



Elementary School
Home-School Connection



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Bullying Prevention Awareness Month

October 2013

Message from Sister Bibi Baksh, Elementary School Instructional Leader

School Policy Reminders:

- Students must be in school by 8:10.
- If a child is absent 3 or more consecutive days, he or she must have a doctor's note upon returning to school.
- Andalusia School will follow the attendance policy of the state. Students should, therefore, be in school unless they are ill or have family emergencies.
- Parents should not plan vacations during the school year unless it is during a break.

Below is a list of Elementary teachers and their emails. Please do not hesitate to contact teachers with any concerns.

| Subject/Grade | Teacher | E-mail |
|-----------------------|-------------------------------|--|
| Islamic Studies /PK-5 | Rehab Dalia | rbdalia62@aol.com |
| Arabic K-5 | Ranea Albashayreh, level B | rani_omari@yahoo.com |
| | Heba Albdoor, level A | albdoorh@gmail.com |
| Gym | Aladin Huda | aladinh20@gmail.com |
| Computer | Umme Aysha | uayesha4@gmail.com |
| Quran/P-5 | Sherin Hedyia | sherinhedyia@yahoo.com |
| Pre-K | Tafaool Ali | tafaoola@gmail.com |
| Kindergarten | Susen Saeed | Ssaeed0527@gmail.com |
| 1 st Grade | Sana Munassar | smunassar90@gmail.com |
| 2 nd Grade | Bibi Baksh | bibinarisha@yahoo.com |
| 3 rd Grade | Celina Medina | Celinam.js@gmail.com |
| 4 th Grade | Nermina Djokaj | djokajn@yahoo.com |
| 5 th Grade | Ala Abdallah | abdallah5920@gmail.com |

Common Core State Standards:

Please continue to visit www.engageny.org for Common Core State Standards update. To view the standards, visit www.corestandards.org

Curriculum Update:

Alhamdulillah, our Kindergarten, first grade and second grade classrooms are now equipped with a complete Common Core math curriculum from Houghton Mifflin. Kindergarten and First grade have also received Common Core literacy curriculum from Pearsons and Houghton Mifflin respectively. Grades Pre-K to 3rd grade are also equipped with research based Foundations/developmental reading program, Wilson's Foundations, which fulfills Common Core State Standards. State testing grades are equipped with Common Core Coaches and we will continue to upgrade our curriculum as funding becomes available.



Special Thanks:

Currently all Elementary grades, except Pre-K and Kindergarten are equipped with LCD projectors. This is solely due to parental support. Projectors were purchased through PTA collective funding or through individual parents who have purchased for specific classes. Moreover, Elementary School has three Document Cameras (Elmo TT 12). This tool is one of the most current technology devices used across the nation. This was made possible by a generous donation made by an elementary parent. Insha Allah, we will continue to equip our classrooms with this tool as funds become available. As Instructional Leader, I speak for all teachers when I say we are truly grateful for this support in educating our children.

Student of the Month Achievers:

| Grade | September |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Pre-K | Muniza Syed |
| K | Hanifa Thein |
| 1st Grade | Khalid Nofal |
| 2nd Grade | Manar Nassar |
| 3rd Grade | Ammar Ghaswala |
| 4th Grade | Muhdee Nawab |
| 5th Grade | Ayoub Rached |
| Arabic Level A | Azhar Nofal, Grade 5 * |
| Arabic Level B | Sadia Baksh, Grade 2* |
| Quran | Sharaf Masoud, Grade 4* |
| Islamic Studies | Duaa Mir, Grade 4* |

***Please note these awards are 1 per Elementary School, not per grade.**

Book of the Month is:



Overview

She was a perfect baby, and she had a perfect name. Chrysanthemum. When she was old enough to appreciate it, Chrysanthemum loved her name. And then she started school. "I'm named after my grandmother," said Victoria. "You're named after a *flower*." Chrysanthemum wilted. Life at school didn't improve. In fact, it got worse. Then the students were introduced to their music teacher, Mrs. Twinkle. Mrs. *Delphinium* Twinkle. And suddenly, Chrysanthemum blossomed....Chrysanthemum loves her name, until she starts going to school and the other children make fun of it. This book creates the opportunity for many great discussions on character building. All teachers will be focused on aspects such as **being kind to others, bullying, self-acceptance and patience**. We hope you take the opportunity to read it at home as well.

Please contact Sister Susen Saeed with questions at: ssaeed0527@gmail.com

Time For Kids

We have subscribed to *Time for Kids* news magazine to encourage our students to read informational text, a huge shift in Common Core Standards. We encourage you to read it with your child. Encourage them to retell what they have read and use phrase such as "refer to the text" or questions such as "What details from the text help you to answer this question." The articles usually have questions at the end. Students should try to answer them. If you have not done so as yet, please send in a one-time payment of \$5 for the magazine. This will cover the entire year.

If you have any questions regarding this please contact me at bibinarisha@yahoo.com.



