

March 2014

Message from Sister Bibi Baksh, Elementary School Instructional Leader

We have started the third marking period. If your child is not performing at a satisfactory level, it is imperative that you meet with his/her teacher(s). Please take advantage of our upcoming **Parent-Teacher Conference (PTC) on Friday, March 28, 6-8pm**. Letters will be sent home, along with report cards, to parents whose children are in jeopardy of failing. Unfortunately, several of these parents have made no attempt to meet with teachers. The Principal, Dr. Alomari, and I will be consulting regarding promotion of these children. Ultimately, if we decide a child will not benefit from the promotion, that child will not be promoted. We are, therefore, urging these parents to meet with teachers. If the date and time of PTC is not convenient, please call the office and make an appointment that better suits your needs.



Important Dates:

Elementary School Breakfast: Thursday, March 27th, 9-10. Parents are welcome to come in at 8 to help us with the preparation in the cafeteria. It will be very much appreciated.

Student of the Month Breakfast: Friday, March 28, 9am

Parent-Teacher Conference: Friday, March 28, 6-8pm

State Tests: ELA, April 1-3; Math, April 30-May 2.

Al Madinah Spelling Bee:

Snow Days Make-up: Please keep in mind we will have school on April 15th, 16th and 17th instead of Spring Break. This is to make up for the Snow Days.

Islamic Show: Friday, April 4th, 9:30- 11:00

Trips:

Due to inclement weather, we were unable to go on a second trip. Now, due to State Test Prep, grades 3-5 will go on trips after State Tests. We have been trying to plan a trip to Westchester Recycling Center for grades k-2. However, we have been having difficulties securing a date. Tentative date now is April 21st.

Please email our trip coordinators, Srs. Sana and Ala, at smunassar@andalusiaschool.org and/or aabdallah@andalusiaschool.org

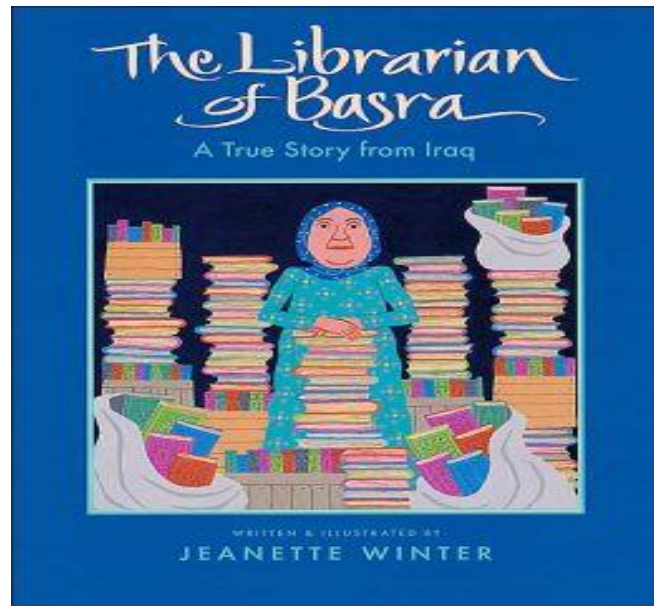
Student of the Month Achievers:

Grade	February	Most Improved for Marking Period 2
Pre-K	Abdullah Ahmed	Zakaria Ceesay
K	Mahma Nouman	Kareem Mahadeen
1 st Grade	Nour Aziz	Ayishah Azeez
2 nd Grade	Muhammad Arsum	Maram Saleh
3 rd Grade	Dahlia Elgendi	Zaynab Kolya
4 th Grade	Ashan Rahim	Lena Mohammed
5 th Grade	Azhar Nofal	Mohammed Yusef
Arabic	Manahel Shuja Gr. 2 Shahada Lawani, Gr.5	Raheem Azeez, Gr. 1 Manaar Gulrukh, Gr. 3
Islamic Studies	Deen Giljic Pre-K	
Quran	Rawda Elbatrawish Gr. 2	
Computer		Sadia Rafiq, Gr. 2

ES Spelling Bee Winners:

<u>Kindergarten</u>	<u>1st Grade</u>
Maryam Aamir 1st Place Huda Jamshaid 2nd Place Mahma Nouman 3rd Place	Muhammad Raqeeb 1st Place Huzhaifah Jamshaid 2nd Place Ammaar Shariff 3rd Place
<u>2nd Grade</u>	<u>3rd Grade</u>
Saajid AbdurRohman 1st Place Waiz Aamir 2nd Place Manahel Shuja 3rd Place	Asiyah Abbas 1st Place Nafeyu Tayib 2nd Place Manaar Gulrukh 3rd Place
<u>4th Grade</u>	<u>5th Grade</u>
Maryam Rached 1st Place Farhan Mukit 2nd Place Zainah Alomari 3rd Place	Kareema Ghaswala 1st Place Fatima Zahra Ali 2nd Place Mohammed Yusef 3rd Place

Book of the Month: In Honor Of Women's History Month



Overview

"In the Koran, the first thing God said to Muhammad was 'Read.'"
—Alia Muhammad Baker

Alia Muhammad Baker is a librarian in Basra, Iraq. For fourteen years, her library has been a meeting place for those who love books. Until now. Now war has come, and Alia fears that the library—along with the thirty thousand books within it—will be destroyed forever.

In a war-stricken country where civilians—especially women—have little power, this true story about a librarian's struggle to save her community's priceless collection of books reminds us all how, throughout the world, the love of literature and the respect for knowledge know no boundaries. Illustrated by Jeanette Winter in bright acrylic and ink.

Writer's Corner

The Librarian of Basra

When the author starts the book with Allah's words, "Read" she is trying to show that Allah revealed that books are important and valuable. We know this because in the text the author states that Alia is trying to protect the books because they are precious to her and all of us. In the midst of war, she goes to Anes's restaurant and told him, "Can you help me save my books." This shows us that books mean more than pieces of paper and words. Books teach us valuable lessons that will help us in life.

Group work done by: Farhan Mukit, Zainah Alomari, Muhdee Nawab, and Duaa Mir. 4th Grade

What does knowledge mean to you?

To me, knowledge means learning,
It means not having to live in fear to go to school,
Like the girls in my country, Pakistan.
Knowledge is more precious than all the gold in the world.
Nothing can keep me away from knowledge,
I read many books to keep my knowledge.
I read at least an hour a day,
Because knowledge is beautiful,
It is something no one can destroy.
Knowledge is like a seed,
Treat it well and it will grow.

By Asiyah Abbas, Grade 3

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