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FIRE & LOCKDOWN DRILLS

For our school safety, during the month of October, all students practiced our Fire Drills and our student Lockdown Drills.

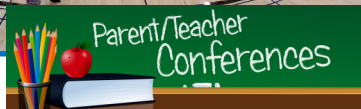
Students did very well during the Fire Drills. They exited quickly with their teachers in an orderly manner.



May Allah protect each and every one of us.



However, we had to practice our Lockdown drill twice due to some phones that did not hear the message over the speaker system. The second drill was much improved.



Friday, October 28, 2022

9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. & 2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Our **Parent/Teacher Conferences** were held on Friday, October 28, 2022, in the Gym Building (for all grades PK - 10th). It was very beneficial to be able to talk to parents about their child's progress and to meet everyone. Conferences included discussions about the child's progress academically, socially and with regard to expected classroom behavior, in addition to homework reviews. Thank you for coming and talking with your child's teachers regarding their academic needs and progress. Report cards and NWEA MAP test scores were handed out to the parents.

There was NO SCHOOL for students on this day.

The times were from 9:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. / breaking for lunch & salah / returning from 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

The Quran classes were doing fundraising; and, as always, we appreciate your support for our school.



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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

OCTOBER TEACHERS' MEETING

- * **October 14, 2022** - Teachers met to discuss plans Parent/Teacher conferences, Hickman Mills CODE program for gifted students, and the Eleot observation app for accreditation. Jaime Banyalmarjeh gave a presentation on "Equity in the Classroom".

"What makes a child gifted and talented may not always be good grades in school, but a different way of looking at the world and learning."

The following teachers completed **workshops through NWEA** via Zoom for the month of October. Below are the categories and workshop titles that they completed:

DATE	TEACHER	CATEGORY	NWEA WORKSHOP TITLE
10/4/2022	Saba Hamouda Farzana Jabeen	School Improvement	Organizing Schools for Improvement: An Overview of the 5Essentials
10/5/2022	Rose Sammur Jaime Banyalmarjeh	Equity	Equity Empowered Learning - Equitable Instructional Practices
10/12/2022	Farzana Jabeen	Assessment Literacy	Balanced Assessment Systems for Leaders Part2
10/18/2022	Regan Kamran Amatullah Beamon	Literacy	Responsive Literacy Practices (K-2) Understanding How Students Learn to Read Part 1
10/20/2022	Salimah Plenty Najia Tariq	Responsive Teaching & Learning	Responsive Learning Cycles - Nurturing Collaborative Learning Spaces Part2
10/26/2022	Deb Branson	Assessment Literacy	Student-Centered Assessment Literacy

The following staff completed **workshops through COGNIA** via Zoom for the month of October. Below are the categories and workshop titles that they completed:

DATE	TEACHER	CATEGORY	NWEA WORKSHOP TITLE
10/4/2022	Saba Hamouda Diane Ghosheh	Accreditation	Cognia Orientation Review of Accreditation Requirements
10/11/2022 10/12/2022 10/13/2022	Saba Hamouda Diane Ghosheh	Accreditation	Cognia Training Engagement Review Training



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Parent/Teacher Conferences



Teachers & Parents Report Card Reviews

Winter Wear Collection Give Away



Amana Services, a non-profit organization is collection winter wear from donations of your gently used coats, hats, gloves and scarves. All sizes are welcome. The drive is from October 18th through November 5th, 2022. Drop-offs can be made at IScGKC Main Lobby, 8505 E. 99th Street. **JazakAllah Khair to Sister Amatullah Beamon, our 1st Grade Teacher, for taking on this task for the collections.**

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Quran Education Day with Parents October 20, 2022 - Sr. Amal's Advanced Quran Class Recites Quran to Parents



According to a Hadith, on the Day of Judgment, a person will be asked to recite the Quran. They will ascend the Heavens as they begin reciting, and will stop at their place in Jannah when they have finished. Imagine the height reached by the person who has memorized the entire Quran!



We have completed our Fall NWEA MAP tests during the week of September 19-30, 2022. Results were handed out at Parent/Teachers' Conferences.

Benefits of MAP Tests:

They provide teachers with accurate, and actionable evidence to help target instruction for each student or groups of students regardless of how far above or below they are from their grade level.

MAP tests are "smart" tests, adapting to your learner's level of learning, meaning they are not too hard or too easy, and give us a more accurate picture of the skills your learners are ready to start developing.



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LifeTouch Picture Day

On Tuesday, October 18, 2022, LifeTouch Photography came to our school to take student and group photos. If you did not turn in an order form and would still like to order photos, you can do so online at: mylifetouch.com, using the picture ID of **EVTZP944H**



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Students of the 1st Quarter, 2022

Congratulations to our 2022-2023 Students of the 1st 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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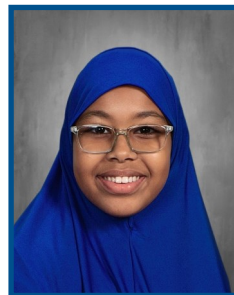
Noor Suwan

6th Grade



Nusaiba Awil

7thA Grade



Maryan Nur

7thB Grade



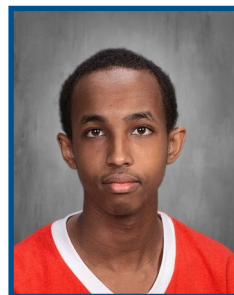
Erum Syed

8th Grade



Akram Yusuf

9th Grade



Abdirizak Weli

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
Speak Kindly & Respectfully to Everyone
If You Find Anything Lying Around, Turn It Into the Office,
Don't Put it in Your Pocket
Smile - It is Sunnah



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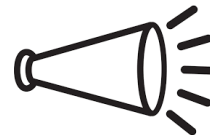
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October Student Shout Out Goes to . . .

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

KINDNESS

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

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Student Council Activity - October 3, 2022, 3:45-4:45 p.m.

Father/Son Basketball in the Gym for 8th-10th Graders

Student Council Activity - Week of October 24th - Meme Contest

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FIELD TRIP TO DOWNTOWN LIBRARY & RIVER MARKET

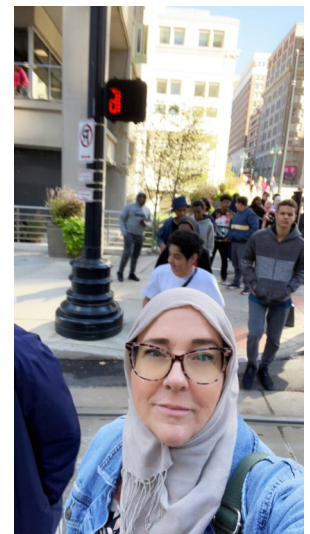


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Our 9th and 10th grade students took a field trip to the downtown library and then to River Market on October 12, 2022, with their Social Studies Teacher, Jaime Banyalmarjeh.



9th-10th Grades



The Central Youth Services has over 30,000 books, DVDs, audio books and magazines, from our early literacy space to our teen room, there's something for everyone birth to 18 years.



Busy River Market centers on City Market, dating to 1857, where casual global eateries, gourmet grocery stores and indie boutiques surround pavilions hosting a weekend farmers' market.

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FIELD TRIP TO AND MODERN LITHO & THE MONEY MUSEUM

Our 8th, 9th, and 10th grade students took a field trip to the Modern Litho and the Money Museum on October 27, 2022, with their Language Arts Teacher, Deb Branson, and their Social Studies Teacher, Jaime Banyalmarjeh. The students also went to Crown Center to eat lunch.



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Modern Litho



8th, 9th-10th Grades



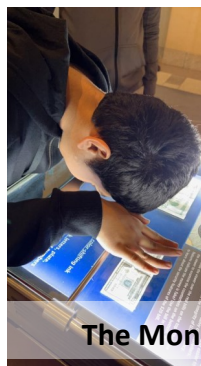
Modern Litho - 4 Color Printing



Modern Litho



Modern Litho
With Ben Hiss



The Money Museum



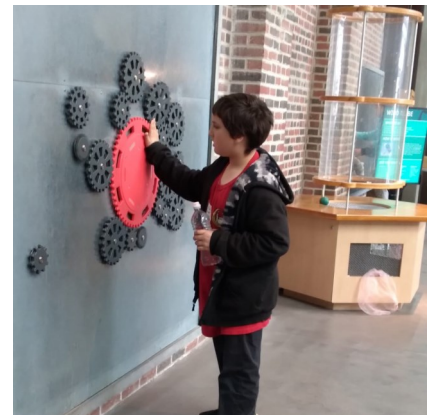
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FIELD TRIP TO SCIENCE CITY

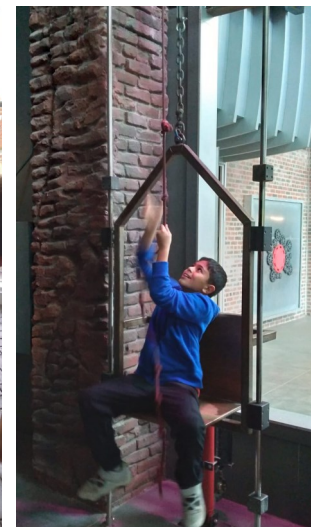
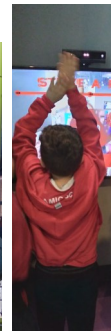
Our 4th and 5th grade students took a field trip to the Science City on October 27, 2022, with their Teachers, Rose Sammur and Fozia Kareem.



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4th-5th Grades



FIELD TRIP TO SCIENCE CITY-Continued

Science City at Union Station is a family-friendly interactive science center that features traveling exhibitions with more than 120 hands-on displays. See how our students love to explore!



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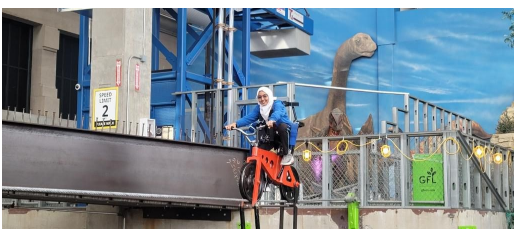
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SCIENCE CITY FUN



4th-5th Grades



**CAREER DAY (PK-5th Grades) by
Elementary Student Council
October 21, 2022 (Sr. Rose Adviser)**

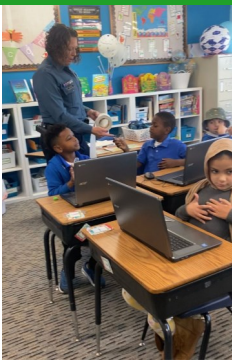


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See our Photo Gallery ... Career Bound Students in our Midst



Kindergarten



2nd & 4th Graders

Explore! Discover! Imagine!

"Everything is theatrically impossible, until it is done."

~Robert A. Heinlein~



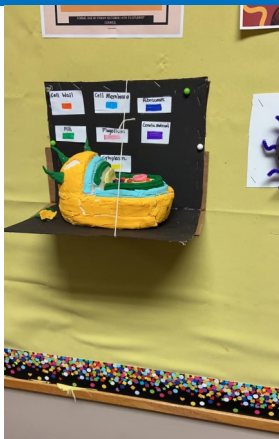
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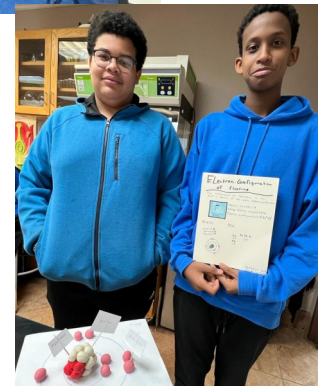
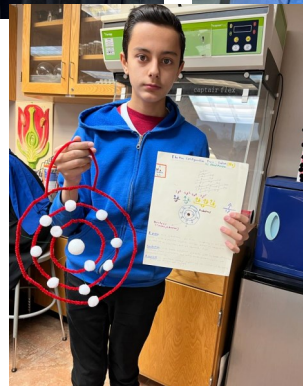
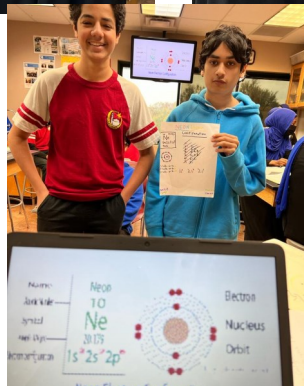
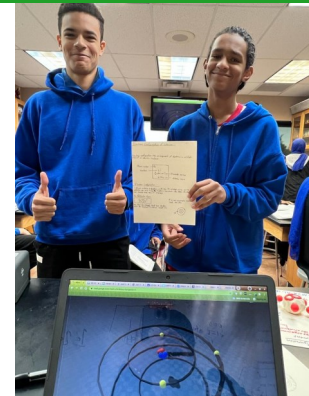
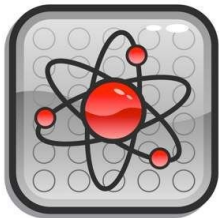
See our Science Photo Gallery ...



*"O Allah, increase me
in knowledge while
keeping me humble."*



6th Grade Science Project - Cells & Parts of Bacteria



9th & 10th Graders Learning about Electron Configuration

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

IMPORTANT DATES:

October 7	Activities with Parents (2nd/3rd Grades)
October 14	End of First Quarter (44 Days)
October 21	First Quarter Grades Due
October 28	Parent/Teacher Conferences (NO SCHOOL for Students)
November 4	Activities with Parents (4th/5th Grades)
November 16	Mid-Second Quarter (22 Days)
November 18	Islamic Studies Fair (6th-10th Grades)
Nov. 23-25	Thanksgiving Break (NO SCHOOL)
Dec. 14-20	Semester Finals (7th-10th)
December 20	End of 1st Semester (43 Days)
De. 21-20	Winter Break (NO SCHOOL)
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)

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 so that we can mark it as an excused absence.

Thank you.

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

Quran 14:7

1ST QUARTER

Ends on October 14, 2022

Our 1st Quarter ended on October 14, 2022, completing 44 days of school. Please make sure your 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.