



Ilm Academy

SEPTEMBER 2024-2025



Asalaam Alaikum Warahmatulahi Wabarakatuh,

Welcome back to another exciting school year at Ilm Academy! We hope this newsletter finds you in good health and high spirits. We have some very exciting news and updates to share with the community.

Ilm Academy Certificate of Appreciation

Ilm Academy students received a Certificate of Appreciation from Mayor Lily Mei for their contribution to the City's Human Services, including donations to support the homeless and organizing fundraisers to assist the Fire department . This commendation acknowledges the exceptional and unmatched efforts of our parents, students, and community participants in supporting and advancing various charitable initiatives. This recognition serves as a testament to the collective spirit of generosity and the profound impact of the contributions made by parents, students, and staff.



PROCLAMATION from City of Fremont

We are very excited to share that Ilm Academy has been honored for American Muslim Appreciation Month by the City of Fremont.

'The Ilm Academy is inspiring in their commitment to community service their student lead initiatives in support of our Fremont Human Services collection efforts resulted in their generous donations of blankets, clothing, and essential items have significantly supported our homeless neighbors, including assisting the Fremont Fire Department to aid fire victims. Their collective efforts showcase their compassion and dedication to helping those in need.'



Recognition of Ilm Academy by Basic Fund

BASIC Fund is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to advance education equity for families by helping offset the cost of tuition at private schools in the Bay Area. They collaborate with over 200 private schools across the Bay Area. This year, they have selected Ilm Academy as one of the three schools to be recognized among those they support. We are honored to receive this recognition based on a rigorous criterion, which we are proud to have met.

School Growth and Expansion

It is with great enthusiasm that we announce the remarkable growth of Ilm Academy. We have had a notable increase in enrollment and as the interest in joining Ilm Academy continues to surge within our community, we are steadfast in our commitment to support as many families as possible. To uphold this dedication, we recognize the urgent need to expand our facilities. This expansion will include the addition of new classrooms crucial for accommodating our growing student body and further enriching their educational experience.

Investing in the future of our community-

Expanding our campus

We will be organizing fundraising events throughout this year to raise funds for our expansion. InshaAllah, we expect 100% participation from all families.

Exciting fundraising events coming up-

- **Hot Lunches- The first hot lunch form went home Sept 4th, please sign and return by Sept 6th.**
- **Bake Sale - October 11th**
- **Cultural Festival- November 8th**
- **Carnival- December 13th**

In addition we will also be fundraising through

- **Individual cash donations**
- **Go-fund-me page**
- **Partnering with local businesses (Parent participation needed urgently)**

Drop-Off and Pick-up

We want to thank all parents who have been patient during drop off and pick up times and following directions from the staff. Please be mindful about not taking any wrong turns. In order for the safety of all during arrival and departure please refer to guidelines mentioned in the email that was sent last week. Additionally parents have signed and returned the drop-off and pick-up policy forms.

We look forward to all parents abiding by the protocols and procedures for everyone's safety.

School Hot Lunch Program

Inshallah ,we will be starting the lunch program from September 10th, twice a month. Lunch order forms will be sent home a few days before. Please sign and return the forms by the due date. We are very appreciative of the efforts of the PTA to bring the Hot Lunch program for our students.

Parent-Teacher Association (PTA)

Our PTA plays a pivotal role in fostering a strong school community. We encourage all parents to get involved. Looking out for information about our volunteering opportunities for any upcoming events and ways to contribute, we especially need volunteers for our Lunch Shifts. We deeply appreciate the support of our school parents. Please connect with the PTA for volunteer opportunities.

PTA email- parentsassociation@theilmacademy.com

Uniform Policies

We request the support of all parents to ensure that students adhere to the school's uniform policy. Detailed information about uniform guidelines can be found on the school website. Additionally, we ask that parents ensure their child does not bring any smartwatches, including Fitbit devices, to school. These devices have been found to be a huge distraction for the student.

Kufi and Hijab- Please remind your child about the guidelines for Kufi and hijab. Girls are required to have a specific hijab , link is posted on our website. Please refer to uniform policy which was signed and returned by parents and students.

Health and Safety First

The health and safety of our students, staff, and families continue to be our top priority. Please do a wellness check of your child regularly. We will maintain rigorous cleaning protocols, encourage regular hand washing. We request that parents follow our sickness policy in case your child is unwell. Please refer to our health and safety policy.

Back-to- School Session(Zoom Meetings)

Mark your calendars for our upcoming Back-to school zoom meeting sessions. Parents will get information about class routines, expectations and information about the curriculum. Students will be dismissed at 12:00 Sept 25th and Sept 26th.

- **Sept 25th - KG- 4th grades, (1:50 - 3:00)**
- **Sept 26th - 5th grade & up (1:50 -3:00).**

Parent-Teacher Conference

Parents will receive google forms for **individual in-person** parent teacher meetings. This is an opportunity for you to connect with your child's teacher, find out how your child has been progressing thus far, and ask any questions you may have.

STUDENT NEWS

Student Council Elections-

Student Council elections are scheduled to take place at the end of October, InshaAllah. Students will have the opportunity to run for the positions of Vice President, President, General Secretary, and Treasurer. The positions of Vice President and President will be open to candidates from grades 8 through 10.

Important Dates

Sept 10th School Hot Lunch begins

Sept 27th Students Off(Teacher in Service)

Sept 25th Grades KG - 4 Back-to-School zoom session, dismissal @12:00

Sept 26th Grades 5 -10 Back-to-School zoom session, dismissal @12:00