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FROM THE **PRINCIPAL'S DESK**

Family Night: Puppet Show Extravaganza A Night of Magic and Stories

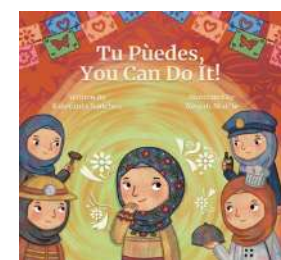
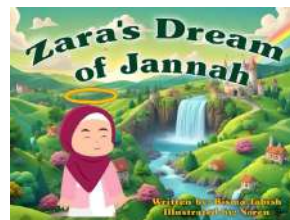
Furqaan Academy extends its sincerest gratitude to the phenomenal authors who made our recent Family Reading Night an unforgettable celebration of literature and fun!

A special thank you to:

- * **Ms. Maryam Khan**, artist of **Layla and Shams**, for weaving tales that captivated both young and old.
- * **Ms. Bisma Tabish**, for sharing your wonderful stories and inspiring our young readers.
- * **Ms. Mursila Murtaza**, for bringing your unique voice and imagination to our academy.
- * **Ms. Estefania Sanchez**, for your engaging presentation that made reading an adventure for every family.

Your **presence, passion, and storytelling magic** truly brought the joy of reading to life. You showed our community that **books are gateways to wonder, learning, and family bonding**. Thank you for dedicating your time and talent to inspire the next generation of readers.

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



ASK THE PRINCIPAL



Questions From Our Community Members To Our School Principal:

Q: How do you balance being an authority figure, yet so humble and being an approachable advocate for students?

A: Balancing authority with humility and approachability is a challenge I embrace wholeheartedly. In every interaction, I strive to create an atmosphere of openness and trust, ensuring that students feel comfortable reaching out to me with their concerns. It is essential to be an advocate for their needs, listening to their voices and validating their experiences. The Islamic principle of "humility", as emphasized in teachings about the Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him), guides my approach. He exemplified leadership infused with compassion and understanding, reminding us that true authority lies in our ability to serve others. By fostering genuine relationships with students and staff, I hope to embody the essence of being an approachable leader who inspires confidence while holding the responsibility of guiding our school community. This balance ensures that we not only uphold standards of excellence but also nurture a sense of belonging and support for every individual in our school.

Q: How do you define a "successful day" at school for you as Principal?

A: As a Principal, defining a "successful day" at school hinges on several key elements aligned with our mission to foster a nurturing and educational environment. A successful day is one where students actively engage in learning, show curiosity, and demonstrate respect for one another. It's when instructors feel supported and inspired to deliver their best lessons, and parents are involved and informed about their child's progress. Ultimately, a successful day is measured by the smiles on students' faces, the sound of laughter echoing in the hallways, and the knowledge that our community is moving together towards academic, Islamic and personal growth.



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 - crocs, 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.

HOODIES & SWEATERS

To keep our school looking unified and in line with established dress code policies, students may only wear solid maroon sweaters. Hoodies and sweaters with logos, graphics, or non-school designs are not permitted. Thank you for helping us maintain a consistent and professional school environment!



"Verily, Allah is
Compassionate
(Raheem) and loves
compassion. He grants
compassion that which
He does not grant
harshness."
(Hadith, Sahih Muslim)

-A Beautiful Hadith to Embrace
Our Monthly Theme of
Compassion (Rahma)

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HEARTFELT REFLECTIONS FROM OUR STAFF MEMBERS

I love teaching at **Furqaan Academy** because the Islamic environment makes every class spiritually meaningful. It beautifully combines **Qur'an learning with good manners and character development**, creating a space where students grow in both **knowledge and faith**. Being part of a community that nurtures sincerity and love for the Qur'an makes my work truly fulfilling.

-MS. GIHAN MUSA
FTH & HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS
QURAN INSTRUCTOR

I love working at **Furqaan** because the environment truly **feels like a family, everyone supports one another**, and it makes coming to work so comforting. I'm grateful to be part of a team where we can **laugh, learn, and grow together**.

-ALIMAH ASMA KHAN
ISLAMIC STUDIES INSTRUCTOR

Teaching has always been my passion, and being able to do it in an Islamic environment is truly a blessing. I love the **supportive and friendly atmosphere** among the teachers, and it brings me so much joy to work with the students every day. **Furqaan Academy** feels like a place where I can grow both **professionally and spiritually**.

-MS. FATHIMA SHAIK
GRADE 4 INSTRUCTOR

The environment here at **Furqaan** is truly uplifting. I am surrounded by people who **promote growth** and continually **motivate** me to **become a better version of myself**. My students also inspire me each day, strengthening my desire to **grow both as a Muslim and as a teacher**.

-MS. AMTUL NAJIYA
GRADE 3 INSTRUCTOR

UPCOMING DATES

O ALLAH, FILL OUR HEARTS WITH YOUR COMPASSION (RAHMA). MAKE US A SOURCE OF MERCY FOR OUR STUDENTS, FAMILIES, OUR PEERS, AND ALL OF YOUR CREATION. GUIDE US TO BE GENTLE IN OUR SPEECH, KIND IN OUR ACTIONS, AND STEADFAST IN STANDING AGAINST INJUSTICE. AMEEN.

-A Heartfelt Dua From Our Dear Principal

DECEMBER 1ST

Spelling Bee Lists have Been Distributed

Spelling Bee Competition:

Thursday, February 5th, 2026

DECEMBER 1ST - 5TH

Interdisciplinary Week (Student Council)

DECEMBER 8TH - 12TH

Winter NWEA MAP Testing

Grades Kindergarten - 10th

DECEMBER 15TH - 18TH

Midterm Exams - Grades 6th - 12th

DECEMBER 19TH

E-Learning/Asynchronous Learning Day

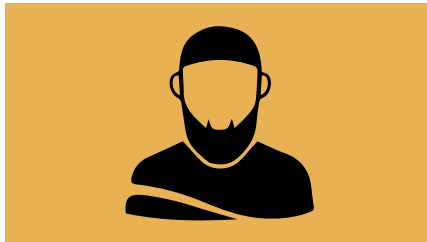
2nd Quarter Ends

DECEMBER 22ND - JANUARY 2ND

Winter Break (No School)

DEDICATED INSTRUCTORS

Meet the Amazing Team Behind Our School



IMAM FAISAL FATANI

FTH & HIGH SCHOOL (BOYS) QURAN INSTRUCTOR

Imam Faisal brings a wealth of experience as a Full-Time Hifdh Instructor. Previously, he served as Imam at the Islamic Center of Broward, specializing in **teaching full-time Hifdh, Quran Tajweed, and Islamic Fiqh**. He also taught Islamic Studies at the Islamic School of Miami, focusing on guiding students to **appreciate the beauty and wisdom of Islam**. With extensive research in Islamic Jurisprudence and a compassionate teaching approach, he is dedicated to fostering a profound understanding of Islamic values and principles among his students.

Beyond imparting knowledge, Imam Faisal dedicates himself to **character building, guiding students to develop integrity, empathy, and resilience**. Recognizing the importance of spiritual well-being, He offers counseling and support, helping students navigate their personal challenges with **compassion and wisdom**. His helpful nature extends throughout the school, as he actively engages with students, parents, and staff alike, fostering a sense of belonging and **community spirit**. Through his unwavering commitment and genuine care, Imam Faisal creates a nurturing environment where every individual can thrive both academically and Islamically.



MS. AMTUL NAJIYA

GRADE 3B LEAD INSTRUCTOR

Ms. Amtul Najiya is a dedicated professional who recently graduated from the University of Illinois Chicago with a Bachelor's degree in Applied Psychology and a minor in Business Administration. Her academic career was marked by **consistent excellence**. She was a perennial member of the **Dean's List** and was inducted into the **Honors Society**. Her exceptional abilities were further recognized through her participation in the university's Honors and Awards Program, where she was awarded **prestigious fellowships in both research and teaching**. Ms. Amtul has valuable hands-on experience, having served as a Research Assistant within the Department of Psychiatry at both the University of Illinois Chicago and Rush Medical Center. This role refined her skills in **understanding complex psychological concepts** within clinical settings. We are thrilled to welcome her expertise to our elementary department, where she will be **instrumental in supporting our children's learning journeys** and providing essential **emotional support** during class. We are especially pleased that Ms. Amtul is eager to contribute her skills to Islamic institutes, and we warmly welcome her to our **school community**.

DEDICATED INSTRUCTORS

Meet the Amazing Team Behind Our School



MR. MOHAMMED KHEIR ALAWADI

STEAM/ROBOTICS INSTRUCTOR

Mr. Mohammed is an incredibly committed educator in the fields of **Robotics and STEAM**, boasting over six years of experience. He specializes in **training and mentorship**, where he crafts and delivers captivating programs aimed at kids and young adults. His focus areas include robotics, coding with Arduino, IoT (Internet of Things), and AI (Artificial Intelligence). In addition to his teaching, he's also **skilled in technical project manufacturing**. He's adept at **prototyping and constructing functional projects**, utilizing both advanced digital fabrication tools like 3D printers and CNC machines, as well as traditional workshop equipment.

Mr. Mohammed is also known for his competition training expertise. He **prepares teams for prestigious tournaments** such as RoboFest, FLL, VEX, MAKE X, and WRO. What sets him apart is his ability to create integrated solutions by effectively combining hardware with software focused on AI and IoT, resulting in **interactive and innovative systems that have educational and real-world applications**. Driven by his passion for **empowering the next generation**, he believes in the power of hands-on, project-based learning and is dedicated to equipping young minds with **advanced technological skills**.



MS. GIHAN MUSA

FTH & HIGHSCHOOL (GIRLS) QURAN INSTRUCTOR

Ms. Gihan holds a Bachelor's Degree in Law and an Illinois Teaching Certificate, which showcases her **strong academic background** and professional qualifications. Her **passion for teaching the Quran** led her to transition into High school and full-time Hifdh teaching at **Furqaan Academy**. Over the years, she has made a significant impact on her students, with 12+ Huffadh graduating under her guidance. Her dedication and experience make her a valuable member of the faculty, contributing both academically and spiritually to the school community.

Ms. Gihan embodies a calm and composed demeanor that serves as a powerful example for young girls, **demonstrating the strength** that lies in **grace and poise**. She fosters an environment where her students feel **valued and understood**. As a dedicated mentor, she is always available to offer **wisdom and guidance**, making her the go-to person for advice on both academic and personal matters. Her **unwavering positivity radiates** throughout the classroom, **inspiring students to embrace challenges with optimism and resilience**. Ms. Gihan cultivates a culture of encouragement, reminding her students that every setback is a stepping stone to success. With her encouragement, she instills in them the **belief that they have the power to navigate their journeys with confidence and grace**.

COMMUNITY COLLABORATION



COMMUNITY SERVICE FOR COMMUNITY BUILDING

Furqaan Academy is deeply grateful to the Zakat Foundation of America for their incredible partnership in our recent community service project. This collaboration provided our students with a profound, hands-on experience in the core Islamic principles of service (Khidmah) and community building.

Our students had the wonderful opportunity to participate in packing Winter Kits. This was far more than a project; it was a living lesson in empathy, responsibility, and the power of collective action. Working alongside the dedicated team from Zakat Foundation allowed our students to see firsthand how organized charity transforms lives and strengthens the bonds within our Ummah.

Thank you, Zakat Foundation of America, for helping us instill the values of compassion (Rahma) and active citizenship in our future leaders. This partnership was a truly enriching experience for everyone involved.



STUDENT HIGHLIGHTS

CELEBRATING STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT
AND EMPOWERMENT

ARABIC SPELLING BEE: A TREMENDOUS SUCCESS!

Masha'Allah, our annual Arabic Spelling Bee was a resounding triumph! We are incredibly proud of all our participants who demonstrated not only remarkable memorization and linguistic ability but also great courage and poise on stage. This event significantly enhances students' vocabulary, pronunciation, and deepens their connection to the language of the Qur'an. Congratulations to all our spellers for their hard work and dedication!

BROTHER DUO WINS 2ND PLACE AT SPARK TANK!

We are excited to share that one of our Full-Time Hifdh students, Sulayman Siddiqi, won 2nd place at the local Spark Tank Kids Business Workshop! Masjid Furqaan was honored to sponsor the workshops as students developed their creative business ideas. Our student and his brother, Hafidh Ammar Siddiqi, a Furqaan Academy alumnus, created an innovative app, Shario, that allows community members to rent tools and equipment—with delivery included. Their creativity impressed the judges and all of us. We may just be witnessing the rise of the next brother entrepreneurial duo—future business tycoons in the making, insha'Allah! MashaAllah, Furqaan Academy is very proud of their hard work and ambition!



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SOCIAL EMOTIONAL LEARNING SUPPORT & COLLABORATION

ANTI-BULLYING WORKSHOP WITH ARAB AMERICAN FAMILY SERVICES

In our ongoing commitment to student well-being, we were honored to collaborate with Arab American Family Services (AAFS) to host a vital Anti-Bullying Workshop for all our students.

This impactful session equipped our students with essential skills, including:

- * Identifying different forms of bullying (verbal, social, physical, cyber).
- * Practicing empathy and standing up as a supportive bystander.
- * Developing strategies to report bullying safely and effectively.
- * Building self-confidence and resilience.

We are immensely grateful to AAFS for their expertise, compassion, and dedication to safeguarding our youth. Thank you for partnering with Furqaan Academy to foster a safe, respectful, and inclusive environment where every student can thrive. Thank you for your partnership!




STUDENT HIGHLIGHTS

BEYOND THE CLASSROOM:
FURQAAN ACADEMY'S RISING LEADERS




A Journey of Growth: **Class of 2026 Senior Spotlight**




MOHAMMED YUSUF

Colleges & Universities applied to: College of DuPage, Joliet Junior College, University of Illinois Chicago, St. Lewis University




A Journey of Growth: **Class of 2026 Senior Spotlight**



ANAS MEHBOOB

Colleges & Universities applied to: College of DuPage, Joliet Junior College, University of Illinois Chicago, St. Lewis University



Our Senior, **Muhammed Yusuf**, has applied to COD, JJC, UIC, and St. Lewis University as he explores the path that will bring him both financial stability and long-term success.

His favorite part of Furqaan Academy has been the **community, friendships, and unforgettable moments shared with his closets friends**. A constant reminder that shaped his journey was knowing that **Allah (SWT) sees all of our actions**.

His advice to his younger self, and to our students, is to **be less reactive and stay focused on your own unique journey!** We are so proud of you, Mohammed, and wish you the best of luck! To parents seeking a school environment where students truly belong, Furqaan Academy is ready to welcome your family.

Anas Mehboob is excited to pursue nursing at St. Lewis University, **driven by a passion for compassion and making an impact in others' lives**. The friendships he built at Furqaan Academy have been his greatest support through every high and low.

Anas values the **simple joys, like playing outside during lunch, which helped him reset and connect with friends**. His guiding principle: **Allah (SWT) is always watching**. His advice to his younger self emphasizes the **balance between studies and self-care**.

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