

Northwest Bait ul-Ilm Newsletters: Appendices

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Parent Feedback

In the newsletters sent out November 10th, we asked parents for feedback regarding the communications and newsletters so far.

How often do you read BUI Newsletters?

100% - Every Week

0% - One to two times per month

0% - I don't read newsletters.

If you read the newsletter, when do you read them?

75% - Thursday

25% - Friday

0% - Saturday, before BUI

0% - I don't read the newsletters

Do you share the newsletter with your children?

100% - I read the newsletter on my own and talk about it with my child

0% - I read the newsletter with my child

0% - I read the newsletter on my own, only

0% - I don't read the newsletter

Which sections of the newsletter do you find useful?

100% - What did We Learn in Class this Week?

100% - Questions to Ask

100% - Important Dates

87.5% - Extra Learning

87.5% - Snack Menu

75% - Word of the Week

75% - Centre-Wide Announcements

62.5% - Looking Ahead

63.5% - Teacher Information

What information would you like to see in future newsletters?

100% - In-Class Projects

60% - More information about the curriculum

- 40% - External Resources Related to the Curriculum
- 20% - Information about Jamati Events
- 20% - Other

Comments

- Extremely happy with the newsletter
- I think it vital to have information from a parents perspective. The communication helps with what is going on if children have missed a class. As a teacher the communication works well. The downside is not all parents read it. We have a fantastic set of books and information....It would help to be able to purchase them at BUI. Not everyone makes it to 🍷 Khane 🍷 on a Friday.
- I only receive the newsletter info about 2 of my kids but not the 3rd - who is in the same unit - not sure why?
- We have been getting the newsletter sent to us on Wednesday or Thursday. I feel that is too late. Would it be possible to get the newsletter by Tuesday allowing us to have the meaningful discussions with our child over a few days rather than rushing through the conversation over one evening. Especially if we have to go through the log book and complete the questions. Thanks.
But we have to say, We love the newsletter so please keep it coming. Thank you for all the work behind it.
- We usually do our BUI homework during the weekend. The BUI newsletter comes in on the Thursday, which leaves us one day, Friday afternoon, to discuss the contents. It may be more productive for parents if the newsletter was sent on a Monday or Tuesday which allows us enough time to discuss the contents.
On the whole it is a great initiative and we appreciate it. Thank you.

All Parent Emails

Week 0

This email was sent to all the parents in our database from last year to recruit parent volunteers to join the Northwest BUI Team. It was sent on **September 9th**, with the subject: **We're looking for BUI Teachers**.

Ya Ali Madad, Parents

Before we start off this exciting year at Northwest BUI, we still need to fill up all our staff positions. We're looking for parents who have a passion for sharing knowledge and would like to help out Saturday mornings. We're looking for:

- * Full time or part time Kindergarten teachers.
- * Full time or part time Grade 2 teachers.
- * Substitute Teachers

(Full time teachers would come to BUI every week; we'll work with part time teachers to alternate with others to teach a single grade)

If you're unsure, don't worry. We have teacher training inside and outside of the classroom from certified CBE teachers. We can accommodate almost any schedule and will work closely with you to make sure you get the most out of your BUI experience.

If you have any questions, or would like to volunteer, please email nwbui.01@gmail.com. Or, you can email, call or text Vice Principal Aqil Dhanani: aqil.dhanani@gmail.com 4036816508.

Thank you.

Registration Reminders

This email was sent to all the parents who had registered last year, but had not updated their registration for this year. The email was sent out on **September 10th**, with the subject: **Have you registered for BUI yet?**

Hey there! We've noticed that you haven't completed your BUI registration for this year. With the first class next week (September 17th) we're hoping to see you there.

This year, we've made it easier than ever to complete your registration. Since you already entered all your information last year, all you need to do is confirm:

- Step 1: go to <https://buireg.iicanada.ca:2011/#/>
- Fill out the form with the following information:
 - First Name: *|FNAME|*
 - Last Name: *|LNAME|*
 - Verification Code (case-sensitive): [VERIFICATION CODE]*
(Note: if there's a spelling mistake in the names above, you'll be able to fix it after the consent form)
- Step 4: Add your child's date of birth, fill out the consent form and click "Submit".
- Step 6: Review or update all your information, and submit the form.

If you want to attend a different centre (i.e. not Northwest BUI at T B Riley School), you can say so in the comment section provided. For students going into grade seven, you'll be able to select your centre preference.

We can't wait to see you this year!

Northwest BUI Team.

If you have any other issues with registration, please email prairies.bui@iicanada.org. For any questions regarding BUI, in general, please email nwbui.01@gmail.com.

*The email database contains students' registration verification codes so that each parents only received the code for their child.

BUI Calendar

This email was sent to all parents with an attached BUI Calendar. The email was sent on **September 23rd** with the subject: **2016-2017 BUI Calendar**.

Ya Ali Madad Parents.

We now have an updated calendar for you.

Thank you for everyone that pointed out that the Teacher Meet and Greet will be on October 1st, not October 31st (the 31st is a Monday and there will be no BUI on that day).

We encourage parents to stay at the BUI Centre on days marked in Green. Days when there is no BUI are marked in Orange. You can also download the calendar [here](#).

The following calendar was included in the email:

2016-2017 BUI Calendar

September 2016	October 2016	November 2016	December 2016	January 2017	February 2017	March 2017	April 2017	May 2017	June 2017
3 Summer Break NO BUI	1 Primary Meet and Greet	5	3	7 Pre-Primary Parent Session	4 Grade 5 Service Project	4 Pre-Primary Field Trip	1 Spring Break NO BUI	6	3 Pre-Primary and Grade 6 Graduation
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24	22	26	24 Winter Break NO BUI	28	25	25 Spring Break NO BUI	22	27	21 Summer Break NO BUI
	29		31 Winter Break NO BUI				29		28 Summer Break NO BUI

Ramadan will tentatively take place from **May 27** through **June 25, 2017**.

Term 1: September 17-December 10; **Term 2:** January 7-March 18; **Term 3:** April 8-June 10.

2016 Week 4

This email was sent to parents to remind them of BUI Cancellation for Thanksgiving. The email was sent out on **October 7th** with the subject: **Reminder: No BUI This Week.**

Canadian Thanksgiving

This weekend, we will not be holding BUI, as it's Thanksgiving. In 1879, Parliament declared Thanksgiving Day "a day of General Thanksgiving to Almighty God for the bountiful harvest with which Canada has been blessed." Please spend this time with your family and loved ones, in celebration all the blessings we've received.

BUI will resume next week, October 15th. Please look forward to our grade-wise email in the coming week.

2016 Week 9

This email was sent as a reminder of BUI (after Remembrance Day break). The email was sent out on **November 18th**, with the subject: **This Week in BUI**.

BUI Continues this Week

We hope that you enjoyed the time spent with your family last weekend. BUI will return at it's normal time this Saturday (November 19th). We hope to see you all bright and early.

Celebration of Learning

With Salgirah approaching, we're excited to celebrate everything we've learned so far this year. Join us on Saturday, December 10th, during BUI for our Celebration of Learning. We'll have lots to share with parents and fun activities for kids.

In honour of Mawlana Hazar Imam's 80th Birthday, reflect on how our Imam has affected our lives individually.

2016 Week 9 (Extra)

This email was sent out to all parents as an introduction to the “One Jamat” project. The email was sent out **November 21st** with the subject: **One Jamat: United in love for Mawlana Hazar Imam.**

United in Love for Mawlana Hazar Imam

This December, Jamats from around the globe are celebrating Mawlana Hazar Imam's 80th birthday! The Canadian Jamat is creating a compilation of videos from across the country. If you'd like to participate, please record a short, high-quality video about what the Imam means to you in your own life. In the video, you can address questions like:

- What impact has the Imam made on the life of your family?
- How does the Imam make the world a better place?
- How would you like to celebrate the Imam's birthday?
- What message would you like to send to the Imam on his birthday?

Videos should be submitted to [IICanada](#) by November 21st. For full details and submission guidelines, [click here](#).

Teacher Emails



Northwest BUI Newsletter Teacher Update

The teacher emails were sent out to Ta'lim teachers, BUI administrators, and Ginan Teachers, for a total of 21 people. Out of the 21 people, 13 read every single email, 5 read most emails, and 3 teachers read few to no emails throughout the term. Each email was read by an average of 14 people with most people reading the BUI Calendar update email.

The sidebar of each email featured important upcoming dates, the snack menu for the upcoming week, and links to the digital attendance system (unused), classroom review form, and a link to email the administrative team.

Important Dates

Dec 10: Celebration of Learning and PTE Visit

Dec 17-31: Winter Break

Jan 7: BUI Returns

Snack Menu

Pizza and Cake

Links

[Digital Attendance System](#)

[Class Review Form](#)

[Email the Administration](#)

Week 1 (T)

This email was sent to teachers to help them prepare for the first day of BUI. The email was sent **September 14th** with the subject: **Welcome Back Teachers**. This email was sent to 17 teachers and was read by 14 of them.

Welcome back to BUI!

First day of BUI

BUI starts on September 17th (that's THIS Saturday). We're opening the school at 9:15, so please be there around that time. This way, you'll have enough time to set up your classrooms and meet with parents. Assembly will start promptly at 10am and we're hoping to have everyone in class by 10:15. Same as last year, BUI will be located at T B Riley School.

We're hoping to end the first day of classes approximately 10 minutes early so that parents will have a chance to meet each of you. Also, please meet with Vice Principal Aqil Dhanani before you leave the building after BUI for a quick debrief.

Ta'lim Books

If you haven't gotten your course materials already, please pick them up from Northwest Jamatkhana sometime this week. Teacher copies of the Ta'lim books and CSPs are stored under the iCare desk. Please inform Vice Principal Nisha Punja when you pick up your materials, or if you have any issues finding your supplies.

Teaching Assistants

We have three volunteer teacher assistants who'd like to help in BUI classrooms. Please let Vice Principal Aqil Dhanani know if you'd like an assistant in your classroom (our priority will be kindergarten and grade two, because those are our largest classes).

Classroom Attendance

In an effort to innovate the BUI system, we'll be offering two attendance systems: one on paper and one online. Please let us know which one you would like to use.

Week 2 (T)

This email was sent to teachers to introduce them to the new communications and attendance systems introduced this year. The email was sent **September 23rd** with the subject: **BUI Teacher Update: New Communication System**. This email was delivered to 21 teachers and was read by 14 of them. 12 teachers looked at the digital attendance system introduced in this email while 10 looked at the communication sample attached.

Teacher Meeting this Saturday

Ya Ali Madad, Teachers

There have been a lot of [hopefully positive] changes to the BUI system. We're going to have a brief meeting after classes this Saturday to go over the changes, some of which are listed below. If you cannot make it to the meeting this week, please email nwbui.01@gmail.com or text Vice Principal Aqil Dhanani at 4036816508 so we can make other arrangements.

New Communication System

As you know, there's been some back and forth between the BUI System and Council regarding teacher-parent communication. With help from the Council for the Prairies, Northwest BUI is piloting a new communication program to standardise communications coming from BUI.

It's incredibly important that parents are informed about what their child is learning in the BUI classroom, and the Northwest Administrative team will make it easier for teachers to share information from their classes and engage with parents using the power of technology.

[Here is a copy of the proposal](#) sent to Council if you'd like to peruse it before our meeting this Saturday.

New Attendance System

The Administrative team has also been working to streamline other aspects of BUI, including attendance taking. We've created an [online system](#) to help you out. Aqil will explain the intricacies of the system during Saturday's meeting, but you're welcome to try it out in class [here](#).

Paper attendance sheets will still be available if you prefer.

BUI Calendar (T)

This email was sent to all teachers with the BUI schedule for the year. The email was sent on **September 23rd** with the subject: **2016-2017 BUI Calendar**. This email was delivered to 21 teachers and was read by 18 of them. 4 teachers downloaded the attached calendar.

Ya Ali Madad, *|FNAME|*.

I apologize for the excessive emailing. But I'm trying to get information out to you as soon as it comes in.

Don't forget, this Saturday, we have a Communications meeting.

Next Saturday, Parents will be coming in to meet up with you, and so will the PTEs

We encourage parents to stay at the BUI Centre on days marked in Green. Days when there is no BUI are marked in Orange. You can download the full teacher calendar [here](#).

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10 Pre-Service for new teachers and Professional Day	8 Thanksgiving NO BUI	12 Remembrance Day NO BUI	10 Salgirah Celebration of Learning PTE Visit	14 Week 2	11 Week 6 Grade 5 Service Project	11 Week 9 Pre-Primary Field Trip	8 Pre-Primary Parent Session and Field Trip	13 Week 5	10 Celebration of Learning
17 Kindergarten Orientation Pre-Primary Parent Session	15 Week 4	19 Week 8 PTE Visit	17 Winter Break NO BUI	21 Week 3	18 Family Day NO BUI	18 Week 10 Navroz Celebration of Learning	15 Easter Weekend NO BUI	20 Victoria Day NO BUI	17 Summer Break NO BUI
24 Week 2	22 Week 5	26 Week 9 PD Webinar (during the week)	24 Winter Break NO BUI	28 Week 4	25 Week 7 PD Webinar (during the week)	25 Spring Break NO BUI	22 Week 2	27 Week 6 Pre-Primary to Kindergarten Transition	21 Summer Break NO BUI
	29 Week 6		31 Winter Break NO BUI				29 Week 3		28 Summer Break NO BUI

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2016 Week 3 (T)

This email was sent out to all teachers to remind them of the Parent Meet and Greet. The email was sent on **September 28th** with the subject: **Teacher Meet and Greet**. This email was delivered to 21 teachers and was read by 15 of them. 4 teachers downloaded the attached outline (labelled “cheat sheet”).

Teacher Meet and Greet

As you know, parents have been invited to visit BUI this Saturday. Ignore everything you may or may not have heard about the scheduling, because this is what we're going to do.

10am: Regular Assembly, lead by the Grade 4 class.

After that: take your kids to class and continue class as normal.

Parents will stay in the gym for a short session with the BUI Admin team.

After that: Parents will have time to interact with the Admin team, grab chai, &c.

Around break time: We're going to steal your students and replace them with parents. You'll give a brief overview of your class (if you don't know what to say, [here's a cheat sheet](#). Then you can answer any questions that they may have.

After break: everything goes back to normal.

Attendance Passwords

If you'd like to use the digital attendance system, please text or email Aqil (4036816508 aqil.dhanani@gmail.com) to set up your password. We need to have passwords, but it would be more effective if you come up with your own. There's no limitations on what your password can be, although I strongly suggest that you don't use the same password that you use on other things.

If you decide to use the digital attendance system, you'll (for now) have to fill out the paper attendance too.

PTE Visit

Razina (the wonderful person sending you lesson plans every week) will be visiting the Northwest Centre this Saturday. She will be visiting your classrooms but [hopefully] not impeding you in any way. I know it's going to be rough with the mixed up schedules, but please try your best to be normal.

2016 Week 4

This email was sent out to all teachers to remind them of the EpiPen training and ginan class schedules. The email was sent on **October 13th** with the subject: **BUI October 15th**. This email was delivered to 21 teachers and was read by 15 of them. 4 teachers clicked the link to the classroom review.

EpiPen Training

We'll be having an EpiPen Training session this week, before BUI. Please arrive at TB Riley at 9:15am for the training session hosted by pharmacist Begum Lalani. Even if you received the training last year, an update wouldn't hurt.

Ginan Classes

After all the running around and re-organising, we'll finally happy to start the Ginan Classes this week! We'll be starting with Sahebji Tu(n) for the older classes and Anand Anand for the younger classes. These are different from what's in the learning log, so if you need a copy, you can [download the handout here](#).

Communications

We have received some amazing feedback on our communications pilot system. The BUI team is working super hard to get these communications out, but we still need your help. Please fill out the [Classroom Review](#) before Tuesday evening so that we can get emails out to parents in a timely fashion. Again, this isn't mandatory for teachers (yet) but the parents greatly appreciate the extra few minutes put in.

2016 Week 5 (T)

This email was sent to all teachers to remind them of upcoming BUI events. The email was sent on **October 21st** with the subject: **BUI October 22**. This email was delivered to 21 teachers and was read by 17 of them. 1 teacher expressed interest in STEP from this email.

EpiPen Training

Thank you to everyone who attended the EpiPen Training last Saturday. For those of you who did not attend, please familiarise yourself with the symptoms of anaphylaxis and how to use an EpiPen. Parents usually give children an EpiPen to bring with them to BUI.

We'll relay information to you about which students have allergies and which parents have given BUI staff permission to administer treatment.

STEP-rogram

All BUI teachers are encouraged to join the Secondary Teacher Education Program at the Institute of Ismaili Studies.

Fire Drill

We may have a fire drill in either this week, or in the upcoming weeks. We'll update you the morning of, so that you can prepare your class.

Communications

Don't forget to submit your Class Review form after class on Saturday, but before end-of-day on Tuesday. If you don't fill out the form, your parents will get a generic message saying so.

Also, if your class is performing assembly in the following week, please include your 'varo' assignments in the form so that parents can be informed and students can practice at home.

AKDN ShakeOut Drill

During Assembly, on October 22nd, FOCUS Humanitarian Assistance will be hosting an Earthquake Preparedness Drill.

2016 Week 6 (T)

This email was sent out to all teachers as a reminder about the upcoming fire drill. The email was sent on **October 27th** with the subject: **BUI October 29**. This email was delivered to 21 teachers and was read by 15 of them.

Fire Drill

We will be having our fire drill for the term this weekend.

The drill is scheduled just before break so as to reduce loss of class-time. Once the drill starts, please organize your students and quietly proceed out of the building. If your classroom is closer to the front of the building, exit through the double doors at the end of the hallway (not the front doors). If your classroom is toward the back of the school, proceed to the doors in the cafeteria. Once your class is outside, proceed to the open field and stand in an orderly fashion. Then do a head count to make sure all the students have made it safely outside. Please note how many students are in your class before the drill.

If you have any questions, please check your teacher board in the morning, or talk to an Admin.

Supplies

We are also rearranging our storage space in the school. We'd appreciate your help in this process. If you have time, go through your boxes and throw out broken (or otherwise unusable) supplies, and make notes of what you'll need for the future.

2016 Week 7 (T)

This email was sent to all teachers to remind them of the upcoming Earthquake preparedness drill. The email was sent on **November 2nd** with the subject: **BUI November 5**. This email was delivered to 21 teachers and was read by 16 of them.

AKDN ShakeOut Drill

This week, we're going to be doing the Aga Khan Development Network's ShakeOut Earthquake Preparedness Drill. This will be done in the gym, in place of assembly.

All teachers must participate.

Here's a handout on why it's important to have these kinds of drills, despite living in Calgary.

These materials aren't required, but here's also an activity book and informational guide.

Communications Update

As you know, we've been testing out a new communications system this term (thank you to all the teachers that have submitted classroom reviews, the parents love them). This has just been a proof-of-concept that we will soon be showing to ITREB (hopefully, they'll implement something similar). Although, for this to go through, I'll need your help once more.

Please send feedback about what you thought about this system to nwbui.01@gmail.com and encourage your parents to do the same.

ITREB said they won't accept feedback that's not in writing, so we really need your and your parents' help with this.

Thank you all so much!

2016 Week 9 (T)

This email was sent to all teachers to remind them of upcoming BUI Professional Days. The email was sent on **November 18th** with the subject: **BUI November 19**. This email was delivered to 21 teachers and was read by 16 of them. 2 teachers downloaded the COL guidelines and one participated in the Doodle Poll.

Professional Days

The board members and support staff have spent their personal time and energy in organizing a flexible PD day that is actually spread out over 3 different dates November 28, November 29 and December 1. Each session has a different theme, you can sign up for one or for all 3 if you see a good fit.

I want to make sure that we have at least one representative per grade at minimum attending at least one of the sessions. I realize that everyone is busy and this is one more pull on your time, however it is important for us to participate in these sessions, provide feedback and utilize the support and resources available to us as BUI instructors to make the entire system better.

To register please click on the following link <http://doodle.com/poll/pya3rnf2i4ih3b6w>.

Celebration of Learning

This years Celebration of Learning will be held at T B Riley school on Saturday, December 10th, during BUI. [Here are the guidelines for the COL](#). If you have any suggestions as to how we can make this day engaging, please talk to the Northwest Admin Team.

2016 Week 12 (T)

This email was sent to all teachers to inform them of the schedule for the Celebration of Learning. The email was sent on **December 7th** with the subject: **BUI December 10**. This email was delivered to 21 teachers and was read by 15 of them.

Centre-Wide Announcement

Please find tentative schedule and details below regarding the Celebration of Learning . If there have been any changes to your activity or equipment needs then please advise as soon as possible. If you are putting up a display then please let us know so we can have table and tent card set up for you.

9:00 to 10:00 - Set up display (location TBD)

10:00 to 10:05 - Regular assembly - Grade 2

10:05 to 12:00 - Class and breaks as usual

11:30 - Kindergarten and Grade 1 can go to the gym directly from their Tasbih and Card-making activities.

12:00 - Meet in the gym all classes and parents (which gym TBD):

- Kindergarten presentation (1 minute)
- Grade 6 - presentation. Equipment: projector, screen and speakers (5 minutes)
- Grade 2A & 2B - Play (5 minutes) & Readout (2 minutes)
- Grade 4 - Play (7 minutes)
- Video - 5 minutes

12:30 - Display area

New Teachers

We're looking for someone to take over the Grade 5 class in January. If you know of anyone who would like to join the BUI team, please let the administration team know.

Kindergarten Emails



Northwest BUI Newsletter Kindergarten

The kindergarten emails were sent out to parents of kindergarten students, the kindergarten teacher, and BUI administrators for a total of 36 people. Out of the 36 people, 19 read every single email, 10 read most emails, and 2 parents read few to no emails throughout the term. Each email was read by an average of 25 people with most people reading the Week 3 email.

The sidebar of each email featured the Word of the Week, important upcoming dates, the snack menu for the upcoming week, the names of the Kindergarten teachers, as well as a link to email the BUI administrative team.

Important Dates

Dec 10: Celebration of Learning

Dec 13: Salgirah Mubarak

Jan 7: BUI Continues



Snack Menu

Cheese Pizza, Chips, Juice, and Cake

Teachers

The Kindergarten teachers are **Asha Nenshi Nathoo** and **Jihan Maheralli**

If you have any questions, please contact the Northwest BUI team at

nwbui.01@gmail.com

Week 1 (0)

This email reminded parents of the start of BUI, and informed them of the Kindergarten orientation for parents. It also contained information about volunteering and BUI registration. The email was sent on **September 13th** with the subject: **Welcome Back to BUI**. This email was delivered to 25 parents and was read by 20 of them (80%). 2 parents found directions to the BUI centre from this email and one completed their BUI registration.

Welcome back to BUI!

BUI Starts September 17th

BUI at the Northwest Centre will start on Saturday, September 17th. Assembly will be held at 10am. Please arrive early to make sure your students can get settled in and make it to class on time.

BUI will be held in the same location as last year: at Thomas B Riley School. 3915 69 St NW. There is limited street parking in front of the building and a parking lot on the right side of the building.

Kindergarten Orientation

All kindergarten parents are invited to stay after Assembly on this Saturday, September 17th for a quick Orientation. We'll go over the purposes of BUI, talk briefly about what your children will be learning and allow you to ask questions.

Parent Volunteers

We're still looking for parents to help us out with various BUI activities. This week, we're looking for a few parents to help manage late registration. We're also looking for help inside and outside of the classroom. If you're interested in getting involved, please email us at nwbui.01@gmail.com.

Complete your Registration

If you haven't already, please click here to complete [your child's BUI registration online](#) prior to the start of BUI on September 17th. We'll have a few resources available on Saturday to accommodate late registrations. If you have any issues with the registration, please email prairies.bui@iicanada.org.

Week 2 (0)

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Meet your teachers

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Learning Logs

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2016 Week 3 (0)

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Teacher Meet and Greet

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Ta'lim Books are Available

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What did *|FNAME|* Learn in Class This Week?

This week, we learned about the greeting 'Ya Ali Madad', what it means, and where we use it. We also learned a new tasbih: 'Ya Ali, Ya Ali'

More information can be found in the
Ta'lim Book: 6 Ya Ali Madad
Parent Teacher Guide: pages 16-19

Questions to ask *|FNAME|*:

- How do we greet our Ismaili brothers and sisters?
- What does 'Ya Ali Madad' mean?
- What does 'Mawla Ali Madad' mean?
- What was the tasbih you learned in class this week?
- What does 'Ya Ali, Ya Ali' mean?

Extra Learning

- Challenge questions for family discussion: Who is Hazrat Ali? How is he related to Mawlana Hazar Imam?
- A lot of students say 'Ya Ali Madad' without realising how Mawlana Ali is related to Mawlana Hazar Imam. This would be a good opportunity to discuss the lineage of Imam, depending on *|FNAME|*'s current understanding.

2016 Week 4 (0)

The email was sent on **October 13th** with the subject: **This Week in BUI**. This email was delivered to 30 parents and was read by 21 of them (70%).

What did *|FNAME|* Learn in Class Today?

This week, we discussed our daily routines and the difference between activities related to school and activities related to Jamatkhana.

More information can be found in the
Ta'lim Book: 6, "Ya Ali Madad", pages 9-20
Parent Teacher Guide: pages 60-63

Questions to ask *|FNAME|*:

- What does *|FNAME|*'s day look like on a school day?
- What are some ways we pray at home?
- What are some ways we pray at Jamatkhana?
- What do we say when we enter Jamatkhana? What is the response? You can practice entering and exiting Jamatkhana.

Extra Learning

- What does 'Jamat ke Hai Zinda' mean? What about 'Qayam Paya'?
- While talking about *|FNAME|*'s day, try to ask about how they are balancing their life between 'things for school' and 'things for Jamatkhana'. We touched on the importance of both, but we didn't go too in-depth on the concept of 'balance'.

2016 Week 5 (0)

This email reminded parents to complete and return their Learning Logs. It also contained a download link for the ginans covered in class. The email was sent on **October 21st** with the subject: **This Week in BUI**. This email was delivered to 33 parents and was read by 24 of them (72.7%).

Learning Logs

Please bring your Learning Logs every week, to class. We've started Ginan classes and will continue each week. A CD with the Ginans can be purchased at the Literature Desk, along with the Ta'lim reading books.

Don't forget to complete Week 4 in the Learning Log, including the Family Discussion.

What did *|FNAME|* Learn in Class Today?

This week, we will continued to explore Allah's creation and how to appreciate the wonderful would in which we live.

More information can be found in the
Ta'lim Book: Allah the Creator, pages 1-6
Parent Teacher Guide: pages 8-11

2016 Week 6 (0)

This email informed parents of the safety regulations at BUI. The email was sent on **October 27th** with the subject: **This Week in BUI**. This email was delivered to 33 parents and was read by 25 of them (75.8%).

BUI Safety

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Allergies: If you haven't done so with your registration, please email BUI Admin with your child's most current allergy information. If your child requires an EpiPen, please allow them to bring it to BUI.

What did *|FNAME|* Learn in Class Today?

This week, we continued exploring Allah's creation and how to appreciate the wonderful world in which we live. We also made a picture of Allah's creation.

More information can be found in the

Ta'lim Book: Allah the Creator, pages 1-6

Parent Teacher Guide: pages 8-11

Don't forget to complete Week 5 in your Learning Log!

Questions to ask *|FNAME|*:

- What do we mean by "Subhan Allah?"
 - (Glory be to Allah, Praise Allah, Say good things about Allah)
- What are some things Allah created on land? In the sea? In the sky?
- What do we say when we do "Du'a Karaw-vi"?
 - (Taubo Taubo Taksir Dar, Bando Si Ta Pa Ghooneghar, Ya Shah tu Bakshe, Bakshanhar)
- What are we asking for from Allah when we do Du'a Karaw-vi?
 - (We're asking for forgiveness)

Extra Learning

- Practice the Ginana "Gat Maanhe Aavine"

2016 Week 7 (0)

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AKDN ShakeOut Drill

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What did *|FNAME|* Learn in Class Today?

This week, we learned that Allah cares for us and has given us senses with which to look after ourselves and explore the world. We also learned about taking care of Allah`s creation.

More information can be found in the
Ta'lim Book: Allah, the Creator, pages 15-20
Parent Teacher Guide: pages 12-19

Don't forget to complete Week 7 in your Learning Log, including the Family Discussion!

No further comments from teacher.

2016 Week 8 (0)

This email informed parents of the upcoming Remembrance Day break. The email was sent on **November 10th** with the subject: **This Week in BUI**. This email was delivered to 34 parents and was read by 27 of them (79.4%).

Remembrance Day

This Friday, November 11th, is Remembrance Day. In honour of all Canadian soldiers, there will be no BUI on Saturday, November 12th. Please spend this time with your loved ones and reflect.

Newsletter Feedback

As we come to the close of our communications pilot, we welcome any and all feedback you have. Please take some time to fill out this brief survey, which we'll compile into our report to ITREB. Thank you for taking the time to read these every week.

What did *|FNAME|* Learn in Class Today?

This week, we reviewed key concepts of the most Kind and most Merciful, that Allah cares for us and has given us senses with which to look after ourselves and explore the world. We also learned about taking care of Allah`s creation.

More information can be found in the
Ta'lim Book: Allah is Kind, pages 15-20
Parent Teacher Guide: pages 12-19

Don't forget to complete Week 7 in your Learning Log, including the Family Discussion.

Questions to ask *|FNAME|*:

- What are some of the gifts that Allah has given us?
 - our 5 senses, the beautiful land, our mind etc.
- How can we take care of our place?
- How can we take care of Allah's creations?
- What do we mean when we say Shukranlilah Wal-Hamdulillah?
- How can we be kind? How can we be good friends?

Extra Learning

- Video on taking care of our place.

2016 Week 10 (0)

This email reminded parents to prepare for the BUI assembly with their child. The email was sent on **November 24th** with the subject: **This Week in BUI**. This email was delivered to 34 parents and was read by 22 of them (64.7%). 6 parents downloaded a copy of the Assembly package, while 2 watched the attached video in preparation.

Assembly

This week, the Kindergarten class will be presenting the BUI Assembly. Please arrive promptly at 9:30 so that we have adequate time to prepare. Students will be reciting the following:

- The first part of the Ginan: "Eji Gat Maanhe"
- Surah al-Fatiha (from the first part of Du'a)
- The song "Allah the Creator" (to the tune of "London Bridge is Falling Down")

A writeup of this weeks assembly is available for [download here](#).

Celebration of Learning

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We're also hoping to discuss how the Imam of the Time has affected our lives. If you have a story, please be ready to share.

What did *|FNAME|* Learn in Class Today?

This week, we learned a key belief that Allah is Great and that He gives life to everything. We also learned how Allah sustains all living things by providing them with everything they need.

More information can be found in the
Ta'lim Book: 2, pages 1-12
Parent Teacher Guide: pages 20-23

Don't forget to complete Week 8 in your Learning Log, including the Family Discussion.

Questions to ask *|FNAME|*:

- What do we mean when we say "Allahu-akhbar"?
 - (Allah is great)
- What do we mean when we say "Shukranlillah Wal-Hamdullilah"?
 - (Thanks Allah, Praise Allah)
- Why do you think Allah is great?
- What did Allah give a bird to help him/her live?

2016 Week 11 (0)

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Celebration of Learning

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What did *|FNAME|* Learn in Class Today?

This week, we learned that Allah is everywhere at all times. He knows everything that we do in our deeds and intentions. We also learned to seek comfort and protection from Allah.

More information can be found in the
Ta'lim Book: Allah is Great, pages 13-24
Parent Teacher Guide: pages 24-27

Don't forget to complete Week 9 in your Learning Log, including the Family Discussion!

2016 Week 12 (0)

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Ta'lim One Emails



Northwest BUI Newsletter Ta'lim I

The ta'lim one emails were sent out to parents of ta'lim one students, the ta'lim one teachers, and BUI administrators for a total of 48 people. Out of the 48 people, 25 read every single email, 8 read most emails, and 10 parents read few to no emails throughout the term. Each email was read by an average of 30 people with most people reading the Week 8 email.

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Important Dates

Dec 10: Celebration of Learning

Dec 13: Salgirah Mubarak

Jan 7: BUI Continues



Snack Menu

Cheese Pizza, Chips, Juice, and Cake

Teachers

The Grade 1 teachers are **Natasha Somji**, **Shamail Khushi Masoom**, and **Sherali Sher**

If you have any questions, please contact the Northwest BUI team at

nwbui.01@gmail.com

Week 1 (1)

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Welcome back to BUI!

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Teacher Meet and Greet

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Ta'lim Books are Available

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What did *|FNAME|* Learn in Class This Week?

This week we learned about Allah as "al-Khaliq" (the Creator). He created us and the world around us and everywhere we look, we can see the work of Allah.

More information can be found in the
Ta'lim Book 1: Allah the Creator, pages 4-7
Parent Teacher Guide: pages 20-21

Questions to ask *|FNAME|*:

- How do you respond when you see one of Allah's beautiful creations?
- What do 'Shukran Lillah' and 'Allahu Akbar' mean?
- What are some things Allah has created?
- Who created you and I?

Looking Ahead

Please bring a tasbih to class next week.

2016 Week 5 (1)

This email reminded parents to complete and return their Learning Logs. It also contained a download link for the ginans covered in class. The email was sent on **October 21st** with the subject: **This Week in BUI**. This email was delivered to 45 parents and was read by 31 of them (68.9%).

Learning Logs

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Don't forget to complete Week 4 in the Learning Log, including the Family Discussion.

What did *|FNAME|* Learn in Class Today?

This week, we discussed similarities and differences amongst each other, and how while being alike and different in many ways, we are all still part of Creation. We learned that we are all brothers and sisters and can share our skills and experiences with each other.

More information can be found in the
Ta'lim Book: 1, pages 8-11
Parent Teacher Guide: pages 22-23

No further comments from the Teachers

2016 Week 6 (0)

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What did *|FNAME|* Learn in Class Today?

This week, we built upon our understanding of the concept of “al-Khaliq”. We learned how to demonstrate their gratitude for all of the things that Allah has made.

More information can be found in the
Ta'lim Book: 1, pages 12-14
Parent Teacher Guide: pages 24-25

Don't forget to complete Week 5 in your Learning Log!

(No further comments from the teachers)

2016 Week 7 (1)

This email reminded parents of the delay in assembly because of the upcoming Earthquake Preparedness Drill. The email was sent on **November 2nd** with the subject: **This Week in BUI**. This email was delivered to 45 parents and was read by 31 of them (68.9%).

Assembly

This week, we had arranged for the Grade 1 class to perform the upcoming assembly. However, due to the AKDN ShakeOut drill, we will not be having our normal assembly this Saturday (November 5th).

Instead, the grade 1 students will perform the assembly at the next BUI class (November 19th). We'll send out another reminder (along with write-ups) closer to the date. Thank you for understanding.

AKDN ShakeOut Drill

This week, we'll be hosting a ShakeOut Earthquake drill on behalf of the Aga Khan Development Network. We invite all students and parents to participate in this important activity. In addition to the drill, [here's an activity booklet](#) you can print out and complete with your child, as well as an [informational guide about emergency preparedness](#).

What did *|FNAME|* Learn in Class Today?

This week, learned about "Ar-Rahman" and reflected on own growth and learning over the years.

More information can be found in the
Ta'lim Book: 1, pages 16-17; Book 2, pages 13-22
Parent Teacher Guide: pages 28-29

Don't forget to complete Week 6 of your Learning Log, including the Family Discussion!

No further comments from the teachers.

2016 Week 8 (1)

This email informed parents of the upcoming Remembrance Day break. The email was sent on **November 10th** with the subject: **This Week in BUI**. This email was delivered to 46 parents and was read by 32 of them (69.6%). 1 parent filled out the attached survey.

Remembrance Day

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Newsletter Feedback

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What did *|FNAME|* Learn in Class Today?

This week, we explored the concept of Rabb al-Alamin as they learn that Allah Looks after Everything. We explored how Allah looks after His Creation through us, by creating an "Allah Looks After Me Chart" and brainstorming all the things they can do to help look after Creation.

More information can be found in the
Ta'lim Book: 1, pages 18-21; 2, pages 23-32
Parent Teacher Guide: pages 30-31

Don't forget to complete Week 7 in your Learning Log, including the Family Discussion.

No further comments from the teachers.

2016 Week 9 (1)

This email reminded parents about the upcoming assembly. It also contained an attachment of the assembly readout. The email was sent on **November 18th** with the subject: **BUI Assembly Reminder**. This email was delivered to 46 parents and was read by 26 of them (56.5%). 9 parents downloaded the attached assembly package.

Grade 1 will be presenting this week's assembly

Make sure to arrive early to BUI this Saturday, November 19th, in order to prepare for this week's assembly. Assembly will start promptly at 10am, so please arrive by 9:45. [You can download the assembly package here](#), if needed.

Thank you,
Northwest BUI Team

2016 Week 10 (1)

This email reminded parents to prepare for the BUI assembly with their child. The email was sent on **November 24th** with the subject: **This Week in BUI**. This email was delivered to 46 parents and was read by 28 of them (60.9%).

Celebration of Learning

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We're also hoping to discuss how the Imam of the Time has affected our lives. If you have a story, please be ready to share.

What did *|FNAME|* Learn in Class Today?

This week, we explored the concepts of Ar-Rahman and Ar-Rahim. We learned the poem "Allah's Treasures" as a class and acted it out. We learned that Allah is Kind and Merciful, and that they too can reflect these qualities by expressing their gratitude through prayer and caring for all of Creation.

More information can be found in the
Ta'lim Book: 1, pages 22-24
Parent Teacher Guide: pages 32-33

Don't forget to complete Week 8 in your Learning Log, including the family discussion.

Questions to ask *|FNAME|*:

- What are a few good things in life which Allah has given you?
- What does Ar-Rahman and Ar-Rahim mean?
- What does Al-Khaliq and Ya Wahab mean?
- How do you say "Lord of the Worlds" in Arabic?

Extra Learning

- Please bring book 1, book 2 and activity books to class next week.
- Please practice your vocabulary and get your learning logs signed by your parents up until (and including) week #7.
- Don't forget to complete your kind deeds as you stated on your kindness coupons made last week.

2016 Week 11 (1)

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Celebration of Learning

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What did *|FNAME|* Learn in Class Today?

This week, we learned that Allah is One (alAhad). We explored this idea through the story of Hazrat Ibrahim. We also learned about the importance of prayer.

More information can be found in the
Ta'lim Book: 1, pages 26-28, 2, pages 3-12
Parent Teacher Guide: pages 36-37

Don't forget to complete Week 9 in your Learning Log, including the family discussion!

2016 Week 12 (1)

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Ta'lim Two Emails



Northwest BUI Newsletter Ta'lim 2

The ta'lim two emails were sent out to parents of ta'lim two students, the ta'lim two teachers, and BUI administrators for a total of 76 people. Out of the 76 people, 36 read every single email, 23 read most emails, and 16 parents read few to no emails throughout the term. Each email was read by an average of 50 people with most people reading the Week 5 email.

The sidebar of each email featured the Word of the Week, important upcoming dates, the snack menu for the upcoming week, the names of the ta'lim two teachers, as well as a link to email the BUI administrative team.

Important Dates

Dec 10: Celebration of Learning

Dec 13: Salgirah Mubarak

Jan 7: BUI Continues



Snack Menu

Cheese Pizza, Chips, Juice, and Cake

Teachers

The Grade 2 teachers are
Tasleem Jessani,
Rahim Daredia,
Nigar McManus, and
Nabila Esmail

If you have any questions, please contact the Northwest BUI team at

nwbui.01@gmail.com

Week 1 (2)

This email reminded parents of the start of BUI. It also contained information about volunteering and BUI registration. The email was sent on **September 13th** with the subject: **Welcome Back to BUI**. This email was delivered to 67 parents and was read by 50 of them (74.6%). 1 parent completed their BUI registration from this email and 1 parent found directions from the BUI centre.

Welcome back to BUI!

BUI Starts September 17th

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Week 2 (2)

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Meet your teachers

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Learning Logs

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2016 Week 3 (2)

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Teacher Meet and Greet

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Ta'lim Books are Available

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What did *|FNAME|* Learn in Class This Week?

This week, we learned about Ismailis who live around the world. We learned about the similarities and differences in their cultures, as well.

More information can be found in the
Ta'lim Book: 1, pages 5-6
Parent Teacher Guide: pages 18-19

Questions to ask *|FNAME|*:

- Have you visited countries where other Ismailis live? Do we share in cultures? Do they vary?
- Do you know who performs bayat?
- What are Farmans (Faramin)? What do we get out of them?
- Who was our first Imam?
- Where do Ismailis live? Where do they have Jamatkhana's?

2016 Week 5 (2)

This email reminded parents to complete and return their Learning Logs. It also contained a download link for the ginans covered in class. The email was sent on **October 21st** with the subject: **This Week in BUI**. This email was delivered to 73 parents and was read by 59 of them (80.8%). 1 parent downloaded the attached ginan sheet.

Learning Logs

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Don't forget to complete Week 4 in the Learning Log, including the Family Discussion.

What did *|FNAME|* Learn in Class Today?

This week, we revisited old friends (Ahmad, Ibrahim, and Layla) and caught a glimpse at how Ahmad, Ibrahim, and Layal demonstrate the ethics of Islam through their everyday activities.

More information can be found in the
Ta'lim Book: Growing and Learning, pages 12-14
Parent Teacher Guide: pages 24-25

Questions to ask *|FNAME|*:

- What is "balance"?
- What are "din" and "duniya"?
- How do we balance our lives?
- Key Words: balance, creator, physical, spiritual, duty.

Extra Learning

- We did the flap book in class this week, you're welcome to do it again. It's on page 18 in the Learning Log.
- The importance of balance in our lives: what values should they have to enrich their lives and gain personal development?
- Review the three scales (in your folder) and how to balance your life.

2016 Week 6 (2)

This email informed parents of the safety regulations at BUI. The email was sent on **October 27th** with the subject: **This Week in BUI**. This email was delivered to 73 parents and was read by 53 of them (72.6%). 1 parent watched the attached video.

BUI Safety

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What did *|FNAME|* Learn in Class Today?

This week, we read about 3 children who extend care and kindness to those around them.

More information can be found in the
Ta'lim Book: Growing and Learning, pages 15-17
Parent Teacher Guide: pages 26-27

Don't forget to complete Week 5 in your Learning Log

Questions to ask *|FNAME|*:

- Learning Log 5: This week the children learn about 3 children who extent care and kindness to people around them. We did I can take care stripes....We sent home a Quote by Prophet Muhammad.

Extra Learning

- What do you do as a family to extend care and kindness.
- Protecting our Environment was something we discussed and came up with several students. Please find attached Prince Rahim Aga Khans Initiative on Protecting the environment. Focused on Nature. <https://youtu.be/jEasc0J10-c>

2016 Week 7 (2)

This email reminded parents of the upcoming Earthquake Preparedness Drill. The email was sent on **November 2nd** with the subject: **This Week in BUI**. This email was delivered to 73 parents and was read by 49 of them (67.1%). 2 parents downloaded the emergency preparedness guidelines and activity book.

AKDN ShakeOut Drill

This week, we'll be hosting a ShakeOut Earthquake drill on behalf of the Aga Khan Development Network. We invite all students and parents to participate in this important activity. In addition to the drill, [here's an activity booklet](#) you can print out and complete with your child, as well as an [informational guide about emergency preparedness](#).

What did *|FNAME|* Learn in Class Today?

This week, we continued learning about basic moral values and the impact our actions have on others around us.

More information can be found in the
Ta'lim Book: Growing and Learning, pages 18-23
Parent Teacher Guide: pages 28-29

Don't forget to complete Week 7 in your Learning Log, including the Family Discussion!

Questions to ask *|FNAME|*:

- How can we help others around us: at home? at school?
- What can we do for people we don't know to make their day better?
- When we forgive someone, should we tell them how we feel?

Looking Ahead

Every week we will ask your child for an example of a good deed or a way in which they helped another person during the passed week. Please reinforce any kindness and helpfulness during the week prior to the next class.

2016 Week 8 (2)

This email informed parents of the upcoming Remembrance Day break. The email was sent on **November 10th** with the subject: **This Week in BUI**. This email was delivered to 74 parents and was read by 50 of them (67.6%). 14 parents downloaded the included picture of class activities, 4 parents completed the attached survey, and 2 downloaded the attached qasida sheet.

Remembrance Day

This Friday, November 11th, is Remembrance Day. In honour of all Canadian soldiers, there will be no BUI on Saturday, November 12th. Please spend this time with your loved ones and reflect.

Newsletter Feedback

As we come to the close of our communications pilot, we welcome any and all feedback you have. Please take some time to fill out this brief survey, which we'll compile into our report to ITREB. Thank you for taking the time to read these every week.

What did *|FNAME|* Learn in Class Today?

This week, students focus on the valuable lessons they learn from their families by creating a scene out of playdough. We also filled out a recipe for a family.



More information can be found in the
Ta'lim Book: Growing and Learning, pages 24-26
Parent Teacher Guide: pages 32-33

Don't forget to complete Week 7 in your Learning Log, including the Family Discussion.

Questions to ask *|FNAME|*:

- Please complete Learning Log 7
- Please fill out page 30 this week.
- Its a calendar " or families good deeds calendar"

Extra Learning

- The Qasida we are learning is Ya Imami. You can find the text here, or in the back of the Learning Log.

2016 Week 10 (2)

This email reminded parents to prepare for the BUI assembly with their child. The email was sent on **November 24th** with the subject: **This Week in BUI**. This email was delivered to 74 parents and was read by 45 of them (60.8%).

Celebration of Learning

In celebration of Mawlana Hazar Imam's 80th birthday, BUI will be hosting a Celebration of Learning on Saturday, December 10th. Join us at T B Riley, starting at 10am, for performances, activities, and a whole lot of fun.

We're also hoping to discuss how the Imam of the Time has affected our lives. If you have a story, please be ready to share.

What did *|FNAME|* Learn in Class Today?

This week, we continued our discussion of the importance of education and working hard in school. We focused this week on teachers.

More information can be found in the
Ta'lim Book: Learning and Growing, pages 27-29
Parent Teacher Guide: pages 34-35

Don't forget to complete Week 9 in your Learning Logs, including the Family Discussion.

Questions to ask *|FNAME|*:

- What do I do to try my best?
- Who assists me?
- Where do I learn it from?

Looking Ahead

Please advise us by this Saturday if you will not be attending the Celebration of Learning, on 10 December. We will be doing something special for that day and need to make sure we involve everyone in our class.

2016 Week 11 (2)

This email reminded parents of the upcoming Celebration of Learning. The email was sent on **December 2nd** with the subject: **This Week in BUI**. This email was delivered to 76 parents and was read by 44 of them (57.9%).

Celebration of Learning

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What did *|FNAME|* Learn in Class Today?

This week, we learned about the role of the Prophets and the Imams as a source of spiritual guidance. We learned about the metaphor of the "tree of knowledge".

More information can be found in the
Ta'lim Book: Growing and Learning, pages 30-36
Parent Teacher Guide: pages 36-37

Don't forget to complete Week 9 in your Learning Log, including the family discussion!

Questions to ask *|FNAME|*:

- What kind of deeds help on progress on the right path?
- Do bad deeds send us backward or hold up our progress?
- Who can give us knowledge?
- How to our Prophets and Imams give us knowledge?

Looking Ahead:

Celebration of Learning is Dec. 10! Our class will be putting on a play entitled "Bundle of Sticks". Each student was given a narrative of the story with their respective lines highlighted. Please practice these lines with your children.

2016 Week 12 (2)

This email reminded parents of the upcoming Celebration of Learning. The email was sent on **December 8th** with the subject: **This Week in BUI**. This email was delivered to 76 parents and was read by 44 of them (57.9%). 11 parents downloaded the attached COL play script.

Celebration of Learning

In honour of Mawlana Hazar Imam's 80th birthday, parents, friends, and family are invited to a Celebration of Learning this Saturday, at BUI. The day will commence as follows:

- 10:00 Assembly
- 10:05 Normal class
- 12:00 Celebration of Learning
 - Kindergarten Presentation
 - Ta'lim 6 Presentation
 - **Grade 2 Play and Presentation**
 - Grade 4 Play
 - Video from the Centre for Pluralism
- 12:30 Student Exhibitions

Celebration of Learning Play

Please have your child practice and memorise their lines for our play and practice the readout.

[You can download a copy of the script for the play here.](#)

What did *|FNAME|* Learn in Class Today?

More information can be found in the
Ta'lim Book: Growing and Learning, pages 30-36
Parent Teacher Guide: pages 36-37

Don't forget to complete Week 9 in your Learning Log, including the Family Discussion!

Ta'lim Three Emails



Northwest BUI Newsletter Ta'lim 3

The ta'lim three emails were sent out to parents of ta'lim three students, the ta'lim three teachers, and BUI administrators for a total of 47 people. Out of the 47 people, 16 read every single email, 17 read most emails, and 7 parents read few to no emails throughout the term. Each email was read by an average of 28 people with most people reading the Week 6 email.

The sidebar of each email featured the Word of the Week, important upcoming dates, the snack menu for the upcoming week, the names of the ta'lim three teachers, as well as a link to email the BUI administrative team.

Important Dates

Dec 10: Celebration of Learning

Dec 13: Salgirah Mubarak

Jan 7: BUI Continues



Snack Menu

Cheese Pizza, Chips, Juice, and Cake

Teachers

The Grade 3 teachers are **Zulfiqarali Khowaja**, and **Shadan Somani**

If you have any questions, please contact the Northwest BUI team at

nwbui.01@gmail.com

Week 1 (3)

This email reminded parents of the start of BUI. It also contained information about volunteering and BUI registration. The email was sent on **September 13th** with the subject: **Welcome Back to BUI**. This email was delivered to 41 parents and was read by 24 of them (60%). 1 parent completed their BUI registration from this email.

Welcome back to BUI!

BUI Starts September 17th

BUI at the Northwest Centre will start on Saturday, September 17th. Assembly will be held at 10am. Please arrive early to make sure your students can get settled in and make it to class on time.

BUI will be held in the same location as last year: at Thomas B Riley School, 3915 69 St NW. There is limited street parking in front of the building and a parking lot on the right side of the building.

Parent Volunteers

We're still looking for parents to help us out with various BUI activities. This week, we're looking for a few parents to help manage late registration. We're also looking for help inside and outside of the classroom. If you're interested in getting involved, please email us at nwbui.01@gmail.com.

Complete your Registration

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Week 2 (3)

This email reminded parents to purchase their Ta'lim books. The email was sent on **September 23rd** with the subject: **This week in BUI**. This email was delivered to 41 parents and was read by 24 of them (60%).

Please pick up your Ta'lim Books

Ta'lim books are now available in Jamatkhana. Please purchase your books this Friday from the Literature Desk. We will have very few Ta'lim books available for purchase at the BUI Centre, so please purchase your books ahead of time. The full set of Ta'lim books for Grade 3 is \$25.

Meet your teachers

Northwest BUI will be hosting a Meet and Greet with teachers on Saturday, October 31st. Please stay after assembly to meet with the Administration Team, and then join your children in their classrooms.

Learning Logs

Don't forget to complete the family discussion section in your Learning Logs.

2016 Week 3 (3)

This email reminded parents of the upcoming Meet and Greet. The email was sent on **September 28th** with the subject: **This Week in BUI**. This email was delivered to 40 parents and was read by 27 of them (67.5%).

Teacher Meet and Greet

Come meet your teachers this Saturday at the BUI Centre. The day will start with normal Assembly at 10am. Then there's a quick session with the Northwest BUI Administration Team. After that, you'll have an opportunity to meet your teachers in the classroom.

Ta'lim Books are Available

Ta'lim books will be available for sale at the BUI centre this Saturday. The full set of Grade 3 books is \$25.

2016 Week 5 (3)

This email reminded parents to complete and return their Learning Logs. It also contained a download link for the ginans covered in class. The email was sent on **October 21st** with the subject: **This Week in BUI**. This email was delivered to 45 parents and was read by 30 of them (66.7%).

Learning Logs

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Don't forget to complete Week 4 in the Learning Log, including the Family Discussion.

What did *|FNAME|* Learn in Class Today?

This week, we learned that Allah has sent his message through Prophets to many communities and to each people in their own language. The Prophets taught people Allah's message and helped explain the meaning of His messages. Today, we have a present living Imam who helps us to understand Allah's message in our present world.

More information can be found in the
Ta'lim Book: pages 14-15
Parent Teacher Guide: pages 24-25

Questions to ask *|FNAME|*:

- What did Safina experience by living in the Coastal City?
- Why do we need guidance?
- Who is the source of our guidance today?

2016 Week 6 (3)

This email informed parents of the safety regulations at BUI. The email was sent on **October 27th** with the subject: **This Week in BUI**. This email was delivered to 45 parents and was read by 31 of them (68.9%). 2 parents reviewed the linked Qur'anic verse.

BUI Safety

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Allergies: If you haven't done so with your registration, please email BUI Admin with your child's most current allergy information. If your child requires an EpiPen, please allow them to bring it to BUI.

What did *|FNAME|* Learn in Class Today?

This week we learned about Prophet Ibrahim and how he taught people Allah's message. We learned of Prophet Ibrahim's characteristics of courage and trust in Allah even in the midst of grave danger.

More information can be found in the
Ta'lim Book: Prophets of Allah, pages 16-20
Parent Teacher Guide: pages 26-27

Don't forget to complete Week 5 in your Learning Log!

Questions to ask *|FNAME|*:

- Why did Prophet Ibrahim go to the Shrine of Unbelievers?
- What is the message of Allah?
- What is the "Shahada"?

Extra Learning

- Surah Ikhlas text and translation (from part six of our Du'a)

2016 Week 7 (3)

This email reminded parents of the upcoming Earthquake Preparedness Drill. The email was sent on **November 2nd** with the subject: **This Week in BUI**. This email was delivered to 44 parents and was read by 26 of them (59.1%).

AKDN ShakeOut Drill

This week, we'll be hosting a ShakeOut Earthquake drill on behalf of the Aga Khan Development Network. We invite all students and parents to participate in this important activity. In addition to the drill, [here's an activity booklet](#) you can print out and complete with your child, as well as an [informational guide about emergency preparedness](#).

What did *|FNAME|* Learn in Class Today?

In this week's lesson, the students continue to learn about Prophet Ibrahim and his deep faith in Allah. Prophet Ibrahim undergoes a test of his trust and faith in Allah by being asked to make a sacrifice that is very dear to him.

More information can be found in the
Ta'lim Book: Prophets of Allah, pages 22-26
Parent Teacher Guide: pages 28-29

Don't forget to complete Week 7 of your Learning Log, including the Family Discussion!

No further comments from the teachers.

2016 Week 8 (3)

This email informed parents of the upcoming Remembrance Day break. The email was sent on **November 10th** with the subject: **This Week in BUI**. This email was delivered to 45 parents and was read by 26 of them (57.8%). 1 parent completed the attached survey.

Remembrance Day

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Newsletter Feedback

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What did *|FNAME|* Learn in Class Today?

This week, we learned about the difficulties prophets had when spreading Allah's message. We learned about the courage and strength that Allah gave the prophets to overcome their difficulties.

More information can be found in the
Ta'lim Book: 27, pages 27
Parent Teacher Guide: pages 32-33

Don't forget to complete Week 7 in your Learning Log, including the Family Discussion.

Questions to ask *|FNAME|*:

- What kind of difficulties Prophets had when spreading Allah's message?
- What courage and strength that Allah gave to the prophets to overcome their difficulties?
- What is faith?
- What is patience and honesty?.

2016 Week 10 (3)

This email reminded parents to prepare for the BUI assembly with their child. The email was sent on **November 24th** with the subject: **This Week in BUI**. This email was delivered to 45 parents and was read by 28 of them (62.2%).

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What did *|FNAME|* Learn in Class Today?

This week, we learned about another one of Allah's prophets – Prophet Musa. We learned about how Allah protected Prophet Musa from the Pharaoh and how Allah gave the Prophet courage, strength and wisdom to carry out His work.

More information can be found in the
Ta'lim Book: Prophets of Allah, pages 28-33
Parent Teacher Guide: pages 34-35

Don't forget to complete Week 8 in your Learning Log, including the Family discussion.

Questions to ask *|FNAME|*:

- How did Allah protect Prophet Musa from the Pharaoh?
- What did Allah give to Prophet Musa?
- Why did the Pharaoh want to kill the Children of Israelites?
- Who built the pyramids for the Pharaoh?

Extra Learning:

- Watch "Prince of Egypt" (available on Netflix) to learn more about Prophet Musa's journey.

2016 Week 11 (3)

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What did *|FNAME|* Learn in Class Today?

This week, we learned about Prophet Musa's journey to free Israelites and guide them to a new life.

More information can be found in the
Ta'lim Book: Prophet of Allah, pages 34-40
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2016 Week 12 (3)

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Ta'lim Four Emails



Northwest BUI Newsletter Ta'lim 4

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Important Dates

Dec 10: Celebration of Learning

Dec 13: Salgirah Mubarak

Jan 7: BUI Continues



Snack Menu

Cheese Pizza, Chips, Juice, and Cake

Teachers

The Grade 4 Teacher is:

Adil Dhanani

If you have any questions, please contact the Northwest BUI team at

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Week 1 (4)

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Week 2 (4)

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Learning Logs

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2016 Week 3 (4)

This email reminded parents of the upcoming Meet and Greet. The email was sent on **September 28th** with the subject: **This Week in BUI**. This email was delivered to 28 parents and was read by 15 of them (53.6%). 5 parents downloaded the attached assembly package.

Assembly

This week, Grade Four has the honour of performing the Assembly. Please arrive by 9:45am in order to prepare. The assembly package can be [downloaded here](#).

Du'a - Aayan

Du'a Meaning - Aara

Ginan - Surraiyya

Ginan Gist - Rayyan

Readout: Student 1 - Armaan

Readout: Student 2 - Eiman

Teacher Meet and Greet

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Ta'lim Books are Available

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What did *|FNAME|* Learn in Class This Week?

This week, we learned about the early history of Islam, surrounding Prophet Muhammad, Hazrat Ali, and their family.

More information can be found in the
Ta'lim Book: 1: Our Early History, pages 6-9
Parent Teacher Guide: pages 14-17

Questions to ask *|FNAME|*:

- What are some of the characteristics of Prophet Muhammad that we read about?
- What kind of relationship did Prophet Muhammad have with Hazrat Ali?
- What are some ways your family members take care of one another?

Extra Learning

- Review pages 2 and 3 of "Our Early History" to make sure your child understands the events that took place and the relationships surrounding the Prophet Muhammad.
- Look back at previous Ta'lim books to review the history they've learned about already.

2016 Week 4 (4)

The email was sent on **October 13th** with the subject: **This Week in BUI**. This email was delivered to 31 parents and was read by 16 of them (51.6%). 2 parents completed the Look, Listen, Feel activity.

What did *|FNAME|* Learn in Class Today?

This week, we learned about the revelation of the Qur'an to the Prophet Muhammad (sas). We also learned about how the Prophet spread the early messages of Islam to the people.

More information can be found in the
Ta'lim Book: Our Early History, pages 10-15
Parent Teacher Guide: pages 18-21

Questions to ask *|FNAME|*:

- What is Surah al-Fatiha? Where is it found in our Du'a?
- Why was Hazrat Ali the only one who spoke up to answer the Prophet's call for help in Spreading Allah's message?
- What was the relationship like between Prophet Muhammad and Hazrat Ali?
- What was/is contained in Allah's message?

Extra Learning

- Complete and talk about Activity #2 in the Ta'lim Activity Book.

Look, Listen, and Feel

- LOOK: Here, you can see an Egyptian Calligraphic representation of the first few lines of Surah al-Alaq.
- LOOK: Here, you can see a visual of the story we read in class, about Allah's revelation to Prophet Muhammad.
- LISTEN: Here, you can hear Surah al-Alaq where you'll find that the five lines are the ones we discussed in class.
- FEEL: Close your eyes and imagine how it would feel to have a voice come to you in the middle of your meditation. Who would you turn to for help and guidance? Prophet Muhammad turned to his wife Hazrat Khadijah, and his cousin, Hazrat Ali.

2016 Week 5 (4)

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What did *|FNAME|* Learn in Class Today?

This week, we read about the faith and courage exemplified by our Prophet in spreading the Message of Allah even in the most difficult times in Makkah. They will also learn about the importance of Hijrah in Muslim history and familiarize themselves with the Muslim Calendar.

More information can be found in the
Ta'lim Book: Our Early History, pages 16-21
Parent Teacher Guide: pages 22-25

Questions to ask *|FNAME|*:

- What are some differences and similarities between the solar and lunar calendars?
- **Think about what it would be like to live in the time of the Prophet:**
 - What message was Prophet Muhammad trying to share with the people of Arabia?
 - How did Makkans react?
 - How did the people of Madinah react?
- What happened the night of the Hijrah?
- What was Hazrat Ali's role?
- Retell the story of the Hijrah in your own words

Extra Learning

- Practice the 'Ya Ali, Ya Muhammad' tasbih at home and in Jamatkhana.
- Complete Weeks 1-4 in the Learning Log, if you haven't already.
- Look through the Our Early History book and pay attention to what people were wearing. Think about how you can create your own ancient Arabian outfit for our Celebration of Learning this term.

2016 Week 6 (4)

This email informed parents of the safety regulations at BUI. The email was sent on **October 27th** with the subject: **This Week in BUI**. This email was delivered to 31 parents and was read by 16 of them (51.6%). 2 parents completed the Look, Imagine, Plan activity.

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Allergies: If you haven't done so with your registration, please email BUI Admin with your child's most current allergy information. If your child requires an EpiPen, please allow them to bring it to BUI.

What did *|FNAME|* Learn in Class Today?

This week, we learned about the formation of the first Muslim community in Madinah which is also known as 'Hijrah' and is the start of Muslim Calendar. We also learned about the community-related values that were reflected in the lives of the Muslims in Madinah.

More information can be found in the
Ta'lim Book: Our Early History, pages 22-25
Parent Teacher Guide: pages 26-29

Don't forget to complete Week 5 in the Learning Log.

Questions to ask *|FNAME|*:

- What are some groups of people that you do activities with? For example, our BUI classroom community?
- Why was the mosque the first building the Muslims built when they arrived in Madinah? - Why did they work so hard together to build the Prophet's house and the mosque?
- What kinds of activities take place in a Jamatkhana.

Extra Learning

- LOOK: Explore what Jamatkhana look like around the world and get some ideas for your own design.
- IMAGINE: Think about what activities take place in a Jamatkhana, and which of those activities you'd like to have at your Jamatkhana. How would you incorporate these activities in addition to the ones that already take place (e.g. prayers, BUI classes, socialisation, etc)
- PLAN: Come up with ways to incorporate these new activities with the traditional Jamatkhana activities (like Eid celebrations, Khushiali celebrations, game nights, chai, etc) in your Jamatkhana Space. What rooms or facilities would you need to build?

Looking Ahead:

Please bring cardboard pieces (toilet paper and paper towel rolls, shoeboxes), construction paper, glue, scissors, etc) so we can construct the Jamatkhana that we designed this week in class.

2016 Week 7 (4)

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What did *|FNAME|* Learn in Class Today?

This week, we learned about the formation of the first Muslim community in Madinah. We also discussed the values that were reflected in the lives of the Muslims in Madinah during that time. We learned how with patience, prayers and persistence, Prophet Muhammad was able to overcome the struggles and the obstacles while spreading Allah's Message.

More information can be found in the
Ta'lim Book: Our Early History, pages 26-29
Parent Teacher Guide: pages 26-29

Don't forget to complete Week 6 in your Learning Log, including the Family Discussion.

Questions to ask *|FNAME|*:

- What are some interesting-looking buildings that you have visited or have seen in Calgary?
- Thinking about the tasbih making activity, which was easier, working alone with one hand or working together as a group? What did you learn about the importance of communication and community?
- Think about the Classroom Agreement that we wrote together on the first day of class, which of those statements (e.g. sharing, working together, respect for others, etc.) do you think applied during this activity?

- Who were the members of the Ahl al-Bayt? (Prophet Muhammad, Hazrat Ali, Hazrat Fatimah, Hazrat Hasan, Hazrat Husayn) What did Allah say about them? (A: quote on page 28, "And they feed with food the needy, the orphan and the prisoner, for love of Allah" 76:8)
- Do you remember the Salwat? What does it mean? Practice saying the salwat with your new tasbih.
- Think about your khane building team:
 - What values did your team use when working together? (A: e.g. helping, sharing, generosity, hard-work, etc.)
 - What was your role in the group? What did you contribute? (leader, planner, decorator, etc.)

Extra Learning

- Learning Log #6 & Family Discussion Parent-Student Handbook pages 16 & 17 What were some of the ways that the Ahl al-Bayt helped the needy? How does Mawlana Hazar Imam continue to help the weak, the poor, and the needy?
- Ensure that you are signing your child's discussion every week.
- Complete Explorations from the Teacher's and Parent's Guide in the Ta'lim package. (pg. 27-29)
- Use your new tasbih in khane and practice saying "Ya Ali, Ya Muhammad" (from the previous class) and the Salwat (from this week's lesson) in khane.

2016 Week 8 (4)

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This week, we learned about the key events of Badr and Uhad. We learned about the long struggle and the difficult time the Prophet and the Muslims had during this time as they tried to practice their new found faith. One thing that gave them strength and courage was their faith in Allah and in the Prophet.

We also reflected on how Muslims served the Prophet and the community during those difficult times and how the forms of service have changed today given our context.

More information can be found in the
Ta'lim Book: Our Early History, pages 30-33
Parent Teacher Guide: pages 30-33

Questions to ask *|FNAME|*:

- How did the Ahl al-Bayt support their community in Medinah (Madinah)?
- How did the community support the Prophet and his family?
- What kind of services do our families, teachers and other people in our community provide for us

- provide food and shelter, love and care for us, teach us, keep us safe [police, fire, ambulance], keep our neighbourhoods clean [garbage collectors, street sweepers], keep us healthy [doctors, nurses, dentists, etc.], etc.
- What are some ways we can give service to our family, jamat, and the community world-wide?
 - helping people in school, with homework, with reading, and at work; helping people that are sick [visiting them in the hospital]; participating in the World Partnership Walk, Terry Fox Run, etc.; giving time, money, and knowledge; being a volunteer in khane and outside of khane, etc.

Extra Learning

- DO: Complete and discuss page 5 in the Ta'lim Activity book. (Some students received photocopies of these pages from Mr. Dhanani in class.)
- WATCH: [Check out this video](#) on what community service achieves.
- REPORT: [Pick a video from the AKDN YouTube channel](#). Write a summary of the video, 6-8 sentences, and turn it in to Mr. Dhanani for extra credit!

Looking Ahead

Have your child start using their Service Coupons that they created in class.

- Upon completing a service task, have your child sign and date the bottom, have a parent sign the back and then turn the coupons into Mr. Dhanani during BUI.
- Students have until the end of the year to complete their tasks. Students who complete the most (at least three or more) service coupons will receive an award at the end of the year.
- more service coupons will be available from Mr. Dhanani

2016 Week 10 (4)

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What did *|FNAME|* Learn in Class Today?

This week, we read about the struggles that Muslims in the past went through and how they were able to overcome those by acquiring certain qualities such as patience, persistence and hard work.

More information can be found in the
Ta'lim Book: Our Early History, pages 34-35
Parent Teacher Guide: pages 30-33

Don't forget to complete Week 8 in your Learning Log, including the Family Discussion.

Questions to ask *|FNAME|*:

Accomplishments and Difficulties:

- What are some accomplishments/successes that you are proud of?
- What are some difficulties/struggles that you face in your life?
- Who can you turn to for help in overcoming these struggles?
- What qualities would help you to overcome these struggles?
- What are difficulties/struggles did Prophet Muhammad and Hazrat Ali face, and how did they overcome them?

Think about your future:

- What do you expect to excel at in your future? (sports, science, math, etc.)
- How can we make sure to balance our Mind, Body, and Soul?
- How can patience, persistence, and prayer help us keep this balance?

Get Ready for Celebration of Learning

Find a costume to wear for our play:

- Look through the Ta'lim book
- Search your home for clothing items that look like what people wore in Arabia at the time of Prophet Muhammad
- Look for some props to use (e.g. baskets, rugs, etc.)

2016 Week 11 (4)

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What did *|FNAME|* Learn in Class Today?

This week, we discussed significant events in the life of the Prophet. We reflected on the role of "guidance" in our lives. We also explored the terms "heritage" and "precious" and their application to our own lives.

More information can be found in the
Ta'lim Book: 1, pages 36-40
Parent Teacher Guide: pages 34-37

Don't forget to complete Week 9 in your Learning Log, including the family discussion!

2016 Week 12 (4)

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Celebration of Learning Play

Please have your child practice and memorise their lines for our play (Narrators do not have to memorise lines). Look through the Ta'lim book to find clothes that match the time period. Narrators can wear dress clothes, western or traditional.

[You can download a copy of the script here.](#)

What did *|FNAME|* Learn in Class Today?

This week, we discussed the main events in our history and during the Prophet's life. We reflected on the significance of 'guidance' in one's life.

More information can be found in the
Ta'lim Book: Our Early History, pages 36-40
Parent Teacher Guide: pages 34-37

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Ta'lim Five Emails



Northwest BUI Newsletter Ta'lim 5

The ta'lim five emails were sent out to parents of ta'lim five students, the ta'lim five teachers, and BUI administrators for a total of 33 people. Out of the 33 people, 19 read every single email, 7 read most emails, and 4 parents read few to no emails throughout the term. Each email was read by an average of 23 people with most people reading the Week 10 email.

The sidebar of each email featured the Word of the Week, important upcoming dates, the snack menu for the upcoming week, the names of the ta'lim five teachers, as well as a link to email the BUI administrative team.

Important Dates

Dec 10: Celebration of Learning

Dec 13: Salgirah Mubarak

Jan 7: BUI Continues



Snack Menu

Cheese Pizza, Chips, Juice, and Cake

Teachers

The Grade 5 Teachers are:

Aqil Dhanani and

Rahna Dad Mohamed

If you have any questions, please contact the Northwest BUI team at

nwbui.01@gmail.com

Week 1 (5)

This email reminded parents of the start of BUI. It also contained information about volunteering and BUI registration. The email was sent on **September 13th** with the subject: **Welcome Back to BUI**. This email was delivered to 23 parents and was read by 16 of them (69.6%). 1 parent completed their BUI registration through this email.

Welcome back to BUI!

BUI Starts September 17th

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We're still looking for parents to help us out with various BUI activities. This week, we're looking for a few parents to help manage late registration. We're also looking for help inside and outside of the classroom. If you're interested in getting involved, please email us at nwbui.01@gmail.com.

Complete your Registration

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Week 2 (5)

This email reminded parents to purchase their Ta'lim books. The email was sent on **September 23rd** with the subject: **This week in BUI**. This email was delivered to 24 parents and was read by 18 of them (75%).

Please pick up your Ta'lim Books

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Meet your teachers

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Learning Logs

Don't forget to complete the family discussion section in your Learning Logs.

2016 Week 3 (5)

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Teacher Meet and Greet

Come meet your teachers this Saturday at the BUI Centre. The day will start with normal Assembly at 10am. Then there's a quick session with the Northwest BUI Administration Team. After that, you'll have an opportunity to meet your teachers in the classroom.

Ta'lim Books are Available

Ta'lim books will be available for sale at the BUI centre this Saturday. The full set of Grade 5 books is \$25.

What did *|FNAME|* Learn in Class This Week?

This week, we briefly covered the lineage of the Imamate between Hazrat Ali and Imam al-Muizz. Then, we learned about the Nile River and the important role it played in historical Egypt.

More information can be found in the
Ta'lim Book: Everyday Life in Fatimid Times, pages 6-13
Parent Teacher Guide: pages 16-19

Questions to ask *|FNAME|*:

- Which important split separated Isma'ilis from other Muslims before the Fatimid Empire? Which split Isma'ilis during the Fatimid Empire?
- What Features did the Nile River have? Do we have those features in the Bow River here?
- What did people do in and around the Nile River?

Extra Learning

- [Here's a map of where the Imamate has resided and features of the Nile River, as discussed in class.](#)
- [This video describes the importance of the River Nile in Ancient Egypt \(and in Fatimid Egypt\) \(Start at 2:12\)](#)

Looking Ahead

Next week, we will be learning about agriculture surrounding the Nile River.

2016 Week 4 (5)

The email was sent on **October 13th** with the subject: **This Week in BUI**. This email was delivered to 26 parents and was read by 20 of them (76.9%). 1 parent viewed the virtual tour of the al-Azhar Mosque.

What did *|FNAME|* Learn in Class Today?

This week, we learned about the capitol of the Fatimid Empire, built by Imam al-Muizz: al-Qahira (Cairo).

More information can be found in the
Ta'lim Book: Everyday Life, pages 18-23
Parent Teacher Guide: pages 22-25

Questions to ask *|FNAME|*:

- Check out the depiction of Cairo on pages 20 and 21.
- What features does Cairo share with Calgary (or other cities you've been to)?
- What features are different?
- Cairo was called 'The Victorious' (al-Qahira), why do you think it was given that name?

Extra Learning

- [Virtual Tour of the al-Azhar Mosque in Cairo](#)

2016 Week 5 (5)

This email reminded parents to complete and return their Learning Logs. It also contained a download link for the ginans covered in class. The email was sent on **October 21st** with the subject: **This Week in BUI**. This email was delivered to 27 parents and was read by 21 of them (77.8%).

Learning Logs

Please bring your Learning Logs every week, to class. We've started Ginan classes and will continue each week. A CD with the Ginans can be purchased at the Literature Desk, along with the Ta'lim reading books.

Don't forget to complete Week 4 in the Learning Log, including the Family Discussion.

What did *|FNAME|* Learn in Class Today?

This week, we learned about trade and commerce as integral aspects of Fatimid Life.

More information can be found in the
Ta'lim Book: Everyday Life in Fatimid Times, pages 24-31
Parent Teacher Guide: pages 26-29

Questions to ask *|FNAME|*:

- What sorts of items were sold in the Bazaar in Cairo? Do we have similar items in our stores today?
- Take a look at the Cairene house: what similarities does it have to your house? What differences are there?

2016 Week 6 (4)

This email informed parents of the safety regulations at BUI. The email was sent on **October 27th** with the subject: **This Week in BUI**. This email was delivered to 27 parents and was read by 22 of them (81.5%). 1 parents watched the introductions to other religions.

Assembly

We'll be performing the Assembly this upcoming week. Please arrive around 10-minutes early, so that we have time to prepare.

Du'a: Maya

Du'a Translation: Reyhan

Qasida Gist: Alia

Readout: Sarvech (1) and Raiya (2)

The students with assignments have been given handouts so they can practice at home. All students in attendance will recite the Qasida (which can be found in your Learning Logs)

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What did *|FNAME|* Learn in Class Today?

This week, students will be made aware of the religious and cultural diversity of people who lived in the Fatimid times. They will also be introduced to the main places of worship in Fatimid Cairo.

More information can be found in the
Ta'lim Book: Everyday Life in Fatimid Times, pages 32-39
Parent Teacher Guide: pages 34-37

Don't forget to complete Week 5 in your Learning Logs!

Questions to ask *|FNAME|*:

- Look at the religions other people follow: what similarities do you see between theirs and ours? What differences?
- Look at the features of the alHakim Mosque (pages 36-37): can you find similar features in the Jamatkhana here? (Hint: This will be easier at Headquarters or Westwinds)
- Think about the celebrations you've experienced: is there a difference between the way we celebrate in Jamatkhana and in the community?

Extra Learning

- A few short introductions to other religions

2016 Week 7 (5)

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What did *|FNAME|* Learn in Class Today?

This week, we discussed the meaning of [Sura Fatah](#), which is found the the fourth part of our Du'a. We discussed how we fulfil our allegiance to the Prophet (and to Allah) through Mawlana Hazar Imam. We swear our allegiance during bay'at and reaffirm it during each tasbih in Jamatkhana.

(Sorry, we didn't use the Ta'lim books this week, so no readings or Learning Log).

Questions to ask *|FNAME|*:

- Listen to Faramin in Jamatkhana (or read them at home). What is Hazar Imam asking us to do? Can we fulfil his Faramin?

Looking Ahead

Next week, we're (hopefully) back to Ta'lim. Fatimid scholars wrote on a variety of subjects.

Think of a topic that you're interested in or knowledgable about. We'll be doing an activity based around some of your favourite school subjects.

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This week, we met some of the famous personalities of the Fatimid times.

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Ta'lim Book: Everyday Life in Fatimid Times, pages 46-48
Parent Teacher Guide: pages 34-37

Don't forget to complete Week 7 in your Learning Log, including the Family Discussion

Questions to ask *|FNAME|*:

- What's inside the palaces of Fatimid Cairo?
- What is Dar al-Ilm?

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This week, we learned about the initial split between the Sunni and Shia Muslims, after the death of the Prophet Muhammad. We talked about some of the differences between them, and especially the difference between a written Qur'an and a "living" Qur'an (i.e. the Imams).

We did not cover Ta'lim curriculum this week, but we will continue with the Fatimids next week (hopefully).

Questions to ask *|FNAME|*:

- Why is it important to have some things written down?
- Why is it important to not write some things down?

It's important to remember that one is not better than the other. Writing and speaking are both equally useful, just applied in different places.

Looking Ahead

If you would like, review what we've learned in the Ta'lim book: *Everyday Life in Fatimid Times*. Our final activity for the term will be a reflection of what we've learned.

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In addition to the Celebration of Learning, we'll also be hosting our own celebration in class, since it's Rahna's birthday and Aqil's last day of BUI. Please text or email Aqil if you have any allergies we should be aware of!

Ta'lim Six Emails



Northwest BUI Newsletter Ta'lim 6

The ta'lim six emails were stopped prematurely at the request of the Ta'lim six teacher. He preferred to send out his own emails to parents, as he had done in the past. While this cannot contribute to this centre-wide report, it shows the dedication of individual teachers to ensure that their parents know what their children are learning in BUI, and that students and parents could engage with the curriculum outside of the classroom.

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