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Only for Members

Philosophy of Education

Islam provides us a Philosophy (World-View) and an Ideology (Values-System) in all dimensions. It has a unique system of education for the sake of developing the human personality and character, to achieve the ultimate goal of creation, the Marifat-e-Ilahi (knowing Allah) and the intermediate goal - the establishment of a just society. The system encompasses, the family, the society and the institutional learning (the school, college and university), and makes them function in harmony in accordance with Islam.

Islam encompasses all the aspects of humanity, covering both the horizontal aspects (i.e. human responsibilities towards Allah Almighty, the universe, one's self and to other human beings) and the vertical dimensions i.e. the intellect (cognitive), emotions (effective) and material (physical) aspects of human existence.

We at FEN envisage a holistic education system based upon the educational philosophy and ideology of Islam comprising of the primary to higher secondary education level and leading to higher education and research (i.e. graduate and post graduate studies) including the pure and applied sciences, technology & arts and also technical and vocational education.

Islamic Value System Through Education



Societies emerge as a system that encompasses norms, cultures and values. Emergence of a true society rests on the sound pillars of value systems, which provide principles and rules of

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Message

All praise to Allah (SWT). It is with immense satisfaction that we bring to you the 13th edition of Focus Fatimiyah: Education, the very first under the new management of KPSIAJ.

At FEN, we believe in creating a learning environment that leads to good health and academic excellence, at the same time, instilling in the students a deep sense of ethics, morality, and values. With this clear focus, well planned initiatives are now underway at FEN, aimed at the spiritual development of the child, which shall supplement the efforts in academic excellence already in place. Discipline, strength of character, mutual respect, social responsibility, and personality development are additional areas being keenly attended to.

Right from the Early Childhood Education Centre up to the College level, Value Orientation and Enhancement Programs are being structured for the faculty. In turn, methods and practices shall be designed by the faculty for transmitting the core values to the students, and hence to the community.

The newly constituted Education Board at FEN is fully motivated to deliver as promised. The highly competent and diverse team, carefully selected, is all set to bring about the changes required in line with the needs of this critical era. They deserve a mighty pat on the back! And lots of prayers, too.

My special thanks to our new Executive Director, Mrs Rakhshanda Ovais, for her dedication to the cause, and her tireless efforts in its pursuit. Also to her devoted team of unit heads, PDTs, and the faculty, all of whom are working tirelessly for the community's upliftment through worthy education. And of course, to the editorial staff of Focus Fatimiyah: Education for its compilation and successful launch.

A sincere thanks to all our committee members, too, for their overall contributions to the effort, specially to Mr. Ali Naqi Taqi, Secretary Education Board, for his enlightened approach and able administrative inputs. Also to Maulana Asghar Hussain Shaheedi for his spirited involvement in designing the Teachers' Value Orientation Program, and monitoring the Curriculum Screening Program. To Mr Ashraf Ali Haideri, Secretary KPSIAJ, for his strong support to the mission. And finally, to the very loyal admin staff at FEN for their invaluable backup support, and for being always available, even beyond the call of duty!

It is our vision to see a **progressive community, with a strong ideology**. The seeds can be sown and nurtured at the community educational institutions in harmony. The efforts shall be more meaningful if undertaken with wisdom, understanding, and integration.

And finally, a word to our most important stake holders...the parents. Please strengthen our hands by providing the right environment and support to your children. They are our future. Consider the amount spent on their education not as an expense, but as an investment. Do not compromise on their upbringing. Stand tall, so that they may stand tall, and proudly claim "we believe in the Fatimiyah School (of Thought!)".

Long Live Fatimiyah! Long Live KPSIAJ!

May God Bless you all.

Abul Hassan Gokal,
Chairman, Education Board, KPSIAJ



Wish you a Very Happy Eid.

Executive Director's Message....

...for the Parents

Education as we all know is not confined to the four walls of schools; as a matter of fact it starts from home. Parents play the most significant role in the overall development of their child. They provide children with religious education, cultural norms and values which remain with them for life time.



With the establishment of educational institutions the responsibility of child development is also shared by the teachers; but it does not exempt parents from fulfilling their fundamental responsibility of giving best care and attention at home. From our experience we know that a child's ability to benefit from school experience depends a great deal on the kind of interest parents take in their children education.

Fatimiyah Education Network, since its inception, has worked to provide the best learning environment to the children. Parents can support FEN in its endeavor, by being involved in their child's educational experiences. You can track your child's progress on a regular basis. Ask your child about how things are going and discuss what he or she is learning. Make it a priority to participate in FEN events and meetings and do not hesitate to give your valuable suggestions for further improvement. When you are involved in your child's education, you give them a message – Education is important!

Thank you for supporting FEN.

Rakshanda Ovais Shareef

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Islamic Value System Through Education

conduct to which human beings adhere to. In present times, scientific and technological discoveries hold great fascination and admiration. Nevertheless, the adverse effects of materialistic discoveries have dealt a severe blow to the intellectual and spiritual development of societies and have resulted in the debasement of values. However, education when infused with social, cultural and religious values creates an inner sense of responsibility and discipline. Value education means inculcating in students a sense of respect for religion alongwith a deep concern for the well-being of others and the nation. This can be accomplished only when we instil in our children a deep commitment to values.

Amir-ul-Momineen Hazrat Ali (A.S) says *"The best nobility of descent exhibits in politeness and in refinement of manners"*

Given the importance of value education, FEN has adopted a two pronged strategy. Firstly, to initiate, design and incorporate value education in the curriculum and secondly, to hold Value Education sessions for the entire faculty of FEN.

The objective of this program is to integrate basic Islamic values in the curriculum and the school environment by facilitating teachers in developing a conscious attitude towards holistic teaching; to bring about an inner disci-

pline in their minds by making them reflect on the significance of their role as teachers.

The First phase of the Value Education Program commenced on 23rd July, 2009.

The sessions were conducted simultaneously at three venues comprising of three different speakers. The topics related to 1) Aqaid (beliefs) 2) Morality/Moral values (Ikhlaiyat) 3) Classroom Management and Student / Teachers interaction 4) Subject wise integration of Islamic Values.

Renowned scholar Dr. Maulana Aqeel Moosa through his inspirational lectures, and thoughtful insights elaborated the concept of Aqaid and Tawheed. Mr. Abul Hassan Gokal, President KPSIAJ while addressing the closing session said learning is an unending process and emphasized that teachers have a sacred responsibility to inculcate positive values in students. In his closing address to the faculty, Maulana Asghar Hussain Sahaeedi invited teachers to give their views and feedback on the Value Education Sessions. He appreciated the efforts of the facilitators and participants in making the first phase of the Value Education Programme a success.

The second phase shall consist of periodic sessions on various value themes to be held throughout the term for the FEN faculty and these shall be addressed by in-house as well as guest speakers.

Sakina Nanji & Fouzia Nawaz



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EDITORIAL

Dear Readers,

Assalam o Alekum

We are back, after the vacations with another issue of Focus Fatimiyah: Education. In this issue we present to you events and activities at FEN, in which Value Orientation sessions for teacher, and Inter- School Quiz competition were important events.

The celebration of the Teachers Recognition Day was a source of inspiration to many colleagues.

Congratulations to all the students of class X on their success in the S.S.C. II, 2009 examination. Our results reflect the hardwork and commitment of our students and teachers. We also appreciate all the parents for their cooperation.

Enjoy Reading!

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*Nobility of character
consists of ten qualities:
Generosity, Modesty,
Sincerity, Fulfillment of Trust,
Humility, Self-Esteem,
Courage, Forbearance, Patience
and Gratitude.*

Hazrat Ali (A.S.)

Co-Curricular Activities

Wiladat Hazrat Fatima Zehra (SA)



The management of Fatimiyah College celebrated the Wiladat of Hazrat Fatima Zehra (S.A), beloved daughter of the Holy Prophet (P.B.U.H) on 14th June, 2009.

The guest speaker Maulana Asghar Hussain Shaheedi, Vice-President-KPSIAJ, in his thought provoking lecture, highlighted the different aspects of the personality of Hazrat Fatima-tuz-Zehra (S.A).

He said that Bibi Fatima Zehra (SA) is a guiding force for all women. He suggested that her Wiladat should be observed as 'World Women's Day'. The ceremony concluded with the recitation of Dua-e-Imam-e-Zamana (A.S). Members of the Managing Committee of KPSIAJ Mr. Abul Hassan Gokal, Mr. Ashraf Ali Haideri, Dr. Taqi Nayani and Mr. Iqbal Hussain Bachoo, also graced the occasion with their presence.

Teachers' Recognition Day

Teachers' Recognition Day was celebrated on 10th June 2009, to acknowledge and appreciate the services of senior teachers of FEN. The Executive Director – FEN, Mrs Rakshanda Ovais, acknowledged the commitment of all the teachers of FEN. She particularly recognized the committed services of the teachers who have been serving for eight or more years and awarded them token of appreciation.



Being the senior most team members Ms. Sakina Nanji (PDT-FEN) and Ms. Samira Ramzan (Principal-FGS) were invited to do the honors. A special token of appreciation was also given to Mr. Muhammad Ali Sharif for his selfless services and support in administrative matters.

Imam Khomeni (R.A) Quiz Competition

An inter-school quiz competition, to commemorate the 20th death anniversary of Imam Khomeni (RA), was organized on 2nd June, 2009. Students of classes VIII to X of Fatimiyah Girls School & Fatimiyah Boys School participated in the competition. The quiz consisted of three rounds. 1st was Q/A session with discussion, 2nd video clip, 3rd individual Q/A from the books "Sukhan-e-Badari" and "Ikhlāq o Siasat". Students participated enthusiastically in the event.



The chief guest Maulana Asghar Hussain Shaheedi, distributed the certificates and shield to the winners.

Curriculum Review Session



Ms. Rakshanda Ovais, conducted a session on 9th July 2009, to facilitate a group of English, Urdu and Social Studies teachers to review school text books critically. The objective was to identify content, language or any illustration in the text

books that dilute or negate Islamic Ideology.

It was an effective session that enabled the teachers to critically analyze the text book. Teachers were also encouraged to develop a thorough understanding of the concepts and be able to satisfy students queries in a logical manner.

Earth Day

April 22nd is celebrated as 'Earth Day' in many countries across the world to create awareness about environmental issues for a sustainable and healthy environment.

Students of Fatimiyah Schools (Girls and Boys campuses) also celebrated the day by making charts, posters and giving presentations about the challenges to our environment.



Eid-e-Milad un Nabi



Eid-e-Milad un Nabi was celebrated on April 17th, 2009 at FBS. The members of the Senior Management forum graced the occasion with their presence. Students enthusiastically recited Naats, Qasidas and gave speeches to highlight the life and teachings of the Holy Prophet (P.B.U.H) and Imam Jaffar-e-Sadiq (A.S.).

SPORTS ACHIEVEMENTS

Fatimiyah Boys School

Fatimiyah Boys School (FBS) participated in a Summer Interschool Sport Festival 2009, at Qamar-e-Bani Hashim School. FBS took part in Basket ball, Cricket and Hockey tournaments. FBS team was declared runner up in the Cricket match.



Fatimiyah College (Boys Campus)

A basket ball match was played between the teams of Fatimiyah College (FC) and Habib Public School on 14th July 09. The match was held at Habib Public School. Fatimiyah College team won the trophy by the score 21/12.

Mirza Asad and Mehdi Raza of FC team scored 7 and 5 points respectively and remained the highest point achievers of the match.



Parent Teacher Meetings

Parent Teacher Meeting is an important time for the parents as it allows them to meet with their child's teachers and to learn about his/her progress in the schools.

Fatimiyah School Of Early Childhood Education organized an orientation meeting on Saturday, 16 May, 2009 to enable



the parents to get acquainted with the class teachers, and discuss their child's progress. Parents were pleased to visit the classrooms

and were delighted to see the airy and spacious rooms with different learning corners setup in the classes.

To acknowledge the parents' voice, a comment sheet was placed in each room; parents were encouraged to give their comments and suggestions.

FGS & FBS

The first PTM of the session 2009 – 2010 was held in Fatimiyah Schools (Girls and Boys campuses) on Saturday May, 30th 2009. The purpose was to enable parents to interact with the teachers to discuss their child's performance and to identify areas that need improvement.

Suggestions submitted by the parents through suggestion box, focused on holding remedial classes for low achievers, introduction of English language skill enhancement program for students and use of low cost material for art activities

Value Education through Holy Quran

A programme titled Value Education through Quran has been initiated at FS-ECE. The objective is to instil Quranic values in our children for their moral development.



Different medium of instructions such as stories, role plays and visual aids are used to stimulate children's interest and attention. Verses taught during the first term are:

- *And when those who believe in our signs come to you say "Salamun Alaikum" (Peace be upon you).* (Surah-e-Al-Ina'am; 54)
- *And Allah loves those who clean themselves.* (Surah-e-Tauba; 108)
- *Clean your clothing.* (Surah-e-Mudasir; 4)
- *Eat and drink, but don't be extravagant.* (Surah-e-Al-Aeraaf; 31)
- *If you act grateful (to Me) I will certainly increase (my blessings) on you.* (Surah-e-Ibrahim; 07)
- *And cooperate with one another in goodness and piety.* (Surah-e-Ma'eda Ayat;)

ACTIVITY WEEK AT FS-ECE



Puppet Show



The Wonders of Sand and Water



Color Day at ECE

Theme based teaching at FS-ECE

At FS-ECE, the curriculum is based on monthly themes as it enables the students to acquire knowledge comprehensively. Themes for the first quarter were "Me & My self, Health & Hygiene, and Animals".

Me & My self develops in the child self respect, respect for family, and their culture. The theme "Health & Hygiene" focused on developing healthy practices, which are recognized as an imperative part of our life. The theme on "Animals" encouraged our children to display a caring attitude towards nature and animals.

Summer Professional Development Sessions for Teachers

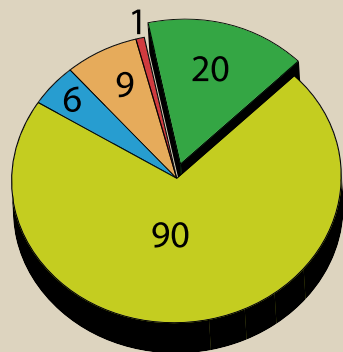
Teachers are the pillars of any educational organization because they help in the overall development of the young learners. Alhamdulillah, today we have a committed team of professional development teachers and lead teachers who provide in-house support to teachers for their professional development.



This year during summer vacations, lead teachers under the supervision of PDTs and Unit Heads, organized in-house, need based sessions for the teachers. The objective of these sessions was to develop teachers' understanding of various teaching strategies and to guide them in writing instructional objectives. This learning experience enabled the lead teachers to know their strengths and build their confidence. Teachers have welcomed the initiative and suggested to continue such opportunities of professional development in future as well.

Scholarships

The Career and Scholarship desk of Fatimiyah Education Network is proud to announce that a total of 126 students have been awarded scholarship in public sector colleges and universities, from Sep 2007 to Jul 2009. Their break down of academic level is given as under:



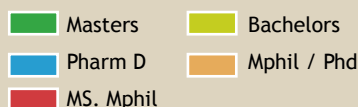
At Career and Scholarship Desk, we aim to promote higher education in our society. This is done by offering scholarships in selected fields at public universities. Students are also facilitated in acquiring soft loans for higher education. Additionally, students are provided information about the current trends in choices and career planning.

For individual Career Counselling students are encouraged to contact:

Mr. Syed Safdar Mehdi Jafri

Manager Careers & Scholarship.

Email: alumni@fen.edu.pk



Congratulations!

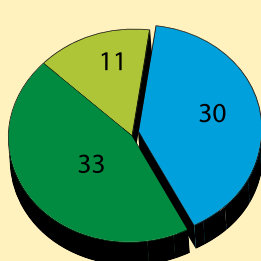
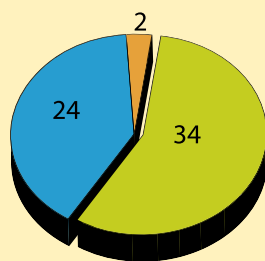


We congratulate Ms. Tabassum Fatima Hemani on her successful completion of Master's degree in Education. She has re-joined Fatimiyah Education Network in her new role of Professional Development Teacher (PDT). Her area of work will be curriculum, research, and classroom support to the teachers.

Secondary School Certificate Part II Result 2008-2009

(General Group)

(Science Group)



Admission at Fatimiyah College HSC Part I 2009-2010

The management of FEN warmly welcomes the new entrants at Fatimiyah College. We are pleased to announce that 298 students (181 girls and 117 boys) have secured admission in HSC Part I – Pre-Engineering, Pre-Medical, Commerce and Humanities (only girls). The management of FEN wishes them success in their academic pursuits.

Elections 2009

Annual elections for the Head Girl and Deputy Head Girl were held on 27th May 09 in FGS.



Batool Azra of class X-B secured 582 votes and was elected the Head Girl. Asma Bahadur Ali of class X-B was elected as Deputy Head Girl after securing 570 votes.

Beyond the call of duty!

The Admin Department of Fatimiyah Education Network deserves a pat on their back for turning up on the night of 18th July 2009, when the entire city was dark and submerged in water. They worked till the early hours of the morning and ensured the safety of the premises and resources. Fatimiyah Education Network acknowledges and appreciates their sincere and selfless efforts. Well done!



Standing Left to Right: Hussain Mushtaq, Ghulam Murtaza, Asadullah Damani, and Hussain Bhojani.

Sitting Left to Right: Fazal Abbas Vazir and Muhammad Ali Sharif

HEALTH FACTS!

Liver: An Important Organ Of The Body

Liver is one of the organs that stores iron, vitamins, minerals and also produces bile juice. Besides producing chemicals, the liver helps detoxification of the blood stream from the effects of drugs and other harmful substances. It does this by absorbing the harmful substances, chemically altering them, and then excreting them.



How can we help our Liver to perform its function efficiently? Following are some suggestion:

- Unnecessary usage of drugs or medicines to be avoided.
- Self medication is harmful to the extent that it might lead to liver cell damage.
- Encourage 'insecticide free' environment and avoid using aerosols too often.
- Ensure a healthy and balanced diet so that liver cells can produce the right amount of cholesterol required by the body.

Dr. Yasmeen Raza
Medical Officer

The Uses of Adversity



Aimen Lakhani
XII-Science C

No one in the world leads an ideal or a stress free life, people face misfortunes at one stage or the other. The hardships and catastrophes in life are called "Adversities of life". The bad times always have an impact on a person's life, leaving him as a more mature and a wiser person than before. As the famous Welsh proverb states;

"Adversity brings knowledge and knowledge wisdom"

Though many may agree that adversity makes a person's character stronger, some may be of the view that this is not true. I do not agree with them as I believe that the uses of adversity are the uses we put them to. Adversity may teach us or destroy us. The best way out of these hardships is to overcome them. Helen Keller did not let her blindness and deafness come into her way, but overcame it to become a highly qualified advocate who fought for human rights. As W.A Ward said;

"Adversity causes some men to break, others to break records"

Respect begets Respect



Oniba Sheikh
XI -Science C

Respect is the most sought virtue in the world. The dictionary defines it as an act of giving particular attention or special regard. For some, it is a feeling or attitude of admiration and reverence towards something or some body. There may be different ways of putting this sublime emotion into words but all pave the way for better understanding and affection among people.

Incidentally it is something which everyone expects, not many have the luck to have it and few wish to give it. But it is a two way track and to get respect one has to give it too.

POSTER COMPETITION

Bibi Fatima S.A as "a daughter, a wife and a mother"



Promise



Contributed by: Mujtaba Sadiq Sharif
Class: VI - A

I will rise and raise your name,
And reach the highest point of fame,
You toil and suffer for my sake,
Sleep or rest, you seldom take.
You work ceaselessly, be day or night,
And keep my future in your mind.
You buy my books,
With hard-earned money,
Work day long,
When it's hot and sunny.
I vow you "Pa" with earnest heart,
Your interest I will ever guard.
Your tireless efforts won't go in vain,
Your child will one day something gain

Lovely Mother



Kainat Fatima Shabbir Hussain
VIII A

I love my mother
More than any other
She takes me in her lap
I cheer and then clap
She's taught me to stand on my feet
With challenges how should I meet?
I love my mother
More than any other

Parents



Syeda Batool Mehdi
Class IV-B

Parents are a blessing of Allah. They are gift to us. We should always respect and love them. Parents are very caring and loving, they take care of us. Fathers do out door work and mothers manage the house. They help in our studies. They teach and guide us on every step. We are lucky to have parents.

Using Spare Time



Mohammad Ali Mooni
Class IX - A

After a long study time everyone needs some rest and recreation to refresh and recharge. Students can use this time positively if they adopt a creative attitude. Here are some useful tips.

- Join different language/ computer courses
- Participate in sports activities
- Involve yourself in volunteer work e.g. hospitals and community service
- Coach a friend or any one else who needs your support
- Help your family members in house hold work

Friends



Syeda Sadaf Zehra Zaidi
VIII - C

Friends are a special gift of God. Those who do not have friends are very unfortunate. We should be careful in the selection of our friends. If a friend has a bad habit we should try to point it in such a way that is sensible and not offensive. If a friend has good habits, we should learn to adopt it ourselves.

To be good friends, we should always be ready to help our friends, keep their trust by being honest with them.