

Pictured below: Classroom winners of Spelling Bee 2018



# February Newsletter

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## Letter from Mrs. Rashid



Dear Parents, Assalamu alaikum!

This past month has been filled with many accomplishments for our school and community. We have received thousands of dollars in grants, won several awards on a district level for our coding abilities and been recognized nationally for our students' literary and humanitarian work! We certainly have a lot to be proud of.

We recently held a class and school-wide

Spelling Bee. This event has sparked great enthusiasm in students and parents! It is wonderful to see the excitement bubbling in the school community around academics. At the same time, we want to remind parents that this should be an enjoyable experience for students and an opportunity for them to engage in healthy competition. Remind your child that regardless of the outcome of their performance, we only have a responsibility to try our best and we leave the results to Allah (SWT).

In addition to our school-wide events, we are also offering many clubs, including the Knitting Club, After-School Sports, Basketball Academy, Robotics, Bricks for Kidz, Apple Seeds Club, Recycling Club and the Leader in Me Clubs. Students are encouraged to get involved and explore their interests!

As always, I am available for parents should you have any questions or concerns. Please feel free to call the school or email me. Jazakullah khairan!



## Recognitions



### **Emerald Club**

Congratulations to Ms. Emilie's Emerald Club of Grade 5 and 6 students, who have been awarded a \$950 grant from the AB Climate and Environment Student Action Challenge. The money will go towards purchasing 2 more composters for our classroom composting project. This brings the current amount of prizes for this project to just under \$2500.

### **Destination Conservation**

Congratulations to Ms. Emilie and the Destination Conservation group from last year (Hiba Hassan and Bayan Assaf), whose reusable marker program was recently recognized with an honorable mention in the Jack Layton Awards for Youth Action in Sustainability. This is a Canada-wide contest, and only a few schools across the nation are recognized.

### **Coding Competition**

Fort McMurray Islamic School hosted the district wide coding competition this January. FMIS had 7 teams participating and subsequent teams won several awards, including Design 1st place, Programming 1st place, Innovation 1st place and the most prestigious award, Grand Tournament Champions. Congratulations to **Zainab Ehtisham, Abeera Binat E Wasif, Iman Saleh and Zahrah Ehtisham** who won this award! One of our students, **Abdullah Zahid** also won the MVP for the coding competition. Way to go!

### **Essay/Poem Competition**

Congratulations to Rayhan Ikharia and Zahrah Ehtisham who won the creative writing contest for Remembrance Day! Rayhan won for a poem entry and Zahrah won for an essay entry. Keep writing and creating!

### **Spelling Bee Winners**

Congratulations to all School-Wide Spelling Bee winners

Grade 1: 1st: Manar Ahmied	2nd: Ibrahim Wasif	3rd: Abdullaha Ghias
Grade 2: 1st: Zainab Qamar	2nd: Hiba Ali	3rd: Amina Murshid
Grade 3: 1st: Nisreen Salem	2nd: Abiha Kashif	3rd: Taymiya Nawab
Grade 4: 1st: Fajar Khurshid	2nd: Alina Babar	3rd: Ali Usman
Grade 5: 1st: Zoha Akhtar	2nd: Aamir Aziz Khan	3rd: Raameen Faisal
Grade 6: 1st: Muhammad Ali Nazir	2nd: Shahmeer Awan	3rd: Hiba Hassan

## PROMOTIONS!

Mix 103.7 will be running ads promoting the Fort McMurray Islamic School! We are excited to advertise our school to the wider community.

Keep an eye out for the ads!

## REMINDERS

- ⇒ Please do not send students to school with toys or electronics
- ⇒ Classes at FMIS start at 8:30 am. Please drop students on time to school.
- ⇒ Accountability Pillar Surveys for Gr. 4 and 6 students have been sent to your home. Please complete them February 23. Thank you!
- ⇒ A gentle reminder to please pay for your child's agenda fees and ECDP fees. Fee reminders will be sent out soon.
- ⇒ We are accepting applications for next year! You can fill them out online!

