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John Herbst

Former Ambassador to Ukraine Visits IScGKC

The former ambassador to Ukraine, John E. Herbst, visited our school and spoke to Grades 8th, 9th and 10th grade students on Wednesday, March 1st from 2:35-3:20 p.m. He made a brief presentation, then answered students' questions.

His visit was sponsored by **KU's Center for Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies, with KCPL and the International Relations Council of Kansas City (IRC)**. He was US ambassador to Ukraine from 2003 to 2006, when he worked to enhance US-Ukrainian relations, help ensure the conduct of a fair Ukrainian presidential election. In addition to Ukraine, he has served in Uzbekistan, Afghanistan, Jerusalem, Tel Aviv, Moscow, and Saudi Arabia.

Ambassador John E. Herbst is the senior director of the Atlantic Council's Eurasia Center and served for thirty-one years as a foreign service officer in the US Department of State, retiring at the rank of career minister.

He most recently served as director of the center for complex operations at National Defense University. He has received the Presidential Distinguished Service Award, the Secretary of State's Career Achievement Award, and the State Department's Distinguished Honor Award. Ambassador Herbst has written book chapters, articles, and op-eds on stability operations in Central Asia, Ukraine, and Russia. His writings have appeared in the New York Times, the Washington Post, the Atlantic, the National Interest, and Foreign Policy. **He has been a frequent guest discussing the Ukraine crisis on television and radio.**



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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.

IScGKC Accreditation



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Teachers' Meetings



MARCH TEACHERS' MEETING

- * **March 3, 2023** - Teachers met in their departmental meetings with their lead subject matter teachers.
- * **March 17, 2023** - No Teacher Meeting due to Spring Break.
- * **March 31, 2023** - Teachers met in their departmental meetings with their lead subject matter teachers.

MARCH TEACHERS' TRAINING

- * **March 7, 2023** - Sr. Reagan Kamran attended, "Responsive Literacy Practices".
- * March 9, 2023 - Ms. Deb Branson attended, "Equity Empowered Learning".
- * **March 14, 2023** - Sr. Salimah Plenty attended, "Responsive Math Practices".
- * **March 21, 2023** - Sr. Farzana Jabeen attended, "Equity Empowered Learning-Leveraging Data for Equity".

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



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Islamic Society of Greater Kansas City

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Alhamdulillah, The Islamic Society of Greater Kansas City (ISGKC) and Islamic Center of Kansas (ICK) teamed up with our local based relief organization in Overland Park Mercy Without Limits (MWL) and raised over \$130,000.00 last Friday! Your donation are making an immediate difference mashallah and many services have been delivered already! See video from inside Syria and Turkey!



**IScGKC works with the
Islamic Center of Greater Kansas City to
Help with Donation Funds for Victims of
the Turkey & Syria Earthquakes**

In addition to the two mosques teaming up together to help raise money for the people suffering from the earthquakes in Turkey and Syria, the Islamic School of Greater Kansas City also raised over \$3,000 that we were aware of to add to the donations. Many IScGKC families also made donations directly to the mosques.

Alhamdulillah for everyone's generous donations, and may Allah help these victims in time of need and protect them from future earthquakes.

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 students, parents, alumni, and all stakeholders for your assistance in meeting some of the requirements for our school. We will start during Ramadan by asking parents to take a survey. It will soon be available on our school website, www.iscgkc.org.

We thank you in advance for your help.



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.

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Quran Competition 2023 Results

Please see the attached PDF file for a list of all Quran winners.



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ALLAH'S Revelation



Surahs of the Quran Competition March 30, 2023

Kindergarten:

From Al-Qadr to Ad-Duha

1st Grade:

Al-Balad, Al-Fajr, Al-Ghashiyah,
Al-A'la, Atariq, Al-Burooj.

2nd Grade:

Atakweer, Abasa, Annazi'at, Annaba'

3rd Grade:

Surat Al-Qiyamah, Al-Muddathir,
Al-Muzzammil, Nouh, and Al-Ma'ariq

4th, 5th and 6th Grade Beginners:

Al-Mujadalah, Al-Hasr

4th, 5th and 6th Grade:

Al-Hashr, Assaf, Al-Munafiqoon,
Al-Jumu'ah

6th grade:

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

“Whoever recites the Quran and acts according to what is in it, his parents will be crowned on the Day of Resurrection with a light brighter than the light of the sun in your worldly houses.”



“Surely Allah loves those who do good.”

The Holy Quran 2:195



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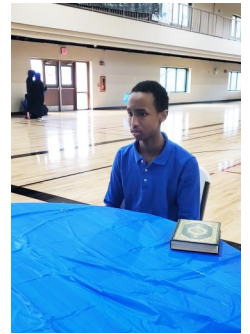
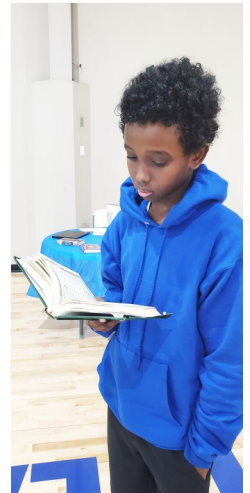
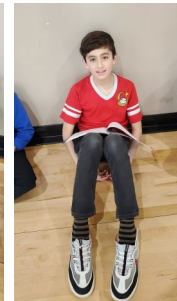
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Quran Competition 2023 Photos

Congratulations to all of our 2023 Quran Competition winners!
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IScGKC SCIENCE CLUB @ UNION STATION SCIENCE & ENGINEERING FAIR



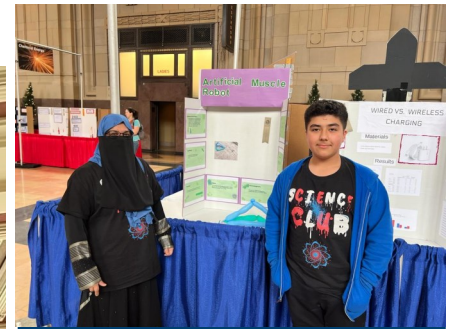
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WITH THEIR COACH "Sister Farzana" on Friday, March 31, 2023



Hadi Khanzada
Muayad Benkhadra
7thB Grade
Science Project
DVI Amplifier

SILVER RIBBON WINNERS



Shihab Kassim
8th Grade
Science Project
Artificial Muscle Robot



Abdulrahman Benkhadra
Usuf Farah
8th Grade
Science Project
3D Hologram



Sadig Hmoudy
Saed Wishah
8th Grade
Science Project
DVI Air Conditioner Unit



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KALEIDOSCOPE FIELD TRIP

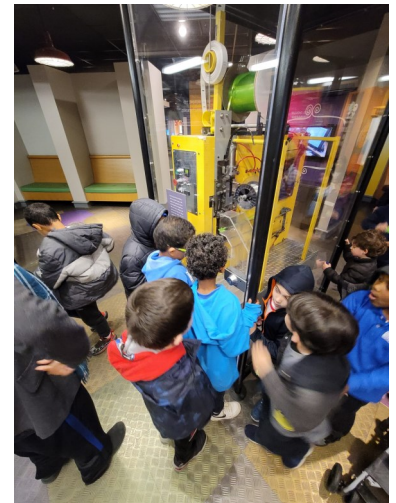
On Thursday, March 11, 2023, our **1st graders** took a field trip to Kaleidoscope to explore and discover their creative abilities. They enjoyed the trip and loved riding the school bus.

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Students of the 3rd Quarter, 2023

Congratulations to our 2022-2023 Students of the 3rd Quarter! These students were selected by their teachers for outstanding academic achievements, excellent Islamic behavior and manners, and meeting all attendance requirements.

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Sumayyah Ahmed
6th Grade



Iman Bashir
7thA Grade



Ira Syed
7thB Grade



Maha Yusuf
8th Grade



Bahja Nur
9th Grade



Danish Khateeb
10th Grade

MANNERS & TRAITS OF A GOOD MUSLIM STUDENT

Work & Study Hard

Respect All Teachers & Staff Members

Be Helpful

Be Punctual

Treat Others How You Would Want to be Treated

Say "Assalamu Alaikum" to Other Muslims in Your School

Always Tell the Truth



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IscGKC Fundraisers

CHUCK E. CHEESE
NON-PROFIT
FUNdraising

Turning Fun into Funds™

UP TO 20% DONATION OF ALL EVENT SALES!

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR EVENT! BRING THIS FLYER TO CHUCK E. CHEESE.

EVENT INFORMATION

LOCATION: **CHUCK E. CHEESE**

TIME: 5-9 PM

NON-PROFIT: Islamic School

EVENT DATE: April 21, 2023

EVENT ADDRESS: 10810 Metcalf Ln Overland Park, KS

To find out more, check out chuckcheese.com

Bring this flyer to Chuck E. Cheese for **10 FREE PLAY POINTS**

Limit 1 per child. Valid only on night of fundraising event. Donations of \$25 or more are required. © 2023 Chuck E. Cheese. All rights reserved.

75 PLAY POINTS FOR \$25

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\$29.99

1 Large (1) Topping Pizza & Drink

Includes 1000 Play Points. Valid only on night of fundraising event. Donations of \$25 or more are required. © 2023 Chuck E. Cheese. All rights reserved.

DOWNLOAD THE NEW APP GET 500 FREE E-TICKETS!

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Spirit night

20% of the proceeds are donated back to your organization

Islamic School of Greater KC

April 24 2023 // 4 PM - 8 PM

Spirit Night pricing:
\$33.99 Platinum Attractions
\$27.99 Ultimate Attractions

*Tickets available at the front desk. Must mention Spirit Night at time of purchase. Minimum 2 tickets required. On the day of the event, Spirit Night tickets are valid from 4pm - 8pm. All day of the event.

14401 Metcalf Avenue // Overland Park, KS 66223
(913) 298-0626

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Hanah Abdeljawad
6th Grade



Abdullah Elyousef
7thA Grade



Zaineb Karraz
7thB Grade



Abdalrahman Benkhadra
8th Grade



Sophia Alnajjar
9th Grade



Sumaya Ahmed
10th Grade

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Elementary Ramadan Doors

Sister Najia's Class Door (2nd Graders)

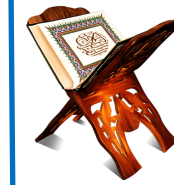


Sister Fozia's Class Door (5th Graders)



ARCHERY CLUB STUDENTS

Our Archery Club is a big success thank you to *Sister Jaime Banyalmarjeh* and her students for getting this off to a great start!



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Sister Reagan Kamran
Teaches 1st Grade Students
How To Grow Plants
Ma Sha Allah!!!



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FANCY FRIDAY DRESS DAY



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March Calendar Updates

Please be notified that **during Ramadan**, school will be **released early at 2:45 p.m. Mondays thru Thursdays beginning March 23, 2023**. Friday hours will stay the same with the release time of 12:40 p.m. Also, the **week of April 17th** the school will be **closed**, due to our unused snow days. We will **return on April 26th**. Since this will be the last ten days of Ramadan, it will give us time to reflect, increase our knowledge, and become closer to Allah. Ramadan Mubarak! May Allah accept your fasting and prayers. Thank you.

QURAN COMPETITION DATE CHANGED TO MARCH 30, 2023. (KG - 10TH Grades)

TOWN HALL MEETING DATE CHANGED TO APRIL 30, 2023



May you receive many blessings this Ramadan!



SCIENCE BUDDIES Ping Pong Pick Up Challenge

Lessons by Teacher "Sister Fozia"



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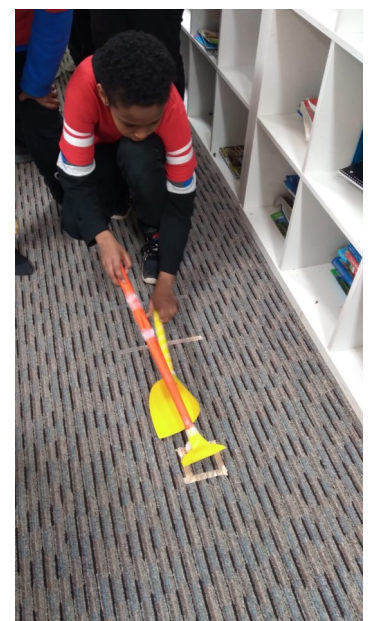
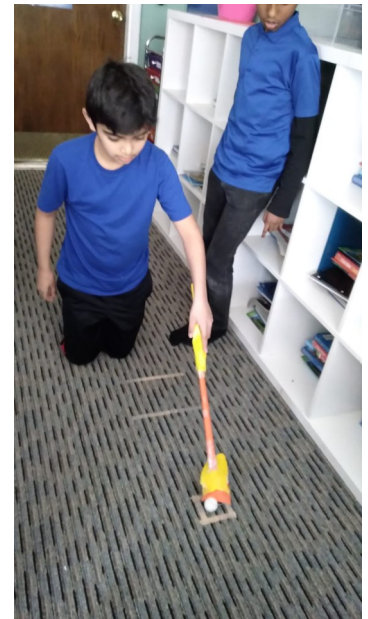
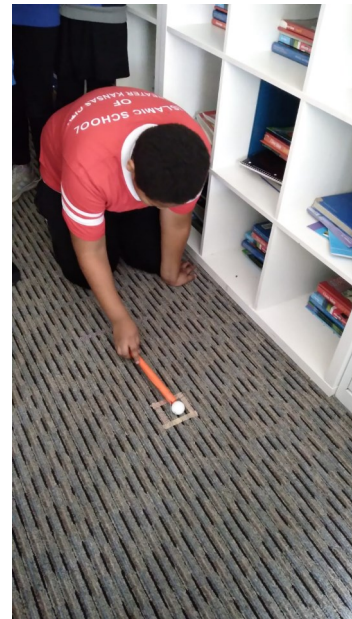
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Can you build a tool to retrieve a ping pong ball?

4th Graders using their best scientific ideas and a great hands-on activity.





SCIENCE PROJECTS DISCOVERIES & BEYOND

Lessons by Teacher "Sister Fozia"



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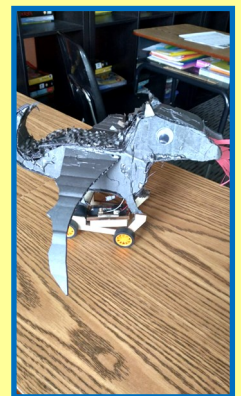
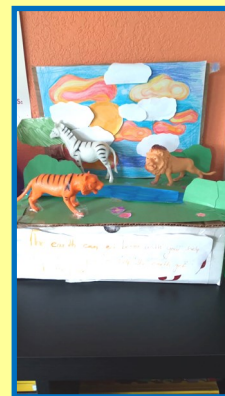
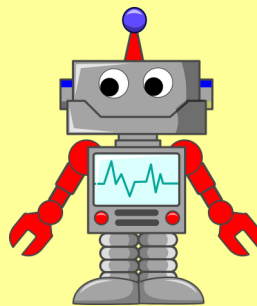
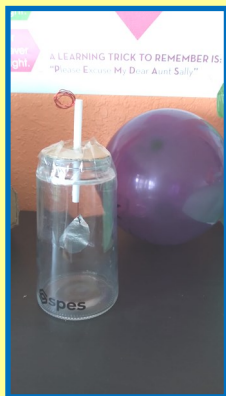
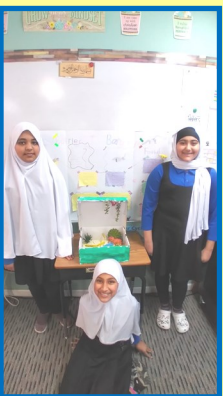
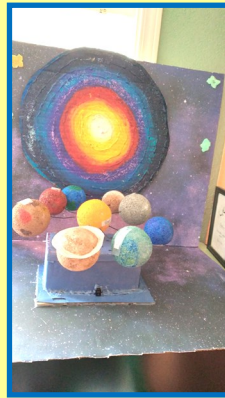
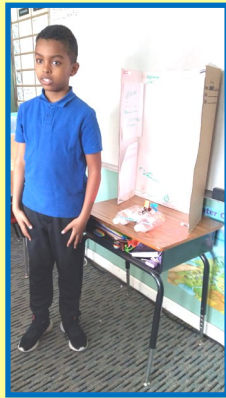
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LEARNING THE STEPS TO TAKE ON A SCIENCE EXPERIMENT

5th Graders presenting their class science projects.



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DRESS LIKE A TEACHER DAY FOR ELEMENTARY

Organized by Teacher "Sister Rose"

Elementary Student Council was busy this month planning different activities for the weeks before Spring Break. This is one of their favorites.



No shortage of teachers here.

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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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MORE . . .

DRESS LIKE A TEACHER DAY FOR ELEMENTARY

Organized by Teacher "Sister Rose"

"Sister Saba, who do you want to hire?"



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OUR VISION

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Student Knowledge Shared

“Sharing knowledge is the most fundamental act of friendship. Because it is a way you can give something without losing something.”



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Science Club Students Working on 3D Hologram Project for Sharing with Union Station



The Science and Engineering Fair and Union Station will be held as follows:

Friday, March 31, 2023

9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m. - **PUBLIC VIEWING and SCHOOL FIELD TRIP VISITS**

The Fair is free and open to the public.

4:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. - **REMOVAL OF PROJECTS**

All projects must be removed by 7:00 p.m. or they will Be discarded!

Saturday, April 1, 2023

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. - Awards Day at THE CHARLES N. KIMBALL AWARDS CENTER.

5th Graders Working Together & Sharing Knowledge with STEM Projects



Firefighter “Kevin” Sharing Knowledge to Kindergarteners About What To Do In Case Of A Fire



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

IMPORTANT DATES:

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
May 8	End of Course Test (8th-12th)
May 11	Prek-K Graduation
May 12	1st-5th Awards Day
May 19	6th-10th Awards Day
May 20	12th Grade Graduation
May 26	Half Day/Semester Ends/Last Day (47 Days)
May 29	Memorial Day (No School)
May 30	Semester Grades Due

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 (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

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

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.

"IF YOU GIVE THANKS, I WILL GIVE YOUR MORE."

Quran 14:7

3rd QUARTER

Ends on March10, 2023

Our 3rd Quarter ended on March 10, 2023,, completing another 48 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.