



AL-HIJRA ACADEMY

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COMING UP!

GRADES 4-8 SPEECH COMPETITION PACING DATES 2026

Choose topic: Mon., Oct. 19
Outline due: Wed., Oct. 21
Rough draft: Wed., Nov. 4
Final copy: Wed., Nov. 11
In-class selection week: Mon., Nov. 16
School competition: Mon., Nov. 23

JK-GRADE 3 STORYTELLING WEEK

In-class presentations: Mon., Nov. 16

**RESOURCES & SUPPLIES FEES DUE
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16**

[CLICK HERE FOR THE FORM](#)

2026-2027

Welcome back, Al-Hijra families!
 We're looking forward to a great year filled with lots of learning and fun. May Allah fill this year with countless blessings.

SOCCER EXHIBITION GAME WINNERS!

Wednesday, September 30

Congratulations to the Boys Soccer Team! They won the exhibition game against Maranatha Christian Academy at our school. See page 5!



PARENT COUNCIL 2026

A second round of online nominations must be completed by Friday, October 2, 2026 by 4:00 p.m. as none of the nominated parents for president accepted their nominations.

Online elections will be held on Friday, October 9, 2026 with an online voting form from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. The election will be certified, and the new Parent Council will be announced shortly thereafter.

We hope that with the participation of our parent community, we will be able to establish a Parent Council this school year.

Students of the Month

September Best Adjusted to School Procedures



JK - Laila Alawneh, Mifa Fasil, Yousef Sabbah

SK - Zoha Khan, Orion Nazish, Zayn Sadek

Grade 1 - Lujain Ali, Noor Bleible, Mia El Shaer, Nuha Siddiqui

Grade 2 - Zayd Alsmoudi, Mahmoud Kaloti, Layla Sadek

Grade 3 - Omar Hamtini, Aaira Khan, Salma Shire

Grade 4 - Kenzy Marzouk, Amanah Qadir, Zeenah Qadir

Grade 5 - Mennah El-Gohary, Muhammad Inam

Grade 6 - Jenna Abou-Touha, Jennah El-Kadri, Abdullah Mheisin

Grade 7 - Yasmin Mohamoud, Malyun Shire, Sara Zabian

Grade 8 - Yusuf Bakali, Ibaad Ur Rehman Farooqi, Maysa Rahman



September Qur'an

JK - Layla Aboutouha, Omar Beydoun, Ayham Mansour

SK - Jamal Chami, Reemy Hamatto, Senid Klaibi

Grade 1 - Zeina Aldabouni, Lujain Ali, Noor Bleible

Grade 2 - Rashid Aboutouha, Jana Beydoun

Grade 3 - Lara Abdelbar

Grade 4 - Fatima Chami

Grade 5 - Lul Shire

Grade 6 - Abdulelah Ba Wazir, Sajida Mehaysen

Grade 7 - Maryah Alachraf, Julia Daji, Eden El-Kadri

Grade 8 - Yusuf Bakali, Ahed Hamadeh, Serene Hammoud

Tahfeedth - Sara Aldabouni, Zayyan Siddiqui



September's Highlights

Meet the Teachers Night

Thursday, September 10

Our students and their families were welcomed by the administration and teachers. The school was bustling!

A Special Visitor!

Thursday, September 21

Our Grades 7-8 students and staff were delighted to hear the beautiful recitation of Qari Ibrahim Bakeer in our masjid.



Cooking Classes with Sr. Shaima

Week of Monday, September 21

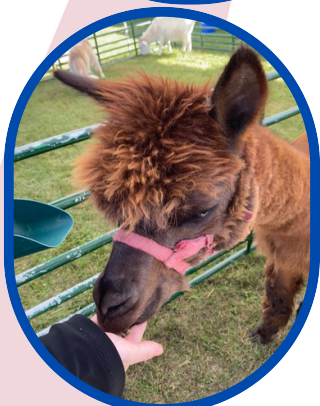
Sr. Shaima started doing cooking classes week with Grades 2-6. They made delicious dishes like chicken tacos, mini pizzas, and pencil wafers. Great work, young chefs!



FUN DAY

Sunday, September 27, 2026

What a wonderful day it was, Alhamdulillah! The sun was out, not a cloud in the blue sky, and everyone had the best things to say about the awesome, FUN DAY we had! We'd like to thank all our hardworking staff, volunteers, and sponsors who helped make Fun Day such a huge success!





September's Highlights

Boys's Soccer Exhibition Game

Wednesday, September 30

Tamim and Zaid got the goals with the support of all their awesome teammates and guidance of Coach Br. Astrit.



Tamim with the right kick past the goalie and our FIRST GOAL!



Zaid with the header and our SECOND goal!



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Ameer , the goalie, with the SAVE!

Spotlight On

PRESCHOOL



Our first month of preschool has been a wonderful time of adjustment, exploration, and growth. The children are becoming familiar with their classroom, establishing daily routines, building friendships, and developing a sense of belonging within our classroom community.

We have also begun exploring our "All About Me" theme, providing opportunities for the children to share about themselves, their families, interests, and things that are special to them. This theme allows us to learn more about each child as an individual while helping the children recognize and appreciate the similarities and differences within our classroom community. We look forward to continuing to build meaningful connections with each child and supporting their growth throughout the school year.

As part of our daily play and routines, we have also been introducing Grace and Courtesy. Children are learning to greet one another, use "please" and "thank you," take turns, share, walk calmly, care for our classroom, and work through small conflicts with kindness and respect. These everyday experiences support children in developing independence, confidence, empathy, and positive relationships. It has been a joyful first month of learning, playing, and growing together, and we look forward to all the wonderful experiences ahead!



LIBRARY CORNER



On September 17, several classes celebrated International Dot Day by joining a special live event with author Peter H. Reynolds, creator of *The Dot*, and an animator from BrainPOP. Peter shared the inspiration behind his beloved book, and students then learned how to draw a robot with the animator!



We kicked off the year with our “What’s in a Name?” theme! Students explored the importance and uniqueness of their names through activities including acrostic poems, rainbow spelling, and name jars, among others.



This week in the library, we focused on honouring Indigenous Peoples and learning about Truth and Reconciliation. Students in Grades 7 and 8 reflected on how they can contribute to reconciliation by sharing one idea on a paper feather.





LIBRARY CORNER



**SAVE
the
DATE**



October 19–23, 2026

Family Literacy Night

Oct. 21, 2026 5:30–7:30 PM

#ScholasticBookFairs





Tips on Dealing with Halloween

Assalamu 'alaykum, Parents.

At our school, we do not condone the participation of our children in Halloween, as it goes against our beliefs. In our school, students should not be encouraging each other to participate, nor should they boast about all the candy they collected in doing so. Below you'll find more information on how to deal with it in today's society. May Allaah protect and guide us and our children always.

[11] Tips to Deal with Halloween*

(*article taken directly from [http://www.soundvision.com/article/13-tips-for-dealing-with-halloween-with-omissions/modifications-in-\[\]-brackets](http://www.soundvision.com/article/13-tips-for-dealing-with-halloween-with-omissions/modifications-in-[]-brackets))

So your kids have come home and begged you to go trick-or-treating on Halloween night (October 31). They can't wait for all of the bubble gum, lollipops and jawbreakers, not to mention dressing up in a Pokemon or witch costume like the rest of their friends.

You watch all of this in dismay. Knowing that Halloween is about Shirk you want to put your foot down once and for all and not let the kids go out that evening.

Ekram Beshir is a mother of four and co-author of the book *Meeting the Challenge of Parenting in the West: An Islamic Perspective*.

Munir El-Kassem has served as Imam in London, Ontario in Canada and is a father of five.

Shaema Imam is a graduate of McGill University and Muslim youth activist who grew up in a suburb of Montreal, Canada.

These are their tips about how you can deal with the Halloween hoopla:

1. Find out exactly what Halloween is

Too often, parents themselves are in the dark about the background of occasions and holidays like Halloween. Don't think this is a trivial matter. Once you find out why Halloween is celebrated, you will think twice about getting your kids involved.

In fact, any parent who is trying to raise his or her child as a God-conscious individual will object to the celebration of the occasion. Just spend an hour at the library looking it up in the encyclopedia. To get an Islamic perspective, check out a review of *Holiday Myths*.

If you discuss it with your kids using correct information, and they sense that you know what you are talking about, they may even agree with you about not participating in the ritual.

2. Talk to them at least a few weeks in advance

This is made easier by the fact that Halloween sales of candy and costumes are already underway and the yearly ritual of horror movies being released or shown on television (see our unTV guide) will soon begin.

So the atmosphere is right to sit Aisha or Ali down to have a talk about Halloween. Talking to them now as opposed to on the morning of October 31 will give them some time to think about it too, and get used to the concept of not having to go trick-or-treating just because their friends are.



Tips on Dealing with Halloween (continued)

3. Rationally explain that we have our own celebrations

Talking about Halloween in the context of a fiery speech against the holiday will not help Aisha or Ali see why they should not participate.

Your histrionics will only blind them to reality. Instead, explain that every group or culture has its own celebrations, and we, as Muslims have our own. Halloween is a pagan celebration. But when Eid comes, that is our celebration. Do not condemn those who celebrate Halloween. Rather, explain what it is calmly, point out its dangers, and let your kids think about it.

4. Mention the other dangers of Halloween

Horror stories about razor blades in apples, Ex-Lax laxative given instead of chocolate to trick-or-treaters, or the dangers on the street should also be mentioned, but not made the focus of the reasons why you object to Halloween.

5. Explain that every one of our occasions has a meaning

Remind your kids that for Muslims, our holidays always have a good, positive meaning.

For example, at Eid-ul-Fitr, we celebrate our joy of fasting during the blessed month of Ramadan, which is a time we strive to get closer to God and be better Muslims.

Halloween, on the other hand, is celebrated partly as a reminder of Satan, who is evil, and from whom everyone should avoid and seek refuge in God from.

6. Emphasize that there is nothing wrong with being different

This is crucial because there will be other occasions later on in their lives when Muslim children must not participate in school activities (for example, the Prom).

This does not mean permanent exclusion from all school and/or peer activities, but it means that as Muslims, they can take what is good, but they also have to learn to reject what is bad in a wise manner.

9. Take them to a Muslim friend's house on Halloween

Don't make this a special occasion. If you regularly meet with other Muslim families and your children are friends with their children, visit them or invite them over just to play or hang out. This can take their minds off the Halloween hysteria happening outside.

10. Take them out for a doughnut

Or anything else Halal, just so you are not home when trick-or-treaters come knocking, which will reinforce the Halloween hysteria.

11. Turn off the lights, close the windows and educate your neighbors

Turning off the lights will give the message this home isn't really interested in Halloween.

Closing the windows may be necessary, since throwing eggs at someone's home who hasn't given candy is not uncommon on Halloween.



Tips on Dealing with Halloween (continued)

Educate your neighbors about Halloween by posting a brief polite note about why you are not celebrating the occasion. Shaema Imam for example, on one Halloween, posted a decorative note on her door telling neighbors she does not support the pseudo-satanic glorification of evil as represented by Halloween. However, she said it is excellent that there is neighborhood cooperation to promote children's safety on Halloween (there were efforts in her area to ensure kids could trick-or-treat in safety).

She also expressed her support for the collection of money for Unicef, which children sometimes do when they go trick-or-treating. Imam didn't get any comments, but no one egged her house either, she says.

12. Spread the word: two to three weeks in advance, organize a seminar

This would be for Muslim moms, dads and their young kids. There should be a presentation on what exactly Halloween is and what Muslim parents can do about it. There are Christians who also feel similar way about Halloween, you can organize this event together.

While this is being discussed, kids should be allowed to play together under the supervision of a couple of baby-sitters. This will serve to inform moms and dads, while giving kids a chance to have fun (and perhaps set up an invitation so they can avoid Halloween night craziness-see Tip #9).

13. Keep your promise about Eid

For a number of Muslim youth who have grown up in North America, Eid is sometimes just another day, with parents not even taking a day off work.

In other cases, while parents may take the day off, the ritual is the same: get up, put on new clothes, drive to fancy hall, pray, not understand what's really going on, hug Eid Mubarak, go back home, eat "ethnic" food, get money (as Eid gift). Period. It's no wonder our kids' eyes light up when they see Christmas lights, brightly wrapped gifts and hear of Halloween fun and treats. Make Eid special. Don't just hype it up during Halloween to convince the kids not to participate and then break your promise.

On Eid, give the kids candy, take them out to dinner or an amusement park. Organize a party and invite their friends over. Arrange for them to have a gift exchange. The possibilities for Halal fun are there. We owe it to our kids, if we want them to stay Muslim and to be proud of it, to celebrate the occasions in life that really matter to us, like the two Eids.

May Allaah protect and guide us and our children always.

Coming Up in October...



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Student of the Month Theme: Salah & Masjid Etiquette				1 Girls Soccer Exhibition Game with An-Noor	2 Parent Council Nominations - 2	3
4	5 Speech Competition Preparation Starts	6	7 Boys & Girls Soccer Tournament	8	9 Parent Council Elections	10
11	12 Statutory Holiday - No School	13	14 Lifetouch Picture Day	15	16 Resources Fee DUE TODAY	17
18	19 Scholastic Book Fair Week-----> Speech Topic Due	20	21 Speech Outline Due Family Literacy Night 5:30-7:30	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29 Grade 7 Immunizations	30 Student of the Month Assembly	31 