

Welcome to Granada Islamic School

Parent Orientation
August 2008

Agenda

- Introduction of Administration
- Granada's Mission & Graduation Outcomes
- Goals for 08-09
- Important Dates & Events
- Student Affairs
- School/ Home Communication

Administration

- Nihad Mourad Principal
- Lian Jeeawoody Vice Principal
- Yasmeen Husain Character Education Director

- Linda Zielinski Business Manager
- Humera Haq Office Specialist
- Halima Albers Receptionist

Living Our Mission

- Providing quality academic and Islamic education
- In a community that nurtures Islamic identity, fosters brotherhood and strengthens moral character

Graduation Outcomes

GIS students will ...

- Develop love and reverence for Allah and Prophet Muhammad, peace be upon him
- Be academically distinguished
- Be socially well-rounded
- Have a sense of physical well-being

Goals

- Successful completion of self-study to renew accreditation status
- Open channels of communication among all school stakeholders
- Smooth transition of new administration

Goal 1: Accreditation

- Five committees
 - Involvement of all stakeholders
 - Parent reps needed
- WASC workdays
 - Staff work on self-study
 - No school for students
- WASC visit
 - April 20th to 22nd, 2009

Goal 2: Better Communication

- Class meetings – upper grades
- School Community Meetings
 - Once every 4-6 weeks
 - Rep from board, admin and PTO
 - Open to everyone
- Admin/ staff
 - Three groups

Important Dates & Events

- Monday August 25th – First day of school
 - Ramadan schedule – 8am to 2pm
 - Extended Care provided until 6pm
- Back-to-School Nights
 - Wednesday & Thursday of next week
 - start at 6pm
 - For parents only
- Ramadan schedule (Aug & Sept 2008)

Student Affairs

- Character Education
- Discipline
- Extra-curricular Program

Character Education

- **Vision:** To create Muslim children who are conscientious, caring, and responsible in their relationships with their fellow students, teachers, family members, and community members.
- Address social, emotional, and spiritual needs of the students.

Discipline Program

- Definition of Discipline
 - Training that corrects, molds, or perfects the mental faculties or moral character
- Vision for GIS Discipline
 - Create caring environment
 - Help students to make good choices
 - Admin, teachers, and parents are involved with problem solving

Extra-Curricular Activities – Why?

- Enhance children's academic achievement
- Better attitude about learning
- Sense of accomplishment, competence, and self-esteem.
- Nurture talents
- support social development

Clubs at GIS

- Art
- Chess
- Cooking
- Knitting
- Yearbook
- Student Council
- Robotics
- Mad Science
- Drama
- Ping Pong
- Volleyball
- Morning announcements

Club Registration

- Advertisement through...
 - Email
 - Newsletter
 - Student take-home flyers
- Registration ...
 - takes place once a trimester
 - Last about a week

School/Home Communication

- Monthly newsletter
- School Community Meetings
- Progress Reports – every 6 weeks
- Report Cards – once per trimester
- Website (www.granadaschool.org)
- Email (firstl@granadaschool.org)