



Elementary School

## Home-School Connection

Anas (May Allah be pleased with him) reported that the Prophet (peace and blessings be upon him) said, **“If the Hour (the day of Resurrection) is about to be established and one of you was holding a palm shoot, let him take advantage of even one second before the Hour is established to plant it.”** (Authinticated by Al-Albani)



“The global environment crisis is, as we say in Tennessee, real as rain, and I cannot stand the thought of leaving my children with a degraded earth and a diminished future.”

– Al Gore

April 2014

## Message from Sister Bibi Baksh, Elementary School Instructional Leader

**Health Awareness:** We are asking parents not to send Takis and Hot Fries with their children (The vending machines will no longer carry Hot Fries). Children enjoy these spicy snacks; however, teachers simply cannot sit back and watch students consume these snacks that can cause immediate harm. Parents may visit the following link for details regarding the effects of such spicy snacks:

<http://abcnews.go.com/m/story?id=20899643&ref=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.google.com%2F>

You may also research the following ingredients: BHA and BHT.

On a positive note, eating habits have generally improved. For example, students who used to eat 3-5 bags of chips and or cookies are now eating lunch and just one bag of snacks. We do understand it is ultimately parents' rights to decide whatever their children are eating, and there are many things we should not eat. However, with the best interest of the children in mind, we do ask for your fullest cooperation in this matter. If you have any questions regarding healthy eating and activities, please contact our Gym teacher, Br. Aladin at [ahuda@andalusiaschool.org](mailto:ahuda@andalusiaschool.org)

**Birthday Parties:** We previously announced we do not acknowledge birthdays by having any kind of celebration in school. Furthermore, we do not facilitate parties initiated by parents. We will, therefore, have to say "No" to parents. We are asking you to cooperate in this matter.



### Important Dates:

**Math State Tests: April 30-May 2.**

**ES and MS Awards Ceremony: Tuesday, June 24<sup>th</sup>**

**ES and MS Moving Up and Graduation Ceremonies: Wednesday, June 25<sup>th</sup>**

**Report Card Distribution: June 27<sup>th</sup>.**

### Trips:

We will be going to Green Meadows Farm in Queens on May 15<sup>th</sup>. We will be able to experience the cultural exhibits. You may visit the following site for details:

<http://www.visitgreenmeadowsfarm.com/>. Permission slips will be sent on Monday, April 28<sup>th</sup>.

Please send in payments by Friday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> as we do need to send in the payment prior to the trip.

Please email our trip coordinators, Srs. Sana and Ala, at [smunassar@andalusiaschool.org](mailto:smunassar@andalusiaschool.org) and/or [aabdallah@andalusiaschool.org](mailto:aabdallah@andalusiaschool.org)

## Student of the Month Achievers:

Grade	March
Pre-K	Essa Khan
K	Sajidah Eideh
1 <sup>st</sup> Grade	Bilal Malik
2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade	Ibrahim Malik
3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade	Raeesah Gafur
4 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Abdulrahman Azeez
5 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Mohammad Yousef
Arabic	Wasfieh Nofal, Ahmed Mohamed
Islamic Studies	Dahlia Elgendi
Quran	Fatima Dzhabekova

**Book of the Month Notice:** We have not assigned a book this month as we are focused on poetry in honor of National Poetry Month, and we are reading various books and articles about taking care of Planet Earth. Below are some products of classroom activities.

## Writer's Corner:

<p>I help the Earth by giving the plants compost. I use bottles and boxes to make toys. I save electricity and turn off the faucet. I can recycle garbage and reuse newspapers.</p> <p>By Zaid Kolya, 1<sup>st</sup> Grade</p>	<p>Earth is very special to me. I can help the Earth by cleaning my community. Next, I can recycle newspapers. Last, I can plant seeds. This is how I clean my Earth.</p> <p>By Adam Alomari, 1<sup>st</sup> Grade</p>
<p><b>Save Earth</b></p> <p>Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, Words that we all know, We have to save our planet, So we can live and grow. We might be only children, But we will try you'll see! And we can save this planet, It starts with you and me!</p> <p>By Manaar Gulrukh, 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade</p>	<p><b>Sunflower</b></p> <p>The sunflower is ready to glow, It is big and bright and bold not shy! Watch it quickly grow, It will spring up really high.</p> <p>I wonder how it feels up there, Just one huge golden superstar! The bees buzz around it everywhere, Oh that sunflower is unreachable so far!</p> <p>By Sarah Rasheed, 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade</p>

<p><b>Spring Event</b></p> <p>When I go outside in Spring, I like to listen to the birds sing. It looks like it will soon start to rain, The birds make a shape like a plane.</p> <p>When I go inside, I hear thunder, What will the birds do, I wonder. I come back out and see a rainbow, And the birds put on quite a show.</p> <p>By Akram Abuawad, 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade</p>	<p><b>Spring Colors</b></p> <p>Orange butterflies fill the sky, Red roses reach up high. Yellow tulips glitter under the sun, They look like they are having fun.</p> <p>Green grasshoppers jump around, Like children in a playground. Blue Jays sing tweet, tweet, Spring time's really sweet!</p> <p>By Najib Shibah, 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade</p>
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### Thoughts/Couplets from Kindergarten

<p>Don't dilly dally in the shower, It can save water power.</p> <p>By Sokhna Naing</p>	<p>Recycle trash. Don't make the world mad!</p> <p>By Ayezah Nouman</p>
<p>Don't drive so much, Our Air is in a rut!</p> <p>By Kareem Mahadeen</p>	<p>Grow your food, Fresh food is cool!</p> <p>By Amina Durmic</p>

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