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We are grieved for you, O beloved of our hearts!

Prophet Mohammad: Historic Words During Last Hajj

In the eleventh Islamic month (Zul-Qu'dah) the Prophet Muhammad (PBUH&HP) made an announcement that he will be performing the pilgrimage of the Ka'bah that year for the last time.

The announcement of the Prophet's pilgrimage spread throughout the city as well as the tribes. It was clear that due to the prominence of the pilgrimage, and the coincidence of this journey with the last months of the Prophet's life, the sermons given would entail a vital message.

The news inspired great interest in the Muslim Ummah. Thousands of people accompanied the Prophet to perform the rituals of Hajj. The Prophet performed the rituals of Umrah Mufradah and then entered 'Arafat on the 9th of Zul-Hujjah to perform the ritual pertaining to that day. On that day, the land of 'Arafah witnessed a great and splendid gathering, the like of which had not till then been seen by the people of the Hijaz.

The voice of monotheism and the slogans of worship for the one God were ringing in that land. The Prophet offered the noon prayers in Arafat along with 100,000 people. Thereafter, the Prophet mounted his camel, and delivered the historical sermon, which was repeated by his companions, who had loud voices, so that those at a distance might also come to know what the Prophet was saying.

On that day he commenced his sermon thus:

"O people! Hear my words, for it is possible that I may not meet you at this spot in future".

"O people! Your blood and property (honor and reputation) are respectable for one another, like this day and this month, till the day on which you meet Allah, and every transgression in this behalf is unlawful".

In order to be sure of the desired impression of his words on the people about the respectability of the lives and property of the Muslims the Prophet asked Rabi'ah bin Umayyah to ask them: **"Which month is this?"** - All of them replied: **"It is a respectable month and warfare during this month is prohibited and unlawful".**

Then the Prophet (PBUH&HP) said to Rabi'ah, **"Tell them: Allah has declared your blood and property unlawful and respectable for one another like this month until you leave this world."**

He again said to Rabi'ah: **"Ask them which land is this?"** All of them replied, **"It is a respectable land and bloodshed and transgression in it is strictly prohibited"**. He then said to Rabi'ah: **"Tell them your blood and property are respectable like this land and every sort of transgression is prohibited"**.

Thereafter the Prophet said to Rabi'ah: **"Ask them which day**

is this?" They replied: **"It is the day of Haj al-Akbar (the Great Hajj)"**. The Prophet said: **"Tell them your blood and property are respectable like this day"**.

You will return to Allah (SWT) soon and in that world your good and bad deeds will be weighed. I tell you: One, to whom something has been entrusted, should return it to its owner.

Yes, O people! You must know that usury [lending money at unreasonably high rates of interest] is strictly prohibited in Islam. Those, who have invested their capital to earn interest can take back their capital only...

O people! Satan has lost hope of his being worshipped in your land. However, if you follow him in small matters he will be happy and pleased. So do not follow Satan...

Yes, O people! Your women have rights over you and you too have rights over them. Your right is that they should not admit anyone in the house without your consent, and should not be commit a corrupt action I recommend you on this land that you should be kind to your women, because they are the trust of Allah at your hands and they have become lawful for you according to His laws.

Yes, O people! Hear my words carefully and ponder over them. I am leaving two memorable things amongst you:

One of them is the Book of Allah, and

The other is my Progeny (PBUT),

You will not be misguided if you hold on tight to these two.

Yes, O people! Hear my words carefully and ponder over them. Every Muslim is the brother of another Muslim and all Muslims of the world are brothers of one another. And anything out of the property of the Muslims is not lawful for a Muslim except when he acquires it with an honest

Dates to Remember

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| 2 | Martyrdom of our holy Prophet Mohammad (peace and prayers be upon him and his Ahlul-Bayt) |
| 3 | Martyrdom of Imam Ali al-Rida (AS) |
| 6 | Back to school- Welcome Back! |
| 11 | Martyrdom of Imam Hassan al-Askari (AS) |
| 16, 17 | Scholastic Book Fair |
| 20-23 | First semester Exams for Grade 10 |
| 21 | Birth of our holy Prophet Mohammad (PBUH&HP)
Birth of Imam Jafar al-Sadiq (AS) |
| 24 | Professional Development Day |



intention.

Yes, O people! Those present should tell these remarks to those who are absent. After me there will be no prophet and after you Muslims there will be no Ummah.

O people! You should know that I am announcing it today that I have banned all the ceremonies and beliefs of the Age of Ignorance and I am informing you of their falsity".

At this juncture, the Prophet ^(PBUH&HP) discontinued the sermon and making a sign towards the sky with his forefinger said:

"O Allah! I have communicated your message".

Then after saying thrice: **"O Allah! Be witness to it"**, he brought the sermon to an end.

In this way, during this journey, the Prophet ^(PBUH&HP) reminded Muslims of several vital and decisive issues through multiple sermons. These were supplement to the teaching of the Hajj rituals which was at the center of his focus during this journey.

Along the same lines, after finishing the Hajj rituals and on the way back to Mecca, the Messenger of Allah stopped at Ghadir Khum on 18th of Zul-Hujjah.

Through a sermon and by the decree of Allah ^(SWT), the Prophet ^(PBUH&HP) introduced Amir-al-Mu'minin, Ali ^(PBUH), as his successor, thus announcing:

"For whoever I am his Leader (mawla), 'Ali is his Leader (mawla).

O' God, love those who love him, and be hostile to those who are hostile to him."

Therefore, during this last journey and besides teaching the Hajj rituals, the Prophet ^(PBUH&HP) clarified the most critical principles of Islamic beliefs, ethics, and society, and left a completed version of the religion as his legacy.

Eventually, on the noon of Monday, the 28th of Safar of the eleventh year of migration, the Holy and Great Spirit of the Divine Messenger of Allah, peace and prayers be upon him and his progeny, ascended to heaven.

Ahlul-Bayt Islamic School offers condolences to our holy Imam Mahdi ^(PBUH) and all Muslims, upon the 28th of Safar, the anniversary of the martyrdom of the last Messenger, the mercy upon the universe, and master of the Prophets, Prophet Muhammad Mustafa ^(PBUH&HP).



SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

Our annual Scholastic Book Fair arrives on Thursday & Friday, January 16th and 17th!

Students will view the books on January 15th and will take home a list of books they like.

If parents wish to purchase any of these books, cash may be sent in with their child on Thursday & Friday.

Parents are also welcome on our sale days to visit or purchase books at the fair.

These beautiful new books make wonderful gifts and the higher our sales, the more free books from scholastic we can choose for our classroom libraries!

Address/Phone Changes

Please remember that it is extremely important to provide the school office with your current ADDRESS and PHONE NUMBER(S).

It's difficult to contact you without them.

Please call us at 613-526-0774

Professional Development Day is January 24th

There will be no school on this day as the ABIS Staff will be participating in a Professional Development Day.

Medication at School

Remember: ALL medication, including cough drops, must be turned into the office with a completed Medical Authorization / Administration Form.

School policy states that we need to have the medication in the original container, and if it is a prescription, the label must be attached to the container.

Fevers Stay Home

A reminder as sickness comes in the winter season.

A child MUST be fever free for 24 hours before returning to school after an illness or if they are sent home with a fever over 38°C degrees.

Thank you for helping not to spread germs.

Lost and Found

Clothing and personal belongings that are brought to school should be labeled with the child's name.

Found articles are turned into the school's Lost and Found.

Lost and Found items are located in front of JK classroom.

Please feel free to check our lost and found for items your child has misplaced.

Dress for the Weather

Now that the weather is changing and temperatures are dropping, dressing your child appropriately for the weather is important.

Students will be sent outdoors for recess, weather permitting.

It is important for the students to go out in the fresh air and exercise.

Please be sure your child has a winter coat, gloves or mittens and hat.

For your child's comfort please include boots, snow pants and an extra pair of dry socks when there is snow on the ground.

Afternoon Checkouts

There has been an increase in the number of children who are being checked out early in the afternoon.

In order to make sure that your child does not miss important instructional time, please do not check your child out early unless it is necessary.

We appreciate your cooperation with this matter!

Students of the Week

JK Mohammed Elkchirid, Hussein Meshaal, Lina Nasrallah
SK Zehra Motlak, Tala Al-Harhara, Zaynab Hussein
Gr. 1 Fatima Jomaa, Fatimah Almatar, Zeinab Lezzaik
Gr. 2 Jad Fawz Saadane, Yasir Al-Zaidi, Ahmad Nasrallah
Gr. 3 Jana Wahab, Hawraa Jomaa, Mariam Elcheikh Ali

Students of the Month

Gr. 4 Mahdi El-Sayed Ali Gr. 5 Sara Kawtharani
Gr. 6 Serene Cheaito Gr. 7 Fatima Kawtharani
Gr. 8 Mahdi Al-Hussein



January's Character Trait is Kindness

What are ways you can show Kindness?

- Being compassionate, courteous, helpful, and understanding of others
- Showing friendship, caring, and generosity
- Treating others as you would like to be treated



December's Character Trait was Generosity

Students demonstrating this character trait throughout the past month were granted character awards.

Congratulations to the recipients of this character award:

JK : Malia Mourad	SK: Malak Kabbout	Gr. 1: Shada Zeitoun	Gr. 2: Remas Abou Yehya
Gr. 3: Heba Wahab	Gr. 4: Jena Ridha	Gr. 5: Siham Srouf	Gr. 6: Mayah Matar
Gr. 7: Zahra Ajaa	Gr. 8: Hadi Al Sayed Ali		

Generosity in Abundance at ABIS



A huge **Thank You** goes to everyone who donated and bought goodies at the bake sale. Because of your generosity \$1,200 was raised.

Monies raised will be put into purchasing sports equipment for our physical education class & for grade 8 graduation dinner.

A big thank you goes to our **School Council** for organizing the bake sale. Your dedication and effort are greatly appreciated.

Special thanks to **Mrs. Abir Issa** for donating gifts to the school children, and for buying coffee & cream supply for the school staff.

Keeping with the Tradition

Volunteers and staff of Ahlul-Bayt Islamic School cooked a large pot of hareesah (هريسه) and served it as lunch to all students and staff on Wednesday, December 11th.

Thank you to **Mrs. Itaf Dbouk** (Imm Hassan) for volunteering to cook hareesah using her delicious recipe.

Special thanks to ..

Mrs. Fatima Haidoura, Mrs. Rimonda Zeidan, Mrs. Jamile Matar, Mrs. Fawaz and Mrs. Batoul Jomaa

for covering the cost and assisting in stirring and serving the hareesah lunch to all students.

High School Information Evening for Parents of Grade 8 Students

High School Information Evenings are hosted during the month of January.

This is where the principal and school board representatives meet parents of grade 8 students and talk to them about the Ontario high school diploma requirements as well as the grade 9 programs and policies at Ahlul-Bayt Islamic School.

The school also needs to know, for next year planning, which students would be attending grade 9 at Ahlul-Bayt Islamic School for 2014-15.

The principal and representatives from the school board will be there to provide the information and answer your questions.

The high school evening is scheduled for Wednesday January 22nd at 6:30 pm sharp.

We look forward to your participation.

Ahlul-Bayt Islamic School Board

2014 - 2015 Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten Registration has been scheduled for the week of February 18 - 21, but more specifically Wednesday, February 19th starting at 9:30 until 12:00 and 1:30 until 2:45, for our school.

- Students eligible for the JK program must be 4 years of age on or before December 31, 2014 (born in 2010)
- Students eligible for the SK program must be 5 years of age on or before December 31, 2014 (born in 2009)

When you come into the school you will be given registration forms to fill out in front of the office, or at home and return to the office.

Parents need to bring the child's Immunization Form and provide proof of birth date for their child.

Acceptable documents are (A copy will be kept in the student's Ontario Student Record (OSR) file.):

- Birth certificate
- Birth registration form
- Citizenship certificate
- Passport

Please call Mrs. Aseel at (613) 526-0774 for any questions or concerns.

Re-Registration for the 2014-2015 Year

Re-Registration forms will be sent home in February.

Each year, in February, schools begin budget and staffing preparations for the upcoming school year.

Re-Registration of existing students is part of this process.

Before admitting new students, all existing students are given priority to re-register.

The deadline for re-registration is February 28, 2014.



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- ✓ Full-day JK & SK programs.
- ✓ Individual attention for each child.
- ✓ Arabic Language taught by native speakers.
- ✓ Weekly group prayer (salaat Jamaah).
- ✓ Continuous monitoring of student progress.
- ✓ Innovative holistic education programs.
- ✓ High academic performance standards.
- ✓ Ongoing academic monitoring and assessment via ministry and other standardized exams.
- ✓ Ontario academic curriculum that starts at JK, covers Junior high school, and into high school.
- ✓ Islamic environment promoting good morals & behavior.
- ✓ Islamic Studies including Quran & Fiqh (Jurisprudence).
- ✓ Small class sizes for all grades.
- ✓ Private school discipline and work ethics.
- ✓ French as a 2nd language starting from JK.
- ✓ Enrichment & remediation as field trips.
- ✓ A variety of activities & learning experiences.
- ✓ Qualified, dedicated, & caring teachers.
- ✓ Ontario Ministry of Education inspected school.



Please check our website, or call us, for more information.

We are happy to provide a guided tour of our school.

Call us for an appointment.