March 31, 2020

May the peace, mercy, and blessings of Allah be with you

Dearest Parents, Community, and Staff Members,

“With Every Difficulty, There is Relief.”

Subhan Allah, we are going through a very difficult time. This situation is unprecedented, it’s a unique experience.

Alhamdulillah, we trust Allah swt and believe that everything is from Him and there is always Khair for us.

It is mentioned in the Quran, Surah al-Inshirah:

\[94:5\]

“So, Verily, With Every Difficulty, There is Relief” is the 5th aya from Surah al-Inshirah, the 94th Surah of the Quran.

It is one of the most beautiful and wonderful verses in the Quran. This verse gives a message of hope and reassurance.

Surah al-Inshirah acts as a form of comfort and boost for us. It boosts up the morale of believers, especially when we are going through a difficult time, when we have fear, and uncertainty.

In this Surah, Allah announces beautifully, “Indeed, with every difficulty, comes relief.” He repeats it to emphasize the message. We have to turn all attention towards Him and build our connections.
So, Verily, With Every Difficulty, There is Relief.

Allah swt uses the word “relief” in plural form. This indicates that relief is always twice as powerful as hardship or misery. Remember hardship can never overpower Allah’s Blessings. Promise of Allah comforts our hearts, gives us peace and tranquility.

We trust Him and prevent negative thoughts and be hopeful of better results. We can see the silver lining, light at the end of the tunnel. We need to keep our hopes high, hold our faith tightly, and follow the right path with patience and righteousness.

I can relate to these ayahs with the current difficult time. The Muslim Ummah is struggling and suffering all around the world. We need to remind ourselves of Allah’s Promise and stick to the Right Path. After all, with every difficulty, there is relief.

Please stay connected with your families, friends, community and with your neighbors. When I say stay connected, I didn’t mean to overrule the social distancing guideline. We can video call, send text messages or make a phone call. Spend quality time with your parents/children/siblings (living with you). Please do not watch the news 24/7, take a break from the news. Focus on your Ibadah, get spiritually ready for Ramadan. This is the month of Shabaan, our beloved Prophet Mohammad SAW was fasting during this month. Revive the sunnah of Mohammad SAW.

Try some family activities, play board games, Reading Club, Virtual Cooking Club….. etc, etc.

Alhamdolillah, at MDQ Academy all my staff is productively busy at every level. We transit so quickly from traditional classrooms to Virtual Classes. Masha’Allah, our houses are ringing with Morning Adhkar. Br. Tayyib is doing a Great Job. I’m very thankful to Allah swt for all His blessings. Truly MDQ Academy is blessed with dedicated staff members and teachers. Sr. Arzu is a true blessing for us, she is a certified online Instructor. We were able to transit very quickly to online teaching because of her expertise.

Alhamdolillah, I have the BEST Team. My Admin. Team didn’t take any time off. Sr. Fefe, Sr. Sakina, and Sr. Olga working everyday tirelessly. They are constantly working with the Brentwood School District and with the NYS Dept. of Education.

Masha’Allah, most of my teachers are doing an amazing job. We do have our challenges, but we are trying our level best to serve our students and help our parents.

I appreciate every single member of the MDQ Academy family for their help and support. I do understand that we are all experiencing some kind of anxiety, stress, fear and
frustration. You are not alone in this journey, we all are going through it at some level. Insha’Allah, this hardship will be over soon. Please ignore any shortcoming, we need your support and help.

This situation is evolving by the hour and I know that the school community has questions regarding what we will be providing to the students over the next few weeks. We will continue to provide you with information via email. MDQ Academy staff and teachers will continue to provide online instructions via Zoom. My team and I tirelessly monitor the guidance from the Governor’s office as well as the NY State Department of Education.

I emphasize the guidance of the Suffolk County Department of Health to avoid large gatherings, keep a social distance of 6 feet, wash your hands frequently, and stay home.

May Allah swt keep everyone safe and protect all of us. Ameen. May Allah swt give shiffa to those who are not feeling well, Ameen

لاَذْهِبُ الْبَأْسُ رَبّ الْنَّاسِ وَاشْفِ اَنتَ الشَّافِي لاَ شَفَاءٌ إِلَّا شَفَاءُكَ شَفَاءٌ لاَ يُقَادِرُ سُقُمًا

“O Lord of the people, remove this pain and cure it, You are the one who cures and there is no one besides You who can cure. Please grant such a cure that no illness remains”. May Allah give shifa e kamilah. Ameen.

Lastly, I hope that every community member remains safe and healthy during this difficult time. I am hopeful that this crisis will come to an end so that we may safely rejoice with students and staff in the MDQ Academy building.

Please do remember us in your Duas.

Sincerely,

Atia U. Pasha
Head of School