

City of Knowledge

Parent-School Connection – November, 2008

Dear Parents,

Assalamu Alaikum

Alhamdu'le'Lllah we finished the first quarter of the school year with exceptional results for a great number of students. Many students, however need to work harder to improve their final semester grades. A few students need to work harder to improve their Islamic conduct. We were very pleased by the number of parents who attended parent conferences and hope that all the parents who missed that day to contact their child's teachers. It is extremely important that you remain connected with you child's teachers to insure continued progress and early intervention.

The main purpose for establishing City of Knowledge is to preserve our Islamic values and instill these values in our children. In today's environment this task is not easy. It requires a tremendous effort, support, communication, and cooperation between home and school to cultivate these principles. When a student sees a conflict between the school values and those of his/her home he/she will lose respect to one or the other and some times to both sets of values. Such a conflict of values has a negative impact on the student's behavior and outlook at life and different issues. Since you chose to enroll your children in this Islamic school you must support its values; therefore you need to have a second look at what you do and what you don't do. The school's efforts in teaching students the importance of daily prayers become ineffective when the student returns from school to a home when his/ her own parents don't pray, value daily prayers, or encourage and remind the student to perform his/her daily prayers. The same applies to issues like gender separation and modest dress. Our children need support therefore I urge all parents who look lightly at the issue of gender separation and modest dress to make some personal sacrifices and adjust their family life styles to insure their children's stability. Parents need to make sure their daughter wear proper hijab when they come to school. Parents need to watch what their daughters wear outside school. Parents have to question and supervise who their sons and daughters go out with and where do they go. Revealing cloths goes against the school's principles. Boy- girl outings and parties are not in alignment with the school's values; therefore we will take hard measures which could go as far as removal from the school to protect the school's values and principles. Parents who find it hard to make these sacrifices for the sake of their children's education could choose other school's for their education. We will be conducting a series of parent education workshops and lectures to give parents a better understanding of the school's value system.

Parent participation and pride in the school, its programs, tenets, and values are of prime importance. On that note I hope to see you all on Sunday November 9 at the school's annual Hajj program and fundraiser.

Please feel free to stop by my office and discuss any of the issues that I addressed or other issues you might have. If you need any support please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you, and Jazakum Allah Khair

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