



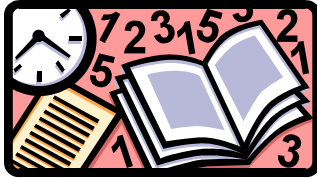
The Arabic School of Portland

# NEWSLETTER

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*In the name of Allah, the Compassionate, the Merciful*



## WELCOME BACK

to the Arabic School of Portland! We give thanks, first to Allah, and then to you, the parents, students, and teachers of ASP for joining us in our second year of Arabic School. We look forward to seeing all of our friends again and to making new friends this year.



## NEWS

There is a lot of exciting news at the Arabic School this year.

To begin with, in order to better serve our entire community, we have a **NEW LOCATION** at **Fowler Middle School**, which is convenient to Masjid As-Saber, Portland, Tigard, Beaverton, Masjid Bilal, and other communities.

Please note that **ISLAMIC DRESS** and **MANNERS** are still required.

Our **TENTATIVE SCHEDULE** for this semester is

**M, W, F 6-8 P.M.**

This schedule has the benefits of reducing our students' workload and helping parents to "get the kids to bed on time."

Alhamdulillah, the Arabic School has received its **TAX EXEMPT** status from the IRS. The school welcomes your donations, including Zakat Almal, and

**YOUR CONTRIBUTION IS TAX DEDUCTIBLE!**



**OUR GOAL**, insha'Allah, is to help all interested children master the Arabic language by being exposed to it across many subject areas, including Quran, Islamic Studies, Math, Science, and Social Studies.



## FAQs

**Q:** Why should our children be exposed to so many subjects, and not just memorize Quran?

**A:** Simply put, our students are immersed in Arabic so that they don't end up

reciting the sounds of the Quran without knowing the meaning.

**Q:** Our children need English to "make it" in this country, so why do you stress the Arabic language so much?

**A:** Our children need Arabic to "make it" as Muslims – to read and understand the Quran, Tafsir, and Sunnah, so they don't depend on translators to teach them about Islam and the Muslim world, to build cultural bridges, and to feel they are a part of their extended families.

**Q:** Where should our children get the time to study Arabic?

**A:** Turn off the TV and the computer. Reduce extra-curricular activities to a select few. Teach the values of hard work and sacrifice.

**Q:** Will a young child who knows no Arabic benefit from the Arabic School?

**A:** Young children learn quickly and will benefit, insha'Allah, if they attend the school regularly and do their homework.

*May Allah bless us with the good and guide us to what pleases Him.*