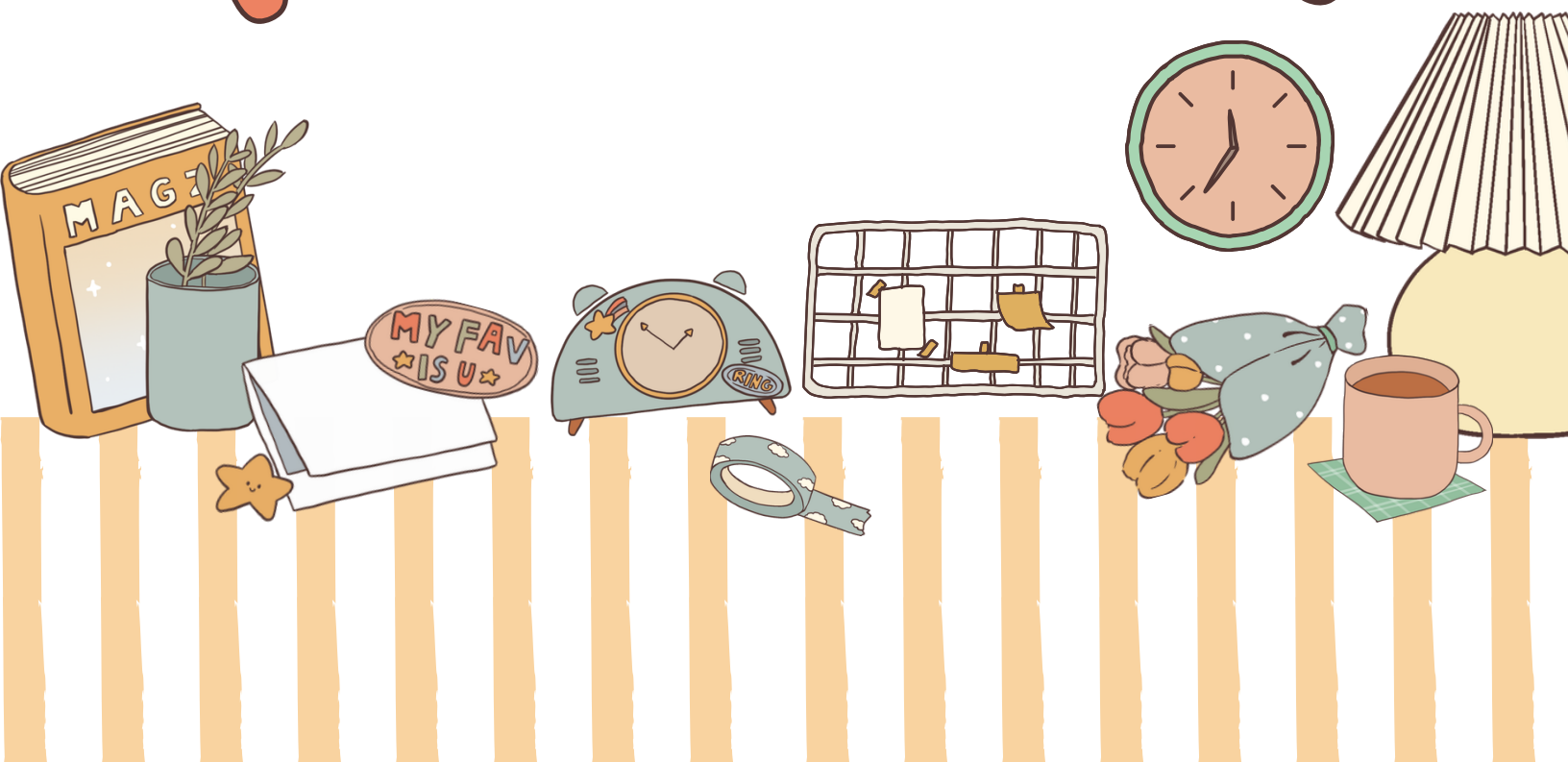




# MAY NEWSLETTER





# Principal's Message

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Assalamu Alaikum wa Rahmatullah wa Barakatuh,

As we move further into Term 3, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our parents and families for their continued partnership, trust, and support. This has been an incredibly productive and important period for Omar Ibn Al-Khattab Academy, and I am very pleased to share that our school has been exceptionally busy in many positive ways.

Over the past month, our staff and students have been working with great focus and dedication. Behind the scenes, a tremendous amount of effort has gone into ensuring that our school remains strong in every area of operation, instruction, and compliance. We have been working hard in preparation for our monitoring requirements connected to Alberta Education and Ministry expectations. I am proud to say that our school has been in very good shape, and our staff have demonstrated a high level of professionalism, organization, and commitment in meeting the standards expected of an Alberta-accredited school.

Our teachers and leadership team have been consistently engaged in planning, documentation, review, assessment, supervision, and school improvement processes. This includes continued work on curriculum alignment, instructional planning, assessment practices, reporting systems, classroom readiness, student support structures, and monitoring of teaching and learning. These efforts are very important because they help ensure that our students receive high-quality instruction in an environment that is organized, safe, nurturing, and academically focused.

Academically, this is also a very important time of year. Our teachers are now approaching the final stages of their year plans and are working hard to wrap up the remaining outcomes, units, and course expectations for Term 3. Across grade levels, students are completing final projects, major tasks, assessments, review activities, and end-of-term learning demonstrations. Teachers are also using this time to consolidate key concepts, revisit priority learning outcomes, provide intervention where needed, and prepare students for a strong finish to the school year.

At this stage, classrooms are focused not only on covering remaining content, but also on ensuring that learning is meaningful, complete, and well supported. Teachers are reviewing student progress carefully, organizing final evidence of learning, and making sure that report card preparation reflects each student's academic journey accurately and fairly. This is a time when every lesson matters, every assessment counts, and every effort helps students close the year with confidence and pride.

In addition to daily classroom instruction, our school has remained active in many other important areas. Staff have continued participating in meetings, planning sessions, student support discussions, school events, academic follow-up, and ongoing preparations for year-end responsibilities. We are also continuing to support important Alberta-based expectations related to literacy and numeracy monitoring, assessment readiness, reporting, and instructional follow-up for students who require additional support. These processes help us remain focused on student achievement and continuous improvement while strengthening communication between school and home.



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Just as importantly, our school continues to place great emphasis on student well-being, school culture, Islamic identity, and character education. Throughout the year, students have been involved in assemblies, school-wide initiatives, values-based learning, and activities that help strengthen leadership, respect, responsibility, and community spirit. We strongly believe that education is not only about academic success, but also about building character, confidence, discipline, and faith.

Among the most special milestones ahead are our Kindergarten, Grade 6, and Grade 9 graduation celebrations. These events mark important transitions in the lives of our students. For our Kindergarten students, graduation is a joyful first milestone in their educational journey. For our Grade 6 students, it represents the completion of the elementary years and the beginning of greater independence and responsibility. For our Grade 9 students, graduation is especially significant as it marks the end of junior high and the beginning of high school readiness and future academic pathways.

These graduation ceremonies are moments of celebration, reflection, and pride for students, families, and staff alike. They remind us of how much our children have grown—not only academically, but also socially, emotionally, and spiritually. We look forward to recognizing their hard work and celebrating their accomplishments in a meaningful and memorable way.

In addition to graduations, the coming weeks will include a range of other important activities such as classroom wrap-up tasks, science-related events, assemblies, team meetings, report card preparation, awards and recognition, and year-end school events. As always, these activities require extensive preparation from our teachers and support staff, who continue to give their very best during one of the busiest parts of the school year.

I would like to especially acknowledge the incredible dedication of our teachers. They have worked tirelessly all year long, and these final months require even more effort as they balance instruction, assessment, planning, reporting, event preparation, communication with families, and support for students. Their commitment to excellence is one of the greatest strengths of our school.

Parents, your role during this time is also very important. We ask that you continue supporting your children with attendance, punctuality, homework completion, organization, and a positive attitude toward learning. These final weeks are critical. Strong attendance and consistent effort can make a significant difference in helping students finish the year successfully. Please continue encouraging your children to stay focused, respectful, and motivated all the way to the end of Term 3.

We also encourage families to keep an eye on school communication regarding upcoming events, graduation details, report card timelines, and year-end activities. Your cooperation and responsiveness help us ensure that all events run smoothly and that students are well prepared for each milestone.

Alhamdulillah, we are grateful for how much has been accomplished so far this year. We are proud of our students, thankful for our staff, and appreciative of the strong partnership we share with our families. With Allah's help, we look forward to finishing the year with excellence, celebration, gratitude, and continued success.

Thank you for your continued support of Omar Ibn Al-Khattab Academy.

Warm regards,

Dr. Mohamed Bush

Principal

Omar Ibn Al-Khattab Academy



# Renewal, Purpose, and Growth at OIAA

As we welcome the month of May at Omar Ibn Al-Khattab Academy, we also mark the beginning of Term 3—a time of renewed focus, reflection, and continued growth as a school community.

We hope all our families enjoyed a restful and refreshing Spring Break from March 30 to April 3. Alhamdulillah, our students have returned with enthusiasm and confidence, settling back into their routines and demonstrating responsibility, respect, and a positive attitude toward learning. Our teachers continue to foster supportive classrooms rooted in strong Islamic values.


As the school year progresses, the spirit of kindness, cooperation, and good character remains strong at OIAA. Our students continue to support one another and strive to embody the beautiful manners of our deen.

As our beloved Prophet ﷺ said:

“Whoever travels a path in search of knowledge, Allah will make easy for him a path to Paradise.” — Sahih Muslim

We remain committed to nurturing confident and compassionate learners who uphold Islamic values in all that they do.

May Allah place barakah in this month and grant our school community continued success and growth. Ameen.



# April Highlights

## Spring is in the Air

Our Grade 1 artists explored colour and texture by creating blossoming trees using a variety of materials. Through tearing, shaping and arranging tissue paper, they observed the beauty of spring. Students reflected on the signs of Allah's creation and expressed their ideas with creativity and care, in alignment with Alberta Art outcomes.



# April Highlights

## Exploring Ancient Structures

Our Grade 5 students engaged in a Social Studies project titled “Ancient Structures.” They explored different historical civilizations and learned how ancient structures reflect the culture and way of life of various societies.

Students worked collaboratively to research and present their findings, demonstrating creativity, critical thinking, and strong communication skills. This inquiry also helped them understand the lasting impact of human achievements from the past.



# April Highlights

## Bake Sale Fundraiser for Graduation

Our Kindergarten, Grade 6, and Grade 9 students organized a bake sale to raise funds for their upcoming graduation celebrations. Students enjoyed a variety of treats while supporting this student-led initiative.

All proceeds will go toward KG, Grade 6, and Grade 9 graduation activities. We are proud of our students for their teamwork and leadership, and we thank families for their support.



# Virtue of the Month Assembly

In April, we held a school-wide assembly centered on the virtue of Patience. Students engaged in thoughtful discussions about the importance of remaining calm, persevering through challenges, and trusting in Allah's timing.

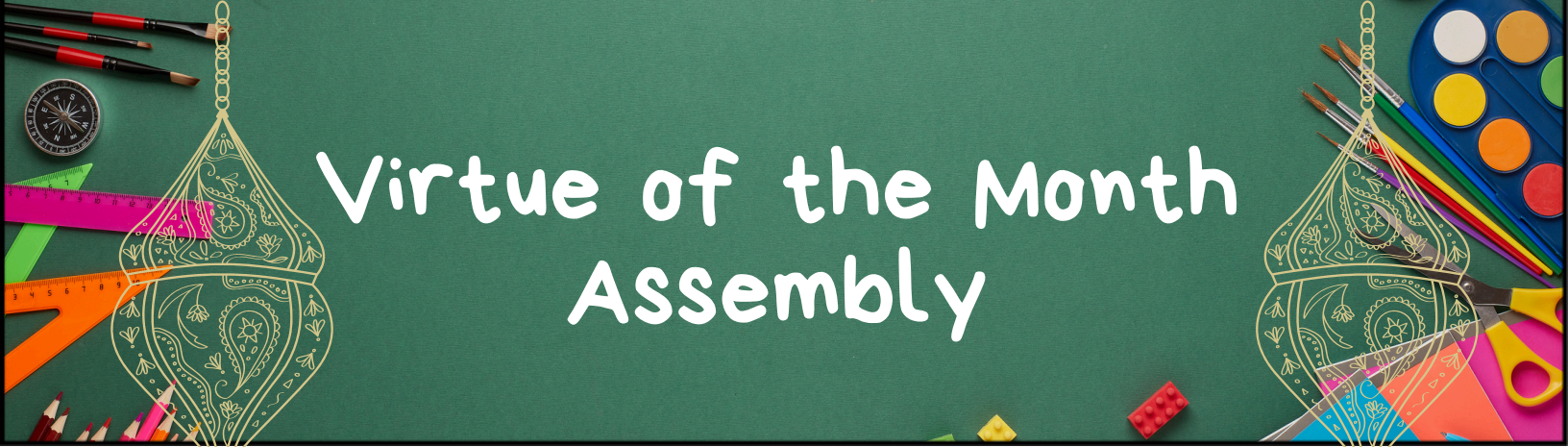
Students also participated in a short play highlighting messages of self-control, resilience, and perseverance. This engaging performance served as a meaningful reminder of the importance of practicing patience in their daily interactions and learning journey.

The assembly served as a meaningful reminder that patience is essential not only for personal growth and academic success but also for strengthening character and building a positive, respectful school community.



Highlights  
of the  
Assembly





# Virtue of the Month Assembly



## Our Patient Stars

Kindergarten:  
Zaina Hussain  
Aisha Bawazir

Grade 1:  
Adam Alhask  
Ahmed es Said

Grade 2:  
Afnan Sase  
Rumaysa Ahmed

Grade 3:  
Dawood Ali Dadabhoy  
Jumana Namaruish

Grade 4:  
Weaam Elfourtia  
AbdurRahman Mohammed

Grade 5:  
Mohammad Qureshi  
Zaffar Sakharkar

Grade 6:  
Saeed Hartley  
Adyan Chowdhary


Grade 7:  
Areebah Qureshi  
Ali Mahmoud

Grade 8:  
Tameem Almighairbi  
Rofida Mohamed

Grade 9:  
Bassel El Sikhry



# May Calendar

 <b>Omar Ibn Al-Khattab Academy</b> <i>The Virtue of the Month: Mental Health &amp; Well-Being</i>							
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	
					<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	
<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	
<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	
				🔥 Fire Drill			
<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	
	Victoria Day Public Holiday (School Closed)			Virtue of the month Assembly			
<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	
<b>2026</b>	Gr. KG, 6, 9 Graduation		Eid Ul-Adha (Tentative)	Eid Ul-Adha (Tentative)	PD DAY		
<b>31</b>	<u>Note:</u> 1. Assembly 2. Eid-ul-Adha						Instructional: 17 Operational: 17

# OIAA Open House – May 9

Omar Ibn Al-Khattab Academy will be hosting its Open House on Saturday, May 9 at 6:00 PM. Parents are invited to meet our teachers, learn more about our academic and Islamic programs, and gain insight into our curriculum and learning environment.

This is a great opportunity to ask questions, explore what OIAA offers, and connect with our school community.

Please note: This is a parents-only event.



**Mohamed Bush**  
*Principal | Educational Leader & Hafiz*

**Omneya Khamis**  
*Vice Principal  
B.Pharm., B.Ed.  
IB DP Department Head*

**OIA ACADEMY**

**OPEN HOUSE**

**Sat May 9th**  
**6PM**

**School Facilities**  
K-11 Sep 26/27  
Grade 12 in 27/28

**Brand New Purpose Built School**

- High Tech Science Labs
- STEM Innovation Labs
- IB Program
- Advanced Hifz Program

**Qur'an Lead Team**

- ✓ Dr. Qusai Bawazir
- ✓ Sh. Ahmed Attia
- ✓ Sh. Yousif Alellaghi

- Meet the Teachers
- Know the Curriculum
- Know the new Location

✓ Qur'an Hifz

✓ Islamic Studies

✓ Arabic

✓ Tarbiyah

✓ Certified Teachers

✓ Gymnasium

✓ Alberta Curriculum

✓ Outdoors Play Area

\*Please note: This is a parents-only event  
no children allowed.

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# Important Announcements

- May 9 – Open House will be held at 6:00 PM.
  - Public Holiday – May 18 : There will be no school for students and staff.
  - May 25 : KG, Grade 6 & Grade 9 Graduation Ceremony 🎓
  - May 27–28 : Eid ul Adha Holiday 🌙
  - Public Holiday – May 29 : There will be no school for students and staff.
  - Friday Dismissal: The Friday dismissal time will remain the same as usual at 2:30 p.m.
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