

THE FURQAAN HERALD



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15th Annual Science Fair Grades 3-5

MEET OUR 15TH ANNUAL SCIENCE FAIR WINNERS:

3rd Grade:

- 1st Place: Deema Hussain
- 2nd Place: Ibrahim Ahmed
- 3rd Place: Zaina Farooqui

4th Grade:

- 1st Place: Asiya Ahmed
- 2nd Place: Mohammad Mishal
- 3rd Place: Mohammed Rehan

5th Grade:

- 1st Place: Emaan Sohaeb
- 2nd Place: Humzah Fatani
- 3rd Place: Safwah Siddiqui

Special Category Awards:

Young Scientist

Grade 4: Ibrahim Faran

Future Problem Solver:

Grade 9: Abdullah Shehzad

Grade 10: Abdul Rahman Mishal

15th Annual Science Fair Grades 6-12

MEET OUR 15TH ANNUAL SCIENCE FAIR WINNERS:

6th Grade:

- 1st Place: Anaya Imran & Maryam Husain
- 2nd Place: Noor Sayeed
- 3rd Place: Abdullah Alkurd

7th Grade:

- 1st Place: Tida Mariama Kajera
- 2nd Place: Maryam Ahmed
- 3rd Place: Muhammed Syed and Amer Ashkar

8th Grade:

- 1st Place: Hadiyah Siddiqui
- 2nd Place: Bayyina Dana
- 3rd Place: Arhaan Junaid

High School Girls:

- 1st Place: Rumaysa Nadeem & Noorah Syed
- 2nd Place: Hafsa Khan and Aiza Shehzad
- 3rd Place: Asiya Siddiqui

High School Boys:

- 1st Place: Aamir Nisar
- 2nd Place: Emaad Sayeed
- 3rd Place: Nabeel Sayeed & Kamron Kadirov

DEAR ESTEEMED JUDGES,

ON BEHALF OF THE ENTIRE SCHOOL COMMUNITY, I EXTEND MY HEARTFELT GRATITUDE TO EACH OF YOU FOR GENEROUSLY CONTRIBUTING YOUR TIME, EXPERTISE, AND ENTHUSIASM AS JUDGES AT OUR 15TH ANNUAL SCIENCE FAIR. YOUR THOUGHTFUL EVALUATION AND ENCOURAGEMENT HAVE NOT ONLY ENRICHED THE EXPERIENCE FOR OUR YOUNG SCIENTISTS BUT ALSO INSPIRED THEM TO PURSUE CURIOSITY AND EXCELLENCE.

THE EXPERTISE OF OUR TWELVE-MEMBER PANEL—SPANNING FIELDS SUCH AS BIOLOGY, CHEMISTRY, PHYSICS, ENGINEERING, ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE, ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE, MEDICINE, AND EDUCATION—WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN PROVIDING FAIR, INSIGHTFUL, AND ENCOURAGING FEEDBACK ON EACH PROJECT.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO:

**MR. ABDUL ALEEM JIBRAN
DR. SYED ALA
MS. FATIMA ALA
MR. ALI ALA
MS. ABIR CHAUDHRY
MS. UMAIRAH FATEEN
MS. MELINA FOTIOU
MS. HUDA QUADRI
DR. HEBA QUADRI
MR. ASHRAF RAJA SAYANI
MR. KHAJA WASEEM
DR. ROHIT YADAV**

YOUR DEDICATION TO NURTURING THE NEXT GENERATION OF INNOVATORS IS DEEPLY APPRECIATED. WE ARE HONORED TO HAVE HAD YOUR SUPPORT AND LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR CONTINUED INVOLVEMENT IN THE YEARS TO COME.

**BEST REGARDS
NAZIA M. JALALI, M.ED.
PRINCIPAL**

**Ask the Principal**

A Question From A Community Member To Our School Principal:

Q: What Should Guide Our Vision As A School Community?

A: Our vision is not merely see what lies ahead, but to walk the path illuminated by our Deen. Let your intentions be for Allah SWT, your efforts for excellence, and your hearts anchored in gratitude. For true vision is seeing with the eyes of the soul - guided by the light of Islam, striving not just for success in this world, but for success in the Hereafter.

ACTION ITEMS

From Your School Administrator

Cell Phone Policy:

All devices must be turned in at the front desk before class starts; **NO EXCEPTIONS**. Now that we are in the 2nd Quarter, please note, **devices will be confiscated.**

Shoes Policy:

Closed-toed shoes must be worn at all times - cros, slippers, open-toed sandals are not allowed under any circumstances.

Uniform Policy:

Uniform must be worn at all times - NO EXCEPTIONS. This includes correct color, one piece Hijabs. Students not wearing the school-approved Hijab will be provided one at school, and a \$9.00 charge will be added to your FACTS account.

Student Pick-Up & Drop Off Procedures:

Please ensure when you drop-off in the morning, a staff member is available at the door to receive your child as **it is unsafe to leave them there by themselves.** Also, at pick-up time, **please do not wave and call your child towards you** as it is a safety hazard; a staff member will bring them to your car when you pull up close to the school doors.

For all questions and/or queries please reach out to:

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اللَّهُمَّ إِنَّكَ عَفُوٌّ تَجِبُ الْعَفْوَ فَاعْفُ عَنِّي

“O Allah, You Are Forgiving & Love Forgiveness, So Forgive Me”

-A Heartfelt Dua to Embrace Our Monthly Theme of Forgiveness

UPCOMING DATES

NOVEMBER 11TH

ARAB AMERICAN FAMILY SERVICES
(BULLYING PREVENTION WORKSHOP)

NOVEMBER 13TH

IN-CLASS ARABIC SPELLING BEE

NOVEMBER 20TH

FINAL ROUND ARABIC SPELLING BEE
(KG - 12TH)

NOVEMBER 26TH

E-LEARNING DAY


NOVEMBER 27TH - 28TH

THANKSGIVING BREAK
NO SCHOOL


As a Qur'an Instructor at Furqaan, I am passionate about merging my love for the Qur'an with my role in guiding students on their educational journeys. The Academy's structured and supportive environment fosters personal growth in knowledge, confidence, and character. It is gratifying to inspire a deep appreciation for the Qur'an among my students and contribute to their overall academic and spiritual growth.

**-Hafiz Abdullah Asif
Boys Quran Instructor**

MEET THE AMAZING TEAM
BEHIND OUR SCHOOL:




Ms. Yazmin Olayan
ELA, Social Studies Instructor




Ms. Yazmin holds a Bachelor of Arts in Graphic Design from Columbia College Chicago and a paraprofessional educator endorsement. She is currently pursuing her Master of Science in Education from Northwestern University, Evanston, further honing her skills to empower her students. Having facilitated engaging art activities at Northwestern University and within the STEAM program, she seamlessly blends creativity with education. Known for her exceptional talent in creative writing workshops, Ms. Yazmin introduces students to innovative reading prompts and exercises that spark their imagination and enhance their literary skills.

Ms. Yazmin fosters a holistic approach to learning that emphasizes the importance of emotional intelligence and interpersonal skills. She recognizes that education extends beyond academics, encouraging students to engage in meaningful discussions about their thoughts and feelings, promoting a culture of empathy and understanding. By integrating storytelling and visual arts into her English lessons, she empowers students to find their unique voices while enhancing their language skills. Ms. Yazmin's commitment to nurturing a supportive and inclusive classroom environment ensures that each student feels heard, valued, and inspired to reach their full potential.




Ms. Wedad Ayyesh
Grade 2 Instructor




Ms. Wedad, with a Master's degree in Linguistic Anthropology and a Bachelor's degree in Psychology and Anthropology from Northern Illinois University, brings a well-rounded perspective to her teaching practice. She is passionate about working with young students, employing innovative techniques to enhance their reading and writing skills. Her firm but nurturing approach to classroom behavior fosters a respectful and focused learning environment, where students are encouraged to thrive.

Drawing on her extensive experience in student behavioral therapy, Ms. Wedad tailors her instructional methods to meet the unique needs of each child, recognizing that every student learns differently. By cultivating a supportive atmosphere that embraces individual learning styles, she empowers her students to build confidence and develop a lifelong love for literacy and learning.



Ms. Fathima Sheikh
Grade 4 Instructor



Ms. Fathima is a dedicated teacher who brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to Furqaan Academy. She has effectively collaborated with her colleagues to develop long-term plans tailored for struggling students, ensuring that each child receives the support they need to thrive academically. By designing innovative and interactive activities, Ms. Fathima enhances student engagement and fosters a dynamic learning environment where participation and enthusiasm are paramount. Her instructional expertise in core subjects empowers students to grasp complex concepts with confidence.

With both a Bachelor's and a Master's degree in Computer Science, she integrates technology into her lessons, preparing students for a rapidly evolving digital landscape. Prior to joining our team, she taught in Minnesota, where she honed her skills in creating inclusive and effective learning experiences.



Ms. Majeda Arman
Grades 3-7 (Girls) Quran Instructor



Ms. Majeda holds a Master of Arts in Quranic Sciences and a Doctor of Social Work from the Islamic University of Minnesota, equipping her with a rich understanding of both academic and social-emotional development. In her classroom, she employs innovative teaching strategies that cater to diverse learning styles, ensuring that each student is actively engaged in the learning process. She incorporates hands-on activities and interactive lessons that not only align with curriculum standards but also make learning enjoyable and meaningful.

Ms. Majeda is particularly adept at integrating Quranic teachings and Islamic values into her lessons, creating a holistic educational experience that nurtures both the mind and the spirit. She believes in the importance of instilling strong moral character and ethical principles in her students, guiding them to be compassionate and responsible individuals within their community.

HEARTFELT REFLECTIONS FROM OUR STAFF MEMBERS:

OVER THE PAST TWO YEARS AT FURQAAN ACADEMY, I HAVE EXPERIENCED A WELCOMING AND DEDICATED COMMUNITY THAT PRIORITIZES CREATING A SERIOUS ISLAMIC ENVIRONMENT FOR OUR CHILDREN. THE METICULOUS ATTENTION TO GUIDANCE AND THE RESPONSIBLE FOLLOW-UP WITH STUDENTS REFLECT A DEEP COMMITMENT TO THEIR DEVELOPMENT. DURING THIS TIME, I HAVE OBSERVED SIGNIFICANT ADVANCEMENTS IN THE SCHOOL'S ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE AND PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT. THESE STRATEGIC IMPROVEMENTS ARE ENHANCING THE ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE AND CREATING A MORE NURTURING ATMOSPHERE FOR OUR STUDENTS.

-MS. NAWAR HATTAB
ARABIC INSTRUCTOR

WORKING WITH THE STUDENTS AT OUR SCHOOL IS IMMENSELY FULFILLING. THEIR ENTHUSIASM BRINGS VITALITY TO EACH DAY, AND I AM GRATEFUL FOR THE SUPPORTIVE COLLEAGUES WHO CONTRIBUTE TO A COLLABORATIVE AND ENRICHING WORK ENVIRONMENT.

-MS. FATEMA NOOR
MATHEMATICS INSTRUCTOR

I WOULD LIKE TO HIGHLIGHT THE POSITIVE IMPACT OF THE NEW FURNITURE ON OUR CLASSROOM DYNAMICS. THE STUDENTS HAVE BECOME MORE FOCUSED, COMFORTABLE, AND ENGAGED DURING LESSONS. THE CLASSROOM NOW FEELS LIKE AN EFFECTIVE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT—ORGANIZED, INVITING, AND MOTIVATING FOR BOTH STUDENTS AND EDUCATORS. I APPRECIATE THE SUPPORT FOR THESE ENHANCEMENTS FROM FURQAAN, AS THEY ARE SIGNIFICANTLY IMPROVING OUR TEACHING AND LEARNING EXPERIENCE.

-MS. FAUZIA AHMED
SCIENCE INSTRUCTOR

ALHAMDULILLAH, THE RECENT UPGRADES IN OUR LEARNING SPACE, PARTICULARLY THE NEW FURNITURE, HAVE FOSTERED A CLEAN AND ORGANIZED ATMOSPHERE CONDUCIVE TO FOCUS AND PRODUCTIVITY. THE INTRODUCTION OF CHROMEBOOKS HAS BEEN TRANSFORMATIVE, ALLOWING STUDENTS TO CONSOLIDATE THEIR NOTES AND THOUGHTS EFFECTIVELY WHILE EMPOWERING THEM TO TACKLE CHALLENGING OBJECTIVES WITH CONFIDENCE AND STEADY PROGRESS.

WE ARE EAGER TO SEE WHAT HAPPENS NEXT :)

-QARI OSAMA RAYYAN
JUNIOR ALIM PROGRAM INSTRUCTOR



PSAT/NMSQT SUCCESS!

We are so proud of our amazing 10th and 11th graders for completing their PSATs this week —Masha'Allah, they did an incredible job! Their focus, effort, and positive attitude truly reflected their dedication and hard work. We also want to express our appreciation to **Ms. Shabana Malik**, for guiding and supporting our students. JazakAllah Khair to everyone and parents for making this a successful and positive experience for our students!

TEACHER'S PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Ms. Farhat Siddiqui, a certified training provider for the Illinois State Board of Education, delivered an outstanding Professional Development session. Educators and staff engaged in an insightful exploration of modern strategies for the Student Behavior Management Plan alongside Ms. Siddiqui, ensuring that we implement the most effective practices at Furqaan that meet established expectations for all students. Thank you for your partnership!

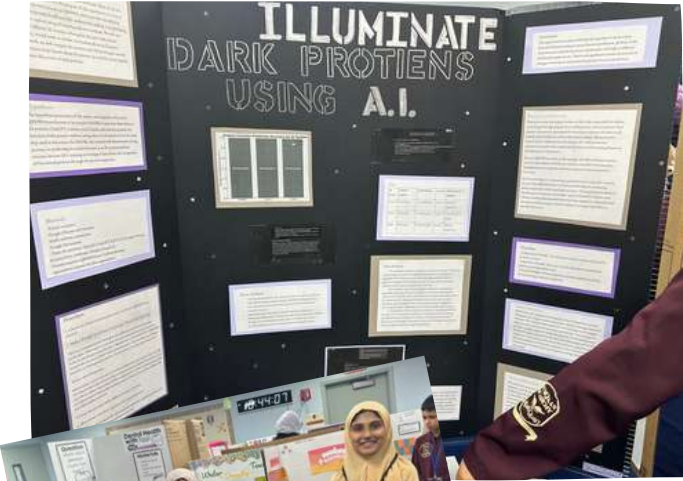


FURQAAN READING BUDDIES

Our Seniors had a heartwarming afternoon as they spent time reading to our Kindergarten students through our Furqaan Reading Buddies program! It was such a joy to see our oldest and youngest students connect through stories, smiles, and shared learning. The little ones loved having their “big buddies” read to them, and our seniors showed wonderful leadership, patience, and kindness. Programs like these beautifully reflect the Furqaan spirit—learning, caring, and growing together as one school family!

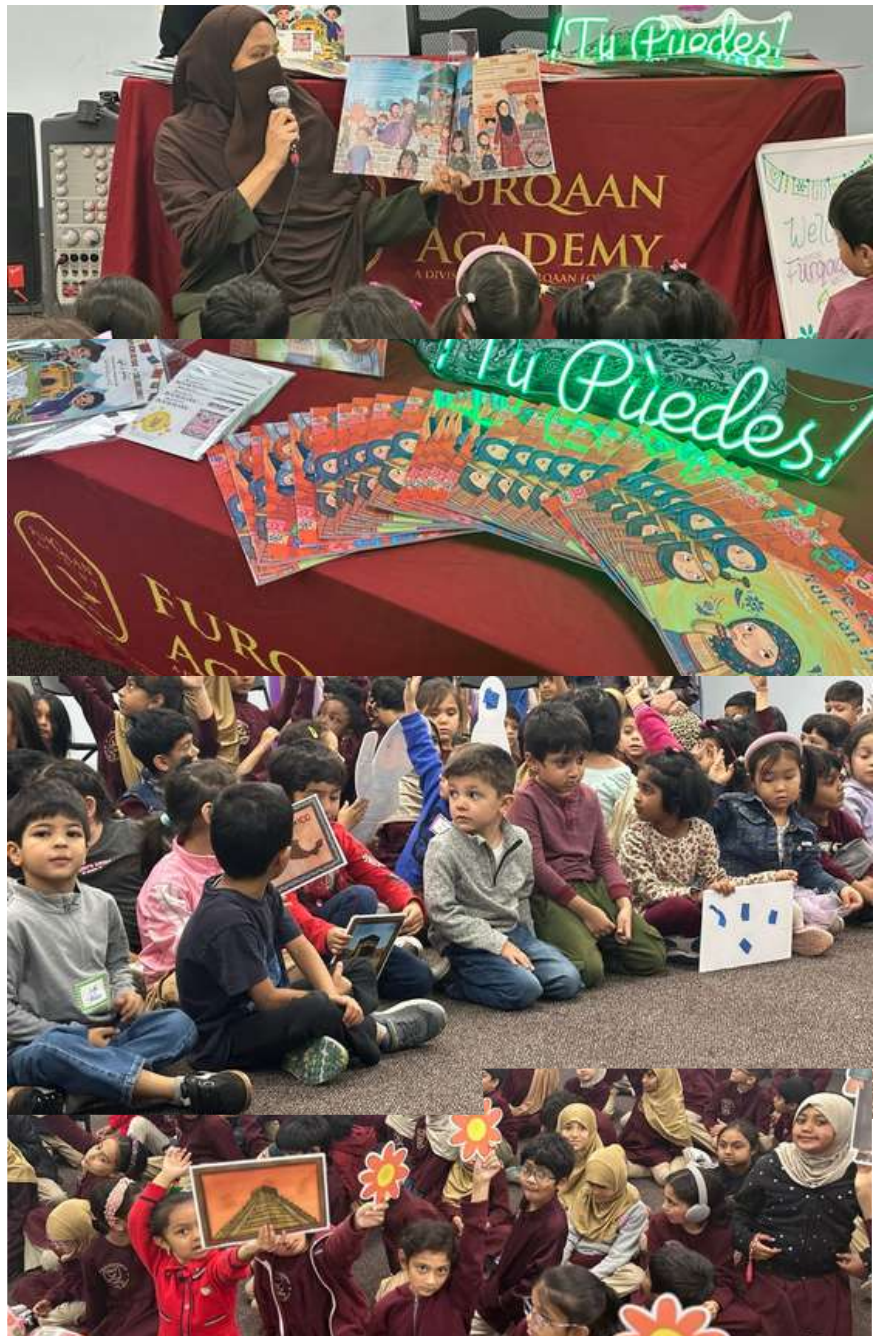


STUDENT HIGHLIGHTS FROM OUR 15TH ANNUAL SCIENCE FAIR



FURQAAN ACADEMY CONCLUDING Hispanic Heritage Month With Estefania Sanchez

MS. ESTEFANIA SANCHEZ,
THANK YOU FOR YOUR
INCREDIBLE VISIT TO
FURQAAN ACADEMY! YOUR
PRESENCE AND INSIGHTS
TRANSFORMED OUR
COLLABORATION INTO A
TRULY IMPACTFUL
EXPERIENCE. OUR
STUDENTS WERE
CAPTIVATED BY THE
OPPORTUNITY TO DELVE
DEEPER INTO HISPANIC
HERITAGE MONTH AND
EXPLORE THE PROFOUND
CULTURAL
CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE
HISPANIC COMMUNITY.
YOUR ENGAGING
PRESENTATION NOT ONLY
SPARKED CURIOSITY BUT
ALSO FOSTERED A
MEANINGFUL
UNDERSTANDING AMONG
OUR STUDENTS. WE DEEPLY
APPRECIATE THE TIME AND
DEDICATION YOU
INVESTED IN SHARING
YOUR INVALUABLE
KNOWLEDGE WITH US.



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