

# Regina Huda School

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Gaining the Best of Canadian Culture While Preserving the Islamic Identity
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### Principal's Message

We are pleased to have welcomed our students to the school. We now have more than 100 new students which brings our total to 532 (Prekindergarten to grade 12)! We trust that our new students, as well as our returning students, and their families will embrace the routine we've created at Regina Huda School. We strive to live by our motto on a daily basis- "Gaining the Best of Canadian Culture while Preserving the Islamic Identity". We will continue to maintain our expectations for students, both behaviourally and academically, and always conduct our activities within the framework of our Islamic values.

One of the true joys of being a part of this school is having the freedom to embrace those Islamic values and know that ALL of the students and families in our community are working toward the same ideals. As an associate school, we are able to ensure that each member of our school lives within those values, and adheres to the rules and policies we have created – those that will ensure that our core values remain strong. We thank you for modelling the core values and Islamic virtues at home and in your communities.

Please continue to read all notes and information from the school carefully and respond in a timely fashion. Check your child's agenda for important dates and information about what is going on in their classrooms. Also, be sure to check the Dates of Events on the calendar for the dates of school-wide events that will be of interest to you.

We look forward to having a great year with you and your children.

Mrs. S. Nistor, Principal

## **Regina Huda Board Members**

On behalf of Regina Huda School we want to thank the following board members for their continued work in the 2017/18 school year:

Dr. Ayman Aboguddah – President Mr. Kheir-Eddine Bouzertit - member Mr. Hassan Diar Bakerli – member

# **Expansion Update**

Work continues on the expansion. The top 2 floors are completed and the 2<sup>nd</sup>/Main floor is almost done. The 1<sup>st</sup>/Basement floor has shown a lot of progress in the last few weeks along with the foyer/lobby. We thank the construction team and the subcontractors for working hard to complete the project. We will let parents know once we have occupancy of the new building.

# Student Pick Up/After School

Thank you for your patience with parking once again this year. Our supervisors have been working on a system for getting students prepared for parents. Student pick up is on the south side of the school, close to the soccer field. Our main focus is getting children to the cars SAFELY. Parents can park on both sides of the street and students are now lining up with their car groups

along the fence. Thank you ensuring our pick up after school is safe for all students and families.

No one is to park behind the School Bus. We continue to have a teacher supervisor ensuring that pick up is on the South side of the school. Special thanks to Mrs. G., Mrs. Hall, Mrs. Haggard and Mrs. Campbell for supervision after school.

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# **Qur'an Competition**

Our annual Qur'an Memorization Competition begins November 1<sup>st</sup>. Teacher Zakariya and Sheikh Mohammad will be listening to and judging the students as they give their recitations. Thank you for helping your child as he/she works on memorizing the surah for this competition.



# **Student Leadership Council**

Terry Fox Run

The SLC is off to a great start this year! Once again, Regina Huda School participated in the Terry Fox run to show our support for the cause on September 20th. Students from all different grades walked or even ran around the orange pylons, reading informative posters along the way. Students who made a donation of four or more dollars

were able to enjoy a frozen yoghurt from TCBY at the end of the run! We set a goal to raise at least \$600 this year (Terry Fox had a dream that he could raise \$1 for every person in Canada, so we set our goal for \$1 for every person in our school) but Regina Huda School students surpassed the goal and raised a total of \$744.35! This was more than we had expected, so we thank everyone for donating so generously.

### **Orange Shirt Day**

Regina Huda School also observed Orange Shirt Day on September 28th. It is very important for us to recognize the struggle of those who attended Residential Schools, which is why all students were encouraged to wear orange shirts for the day. Phyllis Webstad (a Residential School survivor from BC) was only six years old when she was sent to a residential school. Her grandmother had bought her a bright orange shirt for the occasion, however it was taken from Phyllis upon her arrival at the school. Phyllis was responsible for starting Orange Shirt Day which takes place on September 30th every year, and opens up the discussion about racism and assimilation. Classes at the Huda School also listened to presentations by various speakers; the high school students had a great talk presented to them by Merelda Fiddler, a journalist and professor at the First Nations University of Canada. Thank you to everyone who showed support and participated in the day.

On Friday, October 13th students in Grade K-4 will participate in "The Big Crunch" event. Classrooms will discuss healthy eating, and have the opportunity to eat fresh and local carrots from farmers around Regina. There is an upcoming Sub sale on October 27th.

The SLC/MYSLC would like to thank the students, the parents and families for their support.



#### **Bussing**

RHS now has two buses transporting students to our school. We can transport students in the Southeast, South, Harbour Landing and City Center. There is still room for students to catch a ride on the school bus. Bussing costs \$140 for a ride one-way, and \$200 per month for riding both ways. Please contact the school office if you are interested in bussing.



## Debate

Regina Huda School has an active Debate Team again this year, with over three dozen students participating. The year is already underway, as 22 students attended the SEDA fall workshop on Saturday, September 30. We are thankful to Mrs. Anderson, Mr. Gerrior, Ms. Mah, and Mr. Turner for their help as coaches this year.

The first tournament of the year will take place on Friday, October 20<sup>th</sup> at École Elsie Mironuck School; high school debaters will compete in Saskatoon at Walter Murray Collegiate on Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup>. All students will be debating about whether Canada's Indigenous Peoples should celebrate Canada 150.

Practices are held every Tuesday after school until 4:45. Please pick up your

children at that time. Our teachers are willing to coach your children after school, but it is your responsibility as parents to be here on time to pick up your children.

Thank you for all of your support, and we look forward to a great season.



#### **Huda Heroes**

Once again we are recognizing students who embody the Islamic virtues. In September we recognized students who exhibit Kindness: To be friendly, generous and helpful. Each week students are chosen who demonstrate the month's virtue. Congratulations to the following students for exemplifying the virtue of Kindness:

Huda Heroes	<u>Grade</u>
Wania	1
Zaid	8
Tahir	8
Salih	8
Ramadan	6
Shumaiem	10
Omar	2
Leena	9
Jennah	Pre-K
Orin	3
Safiyo	10
Ahmad	6
Sheherbano	5
Zaid	4
Nourin	3
Souhaila	1
Marjan	9
Farnan M.	4

October 2017									
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat			
1	2	3	4	World Teachers' Day	6	7			
8	9 No School	10	11	12	13 "The Big Crunch"	14			
15	Education Week	17	18	19	Taco in a Bag Sale Debate Tournament	High School Debate Tournament			
22	23	24	25	26	<b>27</b> MYSLC Sub Sale	28			
29	30	31							

November 2017								
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat		
			Qur'an Competition Begins	<b>2</b>	3	4		
5	6 HS Midterm Report Cards	7	8 HS 3-Way Conferences	9	10 No Classes	11		
12	No School	14	15	16	17 Shawarma Sale	18		
19	20	21	22	23	Elementary 3-Way Conferences	25		
26	27	28	29	30				