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The Appointment ♥

During the time of the great Prophet's appointment only one sixth of the population in Arabian Peninsula lived in the cities; the majority of people were Bedouins who lived in tents out in the deserts. Their teamwork was to murder and usurp; their friends was their sword and camel. One of the poets of that time recited: Our work is to loot and attack on the neighbor and seldom if we don't find one other than our own brother, then we shall loot him.

Each tribe was an independent unit who considered other tribes as strangers. Murder was a common practice in both cities and out in the desert. When Shanfari -a well-known poet of that era- was disrespected, he killed ninety-nine citizens.

The tribes worshiped idols as their religion. They made idols as that looked like humans, animals, trees and worshiped them. Often, they would worship a water well or a cave. Not only they had none-conditional women but also treated women as a commodity and trading item. Girls were considered as dishonored creatures and they were buried alive. *(continued on page 2)*

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November Events

- 3 Daylight Saving Time Ends - Set clocks back one hour
- 5 Martyrdom of Imam Hassan al-Askari (AS)
- 7 Death of Adbul Muttalib (AS)
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- 14 Birthday of our holy Prophet Mohammad (PBUH) and Imam Jafar al-Saadiq (AS) ♥
- 15 Parent-teacher interviews
No school for students
- 23 Death of Abu Taalib (AS)

Important Announcement

Dig a Well project

Your donations totaled \$1,777. Proceeds will be used to provide drinking water to impoverished villages.

May Allah accept and bless you.

Hot Lunch

Total of \$921 collected from the Hot Lunch day.

Thank you to Shawarma Byte and Haj Ali Hussein for the generous donations to support the school.

Newborn to the Community

Congratulations to the **Saleh Family** for the blessed birth of **Lana** (siblings Celina and Tia).

Congratulations to the **Karout Family** for the blessed birth of **Fatima** (sibling Hassan).

The Appointment: The Beginning of Humanities' Evolution (continued from page 1)

Poetry and poems were very common among the Arabs. But their poems did not pertain deep meanings; except a handful of poets who were exceptional intellectuals. The majority of Arab poetry pertained to motivations for wars or honoring previous mass murders and looting.

The source of income for the tribes (in addition to desert based activities & income) was limited trading with some of neighboring countries; not so often with Yemen and Far East. Amongst this situation the house of Ka'ba was a primary source of income for the tribe of Quraish. All tribes respected this house both due to its history and also the fact that between 300 to 360 exclusive idols resided in this house was each represented a specific tribe.

Other countries in the world had a **similar level of civilization** and did not consider humane values in the societies far different than what the Arabs had. The other countries in the world were also occupied with wars for power and territorial expansions and further filled with inequalities and tyrannies, which are well addressed in World history references.

In such times, a man who worshiped the glorious Lord in the mountains of Mekka, thought of the destiny of history and mankind. Mohammad (Peace be upon him and his progeny) was near forty years of age. He had learned life in every aspect. He had been an orphan, a shepherd, a young tradesman, a worshiper, an intellectual in the desert, a judge and trustworthy of people.

He had spent forty years of his life in an era full of ignorance, among brutal and culture-less tribes; he had been titled the **trustworthy** and now had found himself in the beginning of an extraordinary responsibility. In the years that followed his appointment as a messenger, he spent most of his time far away from the crowd of the city. Each year he spent a month of worship on the secluded mount of Hera. During that month, he fed any poor who came close to him for help. After the month, he returned to Makka and circled around the Ka'ba before returning home.

At the time of Appointment, Gabriel (Jibra'il) - the angel of Revelation - came to him and said: **O Mohammad (PBUH&HP) You are the Messenger of Allah (SWT) and I am Jibra'il.**

After returning from Hera and inviting his close relatives to Islam, his **wife Khadija (PBUH)** and his **cousin Ali Ibn Abitalib (PBUH)** were the first two to accept his invitation to Islam. The Prophet's invitation was held in private for the first three years. After that it became a public invitation and announcement.

The Messenger of Allah's (PBUH&HP) motto was **"Say there is no God but Allah and become prosperous"**. He invited people to monotheism and worshiping the only God. The Messenger of Allah (PBUH&HP) announced the principle of **Equality** [for the first time]. Prophet Muhammad stated that **no race has superiority over another except by piety & good action**. This caused a blow to **Slavery** of that time.

He valued **Women** and gave them social and legal rights; he avoided them from shamelessness and presentation of their body.

Further, he **removed the social hierarchy and scores**. He placed the poorest of people beside the wealthy and elite of that time in one place, ordered everyone to learn knowledge.

He impacted and shook the foundation of the largest imperial powers of that time; he would sit on the floor and close a stone on his belt so that he does not feel hunger and he can continue to fight like a soldier for Islam. Eventually the Messenger of Allah with his persistence and hard work, successfully nurtured men and women who were pure, pious and champion of their time from tribes that had cruelty as their law and were simply scattered all over the peninsula.

These men and women learned to sacrifice for one another, put their hates away, constructed a better society and shed light upon the path of human evolution for the next generations.

(Selection from the book "Bi'that, Ghadir Ashura, Mahdi" by Reza Hakimi)

Important Information



A Day of Remembrance; Why Remember?

Every year on November 11, Canadians pause in a silent moment of remembrance for the men and women who have served, and continue to serve our country during times of war, conflict and peace. We honour those who fought for Canada in the First World War, the Second World War, and the Korean War, as well as those who have served since then.

More than 1.5 million Canadians have served our country in this way, and more than 100,000 have died. They gave their lives and their futures so that we may live in peace.

Following the First World War a French woman, Madame E. Guerin, suggested to British Field-Marshal Earl Haig that women and children in devastated areas of France could produce poppies for sale to support wounded Veterans. These poppies were distributed in Canada in Nov of 1921, and the tradition continued ever since.

Poppies are worn as the symbol of remembrance, a reminder of the blood-red flower that still grows on the former battlefield of France and Belgium.

One day every year, we pay special homage to those who died in service to their country. We remember these brave men and women for their courage and their devotion to ideals. We wear poppies, attend ceremonies, and visit memorials.

For one brief moment of our life, we remember why we must work for peace every day of the year.

Head Lice

Head lice are common in school-aged children, but anyone can get them.

These small insects can crawl from person to person by direct head to head contact and most commonly cause itching.

Parents should check their children's hair weekly for head lice. Look for nits (eggs) of head lice.

Nits look like dandruff, but they cannot be shaken or flicked off the hair. They are found on the hair very close to the scalp. If you see lice or nits, notify the school and treat your child.

Ottawa Public Health recommends that the first of the two treatments be done before your child returns to school.

Teach your child to protect him/herself from getting head lice:

- Avoid sharing combs, brushes, hair accessories, hats or helmets
- Tie back long hair in a braid or ponytail
- Keep hats, mittens and scarves in the sleeve of your child's coat

Please remember that the Lost and Found is cleaned out during the breaks and will be donated. Please check it for your child's lost items on a regular basis.

Reminders

Lost and Found

As our Lost and Found grows, we encourage students to have their items of clothing labeled with their name for easy returns.

The Lost and Found box is cleaned out during the breaks and its contents will be donated.

Please check it on a regular basis for your child's lost items.

Cooler Weather and Outside

With the cooler weather on its way, we need to encourage the children to come to school with a coat/jacket.

Our playground can be quite cool, due to the wind.

Students are expected to be outdoors for recess. Generally speaking, a child who is too sick to go out at recess is too sick to be attending school. We do not have indoor supervision for students at recess time.

Parent requests for a child to stay in at recess need to be accompanied by a doctor's note, indicating the reason and length of time.

If the weather is extremely cold, stormy or rainy, an indoor routine is followed.

Remember to label your child's items.

It's easier to track them in the "Lost and Found" when they are lost!

Preventing Head Lice

Please check your child's head on a regular basis.

If your child does have head lice, please let the school know.

We know tackling this problem is time consuming, but it is a necessary process and we thank you for your efforts.

Notify any person who may have come in close contact with you so that other cases can be found and treated in the same time frame.

Below are some tips to avoid re-infestation:

- Soak brushes and combs in hot water (about 54 degrees C) or in undiluted shampoo/conditioner for 5-10 minutes, then rinse thoroughly with hot water.
- Articles such as clothing, towels and bed linens may harbour lice or nits. To clean: Wash all clothing, towels, bedding, etc. in very hot water and dry in the dryer by using the hot cycle for at least 20 minutes OR seal in a plastic bag for two weeks.

Character Traits

Each month teachers at ABIS recognize students who display good character traits.

Each month, the school will focus on a different character trait.

Teachers will nominate one student per month from their classroom that they see displaying the character trait at school.

Over announcements, in the school newsletters, on our website, nominated students are rewarded and acknowledged for the positive contributions they make.

Students, who demonstrated Cooperation throughout the month of October, were awarded character awards.

Congratulations to the recipients of "Cooperation" character award:

JK: Mohamad Karout

SK: Ayah Elcheikh Ali

Gr. 1: Judy Abdullah

Gr. 2: Reem Al Shaer

Gr. 3: Nour Jafer

Gr. 4: Wahaj Mohammad

Gr. 5: Malia Mourad

Gr. 6: Nour Ezahraa Fahs

Gr. 7: Zahra Al-Hussein, M. Sajad Abardeh Hosseini

Gr. 8: Ali Ajaa

Progress Reports

Progress Reports will be sent home on **Friday, November 8th** insha' Allah.

Provincial progress report for grades 1 - 8 do not have letter grades, rather the focus is on comments that highlight strengths and areas to improve.

Formal evaluations are completed at the end of the first term in January.

At that time you will receive a provincial report card that will contain letter grades for grades 1 - 6 & marks for grades 7 & 8.

Parent-Teacher Interviews

Parent/Teacher conferences will occur on **November 15th**.

Please make every effort to meet with your child's teacher.

- Conferences will be held for **8:00 am - 11:45 am** and **1:00 pm - 2:45 pm**.
- Only one conference time will be scheduled for each child.
- Each conference is scheduled for a **10 minute** time span.

There will be no school for students on Friday, November 15.

New Student Referral Program

Introduce a new family to Ahlul-Bayt Islamic School and Receive \$200 for every referred student!

Any family, with students in our school, can receive \$200, in tuition fee discount, for every referred student, when they introduce a new family to our school.

Help spread the good word about our school.

LOCK DOWN

The safety and security of our students and staff is a top priority for Ahlul Bayt Islamic School. We have been implementing a number of measures as part of a comprehensive plan aimed at ensuring our school remains a safe place for our students to learn.

One of the procedures our school will be practicing is a lockdown drill. During a lockdown drill, classroom doors are secured and the students remain inside the room until instructed by the teacher to resume their activities. All exterior doors are locked and no one is permitted to enter or leave the building. Students are kept inside the school and classrooms when circumstances make it safer to stay in the classroom rather than evacuate. Just as we prepare our students to properly respond to a fire drill, they also need to be aware of the proper response during a lockdown drill. These drills should be treated with the same level of importance as fire drills.

Please be assured that staff will spend time discussing the importance of this procedure with students prior to running a drill. We will also take time after the drill to remind them that it was only a practice and there was no danger. When possible, our School Resource Officer may assist us in conducting the lockdown drills.

Please take the time to speak with your son/daughter about this procedure and reinforce its importance. We practice these drills to ensure our school remains a safe place for teaching and learning.

A HEALTHY NOTE

We all agree that healthy children learn better.

In an effort to prevent the spread of germs at school, we ask that you keep your child home from school if he/she is ill. Should your child become ill while at school, you will be asked to take him/her home until they are feeling better.

Your child should be at home for any of the following symptoms:

- Fever of 100 degrees Fahrenheit (38 degrees Celsius) or above: your child should remain at home until the fever is below that without medication for 24 hours.
- Nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, or abdominal pain
- Unusual drowsiness or tiredness
- Sore throat/ strep throat: your child must be on antibiotics for 24 hours before returning to school
- Viral cold: your child should stay home for the first few days when your child is most uncomfortable
- Persistent cough
- Red, inflamed eyes with a discharge/ conjunctivitis: your child must be on antibiotics for 24 hours before returning to school
- Any sore oozing fluid or pus
- Any rash that has not been diagnosed
- Head or body lice that has not been treated
- Earache/ ear infection
- Any other symptoms which are suggestive of illness.

ALERT the school if your child is diagnosed with a contagious illness, (Strep throat, Conjunctivitis, head lice, Scabies, Fifth Disease, chicken pox, impetigo, meningitis, whooping cough, etc.)

🌟 Student of the Week/ Month October

JK: Mohamed Mahdi Slim, Yasmin Gharbi, Ava Zaidi

SK: Amjad Alansari, Ali Al-Timimi, Azaan Rizvi

Gr. 1: Nour Shaaban, Laila Khachab, Hassan Al-Abdan

Gr. 2: Tasneem Jaber, Zaher Madi, Anes Bouguerra, Reda Tehfe

Gr. 3: Mohamed Kamel Beydoun, Iyad Mansour Bokretache, isa Zaidi, lasmin Minaeva, Sobhan Abardeh

Gr. 4: Ali Hamam

Gr. 5: Adem Bouguerra

Gr. 6: Fatma Nayef

Gr. 7: Zeinab Lezzaik, Ali Al-Sayed Ali

Gr.8: Yasmeeen Jaber

🌟 Most Valuable Prayer Award

Granted every month to students of Grade 4-8 who exhibit improved humbleness, focus & respect during their daily prayers at school.

Gr. 4: Ali Slim, Ali Hamam

Gr. 5: Zainab Jawad, Hussein Ajaa

Gr. 6: Zehra Motlak, Seyedmohammad Azhari

Gr. 7: Noor Alhaoraa Omrani, Fatima Jomaa

Gr. 8: Ali Ridha

🌟 Healthy school Policy

Parents who want to bring in a special treat for the class must first ask for permission from the principal.

Our school works to align itself with the Ministry of Education's Healthy School's Policy as well as ensuring a nut free environment.