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Hey, that's News to Us!

Here are a few reminders:

- Spring Midterms began today. Remember, there won't be any tests on Wednesday, April 29, 2009.
- The WASC Accreditation interim visit is on Wednesday, April 29, 2009.
- Inner-City Arts classes this week will be on Thursday & Friday, not Wednesday & Friday.
- There will be a PTO Meeting & Student of the Month awards distribution on Friday, May 1, 2009.
- Arabic Day & Spring Open House is on Friday, May 8, 2009.
- The Mother's Day Breakfast is on Monday, May 11th, 2009.
- WrAP Testing for 3rd - 5th graders will be on Wednesday & Thursday, May 13th & 14th, 2009.
- The school will be closed on Monday, May 25th, 2009 in observance of Memorial Day.
- Spring Finals will be held during the week of Tuesday, May 26 - Friday, May 29, 2009.
- Staff Appreciation Week is Tuesday, May 26 - Friday, May 29, 2009.
- The Staff Appreciation Dinner is on Friday, May 29th, 2009.

WASC Interim Visit

As you are all aware, New Horizon School - Los Angeles will have its one-day WASC Accreditation Interim Visit this Wednesday, April 29, 2009. The team will arrive around 8:00 am and leave around 3:00 pm. Students should be in full-dress uniform. For this week only our Inner-City Arts classes were moved to Thursday & Friday, instead of Wednesday & Friday, and Computers was switched to Wednesday. Remember, that means school ends at 3:45 pm that day.

Service Hours

Parents please be aware that as we are half way done with the third trimester & the parent service hour commitment for this trimester will soon be due. Contact the office for service hour completion opportunities.

Passing Away of a Mentor

It is with heavy hearts that New Horizon School - LA announces the tragic passing away of Dr. Hassan Hathout on Saturday, April 25, 2009. Dr. Hassan Hathout was a visionary, who helped develop the Islamic Studies curriculum many years ago. He was an avid supporter of New Horizon School - LA. He was honored at our Annual Appreciation Awards Dinner a few years ago. He was a doctor, a scholar, and a peacemaker. He always spoke about love. He was a long-time advocate for peace and was widely known in the Inter-faith community. It is a sad day to have to move on without this great man. He gave a gift to the world, in the form of his publications. May Allah bless him for his hard work, grant him peace and blessings, and give him the choicest place in heaven. May Allah grant his wife and family strength and patience in their time of mourning. He will be sorely missed by all those who had the good fortune to meet and know him.

The funeral was today, at 3pm, at Rose Hills cemetery. The reception will be at the Islamic Center of Southern California this evening at 7pm. Please contact the Islamic Center of Southern California for more information.

Interschool Spelling Bee

Last week we held the 2009 Interschool Spelling Bee at our school. It was quite successful. We hosted 11 other schools from all across Southern California, including San Diego, Anaheim, Irvine, Mission Viejo, Orange County, Claremont, Hawthorne, West LA, & Pasadena. There were 147 participants and over 150 parents, guests, and teachers that all helped judge, pronounce, keep time, and track rounds. Dr. Maher Hathout gave an inspiring speech to being the spelling bee. We were commended on how well organized we were.

Alhamdulillah, our students tried their best. We brought home one trophy this year. Imen Guechtouli won 2nd place in the 1st grade spelling competition.

Congratulations to all the participants, to the 3rd, 4th, & 5th grade students for acting as "hosts", to the faculty & staff for working hard to make things run smoothly, & a special congratulations to the Imen. May we be even more successful next year.

