

# SEPTEMBER 2007 NEWSLETTER

Welcome to the 2007-08 school year at MDQ Academy! We pray that this year will be a prosperous year for all our students and parents. Every month you will be receiving a newsletter to help you make the best of the school year. Our newsletters include the Character Building Theme from the first week of the month, the Ansar Youth Project and various upcoming events in our community. Every week we have a different character building theme that we teach our students and implement daily for a week with little reminders. This week's theme is 'respect'. MDQ started a project called the Ansar Youth Project. In the beginning of each month we reach out to a different community that could use our help monetarily or through our services. Our hope is that this will teach our youth the principle of giving. In the spirit of Ramadan we will be focusing on the Backpack Project sponsored by the Zakat Foundation. On that note, we would like to wish all an early Ramadan Mubarak.



## CHARACTER BUILDING THEME: Respect

### Hadith for September

**Qaala rasool Allahi sallallahu alayhi wa sallam: Laisa mina man lam yarham saghirana wa yuwaqir kabi-rana**

*Prophet Muhammad, may peace be upon him said: "He is not one of us who does not show tenderness to the young and who does not show respect to the elder"*

### Du'a for breaking fast:

*Allahuma inni laka sumta wa bika aamantu [wa 'alayka tawakkaltu] wa 'ala rizq-ika aftarthu*

*-O Allah, I fasted for You and I believe in You and I break my fast with Your sustenance.*

## ANSAR YOUTH PROJECT

### Backpack Project

MDQ will be participating in the Backpack Project sponsored by Zakat Foundation. Backpacks will be provided and each class will fill it with toys, school supplies, and hygiene products to children in need. The children will also be encouraged to include a letter and the address of the school to which the recipient can respond. The backpacks will be collected by Zakat Foundation and distribute it to poverty-stricken children here in the United States and abroad in countries including Afghanistan, Pakistan, Ghana, Palestine and Turkey. We will keep you updated on how our students can help.



Ramadan Early Dismissal— There will be a 2pm dismissal during the first part of Ramadan from Sept. 13 to Oct. 4th. Parents are responsible to make arrangements to pick up their children on time. Bus kids will be picked up at 2pm by the bus driver. Also keep in mind that there will be no school during the last part of Ramadan from Oct. 5 to Oct. 12.

-Lunch Program will start after Ramadan. You will be notified and asked if you would like to participate. Each student is responsible to bring in his or her own snack and lunch until then.

# September

## PTA MEETING

September 11 at  
10:30am—Class moms  
will be chosen!

## MUSLIM DAY PARADE:

When: September 9, 2007

Time: 12:00 noon

Where: Starts  
at 41 St.  
and ends at 23rd  
St.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Muslim Day Parade in Manhattan 9	10	PTA MEETING @ 10:30 Halaqah @9am 11	12	Ramadan Begins (anticipated) 13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	1	2	3	4		

## Ramadan 30 Day Challenge

### What is the Challenge?

The challenge has 2 components:

- The first is to be "TV-Free" during Ramadan.
- The second is to make a Ramadan Resolution.

### What is TV-Free?

It is creating a home environment during Ramadan that is TV-Free. It's unplugging....that means from TV, videos and/or video games.

### The Resolution

The resolution is a personal commitment from the child to consistently do good actions throughout the month. Children should be the primary decision-makers in choosing a Ramadan resolution. It could be any form of ibaadah such as helping parents more, praying on time, reading Quran or community service. There is an extra star for fasting!

### Taking Part

Before Ramadan, we will send each participating child a Ramadan paper calendar.

- Children who participate will receive a congratulations card and a sweet surprise!



## Upcoming Events

1. **Special Iftar Party:** MDQ Academy Parents will be invited to a one dish Iftar party, and have a short lecture about the importance of how to teach your child about Ramadan. They will be encouraged to help implement the Ramadan Challenge.
2. **Henna Party:** The school will have an Eid Party filled with fun and enjoyment. Parents and teachers will work together to ensure successful party.

~Will be notified when  
dates are confirmed.~