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Mathcounts Regional Winner

with Coach Diana Elkishawi

State Competition will be held on March 7, 2020.

ISc GKC MATHCOUNTS
High Honor & Achievements

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Prophet Muhammad[pbuh] said, "If anyone travels on a road in search of knowledge, Allah will cause him or **her** to travel on one of the roads of Paradise."

Lots of practice and hard work pays off for our Mathcounts student!

MATHCOUNTS® COMPETITION SERIES EST. 1983

Alhamdulilah, **for our third year in a row**, we are proud and happy to announce that this year, one of our ISc GKC Mathcounts Mathletes has won the regional competition against 10 other private, high ranking schools in the area (including Barstow & Pembroke Hill). In addition, we are extremely proud of everyone who competed this year!

Liane Bdair, our ISc GKC student, is among the top twenty-five percent Mathletes in all of the Kansas City Area Masha´Allah. In shaá Allah, she will be advancing to the Mathcounts State Competition in Columbia, MO, at Mizzou on March 7, 2020, under the coaching efforts of **Sr. Diana Elkishawi, our Mathcounts coach**. Please keep them in your duaá as they represent our beloved Islamic School of Greater Kansas City at the State Level.

Also, our **Mathcounts team** did very well this year. They **ranked 4th out of 10 schools**.

Masha´Allah Tabarak Allah & Congratulations to Liane Bdair!

"Congratulations to the entire Mathcounts team for their hard work and support in this program. May their dedication to increase their Math knowledge and all knowledge reward them great opportunities."

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VISION

Striving to be a premier Islamic progressive and scientific learning Institution.

MISSION

To provide a nurturing environment where students aspire for excellence in education, integrity and leadership skills to better serve humanity.

GOALS

Dedicated to produce Committed Balanced Muslims, Knowledgeable Scholars, Contributing Citizens and Community Builders.

"Acquire knowledge and learn tranquility and dignity." **~Omar ibn al-Khattab ~**

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"O Allah, Let Us Seek Your Knowledge!"

"He it is Who sent down As-Sakinah (calmness and tranquility) into the hearts of the believers, that they may grow more in Faith along with their (present) Faith. And to Allah belong the hosts of the heavens and the earth, and Allah is Ever All-Knower, All-Wise". **(Surah Al-Fath (The Victory): 4)**

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IScGKC Math Club Achieves Silver Level Status

THE NATIONAL MATHCLUB powered by MATHCOUNTS

We would like to congratulate, once again, Diana Elkishawi and the Math Club students for their success on achieving the Silver Level Status for 2019-2020 in the National Math club this year with her students!

The National Math Club is an inclusive math enrichment program that provides Club Leaders with the resources and materials needed to run the Math Club. The Club not only brings fun and exciting math problems to students, but it helps build confidence in students of all ability and interest levels by giving them the opportunity to engage in unique math activities in a relaxed, social setting.

Thank you to all of our Math Club students and their Club Leader, Diana Elkishawi, for their hard work!

For attaining Silver Level Status, our club is receiving:

- Recognition on **www.mathcounts.org**
- Student certificates for their participation
- Two boxes of MATHCOUNTS pencils
- A Silver Level trophy that will be mailed to them

Tabarak Allah, in sha'a Allah, Gold Level Status is next, which is the highest level for a Math Club in the Nation.

2019-2020 Math Club Officers

Younis Turk
President, 10th Grade

Yahya Turk
Vice-President, 9th Grade

Komil Isakov
Treasurer, 8th Grade

Awais Shahid
Secretary, 7th Grade

Adiba Syed
Representative, 6th Grade

Math Club & Mathcounts Coach

Diana Elkishawi

Always, "In It To Win It!"

PENNIES FOR PATIENTS
Cancer Drive

Sister Maryam Haggins, our School Administrator, organized a Leukemia Fundraising Drive with our students to help find a cure for this disease.

They joined over 25,000 schools across the nation to make a difference and raise as much money as they could from January 20th through February 7th. They set a goal to raise $500 in three weeks.

Alhamdolilah, our students raised a total of $1,059.74. We also had a contest between our classes to see which class could raise the most money. The WINNERS were 4thA and 4thB classes.

The winners, 4th graders and their teachers, will receive a free lunch from Olive Garden on March 10th paid for by the Leukemia Foundation. It will be delivered to them by the Lee's Summit restaurant.

Congratulations and Thank You to All Who Donated and Participated in Helping!

Olive Garden ITALIAN RESTAURANT

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Parent Teacher Conferences - February 14, 2020

On Friday, February 14, 2020, we held are 2nd Quarter Mid-Term Parent Teacher Conferences. Many parents attended the conferences to review with their child's teachers their academic status.

Research shows that students learn more, have higher grades, and have better school attendance when parents are involved in their child's education. That's why attending parent-teacher conferences is so important: it's a great way for parents to become involved and stay involved throughout the school year.

IScGKC

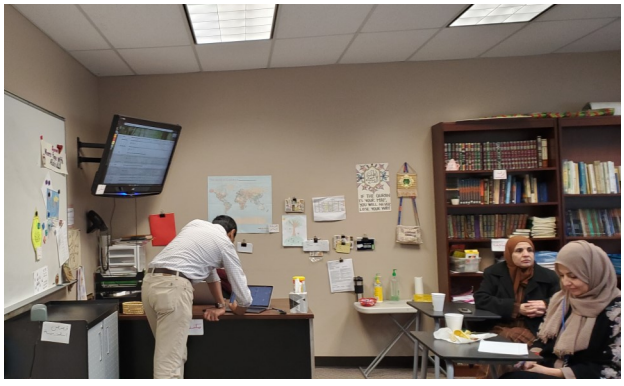
EARLY Enrollment

Early Enrollment is from April 1-30, 2020.
Save now and enroll during the Month of April!
After April 30th, the Enrollment fee goes Up $100.

Dr. Ahmed Maher, MD

On Friday, February 7, 2020, Dr. Maher, MD, who is also an IScGKC parent, came to our school to give our teachers a presentation and share his knowledge on "Adolescent Psychology".

The information that he provided the teachers was extremely valuable and will help our teachers when dealing with young teenagers who are transitioning to adulthood.



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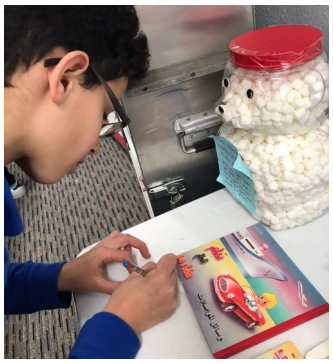
Scholastic Book Fair Week (Feb. 17-21)

The book theme for our annual Scholastic Book Fair in this year was "ARCTIC ADVENTURE". We raised $2,444.72 in total book dollars and cash. The largest amount ever at IScGKC! Alhamdolilah!

Since 2015, our school has raised nearly $15,000 in Scholastic dollars and cash. This profit has allowed our school to obtain several thousand books for our class-room libraries in PK through 10th grades and Islamic book carts. The Scholastic Book Fairs have increased students' exposure to the newest titles every year, as well as encouraged reading and literacy.



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Quran Competition

Coming Soon

March 27, 2020

Ready, Set, Go . . . Start Practicing Now!!!

Surahs of the Quran Competition (2019-2020)

Following are the Surahs that students will be tested on in the Quran competition held on Friday March 27th during school hours.

Teacher	Class	Surahs
Br. Hasan	1st & 2nd Grade	Al-Infitar, Atakweer, Abasa, Anazia't, An-Naba'
Sr. Amal	1st & 2nd Grade	Al-Mursalat, Al-Insan, Al-Qiyamah, Al-Mudathir
Sr. Abeer &Br. Hasan	3rd Grade	Al-Qiyamah, Al-Mudathir, Al-Muzamel, Al-Jinn, Nooh
Sr. Rima	4th Grade	Al-Mulk, Ataghabun, Al-Munafiqoon, Assaf, Al-Jumuaa'
Sr. Rima	5th Grade	Al-Waqea', Al-Hadeed, Arahman
Sr. Maisa	6th Grade	Ibrahim, Al-Hujurat
Sr. Amal	5th & 6th Grade (advanced)	Al-Mae'dah Ayahs 1-50
Sr. Amal	7th -10th Grade (advanced)	Maryam, Taha
Br. Hasan	7th & 8th Grade	An-Noor
Sr. Maisa	9th & 10th	An-Noor

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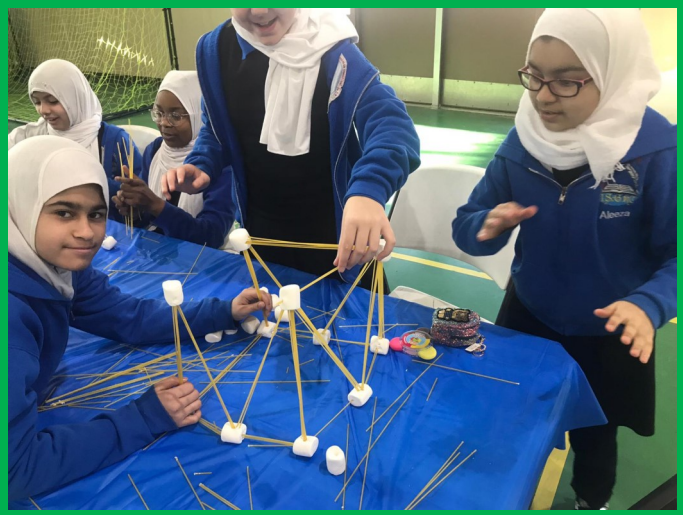
We Love to Building Things!

On Friday, February 21st, we held a Robotics Day for all 4th Graders. The next Friday, February 28th, we held a Robotics Day for all 5th Graders. The fun-filled, learning day was instructed by Sr. Areej Altawab. Sr. Areej has also been instructing our students in our regular Robotics Club. Insha'Allah, we hope to have more of these STEM/Robotics classes next year.

Robotics Day for 4th & 5th Graders



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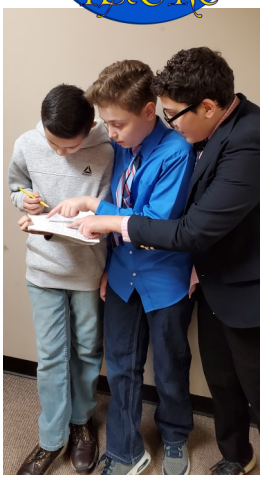
Student Council Activities for February

This month our Student Council held two activities for our school. One activity was School Spirt Day in which the student and staff could wear our school colors, yellow and blue, instead of their uniforms. The activity was Fancy Friday where the students could wear their best clothes to go to Jummah salah.

We look forward to next month's activities!



"FUN 4 GIRLS" SPORTS

We started a new activity "Just 4 Girls" for 6th-10th grade girls to get together and play some sports games. We have two activities scheduled for after school from 4:00-6:00 p.m. in the school gym on February 27th and March 26th. There is a $2.00 fee for snacks.

PURPOSE: *To have an **Open Gym** for **6th-10th Grade Girls** to play basketball, dodgeball and/or just to "hang out" and "be active" in a safe environment.*

COACH: Amanda Pujols (may add additional supervision, as needed)

OPEN GYM SCHEDULE

4:00-4:15 p.m.	Arrival & Asr Prayer
4:15-5:00 p.m.	Basketball
5:00-5:15 p.m.	Snack & Water Break
5:15-6:00 p.m.	Dodgeball

If you have a daughter in 6th - 10th grade, we welcome them to join us if they have not already signed up. Lots of fun!

MORE CONTESTS

We are having two contests for students. One is to create a **school chant** and the other one is to come up with an **acronym** for our school using the letters "**IScGKC".**

Let's Keep Up The School Spirit Everyone!

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LOTS OF PRAYERS & DUA'A NEEDED

Mohammud Rhaimeh, a former IScGKC student, is now a 23 year old nursing student. He was set to graduate in May of 2020 and begin working as a Registered Nurse at KU Medical Center. On February 6, 2020, he was struck by a speeding reckless driver, sending him into oncoming traffic and suffering from a traumatic brain injury. In addition to our prayers and dua'a, he needs our financial help for monthly Rehab expenses in Nebraska.

Go to his GOFUNDME page on Facebook by his brother Aws Rhaimeh to make a donation. JAK!

IScGKC & Community News

We have lots of good news coming from our school and the community!
Read all about it!

CONGRATULATIONS NABEEL SHUAIB!

Nabeel Shuaib, our IScGKC 12th Grader, won an award with Lee's Summit Technology Academy for completing the Cyber Technology class and being the top in Missouri.

CONGRATULATIONS SR. NOUSAIBA!

Sister Nousaiba Bayazid's daughter, Nada Derbas, recently had a baby boy. His name is **Adam**. Sister Nousaiba is our 5th grade teacher and Nada was a form IScGKC student. May Allah bless this child and give him good health that he may grow to be a strong Muslim and future IScGKC student, ISA.

CONGRATULATIONS KC CHIEFS!!!!

To support our Kansas City Chiefs' Super Bowl victory, we cancelled school on February 5, 2020, so students and parents could attend the *parade downtown.* This was a great victory and achievement for Kansas City since 50 years ago. ***May Allah provide our students with great victories and successes in life!***

IScGKC on Facebook & Instragram

Please follow us on Facebook and Instagram.
On Facebook search for **"Islamic School of Greater Kansas City" with the BLUE logo.**
On Instagram, search for **"IScGKC School".**

Lee's Summit Technology Academy

The following students have applied for Lee's Summit Technology Academy classes for the next school year:

Amera Haniyeah - Digital Media Technology
Younis Turk - Software Development
Ahmad Kohia-Aly - Allied Health Academy

Insha'Allah, they will all be accepted and have a great opportunity for success.

YEARBOOK PRE-ORDER SALES

It's now time to pre-order and pay for your 2019-2020 Yearbook! We have added more pages to the book this year because we wanted to include more photos of our exciting school activities and events. Teachers have provided many, many photos of our amazing students; and our yearbook class students are doing a great job in creating this special book for you. It now includes 120 pages, 8 more pages. And, for the same price of $20.

However, if you wish to customize your yearbook, there are a few extra fees for doing this. This is totally optional. If you add a line of text, it is $3.00 extra, and if you add icons, it is $1.00 per icon. You can fill this out on the yearbook order form.

This year, we are asking for yearbook purchases to be prepaid by March 13, 2020. This way will we have a better idea of how many books we need to have printed. Some years we have been short on books and other years we have ordered too many. Please help us to get a better count on how many books we need to purchase.

If you order after March 13th, there is no guarantee we will have extra books, because we will order a limited quantity based on the pre-order sells. After March 13th, the price will also go up to $25 per book.

Don't wait, reserve your yearbook today by pre-ordering with payment of $20.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

IMPORTANT DATES:

March 6	End of 3rd Quarter
March 11	Mathcounts Parent Activities (6th-10th Grades)
March 16-20	NO SCHOOL - Spring Break
March 27	Quran Competition
April 1	Early Enrollment for 2020-2021 Starts
April 3	Science Fair - Union Station
April 4	KU Math Competition
April 5	Town Hall / General Body Meeting
April 30	Last Day for Early Enrollment

Incremental Weather / School Closings

Just a reminder, when we close the school due to bad weather or any other emergency, we will notify everyone via these methods:

- Text Messages
- Orbund Announcements
- Email Messages
- ww.iscgkc.org (School Website)
- IScGKC (School Phone App)
- TV Station Closings on KCTV5 and Action News 41

Our decision to close is determined by local school closings in our area, such as Hickman Mills, Lee's Summit, Grandview, Raytown, etc.

REMINDERS

STUDENTS MUST BE SIGNED IN OR OUT BY PARENTS WHEN AT SCHOOL!

Please come to the office when bringing your child in late or leaving early. If they are not signed in or out, they may be counted tardy or absent on their attendance record.

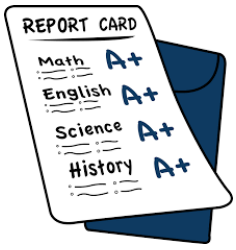
Also, please call the office in the morning if your child is going to be sick on that day. This way it will be counted as an excused absence, otherwise it will not be excused.

School Policy Reminder: If your child has a fever, they may not return to school until 24 hours after the fever is gone.

END OF 3RD QUARTER - March 6, 2020

Our 3rd Quarter will end on Friday, March 6, 2020. Please make sure you child has all of their homework turned in so that it can be graded before the teachers submit their grades.

One more quarter to go! Let's make the best of it, and encourage your child to keep up the good work!



Suggestions

If you have suggestions or new ideas for our school, please do not hesitate to let us know. Feel free to contact the office or talk to a teacher. Our doors are always open.