



NHSP WEEKLY BULLETIN 4-27-2020

Dear Families,

Ramadan is here! Having arrived last Friday, Ramadan is now filling our homes with a new and renewed focus on our inner spirit and lessons of self-control. I am certain that it is also focusing us on delicious and hearty meals each night. If you are not doing so already, engage your children in helping prepare the meal, set the table, getting the dates and juice ready, all of which helps them to gain important skills and habits and brings family together.

Nurturing the spirit of Ramadan is one of our important goals heading into the last week of April. We have a number of offerings and activities to inspire and connect. See below for more details on new options in the daily schedule. Also, we will feature a focus each week for the next four weeks. See below for more details on this week's focus: Reciting Qur'an and Ramadan Decorations.



I hope you all received our virtual Ramadan card last Friday. It is the first year we have gone completely digital deciding not to print a Ramadan card for a number of reasons. We featured student artwork with the first graders' collaborative piece, "The Garden." During this month of generosity, please consider giving a gift to our [2020 Ramadan Appeal](#) which benefits the ongoing work of New Horizon and assists the local food pantry here in Pasadena.

I wish you the very best for a healthy, happy, and fulfilling Ramadan!

In peace,
Mrs. Al-Sarraf

Ramadan Offerings During the School Day

- **Qur'an Circles - Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays during the lunch/social period**
 - Grades 3 & 4 - This includes Qur'anic Recitation with Mrs. Eissa
 - Grades 5-8 - This includes discussion of Qur'an with Mr. Siler
 - These are optional sessions.
- **First Period Du'a** - all grades - teachers will invite students to share a du'a every first period of the day
- **Adhan and Iqama for Prayer** - Grades 3-8 - Students will pray individually but will pray at about the same time after adhan and iqama are called in Mr. Siler's and Mrs. Eissa's Zoom Meeting Rooms.
- **Pre-recorded Prayer Videos** - Grades K-2 - available every day with adhan



Ramadan Activities Each Week

Each week we will have a different challenge or focus for children and families. We invite you to join in keeping the spirit of Ramadan throughout the month. Here are the next two weeks' challenges, and a preview to the second half of the month.

- **Week 1 (April 27-May 1): FOCUS ON QUR'AN & RAMADAN DECORATIONS**
 - **RECORD** your child reciting any verse or chapter of the Qur'an and post on our Facebook page - and send to your family and friends to inspire them!
 - **TAKE A PICTURE** of your family's Ramadan decorations and post on our Facebook page.
 - **Post anytime throughout the Week**
- **Week 2 (May 4-8): RAMADAN POSTER CHALLENGE**
 - **PS-K**: Students and families can work together on creating a poster with a Ramadan message; **TAKE A PICTURE** of your child and their poster (or the family and the poster) and post on our Facebook page
 - **Grades 1 - 8** - Students can work individually on creating a poster with a Ramadan message. **TAKE A PICTURE** of your child and their poster and post on our Facebook page.
 - Poster can be on 8 1/2 x 11 paper or anything larger (construction paper, poster paper)
 - **DUE no later than FRIDAY, MAY 8**
- **Week 3 (May 11-15): GRATITUDE AND GIVING**
 - **(more information to come)**
- **Week 4 (May 18-22): NIGHT OF POWER AND GETTING READY FOR EID**
 - **(more information to come)**



ANNUAL ONLINE ART AUCTION

Thank you to those who were able to participate in our Online Art Auction this year. We will be getting in touch with those who bid highest on how and when you will be able to get your artwork.

Special thanks to our students and our local artists for inspiring us with their beautiful art.

We are excited to bring you further opportunities to enjoy student art with a **Merchandise option**. Look for further information coming soon.



WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE PEACE GARDEN?

See what's happening in the garden this week with Mr. Levi, Learning Naturalist.

Here is this week's [Peace Garden Video](#).

Here are some images of SUPERBLOOM IN the garden (pics taken last week):



FEEDING OUR SPIRIT

Weekly Khutbas

Here is the link for last week's khutba:

[Mr. Siler's Khutba 4-24-2020](#)

For this week's khutba by Mr. Siler, look for our email on Friday morning, May 1.

Please 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.

Verses that Remind Us

"And be steadfast in prayer and regular in charity. And whatever good you send forth for your souls before you, you shall find it with God; for God sees well all that you do." 2:110

Ramadan Songs

From one of our friends, musical artist, Dawud Wharnsby-Ali:

SONG: "[Welcome the Month of Ramadan](#)"



PAY IT FORWARD

Support Local Businesses: It is an important time for us to support local businesses that are under strain due to the current crisis. We will be featuring businesses each week during Ramadan. Here are some businesses connected to the school and community that are open and available for business:

[Al Salaam Meat and Poultry](#)

[Dr. Ramsey A. Amin, DDS](#)

[JeJe Mediterranean Grill](#)

[Zeeni Sports](#)

If you are a business in the community that is open and needs support, please send an e-mail to Arefa Vohra, Senior Advancement Associate, avohra@newhorizonschool.org, so we can help promote your business.

SUMMER CAMP

The school is still in the process of making a decision about Summer Camp. We should have more details in the coming weeks. Families can register for summer camp and get the **15% discount by May 15 (new deadline)** with the following

REFUND POLICY:

- The \$100 registration fee will be refunded IF the conditions for re-

- entrance to the campus are not available before first day of camp.
- The \$100 registration fee will be refunded IF families cancel by June 15. You can go to our website for [NHSP Summer Camp Registration](#).



COMMUNITY & COVID RESOURCES

Resources for Children

Children may not understand the full scale of the crisis, but they are definitely listening. So here is some expert advice on [how to have these important conversations](#) and how to keep your child safe and reassured when their normal social routines are disrupted. (There's [a story book too](#).)

From the Center for Muslims and Mental Health:

CLASSES -- Art for the Tender Heart, Art for the Heart, and Parenting in Modern Times are just some of the classes offered on a weekly basis by Dr. Heather Laird and the Center for Muslims & Mental Health. Go to [Muslims and Mental Health Classes](#) for more information.

From the Islamic Center of Southern California:

Youth Qur'an Recitation

Fridays and Saturdays

Youngsters ages 15 and under are invited to join the ICSC livestream to recite a chapter of their choice from Surat Al-Duha to Surat Al-Nas.

[Register via Eventbrite](#)

"Muhammad: A Life of Light" with Edina Lekovic

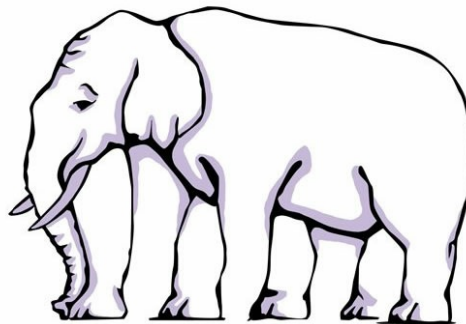
Sundays, 10:30 am - 12 pm

To REGISTER, email info@islamiccenter.com

Class Zoom ID - <https://zoom.us/j/542-152-907>

Other virtual programs are available at www.islamiccenter.com.

IT'S AN OPTICAL ILLUSION!



How many legs does the elephant have?

1. Four

Select

2. Five

Select

3. Six

Select

RESULTS OF LAST WEEK'S POLL

Thank you those who responded.



1. A fish scale - 5.3%
2. A pine cone - 68.4%
3. A scaly anteater - 26.3%

CORRECT ANSWER: A scaly anteater!

GIVE NOW

STAY CONNECTED

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