

## NHSP WEEKLY BULLETIN 5-18-2020

Dear Families,

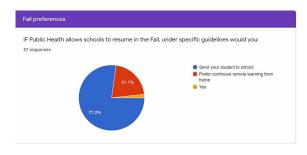
Last Friday, our preschool and pre-K faculty helped our little ones celebrate Mother's Day in our annual Early Childhood Mother's Day activity -- usually it's a brunch, but it was lovely, nonetheless! The Zoom photo shots of families were priceless!

This is the final week of Ramadan with Eid ul-Fitr coming up on Sunday, May 24. Alhamdulillah for this blessed month -- we are both happy and sad at its departure. Happy to celebrate Eid and eating in daylight again but sad that these special days of greater devotion are leaving us. Let us take some of these good habits and lessons with us as we go back into regular life -- habits and lessons of self-control and growing our faith. Prophet Muhammad once said, "The most beloved deeds to Allah are the continuous ones even if they were little."



Moving into Week 9 of our Remote Learning Plan, we have just about 3 weeks left of school. The school leadership team continues to work on different scenarios for Fall planning. We appreciated getting parent feedback from the recent survey as we devise our plans.

Last Friday, I attended a meeting with the Pasadena Health Department along with other Pasadena private and public school principals. I was hoping for a little more clarity on guidelines for Fall, but they are still looking at the county COVID statistics and other factors to make a final determination on re-opening in August. Most of the schools are making plans to reopen, but they are watching and waiting as well for decisions from local and state officials.



We will continue to keep you updated through our two communication methods each week -- Weekly Bulletin on Monday and School Update Emails on Friday. If you have missed any of these important communications, you can go to RenWeb's Family Portal in Resource Documents.

Have a wonderful week with the blessed final days of Ramadan, and Eid Mubarak to you all!!

In peace,

Mrs. Al-Sarraf

### **IMPORTANT DATES**

Tue., May 19 Lailat ul-Qadr (possible as the 27th night)

Thur., May 21 Incoming Fifth Grade Orientation (for current 4th grade families) (8:30-9:30 am)

Fri., May 22 Eid Holiday (NO SCHOOL)

Sun., May 24Eid ul-Fitr (NHSP Eid Breakfast Cancelled)

Mon., May 25 Memorial Day (NO SCHOOL)

Tue., May 26 Virtual Eid Activities & Regular Classes

Fri., May 29 Author Visit for PS-2nd Grade (see info below) (12:30-1:15)

Tue., June 2 Incoming Kindergarten Orientation (for PK families) (8:30-9:30 am)

Sat., June 6 Words Spoken with Omar Offendum @ 4 pm

Please go to the Family Portal for an updated calendar with all the important activities in May and June.

Password to above activities: nhsp2020

## RAMADAN and EID@ NHSP - This Week

#### **GETTING READY FOR EID**

 TAKE A PICTURE of your family's Eid preparations and post on our Facebook page. You can post on or before Sun., May 24!



## JOIN OUR 2020 RAMADAN APPEAL

Make a difference in these last days of Ramadan! We are almost there! In the spirit of this month and the current crisis, 15% of our Ramadan donations will go to Friends-in-Deed Food Pantry, serving at-risk neighbors and people experiencing homelessness. *Double your impact by making a gift for NHSP and Friends-in-Deed!* Donations are zakateligible. Thank you!



We are at 87% of our goal and have raised over \$17,500 to date! Help us reach our \$20,000 goal!

And thank you to all those who have participated thus far!

Give to our 2020 Ramadan Appeal

#### **ZAKAT-Eligible Donations**

Donations made to New Horizon School Pasadena are Zakat-eligible. According to scholars, Zakat includes all beneficial works and projects that support the community such as building and supporting schools, mosques, hospitals, Friends-in-Deed has been helping the vulnerable in



etc. By giving to an educational institution, you are fulfilling your zakat obligations especially given the school's Flexible Tuition Program that allows families of all socio-economic levels to access a quality Islamic education.

Pasadena for the past 125 years. Our 2019 Student Sadaqa Drive collected funds, and Student Council purchased food items and delivered them directly to the pantry.



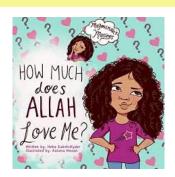
## THE "NEW" NHSP ART SHOP

Need gifts for Eid and other occasions? The new NHSP Art Shop has amazing student group



artwork on tote bags, phone cases, pillows, notebooks and more. You can pick and choose the artistic design, item, right size, and color for the items you want.

Visit the Art Shop today!



## **AUTHOR VISIT COMING SOON!**

We are excited to invite Heba Subeh, author of *How Much Does Allah Love Me*, to share her book and talk about her passions: writing and faith. She is determined to spread this passion to children so that as they grown up, they can become confident Muslims who are strong in their convictions. Ms. Subeh earned a Bachelor's degree in Business Management and is pursuing an additional degree in Islamic Studies from California Islamic University. She currently resides in Southern California with her husband and three daughters and is thrilled to join us on the Zoom platform on Friday, May 29 for our Preschool through 2nd Grade. Join the Author Visit 5-29-2020 from 12:30-1:15.

You may purchase her book at:www.prolancewriting.com/how-much-does-allah-love-me



## 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 5-18-2020**.



## Save the Date!

Our "Words Spoken" event will now be an epic virtual live event on Saturday, June 6 from 4-6 p.m. featuring Omar Offendum, (Hip Hop Artist, Poet, Peace Activist), Clarissa Bitar (Palestinian Oud Player), and Hatefas "Hati" Yop (Cham Spoken Word Artist). Registration opens this week!

#### FEEDING OUR SPIRIT

Weekly Khutbas

Here is the link for last week's khutba:

Mr. Siler's Khutba 5-15-2020



Due to the Eid holiday, there will beno khutba for this Friday, May 22.

# SPECIAL <u>DUA'S/PRAYERS</u> FOR NIGHT OF POWER, LAST DAYS OF RAMADAN, AND FOR EID.

Sound Vision put together a list of wonderful du'a we can recite in our final days of Ramdan and on Eid.

#### SUMMER CAMP/PROGRAM

Join Online Summer Program 2020 from July 6 - July 31 with fun activities from 9-12 every day.

You can go to our website for **NHSP Summer Camp Registration**. The cost is \$125 per week.

• If you would like a refund from your previous registration, please contact Kim Klosterman at kklosterman@newhorizonschool.org.

## **COMMUNITY & COVID RESOURCES**

#### **Hiking Trails**

The County of Los Angeles has reopened previously closed parks and trails this past Saturday, May 9. For important guidelines from County of L.A., please click **here**.

#### **New Coping and Mindfulness Resources from LA County Public Health**

May is celebrated nationally as Mental Health Awareness Month to spotlight the importance of mental health issues and access to care for everyone. Check out this <u>LA County Update</u> that offers a number of resources and information about two important initiatives to help reduce fear, anxiety, and stress: <u>WeRise2020</u> and <u>Headspace</u>.

#### **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.)

## QUIZ OF THE WEEK: TEST YOUR COVID-19 KNOWLEDGE

**Take the Coronavirus Quiz!** 





## **RESULTS OF LAST WEEK'S POLL**

Thank you to those who responded.

1. 10 - 31.3%

2. 11 - 21.9%

3. 19 - 15.6%

4. 20- 31.3%

**CORRECT ANSWER: 20!** 

Just count the nines in the numbers: 9, 19, 29, 39, 49, 59, 69, 79, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99.

Note: 99 contains TWO nines!

**GIVE NOW** 

#### **STAY CONNECTED**

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