouda@iscgkc.org - Saba Hamouda, Principal  
 fjabeen@iscgkc.org - Farzana Jabeen, Vice Principal

We are working at hard to keep the school running efficiently. If you need to reach us immediately, please leave a voice message. We are promptly answering all voicemails and emails.

When at home, take care of your families and be safe.

Thank you for your cooperation!



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## Online Payments

Online Payments can be made for school fees, lunches, registrations, yearbooks, etc., on our school website:

[www.iscgkc.org](http://www.iscgkc.org)

Just select the Payments and choose your selection from the buttons provided. **Thank you.**

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***"IF YOU GIVE THANKS, I WILL GIVE YOUR MORE."***  
***Quran 14:7***

## **2ND QUARTER / 1st SEMESTER** **Ends on December 20, 2022**

Our 2nd Quarter ended on December 20, 2022, completing another 43 days of school. Please make sure you child has all of their homework turned in so that it can be graded before the teachers submit their grades.

**Let's make the best of this year and encourage your child to keep up the good work!**



Hadith on Plague: Avoid the plague but do not spread it either.

*The Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, said, "If you hear of a plague in a land, then do not go into it. If it happens in land where you are, then do not go out of it."*

**SAY YOUR DUA'A AND WASH YOUR HANDS.**