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Parent/Teacher Conferences 3rd Quarter Mid-Term

On Friday, February 17, 2023, we held our Parent/Teacher conferences for Mid-Term, 3rd Quarter. Many parents attended for Preschool, Kindergarten, and 1st-10th grades.

This was a perfect time for parents to communicate with their child's teachers on their academic progress, homework, attendance, and behavior.

If you were not able to attend the conferences, please check on Orbund for your child's report card grades and progress reports.

Thank you all who were able to attend and support the school! We hope to see everyone next year and do not forget to enroll for next year during April.



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VISION

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

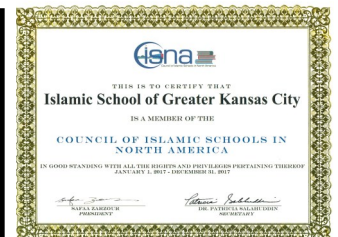
MISSION

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

FEBRUARY TEACHERS' MEETING

- * **February 3, 2023** - No meeting due to end of mid-term 3rd Qtr.
- * **February 10, 2023** - Teachers met in their departmental meetings with their lead subject matter teachers.
- * **February 17, 2023** - Parent/Teacher Conferences in the Gym.
- * **February 24, 2023** - Staff Appreciation Luncheon with staff, teachers, and the School Board.

FEBRUARY TEACHERS' TRAINING

- * **February 7, 2023** - Sr. Reagan Kamran attended, "Responsive Literacy Practices".
- * **February 14, 2023** - Sr. Salimah Plenty attended, "Responsive Math Practices".
- * **February 17-18, 2023** - Sr. Jaime Banyalmarjeh, attended "MCSS Annual Conference". It was held in Independence at the Truman Library with 50 different sessions to attend.
- * **February 21, 2023** - Sr. Farzana Jabeen attended, "Equity Empowered Learning-Leveraging Data for Equity".



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

IScGKC Staff Appreciation Luncheon

On Friday, February 24, 2023, the school held an appreciation luncheon for our entire staff, including teachers, lunch personnel, office administration, maintenance staff, and our school board members. A buffet luncheon was served, and included an appreciation game to recognize each person with a gift and kind words about that person being recognized. Alhamdulillah!



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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.



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.

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Quran Competition 2023 Results

4th-6th Grade Advanced

Surat Al-Baqarah

First place:

Zakariyya Mohamed
 Haliima Mohammed,
 Naba Syed
 Jad Al-Dini
 Abdulahi Mohamed
 Sumaya Adam
 Hibba Qadir
 Fatima Imran
 Noor Suwan
 Samra Adam
 Ru'a Said
 Gouwireya Abdelazim
 Sumayyah Ahmed
 Khushbakht Ahtisham
 Al-Hasan Al-Dini



Second place:

Noor Farra
 Leen Albadawi

Third place:

None




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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


 "Surely Allah loves those who do good."
 The Holy Quran 2:195

"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."

RAMADAN 2023

COMING SOON 🥰



Arabic Reading Competition 2023 Results

Congratulations to the following students!

1st Grade

1st Place: Bassel Suwan
2nd Place: Sara Barakat, Hasan Al-Arab, Manha Yusuf, Amira Hassan
3rd Place: Yazeid Shatara, Jawaher bani-Nasur, Anas Barakat

2nd Grade

1st Place: Tamim Elgergawi
2nd Place: Karim Shawa
3rd Place: Khadijah Marks, Mus'ab Kamal, Zayne Kamran

3rd Grade

1st Place: Lora Elgergawi
2nd Place: Ibrahim Al-Dini, Maryam Zaheer
3rd Place: Kareem Suwan, Zeidan Shatara

4th, 5th, & 6th Advanced

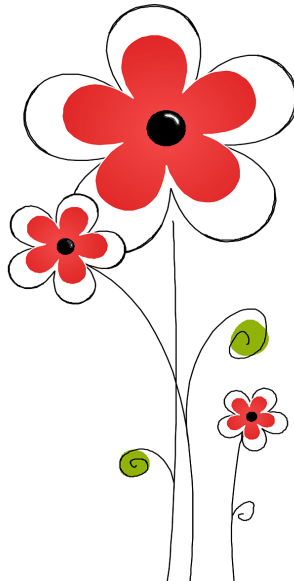
1st Place: Sumaya Adam
2nd Place: Ru'a Said, Jad Al-Dini
3rd Place: Al-Hasan Al-Dini

4th, 5th Intermediate

1st Place: Ali Elyousef
2nd Place: Bandar Elgergawi, Radi El-Karmi
3rd Place: Yackub Ahmed, Jihad Bayazid

4th 5th Beginners

1st Place: Dana Maghrabi
2nd Place: Ahmed Abdurahman
3rd Place: Sameeha Madala



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Arabic Spelling Bee Competition 2023



Congratulations to the following students!

Level 1 (1st & 2nd Grades)

1st Place: Al-Hasan Al-Arab
2nd Place: Bassel Suwan

Level 2 (3rd - 5th Grades)

1st Place: Yahya Al-Shami
2nd Place: Naba Syed

Level 3 (6th - 8th Grades)

1st Place: Marya Taha
2nd Place: Ru'a Said
3rd Place: Maryan Nur

Yahya Al-Shami and Marya Taha participated in the NATIONAL Arabic Spelling Bee this year, Alhamdulillah!



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HAPPY ART CLUB STUDENTS



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With
Teacher
Sister
Jaime
Banyalmarjeh



The ISCGKC Archery Club is right on target, and they are aiming high for their goals. They were able to buy new equipment, and they meet on Fridays at 2:00 p.m.

The first few meetings were safety training only.

This club was limited to middle and high school students only. Students must be in good standing (NO discipline issues this year) and must remain in good standing in order to participate in the club.

The fee to participate is \$100 per student.

The students are actually practicing with the equipment now and doing great!

Alhamdulillah!!!



The Podcasting Club hosted a guest this month with Suzanne Hogan from KCUR-FM, the NPR affiliate in Kansas City. She is the producer of award-winning podcasts, including "A People's History of Kansas City" and "Hungry for Mo".

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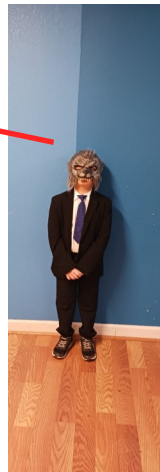
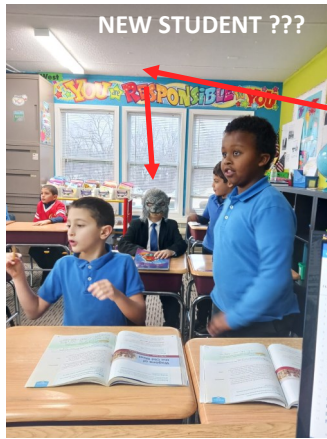
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DRESS LIKE A BOOK EVENT

Organized by Teacher "Sister Rose"

During this month of February, Sister Rose organized an event for our students in Preschool through 5th Grade. It was called, "Dress Like A Book Day". Students were allowed to dress like their favorite book character. The students had great fun dressing up and talking about their favorite book. It also encouraged the students to read more books. Many cannot wait for next year to do it again. We send a special thank you to Sister Rose!



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BOOK DRIVE FOR ICNA WOMEN'S SHELTER LIBRARY

Thank you to Sister Fazeela Sayied and her daughters, Erum, Isra, and Naba Syed, for organizing and collecting these books for the drive.

Jazakallah Khair!



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READING BUDDIES

Organized by Teacher "Sister Rose"

Also, during the month of February, Sister Rose also organized an activity for our students in Preschool through 5th Grade called, "Reading Buddies". The upper grade classes were assigned a lower grade level class to help read. Then the older student was partnered up with another specific student in the lower grade level to help them read and learn.

Again, we send another special thank you to Sister Rose!

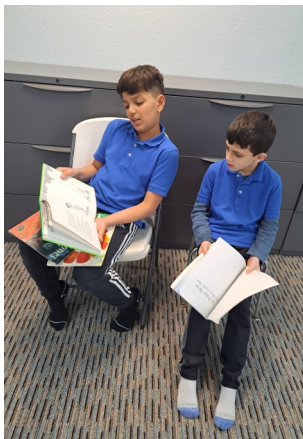


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FIRE SAFETY DEPARTMENT VISIT

Firefighter Kevin Speaks to Preschool - 4th Graders

On Thursday, February 23, 2023, Kevin from the Fire Safety Department came to our school to explain fire safety to our students in Preschool through 4th grade. He explained what to do if a fire started in your home and how to get out of the house. Students were allowed to ask questions after the presentation. In sha Allah, may Allah protect us all from any fire in our homes or at our school.



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KANSAS CITY CHIEFS VICTORY - SUPER BOWL WINNERS

Since we did not cancel school when the Chiefs won the Super Bowl, we allowed the students to wear red jerseys instead of their school uniform that week. We wanted too save our extra days to take off during Ramadan.



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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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FUND RAISER WITH SISTER JAIME

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



WINTER
Ice Skating
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Fun!

Thursday,
February 16th
5-9 pm
Crown Center Ice Terrace

Purchase tickets from Sr. Jaime
\$10 per skater



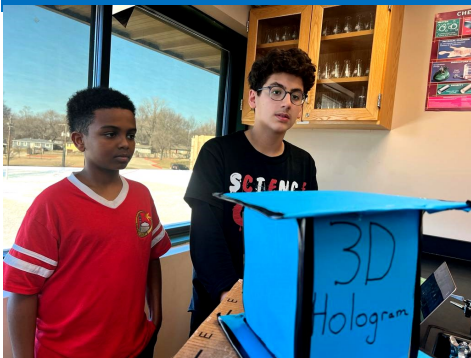
Student Knowledge Shared

“Believe in the Power of Ideas, and Believe in the Power of Sharing Knowledge.”



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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.

Sharing Knowledge with Reading Buddies



Sharing Cultural Ideas with Bridget Connelly, Lee’s Summit Special Education Teacher

Sister Saba visited with Bridget Connelly, a Special Education Teacher from Lee’s Summit School District, regarding different cultures in our school. We also gave her a tour of our gym building and our elementary building where she was able to view a couple of our classrooms.

Before she left, we gave her some of our butter chicken from Sister Badia’s lunch menu that we were having that day. She loved it and took some extra home with her. She was very impressed that our students receive such good food for lunches.



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

IMPORTANT DATES:

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
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

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 / Mid Term Ends on February 3, 2023

Our 3rd Quarter ended on February 3, 2023,, completing another 24 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.