



NHSP WEEKLY BULLETIN

Dear Families,

During this stay-at-home period, the school will be sending out a Weekly Bulletin with important information to keep you all informed and to continue to foster our school community among both students and parents. Please take the time to read the information as this will replace the announcements you have been receiving from me via email in the past two weeks.

Also, in case you missed it, here is the video message I sent out last week to families and staff:

[Head of School Message 3-27-2020](#)

Please look for emails from Ms. Ansari and Mrs. Seedat before the end of spring break to find out about adjustments to the remote learning plan for all grade levels that will begin the week of April 6.

In the meantime, please see below for some ideas for how children and families can enjoy the break. This has been a time of considerable stress and change for everyone, and finding ways to relax and have fun is essential for mind, body, and soul.

Thank you for all you do to support your children and the school.

In peace,

Mrs. Al-Sarraf

IMPORTANT DATES

Spring Break -- Mar. 30 - Apr. 3 - All admin, faculty, staff, and students have a scheduled break. Many of the admin, faculty, and staff will continue to work on schedules, lessons, and other important parts of our learning continuity plan, but we appreciate giving them the time to spend with their families and not have to respond to emails until they return to work on April 6.

Temporary Closure - Based on the most recent available information, the Board of Trustees, Pasadena area private schools have concluded that it will be prudent **NOT to open BEFORE May 4**. We will continue to monitor the status of COVID-19 and the directives from officials over the next 4-5 weeks and will let you know of any updates or changes to this decision.

SCHOOL NEWS

LA County Science and Engineering Fair 2020

In a first-ever challenge, the LA County Science Fair conducted their judging and evaluation process through Zoom interviews. We commend our students for their great achievement with this additional challenge of the online platform.

Congratulations to the following students for their wins:

Mariam Owainat, 7th Grade
3rd Place Plant Biology and Physiology, Junior Level

Kawthar Hemdan, 7th Grade
3rd Place Environmental Management, Junior Level

Maya Itani, 7th Grade
Honorable Mention Ecology, Junior Level

Malik Hussaini, 6th Grade
Honorable Mention Engineering Applications, Junior Level

Aisha Kharaeva, 7th Grade
Honorable Mention Plant Biology and Physiology, Junior Level

Yusuf Syed, 7th Grade
Honorable Mention Physics- Electricity and Magnetism, Junior Level

Special Awards were also given to:

Kawthar Hemdan, 7th Grade
Association for Women Geoscientist Student Award for Excellence Certificate **AND** Professional Engineers in California Government Marylin Jorgenson-Reese Award for Excellence and an award of \$1000

Ahmad Kandi, 7th Grade
Office of Naval Research Naval Science Award Certificate and Medal

Special thanks to Mrs. Satya and Ms. Omar for their efforts to guide their students and to the parents who helped support their children.

SPRING BREAK IDEAS AT HOME

Despite our limitations during the Stay-at-Home requirements, there are many creative ways that children and families can enjoy their time together over spring break.

[Spring Break and Ramadan Preparation Ideas](#)

Virtual Field Trips

<https://familyguide.com/virtual-field-trips/>

Webcams at Zoos and Aquariums

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READING RESOURCES AT HOME

During the regular school days and during spring break, children can enjoy reading time. Families can dedicate time together for reading so that everyone is reading at the same time, and no one feels like they are missing out! Or families can do round-robin reading from a chapter book that the whole family can enjoy with one chapter a day.

Many students and parents have asked about Accelerated Reader during the closure. The administration has made the decision to allow students to take quizzes at home under specific conditions. There is more information on this in the document below.

In addition, many are wondering how to gain access to books when most bookstores and libraries are closed. We have put together some information regarding **FREE online book resources** for children of all ages. There is more information on this in the document below.

[Reading Resources and Accelerated Reader](#)

FEEDING OUR SPIRIT

Weekly Khutbas

For weekly sermons (khutbas), please look for Mr. Siler's khutba every Friday. You can use the khutba as a beginning point for your family's noon prayer. Be sure and let your children call the adhan, iqama, lead the prayer, and make du'a.

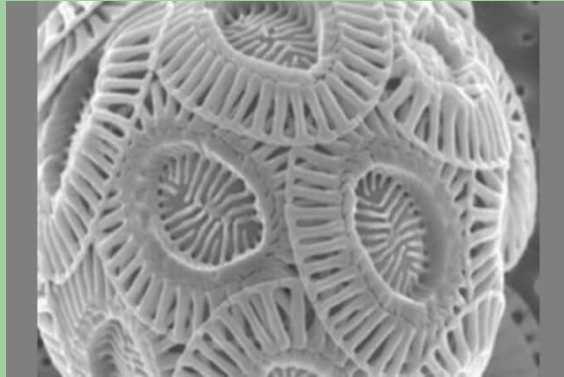
Here is last week's [Mr. Siler's Khutba 3-27-2020](#)

Qur'anic Verses

"Lose not faith, nor fall into despair, for you must gain mastery if you are true in faith." (3:39)

"O you who believe! Seek help with patient perseverance (sabr) and prayer; for God is with those who patiently persevere." (2:153)

TAKE THE POLL



What is this? (Take the poll before you try searching on Google!)

A piece of
chalk

Select

A grain of
sugar

Select

A white blood cell

Select

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