



أكاديمية ادمنتن الإسلامية

Respectful, Responsible, and Successful Leaders and Contributors

Eid Mubarak

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GRADE 9

NEWSLETTER

September 5–8, 2017

Welcome back to a new school year. We're returning to the routines of school, which for some of you might mean excitement because you get to see friends again. But it also means saying goodbye to summer relaxation--unstructured time in which you could just relax and unwind. In the large scheme of things, both structure and relaxation are important. The teachers and admin at EIA have worked hard all summer to get things ready for another school year. With the help of Allah (SWT), we hope the fruits of all of our labour will show in the growth each of us may have, both academically and as a person of faith.

Eid Mubarak.

CURRICULUM UPDATES

ISLAMIC STUDIES

Mr. Ibrahim Long // ibrahim.long@islamicacademy.ca

السَّلَامُ عَلَيْكُمْ وَرَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ وَبَرَكَاتُهُ

My name is Ibrahim Long and I am looking forward to teaching your son/daughter this year. Some of you I already know, and others I look forward to meeting for the first time. I have served the students and families of EIA for three years now (and this will be my fourth, *inshallah*). Throughout my time here I have served as an Islamic Studies teacher, coordinated our daily prayers, and have provided faith-based support and counseling for students, families and staff. My education is in Religious Studies (BA) and Islamic Studies (MA) with a specialization in Islamic chaplaincy. The term “chaplain” may be new to some, but it is the professional title for an individual who specializes in the provision of religious counseling and care within an institutional setting (such as a hospital or university).

It is an honor to teach our youth Islam and it is my constant hope and intention that our students will think back positively to something they have learned in my class. As a father, I can understand the trust you (as a parent) are placing in me. As parents, we want our children to have everything they need; *especially* in matters of faith.

I believe that the year ahead will bring about some positive learning, *inshallah*, and I look forward to working with you to support your son or daughter’s faith and character development. This year I will be co-teaching 9th grade alongside Imam Mahmoud Omar and Sh. Muhammad Hamed who are great new additions to our Islamic Studies team.

You can always contact us via email or book an appointment to meet if you wish. May this year be one full of faith and learning. *Ameen*.

God bless,

Ibrahim J. Long, MA, GC

LANGUAGE ARTS/SOCIAL

Ms. Amanah Eljaji // amanah.eljaji@islamicacademy.ca

Assalamu Alaikum,

In the name of Allah, the most Beneficent and Merciful, we will commence the 2017-2018 school year and I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself.

My name is Amanah Eljaji. Alhamdulillah, I graduated from the University of Alberta with a Bachelor's degree in Secondary Education, with a major in Social Studies and a minor in English in December 1998. Immediately after graduation, I began teaching at the Edmonton Islamic Academy where I taught grade 8 and 9 Science, Social Studies and Language Arts for almost eight years. Then in 2006, I moved to Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. My teaching assignment was grade 11 and 12 English at Kingdom Schools. Afterwards, I worked as an English Learning Support teacher at the British International School Riyadh. Soon after, I moved on to teaching English to first year university students at Princess Noura University and King Saud University. However, in 2013 I returned to Canada and have since resumed teaching at Edmonton Islamic Academy for my seventeenth year as an educator.

I have been blessed by Allah (SWT) to undertake the responsibility of being the 9B homeroom teacher. Furthermore, I will have the opportunity to teach all grade 9 humanities (language arts and social studies). I sincerely encourage all parental involvement in your child's learning. If you would like to volunteer your services in my classroom, I welcome your assistance. And by all means, never hesitate to contact me by leaving a message at the school at 780-454-4573 or emailing at amanahaeljaji@gmail.com whenever you have concerns regarding the welfare and progress of your child.

I look forward to working constructively and cooperatively with you, so that your child may mature intellectually, emotionally, socially, and spiritually in a supportive Islamic environment.

May Allah bless us in making this year successful!

Sincerely Yours,

Amanah Eljaji

SCIENCE

Ms. Sajeda Tarabain // Sajeda.Tarabain@islamicacademy.ca

Asalamu Alaikum Dear Parents,

My name is Sajeda Tarabain, and this is my second year teaching at the Edmonton Islamic Academy. As an Edmonton Islamic Academy alumnus, it is an honour and a privilege to come back and teach at the school that fostered my love for education from the start. I attended the Islamic Academy from preschool in the Al Rashid Mosque until grade nine in the academy, where I was a part of the first class to have a graduation celebration in this remarkable building. I then went on to graduate with a Bachelor of Education degree from the University of Alberta with a major in General Sciences and a minor in Mathematics.

My goal as an EIA teacher is to convey to students the practicality and value of science and mathematic education, while integrating Islamic values into my instruction, so that they may cultivate an intrinsic desire to seek knowledge and to become lifelong learners. It is important to me that all students are provided with an equal opportunity to learn and grow in an environment that is both safe and enjoyable. Through learning, students can then move on to be skilled, contributing and connected members of their community.

This semester, I will be teaching your child Science 9. We will be covering many exciting concepts, however, this is the first year that your child, and possibly yourself, will experience semestered courses. This means that science runs from September to January, and we will be writing our PAT exam in January. After the PAT exam, science ends and math begins. Although this system has proven to be effective in preparing our students for high school, I would like to emphasize that this will be a fast paced course, and students cannot afford to fall behind. For that reason, I encourage you as parents to regularly keep updated with the school newsletter. The weekly newsletters will let you know all upcoming tests, assignments and concepts that will be covered.

In addition to the weekly newsletter, there are other ways to stay updated, and I will outline them all in the course outline given to students on Tuesday. They will also be added to this newsletter beginning next week. These include the Remind app, Google classroom, and email.

I look forward to meeting and working with you and your child this year, Insha Allah!

Warmest Regards,

Sajeda Tarabain

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Mr. Yahia Dalloul (Male PE) yahia.dalloul@islamicacademy.ca

Ms. Amira Tarrabain (Female PE) amira.tarrabain@islamicacademy.ca

It is such a pleasure to welcome you and all the wonderful students back to school this week. My name is Mr. Yahia Dalloul. I will like to welcome our new junior high female PE teacher Ms.

Amira Tarrabain. We look forward to getting to know your children and having them in PE this year.

The Edmonton Islamic Academy's Physical Education program aims to enable individuals to develop the knowledge, skills, and attitudes necessary to lead an active, healthy lifestyle. Through the curriculum guidelines our goal is for 100% enjoyable participation.

To ensure that students are benefiting from their involvement in Physical Education at EIA, the following questions have been developed to help students understand expectations:

- Do you come appropriately dressed for activity?
- Do you actively participate?
- Do you respect and encourage others?
- Do you apply learned concepts?
- Do you demonstrate positive communication, fair play?Leadership and teamwork?

If your child has any physical disabilities, please let us know. Problems such as chronic asthma, allergies, heart problems, diabetes, etc. The student's safety is important to us as they go through their daily PE routine.

If you ever have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us at school, stop by, or email us.

Sincerely,

Physical Education team

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