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# Newsletter

## NEW SECURITY PERSONNEL

**Welcome our NEW Security Officer!  
Bassam Kirkwood**

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.



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## VISION

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

## MISSION

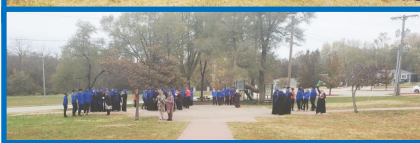
To provide a nurturing environment where students aspire for excellence in education, integrity and leadership skills to better serve humanity.

## GOALS

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



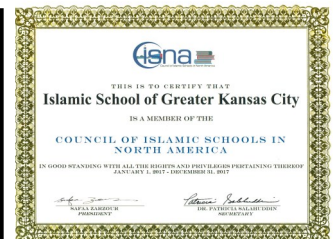
On November 7, 2023, we had a Fire Drill practice for all students in Preschool through 10th grades.



On November 9, 2023, we had a practice Lockdown Drill, in which the students stayed in the nearest classroom or safest area, depending on where they were at the time of the drill. All students did a great job. We are so proud of everyone.



## IScGKC Accreditation



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## FACULTY UPDATES



### NOVEMBER TEACHERS' MEETING

- \* Friday, November 3rd, the teachers met to discuss the daylight savings schedule changes for upper grades, computer policies, peer evaluations, and drills for emergency responses (fire drills, lock-down drills).
- \* Friday, November 17th, Dr. Kohia, spoke to the teachers on the topic of doing the best that we are able to do, doing it for the sincerity, honesty, and sake of Allah swt, where we do not care who gets the credit, as long as our goal is achieved and our product is what we want (keeping the students close to Allah swt). He began with an authentic story about an old man (worshipper of Bani Israel) and a tree, the blessed tree that would cure people and bless people. It was a remarkable Islamic message for all.

### TEACHERS' TRAINING

- \* Several of our teachers are still participating in 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. The training was instruction-led.
- \* Additional Teacher training included the following:
  - ◆ Amina Duggan (11/14/23) —Strengthening Students' Writing Skills
  - ◆ Johara Abdullah (11/13/23) —Science of Reading
  - ◆ Hayat Jesri (11/17/23) - Increasing Students' Science Learning
- \* Saba Hamouda was evaluated by Board Member, Dr. Arifa Garman, on February 15, 2023. The evaluation was based on six standards and many sub standards designed by the School Board. Farzana Jabeen will be scheduling her evaluation soon.

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



Teach  
Love  
Inspire

## Drop-Off & Pick-Up Policy

Please remember that when dropping off or picking up your child in the morning or afternoon, **DO NOT** drop them off or pick them up in the area behind the masjid. You must go through the drop off and pick up areas that all parents use where the orange cones are. This is for safety reasons and to be fair to everyone. Thank you!

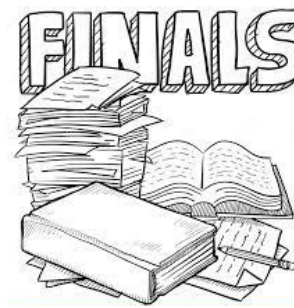


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## FINALS COMING SOON! Extended School Absences During Holidays

If your child is in 7th grade or above and will be taking an extended school absence of more than a few days during the holidays, teachers will be placing all their class assignments on Google classrooms. Students will be expected to complete all these assignments **PER THE DUE DATE**.

Since they will not be here to take their FINALS, the student's FINAL grade will be the same as their 2nd quarter grade. If they had an A for the 2nd Quarter, their FINAL grade will be an A. If they had a B for the 2nd Quarter, their FINAL grade will be a B, etc.



Therefore, it is very important that they complete all their Google classroom assignments **per the due dates** because it will be

## WHEN YOUR CHILD IS SICK

Once again, it is important that when your child is sick, they should stay at home. If they have a fever or are vomiting, they need to stay home at least 24 hours until it stops. **They also must be better without any medication.** Please do not give them medicine and send them to school when they are still sick. We want to keep all our students healthy during the fall and winter season soon approaching. **Please do not send sick children to school.**

And, remember to report the absence first thing in the morning if your child is sick and will not be attending school that day. 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 for your cooperation.

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## Middle & High School Quran Competition Surat Al-Imran

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

### 6th & 7th Grade (Advanced) Surat Al-Imran

#### First Place Winners:

- Abdrahman Hussein
- Asim Said
- Naba Syed
- Jad Aldini
- Salma Sheikhadam
- Samra Adam
- Zekariye Khalif
- Omar Nur
- Aaida Jallu
- Fatuma Mohamed
- Faduma Abdulahi
- Ayub Dirie



#### Second Place Winners:

- Halima Mohamed
- Omar Salem
- Noor Suwan



#### Third Place Winners:

- Ahlaam Said
- Sumayyah Ahmed
- Najma Hussein

## 8th Grade Science Class

Eighth Graders enjoy making pinwheels as they learn about turbine power. Aboud Alshami also made a solar oven.



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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

Testing for new students to attend Hickman Mills Gifted program should begin next month. Several names were nominated by their teachers for joining in the next semester..

## 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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## Elementary Quran Competition Surat Al-Kahef

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



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### SURAH AL-KAHEF



#### First Place Winners:

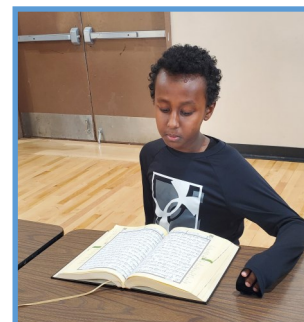
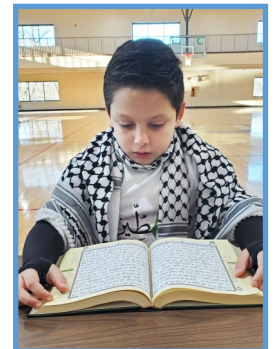
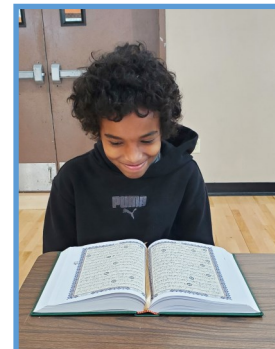
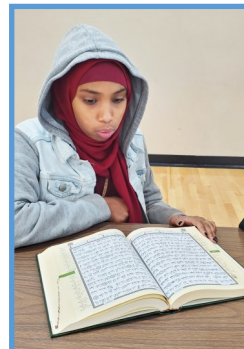
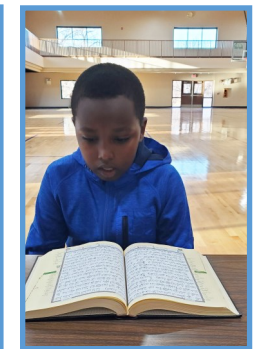
- Nurta Hussein
- Hazem Abdelghany
- Ayoub Said
- Hamza Yusuf
- Sohila Alqadomy
- Abdulahi Mohamed
- Ali Elyousef
- Ibrahim Aldini
- Lora Elgergawi
- Yahya Alshami
- Zakariyya Mohamed
- Sumaya Adam
- Alhasan Aldini
- Khadija Marks
- Kareem Suwan

#### Second Place Winners:

- Walid Hussein
- Yasmin Mohamed
- Ilyas Hayyah

#### Third Place Winners:

- Ayuub Khalif
- Yackub Ahmed
- Hamza Samara
- Hafsa Benarous



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## CONGRATULATIONS TO JENNA SHAWA IScGKC Alumni Student



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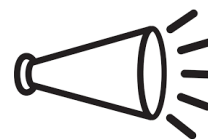
We are very proud of one of our former IScGKC students who graduated with us through the Johnson County Community College dual credit program and then attended the University of Kansas (KU) to receive her Bachelor's degree in Biology. She is now headed towards medical school at the age of 19 years old.

*Congratulations and may Allah continue to help her seek knowledge as she continues to help others in her profession!*

### November Student

#### Shout Out Goes to . . .

#### Selma Hmoudy



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

الله أكبر  
Allahu Akbar



## CONGRATULATIONS TO ABDURRAZAQ ALSHAMI IScGKC Current Student



We are also very proud of one of our current IScGKC students, Abdurrazaq Alshami. He just took his Pre-SAT test and was in the 97th percentile.

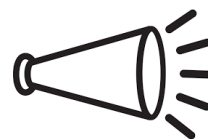
*Congratulations and may Allah continue to help him seek knowledge and guide him in his future college choices!*

*May Allah Guide Us All.*

### November Teacher

#### Shout Out Goes to . . .

#### Johari Abdullah



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

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## ACTIVITIES WITH PARENTS 3rd Grade November 3, 2023



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



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Our "Activities with Parents" for 2nd Grade students was held on November 3, 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 . . .



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Rose Sammur  
Advisor

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Fancy Friday - November 17, 2023



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**Rose Sammur**  
S.C. Advisor &  
5th Grade  
Teacher

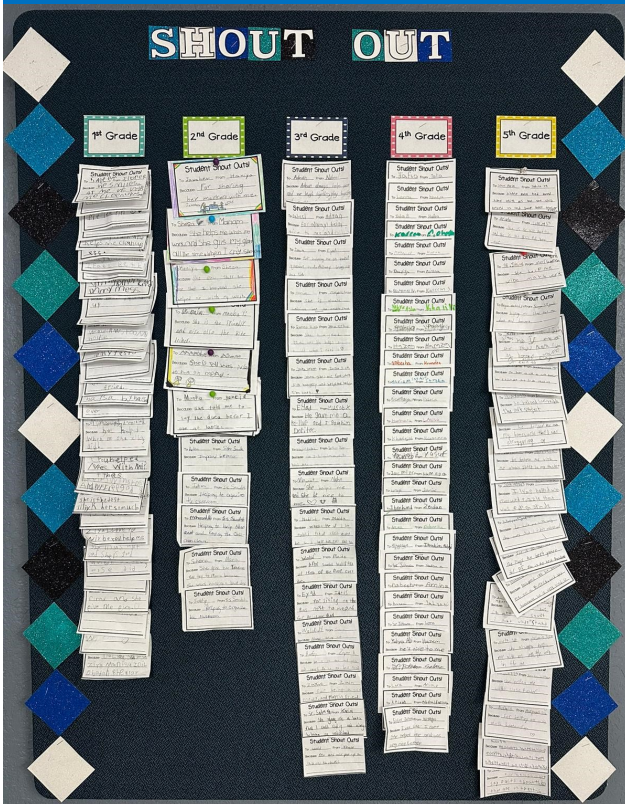
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**Activities & 5th Grade Biography Projects**



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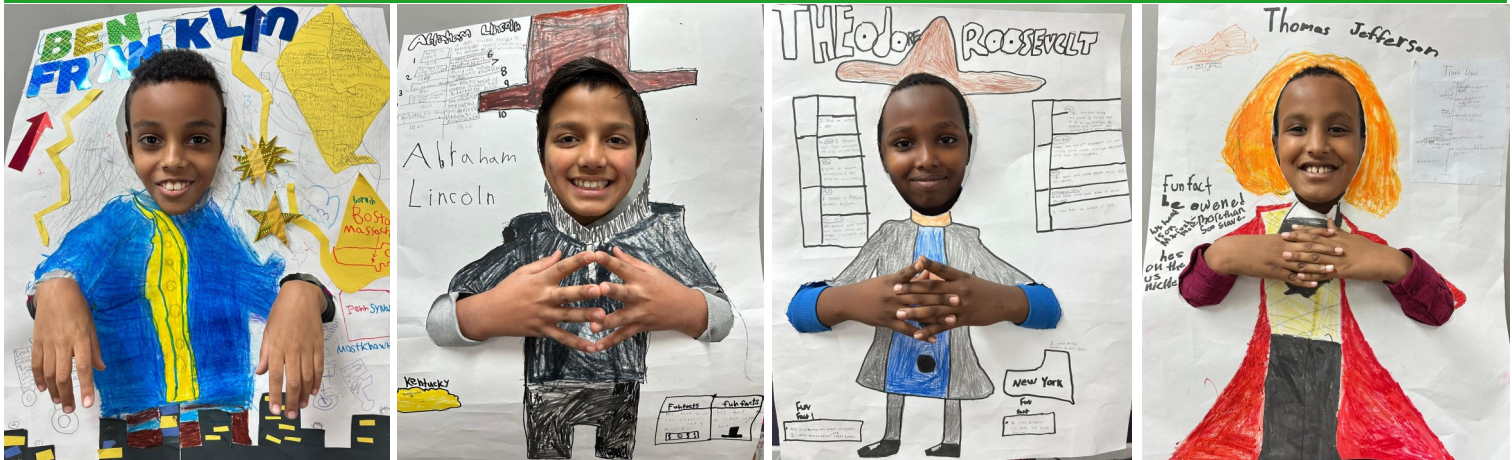
### Student Shout Outs - November 20, 2023



### 5th Grade Biography Projects



### 5th Grade Biography Projects





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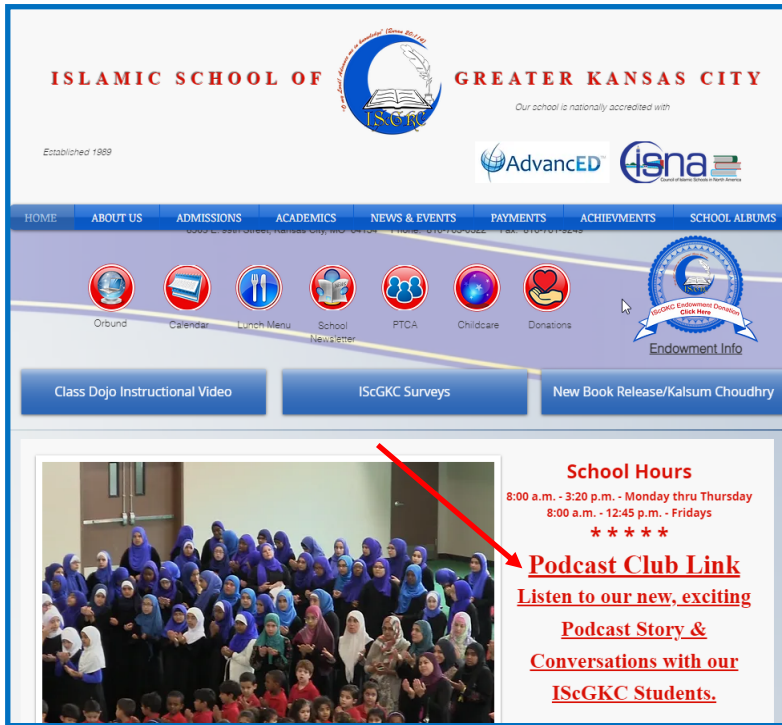


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## PODCASTING CLUB

### PRESENTS 1ST PODCAST LINK ON WEBSITE

Our Podcast Club now has a link on our school website, [www.iscgkc.org](http://www.iscgkc.org), for everyone to listen to story and comments. Please use your computer when going to our website and not your

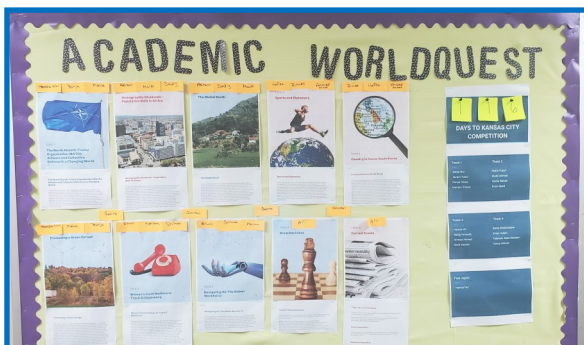


### OUR VISION

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## Academic World Quest

Our students are studying hard and learning lots of new things in their club with Coach Deb Branson. They will begin competition soon.



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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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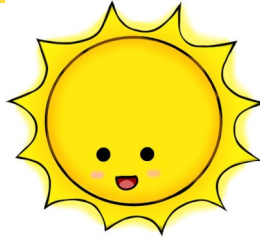
ALERTS

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)

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**Student Council Organized  
Game Day  
November 21, 2023**



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To enjoy the day before Thanksgiving Break, our Student Council organized a Game Day for students in 6th-10th grades. Games included Jeopardy, Mafia, Blooket, and Board Games.

Thank you

## Student Council



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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### IMPORTANT DATES:

- 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) Postponed
- 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)
  
- February 2 Mid 3rd Quarter
- February 9 Mid 3rd Quarter Grades Due
- February 12-15 Book Week
- February 16 Parent/Teacher Conferences (NO SCHOOL for Students)

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

### **2nd MID-QUARTER** **Ends on November 15, 2023**

Our 2nd Mid-Quarter ends on November 15, 2023. Please make sure your 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.**



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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.**

## KINDNESS

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



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Missing Mom  
Is Hard  
But Friends  
Care!

*kind*

