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عَلَّمَ الْإِنْسَانَ مَا لَمْ يَعْلَم

(Your lord) taught man what he did not know.
Holy Qur'an 96:5

Monthly Newsletter

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About Us

Mission

Israa Academy endeavors to nurture students into adults through the teachings of the Holy Prophet (saw) and his Pure Family (as). We believe to accomplish this, it is necessary to take on a holistic approach to the development of the student, taking into account their spirituality, education, family, community, and the society around them.

Objective

To develop the community such that members will:

- Have a holistic understanding of Islam and submit to its teachings.
- Develop a strong Islamic identity rooted in the rich tradition of Islam.
- Be morally and ethically upright individuals within the Islamic community.
- Achieve strong intellectual capacity and use that for the advancement of the community.
- Represent Islam through their positive actions and contributions to society.
- Help pave the way for the return of the final Imam, Imam Mahdi (atjf).



For any questions or more information, please feel free to email us at: info@israa.org

Israa Academy is affiliated with ILM Atlanta Inc. ILM Atlanta Inc. is a federally registered 501(c)(3) charitable organization.

Update from Head of School

Since our previous update, many have asked whether Israa Academy is a Learning Pod (micro-school) or a private school. At Israa Academy, we believe that the foundation of a school is its teachers. They need to be adequately compensated and valued. The Learning Pod approach helps us reduce costs associated with a traditional private school, enabling us to offer salaries competitive with the Gwinnett County School District. Our goal is to surpass GCSD standards, insha'Allah, because teachers deserve more.

Below are a few of the accomplishments we've been able to make in the specific areas.

Education & Development

In early May, we began our Professional Development courses, led by Sayyid Hassan. These sessions focus on Islam's approach to knowledge and education, helping our staff understand how this approach differs from secular education.

Since our last update in April, we have completed onboarding all our teachers, alhamdulillah. We are pleased to welcome our first-grade science teacher, Sister Shamama Sajjad.

Additionally, we have confirmed several substitute teachers. We are always looking for passionate and dedicated teachers, even on a part-time or on-call substitute basis. If you are interested, please contact me.

Administration

We have decided to offer four grade levels instead of five due to insufficient enrollment for a kindergarten class. Registration for student enrollment will open in June. We anticipate having approximately 15 students across four grade levels: pre-K, first, fourth, and sixth grades.

We have also invested in a student information system (SIS) called SchoolCues. This system will streamline enrollment, tuition, classroom, and school administration processes, allowing teachers, parents, and administrators to work more efficiently and focus on their core competencies rather than administrative tasks. We plan to roll this out in June along with the enrollment applications.

Facilities

As mentioned in our previous update, property renovations are ongoing, with a tentative completion timeline in the first week of July. The final renovation involves converting the barn into a multi-purpose building that will serve as an assembly hall, prayer hall, classroom, and cafeteria. This space will also be used for other non-school events such as congregational prayers, majalis & mawalid, and other community-wide programs.

We still need various supplies for the upcoming school year, including desks, chairs, whiteboards, and projectors/televisions.

Looking Forward

Our focus is on taking measured approaches to develop teachers from within our community. This can be achieved through professional development, competitive compensation, and improved benefits for our teachers. This is a necessary first step in our journey to achieve future objectives, such as expanding into a larger space to support the growth and needs of the Islamic community and facilitating a cohesive community experience through worship, education, service, recreation, and more.

By the grace of Allah, the community has been very supportive. We pray that we can collectively serve and help realize these goals and more in line with our stated objectives.

With Prayers



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Teaching Staff

Lower Elementary Sis. Fatima Hasnain
 Sis. Arman Raza
 Sis. Shamama Sajjad
 Sis. Zainab Razvi
 Sis. Zainab Salah

Upper Elementary Sayyid Hasan Naqvi
 Sis. Fatima Naqvi
 Sis. Khadija Hyder

Lower Middle Sis. Sumiya Baqri
 Sis. Fatima Hasnain
 Sis. Hibah Jafri
 Br. Akeem Muhammad
 Sis. Sawsan Mumen
 Sis. Fatima Naqvi
 Sayyid Hasan Naqvi
 Sis. Amber Shirazi



Administration

Head of School Sayyid Hasan Naqvi

School Administration Sis. Sumiya Baqri
 Sis. Fatima Hasnain
 Sis. Fatima Naqvi
 Sis. Zainab Razvi



Support

Operations & Marketing Br. Abbas Hasnain
 Br. Qasim Kazmi
 Br. Muhammad Sajjad
 Br. Mehdi Shirazi

Fundraising Br. Asker Razvi
 Br. Hasan Shabbir
 Br. Habib Shirazi



Core Curricula

The curriculum for the various classes that will be taught has been selected. We're working closely with other muslim educational institutions to expand and enhance the content of these curricula.

Math Singapore Math
English/Language Arts Wit & Wisdom
Social Studies TCI
Sciences CK Science
Electives Art, Technology, Foreign Language
Islamic Studies Qur'an, Islamic Law, Ethics, Beliefs



Fundraising

Progress We have raised a total of **\$158,570** bringing us to **52%** to our revised 3-year fundraising target of **\$300,000**.

If you or other well-wishers are looking to contribute, please see the information below.

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