

# Shooting Star Connection

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## WIA's First Major Community Event Was a Success

The very first major activity of the year went very well, Alhamdulillah; thanks to Sr. Halima and the rest of the Special Events Committee, parent volunteers, and all of those who participated.

A special thanks to Sr. Rabha who worked very hard to keep the school clean, and those who helped to serve the food. The teachers also worked very hard, preparing their classrooms and materials for visitors. One teacher, Sr. Aisha, even spent two nights painting her class-

room walls with her sisters (including Sr. Afifa) to make the atmosphere more welcoming and conducive to learning for her second-graders. Our teachers are so motivated and dedicated to their school, mashaAllah!

We believe our hard work paid off; the turnout was beyond our expectations. Parents were able to visit their children's classrooms, and stay for a delicious pot-luck spread in the cafeteria, which was filled to capacity. Thanks to all of you who

provided delicious international dishes, desserts, drinks, and utensils. Children were entertained with play and a film in the mussallah.

May Allah reward you all for your patience with us and with each other. It can be difficult whenever a large group gets together to coordinate and make things run smoothly. InshaAllah, with each event, we will become more organized.

We hope to see you again soon!

## Miss Our First PTA Meeting? It's Not Too Late to Get Involved!

A group of about twenty parents and staff met on Sunday, October 3rd to discuss plans for this year's Parent-Teacher Association. Interested in being active forces in the betterment of the school, parents and staff made plans to hold elections for PTA officers.

Once the PTA completes its organization process, recruiting as many par-

ents and teachers as possible, it will begin the planning and goal-setting phase.

Please look forward to more information in the form of emails and handouts.

The next meeting is scheduled for **November 1st**, so clear your calendar and make your best effort to be there!

## School is Open: Monday, October 12th

We will not be observing the upcoming Columbus Day Holiday. Please send your children to school at the regular time.

## Notes From the Office

Parents, please make sure to write your child's name and grade in the notes area of your tuition check.

We still have a problem with parents coming late to pick up their children. This is not acceptable; please be advised that we do not have staff designated to watch the children if you are late.

**The school cannot be held liable for the children's welfare after school hours!**

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### Important Upcoming Dates:

- *Today, Oct. 9th: Progress Reports to be sent home. (Sorry for the delay. The remaining reports should be issued on Monday inshaAllah)*
- *November 1: PTA Meeting*

### Ayah of the Week:

- *Week of Oct. 12-16: (we will continue with last week's ayah)*  
*25:63—And the servants of (Allah) Most Gracious are those who walk on the earth in humility, and when the ignorant address them, they say, "Peace!"*

- *Week of Oct. 19-23:*

*25:67—67. Those who, when they spend, are not extravagant and not niggardly, but hold a just (balance) between those (extremes)*

## Progress Reports

Reports were to be sent home today. While some were sent, others should be ready on Monday, inshaAllah. Thank you for your patience.

Please read the reports carefully. If your child needs improvement, you may make an appointment to meet with the teacher. Please use teacher email or call the office.