



# End of the Year School Newsletter

## From the Principal's desk

Dear Parents,

Assalaamu Alaikum,

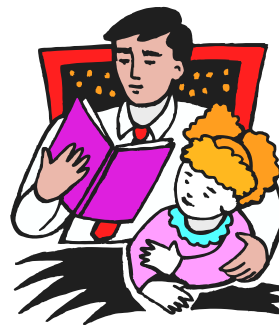
Can you believe it? Another year is just about over and summer break is almost here again. We had a great year and you have been an important part of it all. Thank you for your cooperation and support. Our students and staff too have worked very hard and I take this opportunity to extend my thanks to them also. The encouragement of our community is essential for the success of our school and is greatly appreciated. As summer approaches, students are looking forward to play time. During a long summer break, students often lose much of what they were

taught during the year. Here are some things you can do with your child to encourage out of school learning. Holidays are a good time to visit your local library with your child. This will motivate children to get interested in reading. Reading as you know is a key component to a student's success. You can get an assortment of workbooks that give practice in all of the basic skill areas and have your child do a couple of workbook pages a day. Even during holidays children need some kind of a structure at home. This is the time to visit various museums and places of historical interest in your

area. Have your child keep a journal of his/her summer activities. Summer is an opportunity to spend quality time with your children.

I wish you all a wonderful summer and look forward to seeing you next school year, Insha Allah.

Jazakum Allahu Khairan,  
Sr. Niloufer



## What's new for the next school year?

Our curriculum for the next school year is book based. Lot of thought has been put into it to find the best publishers for every subject.

This curriculum will cover National and State standards and beyond. The related workbooks will give students the required practice they need to learn the

concepts and skills at each grade level. Alhamdulillah, we have already received all the books for Language Arts and Social Studies. Over the next few weeks, we shall be receiving books for the rest of the subjects as well, Insha Allah.

We will be using a very inspiring series of books for Islamic Studies. In ad-

dition to that, students will be memorizing a set number of duas and ahadeeth based on their level and will be encouraged to apply it in their daily lives.

Arabic curriculum is being completely revised and Insha Allah, students will be learning not only vocabulary but also rules of Grammar and Morphology.

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### Tips to make your child a reader for life:

- ☺ Take your child to the library often.
- ☺ Research the internet to find books that are appropriate for your child's age and interest.
- ☺ Designate a corner of your home as a reading corner.
- ☺ Sit with your child everyday and read with him/her.
- ☺ Have your child prepare a book report for each book that he/she reads. It can be something as simple as a drawing to something as comprehensive as a lengthy essay with illustrations.
- ☺ Listen to the audio version of a good book; there are plenty of choices at your local library.
- ☺ And last but not the least, since children imitate their parents, please take some time to sit down and read something yourself. You are the best example for your child.

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# Message from ISEB Board President

Dear Parents,

Assalamu Alaikum. I hope this letter finds you in the best state of Iman and health, InshaAllah. I want to take this opportunity to thank you for continuing to entrust your children's education at Peace Terrace Academy. Alhamdulillah, we are finishing up another school year and the kids are gearing up for a fun summer. While the children are enjoying their time off, the school administration will continue to work hard through the summer in preparation for the 2009-2010 school year.

The highest priority for next year is to find a qualified principal. The School Committee and I are working very closely together toward achieving this goal. We are currently interviewing candidates and are confident we will select a highly qualified individual for this crucial role.

Our dedicated staff has been working hard on finalizing the curriculum for next year. Masha Allah, we have a strong curriculum in place and will continue to strive toward achieving a high academic standard for our children.

As many of you are aware, there were issues that were raised a couple of months ago with regard to the school. Each issue was taken seriously and deeply investigated. Those that needed to be addressed have either already been resolved or are in the process of resolution. One of the most important of these issues was the financial integrity of the school. Rest assured that we have reviewed all the financial transactions of the school and have found that everything is accounted for. Since this is a matter of great concern to many, the school's financials will be turned over to an independent accountant at the end of the school year for an audit and the results will be made available.

Education and the well-being of our children remain the highest priorities at Peace Terrace Academy. We want to create a healthy and loving environment for our students to learn and grow in. The Board of Directors has held multiple meetings with the School Administration over the past few months and is completely dedicated toward meeting this goal. Please feel free to contact me with any concerns or questions that you may have. I remain committed to this school and I strongly believe that it can be a world class institution for learning if we all work together toward achieving that standard by keeping nothing but the interests of our children at heart.

Sincerely,  
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## Final Note from the Administration:

Dear Parents,

The results from the recent standardized tests will be mailed to you as soon as we receive them. The school calendar for next year is ready and will also be mailed to you along with the school supply list. Please watch out for notification from school in the first week of August. We hope you have a great summer! See you back in August!

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