

THE SUNRISER



YOUR COMMUNITY ISLAMIC SCHOOL

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WELCOME TO A NEW SCHOOL YEAR by Sr. Leah Mohiuddin, School Director

Assalamu Alaikum
Welcome to another exciting year at Sunrise Academy. I look forward to working with you and your children to provide them with the best possible educational experience. Our primary goal at Sunrise Academy is to help every child realize his/her full academic potential within an Islamic environment. We encourage and support each child to develop his/her unique talents so that he/she may become a responsible citizen of our community. You are very important to our school. A successful

educational experience must be a partnership between the home and the school. Educators and parents alike contribute to the growth and development of our students' lives. As we work together, our efforts can provide the best possible educational experience for your child. I look forward to meeting your child's needs together.

My door is always open. Please feel free to contact me anytime at school or on my cell at (937) 673-8072.

Ohio Achievement Test Results by Ms. Linda Schulte, Academic Coordinator

In each of the past five years, the students of Sunrise Academy have taken the Ohio Achievement Test for various subjects. We are proud to report that there has been a steady improvement in our students' results, as seen in the most recent results.

These tests measure achievement in Reading, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies and Writing. Students in Grades 3 through 8 take these tests every year. Sunrise Academy uses these tests to gauge the success of its

Mom and Dad I CAN'T BE LATE!!

At 8:45am, the school bell rings. Students hurry to their desks, ready to begin their school day. The teacher stands before the class, ready to teach the lesson. The lesson begins with students listening carefully to what is being taught.

In walks a student, and another one. Time is wasted, learning disrupted, and part/all of a lesson missed, by the students who were trying to concentrate.

IT IS IMPORTANT TO BE ON TIME FOR SCHOOL!

curriculum and make any adjustments which seem warranted. They are also required by the state of Ohio under rules that apply to Sunrise Academy.

Among the highlights of our students' scores: 100% of the Sixth Grade scored

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REFLECTION OF MY LAST YEAR AT SUNRISE by Amina Mohamed, 8th Grade

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"proficient" or above in Reading, and 90% of the Seventh Grade also attained scores of "proficient" or above in Mathematics and in Writing. Nearly 90% of Fourth Graders also reached the "proficient" level in Reading.

Since ability in reading and writing English is the most important key to future academic and professional success, it is gratifying to see that good progress is being made in this area.



Research and Learn

My name is Amina Mohamed. I am an 8th grade student and insha' Allah I will be going to the 9th grade next year. I have been a student at Sunrise Academy for 3 years. I started in middle school here.

It really makes me sad leaving Sunrise Academy because it is a very good school. Sunrise cares for us as students. It gives us a very good education, because the teachers are highly educated. Some students say the school is very hard, but if you get used to it and study you can be an A+ student. Sunrise Academy is the kind of school that teaches you leadership, citizenship, and strengthens your Islamic personality. Students benefit a lot from this school. It is also built in an Islamic environment.

I will miss Sunrise a lot. I will try my best to visit it a lot after this year. It saddens me that I have to leave such a good school like Sunrise Academy.



NATIONAL YOUNG LEADERS PROGRAM by Nader Zidan, 5th Grade

I was invited to the NYLP this summer. Abdulmuizz Malimar, Hamza Kashubech, and Ibrahim Houissa from Sunrise Academy were invited too.

NYLP stands for National Young Leaders Program. NYLP focuses on eight core leadership traits. The eight leadership traits are:

Teambuilding, goal setting, communication, conflict resolution, problem solving, character development, citizenship, and organization skills. I had a good experience, and I met new friends.

In my article, I will talk about two important traits that are related to school.

GOAL SETTING

All of us have goals that we want to accomplish in life. In order to accomplish these goals, we need to set a goal. To have a good goal, your goal needs to be SMART.

Specific: Is your goal clear and precise?

Measurable: Can you tell if you are making progress?

Action-oriented: Does your goal challenge you?

Realistic: Can you achieve your goal?

Timely: When do you want to accomplish your goal?

PROBLEM SOLVING

We face a lot of problems in life and among friends. When we face problems, we should know how to build a bridge in between friends and teams.

I had a lot of fun at NYLP! I learned a lot of skills and challenged my self intellectually to become a great young leader. I hope everybody has this experience.



Hadith of the Month

Allah's Messenger (PBUH) said, "Everyday two angels descend and one of them says, 'O Allah! Compensate (more) to the person who gives (in charity)'; while the other one says, 'O Allah! Destroy the one who withholds (charity, etc).'"

[Al-Bukhari]



FAMOUS QUOTE OF THE MONTHLife's most urgent question is: what are you doing for others?

Martin Luther King, Jr.

WHAT RAMADAN MEANS TO ME

by Yousuf Yousuf, 8th Grade

Ramadan to me is what it is to most Muslims around the world. It means a chance to fulfill the commandments of Allah and worship him sincerely during this month. It is to fast, enjoin that which is good, and to stand in prayer seeking the pleasure of Allah (SWT) during these holy days. It is a time when we try to raise our level of iman and soften our hearts with the thikr and remembrance of Allah. Yet, after all of this there is an inner feeling I feel which defines what Ramadan means to me exclusively. To some, it's just a month among the many months of the year. To other people it means visiting each other for iftar and socializing around the table. To me, Ramadan is a month in which we reflect and feel a lot of happiness. The first joy we enjoy is the fasting we do in this month. I feel happiness about the fact that every second of the day whether it's in school or at home I am worshiping Allah (SWT). Fasting is something we can learn many benefits and lessons from, such as patience, self control, and piety. It is a time for us to sympathize for those of us who are less fortunate and feel grateful for the sustenance Allah gave us.

One of the many pleasures of this month is the iftar. Even though it is not the sole enjoyment of Ramadan for me I still cherish the delicious foods and drinks that we share during this month. Taraweeh and Qiyam or night prayers are also an enjoyment for the believers during this month. During the whole prayer we are receiving rewards and strengthening our bond of love with Allah (SWT). Alhamdulillah, I have also had the chance to understand and recite along with much of the Quran that is read in Taraweeh. Understanding the Quran that is being read helps you savor the sweetness and depth of each verse.

I also enjoy the spirit of this month in which we reflect upon and share the blessings and reminders of Ramadan. Alhamdulillah, I have been given a chance to share my reflections on a couple of topics at mosques during this year's and last year's Ramadan. Reflecting and thinking are important especially in Ramadan because they help us to better understand ourselves and the creations around us.

Sunrise Academy

Central Ohio's Full-time
Chartered Islamic School
would like to invite you to our



Monday, September 28th

7PM—8:30PM

at

5657 Scioto Darby Road
Hilliard, Ohio 43026
(614) 527-0465

Everyone is invited!

COME AND DISCOVER SUNRISE ACADEMY!

DATES TO REMEMBER

September 20th - Eid Prayer at Sunrise Academy
September 21st and 22nd - NO SCHOOL
Eid Al-Fitr Observance
September 23rd - Professional Development Day
Students Late Start - 10:45AM
September 28th - Open House, 7PM - 8:30PM
PTA Meeting at 9AM
October 5th-9th - OAT Fall Test for 3rd graders
October 16th - NO SCHOOL
Central Ohio In-Service Day
October 29th - End of first grading period
November 16th-20th - Parent Teacher Conferences
November 25th - NO SCHOOL
Teacher Conference Comp Day
November 26th-27th - NO SCHOOL
Thanksgiving Holiday
December 2nd—Student's Late Start - 10:45AM
December 21st-January 1st - NO SCHOOL
Winter Break

EDLINE ONLINE GRADE AND COMMUNICATION PROGRAM

Edline is our new web-based grading and communication system, which will make it easier for you to track your child's progress in school. On a periodic basis, teachers will update information, including your child's grades, upcoming lessons, calendar, and attendance. Once you have activated your account, you can login to Edline at any time to view this information.



Teachers will also be posting newsletters on the class homeroom page. Many teachers will also be posting valuable links to support student learning. Eventually, we would like to eliminate the mid-quarter progress reports, so it is important that you can access this information.

Should you forget your login id or password later on, please contact us so we may assist you.

We hope that you find this new system easy to use and very useful!

H1N1 INFORMATION

Now that a new school year has begun, we know another flu season is not far behind. As we did with the outbreak of the swine influenza (H1N1) last spring, we want to remind our parents of the measures we take to provide our students with a clean, safe learning environment and the precautions families can exercise to stay healthy.

Currently, there are no known cases of the H1N1 virus in our school. However, we continue to monitor advisories from federal, state and local public health authorities. We also track student and staff attendance. We will continue to keep our community informed as we move into the traditional flu season.

Cleaning and Disinfecting Practices

Appropriate disinfectants are used daily in our school. Restrooms and locker room areas are cleaned and disinfected every night. Lunch tables are disinfected and carpets are swept every day. We also disinfect door knobs, floors and table or desk surfaces on a regular basis.

What You Can Do To Stay Healthy

Families should keep in mind these guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control:

- Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. Throw the tissue away in the trash after use.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water, particularly after you cough or sneeze. Alcohol-based hand sanitizers are also effective.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth. Germs spread that way.
- Try to avoid contact with sick people.
- If you get sick, stay home from work or school and limit contact with others to keep from infecting them.

For additional information on H1N1 swine flu, please visit: <http://www.cdc.gov>.