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STUDENT COUNCIL RAISES MONEY FOR PALESTINE

Welcome our NEW Student Council Officers!

On Friday, October 27, 2023, our Student Council Officers held a fundraiser for Palestine during our Parent -Teacher conferences.

The students sold food items and accepted cash donations. **Alhamdolilah**, they were able to raise . . .

\$7,048.50























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IScGKC Accreditation





NWFA Test Results Are IN

Our NWEA MAP test have been completed for grades Kindergarten through 10th grades. The individual test scores were printed and given to the teachers for Parent-Teacher conferences. If you were unable to attend the conferences, please check with your child's teacher or the office to pick it up.



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FACULTY UPDATES

OCTOBER TEACHERS' MEETING

- * Friday, October 13th, Dr. Dan Lumley gave a presentation to our teachers regarding motivational planning and teacher strategies.
- Friday, October 27th, we held our first Parent-Teacher conferences.

TEACHERS' UPDATES

Please note new changes.

As of 20/23/23, our 2nd Grade teachers are as follows:
 2ndA - Najia Tariq (Homeroom Teacher)
 2ndB - Saoudah Griffith (Homeroom Teacher)
 These teachers will no longer be subject teachers because the administration decided it was best to have homeroom teachers

to teach all subjects to these students.

TEACHERS' TRAINING

* Several of our teachers have started training classes for "Youth Mental Health First Aid" certification which is valid for 3 years. It consists of four sessions totaling 9 hours. The course is conducted by Lighthouse Initiative in collaboration with Dr. Omar Reda a board-certified psychiatrist, Harvard-trained trauma expert, and author. Also, joining him is Dr. Dina Abdelrahman, a licensed professional counselor.

"Good teaching is more a giving of right questions than a giving of right answers. "

PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

On Friday, October 27, 2023, we held our First Quarter Parent-Teacher conferences. We had many parents come to check on their child's academic grades.

Our goal is to share information to best help your child achieve their greatest academic potential and to offer help for those needing extra support and motivation.



Dr. Dan Lumley's Motivational Presentation





Early Educational Counseling



Attendees

Inspire

Ms. Rose,

Penn Valley Community College Instructor **Saba Hamouda**, Principal

Maha Shahin,
Daycare Director
Hamnah Akhtar,
Preschool Teacher
Nahid Alyamani,
Preschool Teacher

Quran Competition

Surat Al-Israa'

Congratulations to the following IScGKC Students for a GREAT job in this Quran Competition!

Surat Al-Israa' Competition

First Place Winners

Hamza Al-Shaikh Erum Syed Bahja Nur Rimas Dalaq Hamza Nur Hamza Ali Yanus Ahmed Imran Adam Sahra Sheikhadam

Second Place Winners

Sabeer Salam Third place: Mariam Shazly MulkiAhmed



1st Grade Fundraiser

during
Parent-Teacher Conferences
Sister Reagan Kamram
1st Grade Teacher
Sister Maryam Haggins
Finance/Office Administrator
Sister Amatullah Beamon
1st Grade Teacher (Not in photo)

They raised \$567, which they will use for supplies for the 1st Graders.

Accreditation Renewal

IScGKC will be working on our accreditation renewals during this year for review in 2024. 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 thank you in advance for your help.







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Student Gifted Programs

The following students have been accepted to other district Gifted Programs, so for this year:

Blue Valley School District

Abdurrazaq Alshami, 8th Grade

Shawnee Mission School District

Izza Waqar - 6th Grade Raafay Waqar - 3rd Grade

Hickman Mills School District

Ilyas Hayyeh, 5th Grade New Students - To Be Determined - Currently working with their school coordinator.

Leadership Artwork





INTERFAITH COMMUNITY SUPPORT WITH NOTRE DAME DE SION

Friends from Notre Dame de Sion, our Interfaith Community, brought us snacks to comfort us during troubled times that are occurring in Palestine/Gaza.

So nice to be remembered and know that others are thinking and caring about us and our Muslims in Palestine.











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IScGKC Student Clubs

Academic World Quest - Mondays 3:25-4:25 p.m.

Teacher: Ms. Deb Cost: None Grades: (9th-10th)

Science Club - Tuesdays 3:30-4:30 p.m. Teachers: Sr. Amina & Sr. Hayyat

Grades (6th-10th)

Podcasting - Wednesdays 3:25-4:25 p.m.

Teacher: Ms Deb Grades (7th-10th) Cost: \$80/semester

Art Club - Tuesdays 3:45-4:45 p.m. twice a week

Teachers: Sr. Reagan, Sr. Amatullah

Grades (1st-3rd) Cost: \$20/month

Art Club - Wednesday 3:45-4:45 p.m. twice a week

Teacher: Sr. Reagan Grades (4th-6th) Cost: \$20/month

Archery Club - Every other Friday 2:00-3:00 p.m.

Teacher: Sr. Jaime Grades (7th-10th)

Cost: New Students \$100, Returning Students \$50





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Ms. Raihannah Shuaib
Mid-Continent Public Library
Story Reader &
Former IScGKC Student

Our "Activities with Parents" for 2nd Grade students was held on October 20, 2023. It was a great success with wonderful, supportive parents. Raihanna Shuaib started the event by reading exciting stories to the students. Then, the parents participated in creating learning artwork and projects with their children. Thank you everyone for your help and participation! Until next year...





























SCIENCE CITY FIELD TRIP

1st & 2ndGrades October 11, 2023

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WWI Museum Field Trip

8th Grade October 17, 2023

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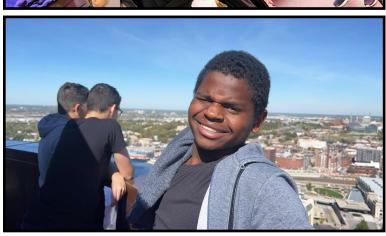














Career Fair, River City Market Field Trip 9th & 10th Grade October 17, 2023

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LEARNING @ IScGKC Explore! Discover! Imagine!



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7th Grade Boys - Industrial Learning with Brother & Scout Leader Abdullah Hamouda







7th Grade - Fine Arts



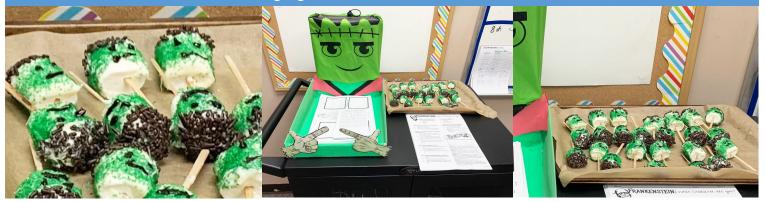








10th Grader Language Arts - Frankenstein Novel Kick-Off with Treats



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

IMPORTANT DATES:

October 13 End of First Quarter (44 Days)
October 20 Activities with Parents (2nd Grade)

October 20 First Quarter Grades Due

October 27 Parent/Teacher Conferences (No School for Students)

November 3 Activities with Parents (3rd/4th/5th Grades)

November 15 Mid Second Quarter (22 Days)

November 17 Social/Islamic Studies Fair (6th-10th Grades)

November 21 Mid 2nd Quarters Grades Due Nov. 22-24 Thanksgiving Break (No School)

December 18-20 Semester Finals (7th-10th) (1/2 Days)

December 20 End of 1st Semester (44 Days)
December 21-31 Winter Break (No School)

January 1 Winter Break (No School)

January 2 Classes Resume

January 15 Martin Luther King Day (No School)
January 19 Celebrate Diversity (K-5th Grade)
January 26 Celebrate Diversity (6th-10th)

School Announcements



As of October 30, 2023, we have hired a temporary, full-time security guard. His name is Bassam Kirkwood. He has experience with training in the Marines.

He will be roaming the campus from 7:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. and during the day he will be monitoring all of the buildings by walking thru them and viewing our cameras.

May Allah protect us all and provide safety to our students, staff, teachers, parents, and community.

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

- Orbund Text Messages
- Orbund Announcements
- Voice Messages
- Email Messages
- ww.iscgkc.org (School Website)





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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

1st QUARTER Ends on October 13, 2023

Our 1st Quarter ends on October 13, 2023. Please make sure you child has all of their homework turned in so that it can be graded before the teachers submit their grades.

We look forward to a successful academic year for all students. If you do not have your Orbund login, please contact the office.



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.