

# CHARLOTTE ISLAMIC ACADEMY

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**"A community school with a vision to guide students to become model citizens who will succeed in this life and the hereafter with academic excellence and Islamic values and principles."**

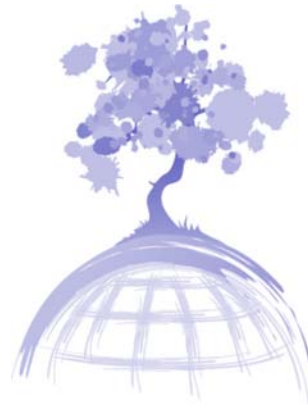
## ANNUAL SPELLING BEE



### WHAT YOU CAN DO TO PREPARE YOUR CHILDREN

The following tips were adapted from the National Spelling Bee Website.

1. For inspiration, watch the documentary *Spellbound* on family movie night.
2. Keep a "great words" journal for every new and interesting word that you find.
3. Designate a spelling wall in your home. Post new words to the wall each day.
4. For family game night, conduct an impromptu themed spelling bee. Use a newspaper for a current events bee or a cookbook for a cuisine bee.
5. Do like Akeelah did. Spell and jump rope!
6. Ask friends and neighbors to challenge you with great spelling



### IMANIC BRANCHES

"Eman has over seventy branches, the uppermost of which is the declaration La Ilaha Illallah (There's no God but Allah); and the least of which is the removal of harmful objects from the road, and modesty is a branch of Iman." Prophet Mohamed (صلى الله عليه وسلم)

The Emanic Education program at Charlotte Islamic Education seeks to implement the following:

1. Educate students about the branches of Iman.
2. Integrate the branches across the curriculum.
3. Practice every branch individually and/or in groups.

Each week the students will be introduced to a new Emanic branch supported by verses from the Quran and hadeeths.

During the month of December the following branches will be addressed insha Allah: **Good Manners, Cleanliness, Salat, and Knowledge.**

### 1st of Muharram

**Tuesday December 7th** marks the beginning of Muharram, the first month of the Islamic Calendar (inshaAllah).

words.

7. Find a good luck charm—perhaps shoelaces with a bumblebee design or a special coin.
8. Read great books. You'll be entertained while you effortlessly improve your spelling and increase your vocabulary.
9. Scour the dictionary in search of words to stump your parents and teachers.
10. In September, check with your school principal to ensure that you and your school are officially on track for participation in the 2011 Scripps National Spelling Bee program.

#### Summary of the Virtues of Muharram:

- 1) It is one of the four sacred months
- 2) It is the best month to fast in after Ramadan.
- 3) The Prophet (SAW) called it, "the month of Allah." When Allah azza wa jal connects His Name to something, it shows the great status and virtue of the subject.
- 4) Fasting the Day of 'Aashoora (10th of Muharram/ Dec.16) is an expiation of a year of sins
- 5) It is mustahabb [recommended] to fast both the ninth and the tenth, because the Prophet sal Allahu alayhi wa sallam fasted the tenth (Dec.16) and intended to fast the ninth (Dec.15).

[Source - for all the verses, *ahadith* pertaining to this month, please read the full article]

وَقُلْ رَبِّ زِدْنِي عِلْمًا

and say, "My Lord, increase me in knowledge." [20:114]

*In the occasion of the new islamic year, we would like to wish you all a prosperous and blessed year.*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

7th & 8th Field Trip: Dec. 14th, 2010

Classroom Bees: Dec. 15th -17th, 2010

School Spelling Bee: Dec. 22nd, 2010

School Closed for Winter Break: Dec 29-31st, 2010

## CHUCKIE CHEESE NIGHT

All students are invited to the Fundraiser *Chuckie Chees Night* organized by the PTO. It will be at 4:00. Half of the proceeds will go to the school insha-Allah. Please come and invite your family and friends.



## SCIENCE FAIR

THIS IS A REMINDER FOR ALL STUDENTS:

1. Science Fair letter due on Dec. 3rd, 2010
2. Topic Proposal is due on Dec. 8th, 2010

3. Bibliography is due on Dec. 16th, 2010
4. Project Plan is due on Dec. 20th, 2010
5. First Rough Draft is due on Dec. 23rd, 2010
6. Second Rough Draft is due on Dec. 27th, 2010

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