



An Evening with Imam Siraj Wahaj: January 22, 2011

By the grace and mercy of Allah swt, Imam Siraj Wahaj will be speaking on Saturday, January 22, inshaAllah, at 6 pm at the downtown Sheraton (150 West 500 South).

Imam Siraj Wahaj, is currently the Imam of Masjid Al Taqwa in Brooklyn, New York. He is well known among Muslims in North America as a dynamic speaker and tireless supporter of good causes.

Imam Siraj Wahhaj accepted Islam in 1969. He received Imam training at Ummul Qura University of Makkah in 1978 and has gone on to become a national and international speaker on Islam.

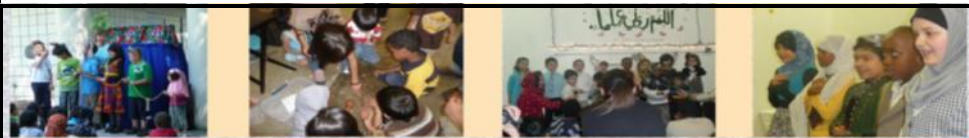
He has been the Vice President of the Islamic Society of North America since 1997 and has served on Majlis Ash-Shura since 1987. He is a past member of ISNA's Planning Committee and has served as a member of the Board of Advisors for North American Islamic Trust from 1989-1993. He is also a member of the Board of Advisors for the American Muslim Council.

Imam Wahaj has appeared on several national television talk shows and interviews especially about his anti-drug campaigns. He received high praises from the media and NYPD for initiating anti-drug patrol in Brooklyn, New York in 1988.

Among other achievements, Imam Wahaj was the first person to give an Islamic invocation to the United States Congress.

Tickets are still available at Iqra Academy or online at www.iqra-utah.org, adults \$25 and children ages five to 12 are \$10. Babysitting will be available, and inshaAllah with the exception of a small video about Iqra, the rest of the night will belong to Imam Wahaj.

There will be a small bazaar, silent auction, plated dinner and more. If you are interested in becoming either a Platinum or Gold Sponsor, please contact a board member or check out the website.



IQRA ACADEMY OF UTAH



Proudly presents: An Evening with

Imam Siraj Wahaj

Dinner

Video Documentary

Speech

Q & A

Saturday,
Jan 22, 2011
6 PM

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Message from the Principal

Top wishes for Iqra Academy in 2011:

All Iqra students will become enthusiastic readers, who regularly choose books to read and tell others about the experience.

All students will arrive at school on time each morning, prepared to learn (dressed according to the weather, and after having a nutritious breakfast).

Each student will receive the benefit of a parent or other adult helping them review what was learned in school that day, for at least 10 minutes -- by discussing their homework and ensuring they complete it, working with the student on a special project, or discussing what was learned in school that day.

Each of our teachers will attend training in methods for elementary education, especially for working with students with varying backgrounds and levels of ability.

All Iqra Academy students will gain the proficiency to read, write, and do math at or above their grade level.

Educators with specialized knowledge (school counselors, librarians, special education consultants) will make regular visits to Iqra to address needs of the school and individual students.

Each class will have at least 8-10 students who attend consistently, to provide a more stimulating and beneficial experience for all.

A computer-skills instructor will guide students in applying computer skills to create printed assignments, and use computers for researching topics.

Safe and age-appropriate playground facilities and equipment will become available, with students using these daily as part of Iqra's program to encourage healthy activity and fitness.

Muslims in the Salt Lake Valley will set aside their other differences and join to provide broad support for maintaining a full-time Islamic school, for the development of all our young people.

With our trust in Allah swt, inshaAllah these wishes will become a reality, ameen.

Wan R. Ismail-Ebling
Principal

How to Improve Your Child's School Attendance

- Talk with your child about the importance of attending school regularly.
- Avoid scheduling family trips or doctor appointments during school hours.
- Make sure your child stays healthy by eating nutritious food and getting enough sleep and exercise.
- Don't accept excuses for why your child "must" miss or be late for school.
- Discuss with your child what happened at school each day.
- Support school rules and consequences for skipping class and being tardy.
- Lead by example. Explain to your child why punctuality and education are important!



Your child's success in school depends on having a solid educational background- one that can only be gained through regular daily school attendance.

Iqra Academy of Utah admits students of any race, color, national and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national and ethnic origin in administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, scholarship and loan programs, and athletic and other school-administered programs.

CLASS UPDATES

Pre-School & Pre-K

On December 9th, we took our first field trip. We went and saw the play "If You Give a Mouse a Cookie," at the Salt Lake Acting Company Theater. This book is one of the children's favorite books. They enjoy when I read it to them and they enjoy retelling the story to each other. It was a great opportunity for the students to experience a live theater, how to behave in such a setting, and plus they had a lot of fun. After the play the students were allowed to walk around the set, meet the characters, and pose for pictures. The students still talk about the play and want me to read the book to them every day.



Sr. Missy Abouhassan
Pre-School and Pre-K Teacher



Early Arabic & Islamic Studies

Pre-School: MashaAllah the students are working on Surah Al Nas, and have just finished learning the dua' before going to sleep. They are on number eight in Arabic and the letter daad.

Pre-K: These little ones know five surahs: Al-Fatiha, Al-Nas, Al Falak, Ikhlas, and Lahab. MashaAllah they are now working on Surah Al Kauthar. They are on number eleven in Arabic and know seven dua'as.

Kindergarten: SubhanAllah the kindergarten class is connecting three letters together in Arabic. They know eight surahs and are on Surah Al Maun. We have started discussing and learning Hadith of Rasulullah and are regularly reviewing salat and athan.

Sr. Soltana Hamidat
Early Elementary Arabic and Islamic Studies Teacher

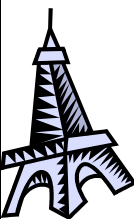


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1st Grade

Salam and Hello Everyone,

This past month we have had a lot of exciting and hands on learning adventures; our first graders are going around the world!



We took a trip to France and learned about the Eiffel Tower and Euros. We also stopped and enjoyed different French cheeses.

Our next stop on the journey was Egypt. We learned about the famous Nile River and why the Pyramids were built. The students even made 3D images of pyramids.



There are more stops to be made, and as I mentioned in our previous newsletter we will soon be having an "Around the World Day" where each student will be teaching the class about his or her assigned country. Stay tuned for pictures and news of our upcoming fun.



Thank you for your continuing support parents, we really appreciate it.

Sr. Hanifa Dhedhy
First Grade Teacher

2nd Grade

After an enjoyable Winter Break we are all set to start up again with lots of passion and hard work.

In Science we are about to start our new topic, "Earth and Space Science." In this topic students will gain an understanding of Earth and space through the study of Earth materials and celestial movement.

In Social Studies we are learning about the people in a school. We identify the roles that people have in the school and explain the importance of each member. The students then show their appreciation for the staff by writing and delivering letters to them.

We recently had a competition amongst all second grade students, to see who could best write and illustrate their own story. MashaAllah, I must say they ALL did a great job, and it was hard for me to choose a winner. So every one was a WINNER!



O Allah grant us the support that you know is good for us, as we don't know what you know.

*O Allah grant us strong iman, good health, halal rizk and perseverance to stay on the straight path.
Ameen*



Sr. Shabana Khan
2nd Grade Teacher



3rd Grade

These pictures are the highlights of the Third Grade biome dioramas on hot deserts, savannas, and tropical forests.



The following paragraphs are some of the children's thoughts about germs and bacteria.



Sr. Murni Mohamed
Third Grade Teacher

What Are Germs?

By Dua

Germs are very small organisms, or living things, that can cause people to get sick. They can cause you to get stomachache or get an infection in a cut on your hand. They are so small that you can't see them unless you use a high-powered microscope. There are different kinds of germs, but two of the most common are bacteria and viruses. Bacteria are little creatures made of one cell. They live everywhere and get their food from the environment they live in, so always wash your hands.

Germs Around Us

By Leena

Germs can only be seen with a microscope. There are three types of germs: bacteria, virus, parasite. Bacteria can be good and bacteria can be bad. Good bacteria does not hurt us, like they are bacteria on our skin that protect us. There is good bacteria in our stomach which helps us digest our food. Sometimes we eat bacteria like bacteria in yogurt. Unlike bacteria, virus and parasites are always bad for us. Flu is caused by a virus and malaria is caused by a parasite. Did you know that the study of germs is called microbiology?

What is Bacteria?

By Yasmeeen

Bacteria are tiny one-cell creatures that is on your body. Bacteria is a kind of germ. They can invade people and sometimes make us sick. It mostly gives us sore throats. It can give us coughs. You should always wash your hands when you are done using the bathroom. Be careful when you get a cut. Germs can go in your cut. When you have bacteria on you and you have a sore throat, you should look for something to cure yourself.



4th & 5th Grade Social Studies

We are currently studying one of the greatest movements in American history, the Civil Rights Movement. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was one of the wisest and most considerate leaders in America because of his beliefs and principals. He once said, "We must not judge a man by the color of his skin, but by the content of his character." In order for the world to have peace and freedom, we all have a responsibility to treat each other equally.

Fia Bartley
4th/5th Grade Social Studies Teacher

4th & 5th Grade Math

We have by the grace of Allah finished half of the Saxon Math text book. This will ensure, inshaAllah, that when students come back from winter break they will have plenty of time to finish what is left in the school year. Hence, the time to get prepared for CRT exams will be available. InshaAllah, we can take advantage in April of getting our students prepared for this annual statewide test.

Farkhanda Shahab
4th/5th Grade Math Teacher

Arabic and Islamic Studies (1st through 5th Grade)

The Fourth and Fifth grade students are doing research and reports about the different kinds of salat: Fear Salat, Funeral Salat, Eid Salat, Salat al-Tahajjud, etc.. I want them to know that there are many different kinds of salat not just the fard salat we are praying five times a day. I also want them to truly grasp that in Islam we can worship and pray for Allah to be close to us in each and every step and situation in our life.

The Third graders have been given a variety of subjects

to research such as the story behind the athan and the significance of each part, tayyammum, parts of wudu, salat aljam'ah and more.

In this research they have to have at least three sources in their report about what they understand from what they read.

Sr. Manar Marie
Arabic and Islamic Studies Teacher



Teacher Spotlight: Melissa Abouhassan

Sr. Melissa Abouhassan has been part of the Iqra family for over five years, but this is the first time she is teaching a class on her own. Prior to becoming the Pre-School and Pre-K teacher this year, she was a teacher's aid efor the two classes. In addition to having spent so many years with this age group at Iqra, she has also in the past run her own daycare. Perhaps it was no surprise with her background, that she said her favorite thing about teaching is quite simply, "the children."

Sr. Missy as her students call her, can usually be found on her knees at eye level with her little students, smiling and receiving lots of hugs. "I treat the students like they are my own and comfort them when they need it," she said, "and make them feel good about themselves."

While on the job Sr. Missy says she has learned lots of patience, but doesn't find teaching three and four year olds hard. Although she does admit that "It does have its challenges with the kids some days."

"The little ones are so eager to learn," she said. Since the start of the year the biggest thing she has noticed her students have learned is, "knowing who they are and learning to follow directions." By the end of the year, she hopes they will leave with self esteem, pride and respect.

Overall she says, "I love working at Iqra, I feel like we are a great big family and I think everyone works so well with each other, and takes care of one another." She does wish though, "that the parents would be more involved with their children's education."

In addition to being the Pre-School and Pre-K teacher, Sr. Missy is a mom to two sons at Iqra and one who has surpassed the grades offered. "InshaAllah, Iqra will be here for a long time, our community needs an Islamic School. Iqra has helped my children became better Muslims and my oldest son still uses what he learned here at Iqra."

Sr. Missy's English Butter Toffee Recipe



INGREDIENTS:

- 1 3/4 cup brown sugar
- 1 cup real butter (2 sticks)
- 6 oz choc chips (either semi sweet or milk chocolate)
- 2/3 cup pecans (finely chopped)

METHOD:

Cook the butter and sugar in a saucepan on medium heat until it reaches 300°, Stir continuously. After it reaches 300° pour mixture in a 13x9 pan, pour chocolate chips over and let melt . Then spread. Then top with finely chopped pecans. Let cool, then break into pieces. Enjoy!

January 2011

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