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NEWSLETTER

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In the name of Allah, the Compassionate, the Merciful



NEARING THE FINISH

Only six weeks remain in the semester, and we encourage all students to work hard so they can advance to the following grade next year.

- ♥ Do your homework and have your parents sign your blue book or your weekly homework sheet.
- ♥ Don't be absent or late!
- ♥ Take and pass all exams.

If you're new to the Arabic language, exert extra effort to catch up with the kids your age.

- ♥ Learn the Arabic alphabet very well.
- ♥ Practice the correct pronunciation of the Arabic letters.
- ♥ Practice speaking, reading, and writing in Arabic every chance you get.



SPORTS FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY!

The Arabic School has reserved a second gym at Fowler Middle School for our Friday Night Sports (8-9 P.M.). The upstairs gym will be for the girls, and the downstairs gym will be for the boys. Also, the Arabic School welcomes fathers and mothers to its Friday Night Sports. Come and start a game of volleyball, basketball, in-door soccer, or another favorite sport. Remember that Islamic dress is required. We also suggest that everyone wear sports pants to protect their knees and shins.



A DOCTOR IN OUR GYM

We offer a special thanks to Dr. Faris Altaf who has generously volunteered to help supervise our Friday Night Sports. Please extend a warm welcome to him on Friday nights as he joins us in creating a night of safe fun for our students. Mashaallah, he's a great role model for parents and students alike.

SPRING/SUMMER SWIMMING



The Arabic School is pleased to announce a boys' spring/summer swim program that's open to the Muslim community. Fathers are also welcome.

The program is from 3-4:15 P.M. at the Tigard Swim Center, and is scheduled for every other Sunday (4/17, 5/1, 5/15, 5/29, 6/12, 6/26, 7/10, 7/24, 8/7, 8/21, and 9/4). A male lifeguard will be provided by the swim center. The number of swimmers is limited, so it's on a first-come, first-served basis.

Fathers of participants under 5 years of age are required to sign up and accompany their children in the pool.

The first session was held on Sunday April 3, 2005. It was well attended, and everyone had lots of fun! You can sign up for the next session during Friday Night Sports or by sending an email to events@thearabicschool.org.

The cost of each session is \$5 per individual or \$12 per family. Proceeds will be used to cover the cost of the swim program and to support the Arabic School.

Please note that there is an independent private swim program for Muslim women. For more information send email to swimonly@hotmail.com.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Due to its rapid growth, the Arabic School of Portland is planning to hire additional teachers next semester. If you know of a qualified Arabic teacher, please let us know.

The Arabic School will consider applicants with the following qualifications:

- Native Arabic speaker
- Teaching experience
- BS degree or equivalent
- Legal to work in US

Interested teachers should send their resumes to jobs@thearabicschool.org.

UPDATE OUR RECORDS



If you're a parent of one of our students and you've never received email from the Arabic School, or if you've changed your home address, telephone number, e-mail address, your children's doctor, or emergency contact, you need to update our records by emailing the updated information to info@thearabicschool.org.

Also, if you don't have children in the Arabic School of Portland, but you'd like to receive our newsletter and participate in our activities and events, email us your name and email address so we can keep you informed as well.

~ The Prophet (PBUH) said: Be keen on what benefits you, and seek help in Allah, and do not give up. ~