

City of Knowledge
Parent-School Connection – October, 2008

Dear Parents,

Assalamu Alaikum

Eid Mubarak

We extend our sincere congratulations to all of you for completing your fast and Insha'Allah receiving your generous reward by Allah (SWT). Alhamdu'le'Llah we received our UC eligibility and all the students whose names were submitted are on track or ELC eligible. We should all be very proud of our school; City of Knowledge for it is held in great admiration by those with first-hand acquaintance with educational institutions and by well-reputed universities. Masha'Allah, we have a record breaking 100% college matriculation rate, one of the highest UC admission rates, and a highly successful college adjustment and progress among our Alumni. Our graduates have received many scholarships and awards like the Chancellor Scholarship, Bank of America, Robert Byrd, Prudential Spirit of Community, and Merit Scholarships. Most importantly our graduates leave the school with a very strong Islamic belief foundation and value system. This enables them to hold prominent Islamic leadership positions within their prospective universities, Masajed, and communities. Our graduates, volunteer, teach, and help different local Islamic centers and global Islamic and charitable organizations.

As all parents know, it is difficult to raise children in this society, let alone instill in them Islamic values. In spite of the teachings of many parents, forces are working to hinder the best of their efforts. As a full-time school which fosters an Islamic and academically superior environment, City of Knowledge functions as a second home for its students.

Running a full-time school is an expensive endeavor. **The actual cost of educating our children far exceeds the price we charge for tuition;** therefore fundraising becomes an essential part of all Private schools like ours. Parents have a very important and vital role in making our fundraising effort most successful. We wish to include everyone in the school's network so that we may take full advantage of all the great resources our community holds. We want you to reach out to people in your circle and invite them to the school's fundraising dinner on Sunday, **November 9, at 3:00 pm.** (doors open at 2:00) This year our guests will be entertained with our inspiring **annual Hajj Play** which will be held at the same time. We expect you to actively participate and be at the event, sell tickets in advance, volunteer, and bring in donations.

There is a great deal of "free money" available to the school if we all do our part. Many grants are offered based on community giving, regardless of dollar amount. Several companies match their employees' monetary gifts to educational institutions. Additionally, banks, gas stations, and major retailers have programs that direct a percentage of your purchases towards a school of your choice. For details please contact Sister Linda daily from 8:00-11 am.

We understand that some will be unable to attend the fundraising dinner; however our students are still counting on your tax-deductible gift payable to **City of Knowledge School.**

Thank you, and Jazakum Allah Khair

Dr. Haleema Shaikley