

# CORE VALUES

## Values of the Month:

Each month, students are exposed to a different value that is used as a springboard for discussion during assemblies and in classroom settings.

Teachers use the values of the month as a basis of spiritual and social awareness, while Religious Studies instructors use stories of the Prophets to exemplify those values. The spotlight is shown on the following ten values:

 **Responsibility - August**

 **Honesty - September**

 **Thankfulness - October**

 **Self-Restraint and Control - November**

 **Fairness and Justice - December**

 **Commitment - January**

 **Generosity - February**

 **Respect - March**

 **Citizenship - April**

 **Kindness and Care - May**

*Students, who exemplify these values through their behavior or deeds, are recognized as recipients of the "Good Character Award" during next month assemblies and join the School Staff each month for lunch as part of the "Lunch Bunch".*

## Selected Themes for School Year

Education is a tollbooth on the road to success! A School Theme is an "*idea in motion.*" School themes will be used to improve learning and create classroom excitement. We believe that *every child deserves a chance to Excel!* We selected themes related to an educational or character building concept. The main purpose of a theme is to promote school spirit... and one of the best ways to do this... is to UNIFY both staff and students. A good school spirit idea is all about being on the same team, and working toward a common goal. There's something else that lies at the very heart of every great school spirit idea...And it's good ol' fashion FUN! School spirit themes inspire and contribute to a very positive learning environment. We have selected the following themes that will be introduced and will be explored as we proceed.

- ✚ August & September: **Ramadan: Qur'an-A-Thon**
- ✚ October: **Looking Ahead**
- ✚ November: **Hajj**
- ✚ December: **Akhlaq: Etiquette**
- ✚ January: **Me, My Family**
- ✚ February: **Healthy Living**
- ✚ March: **Qur'an, Sunnah & Science**
- ✚ April: **Reading is Food for Mind**
- ✚ May: **Volunteering & Community Service.**

☞ **Climb High, See Wide**

## Core Values Attributes

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<u>Month</u>	<u>Value</u>	<u>Attributes</u>
<b>August</b>	<b><i>Responsibility</i></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Be responsible towards God before anybody else</li> <li>• Be responsible for your body, your belongings and the environment</li> <li>• Be responsible for your actions, duties, school and knowledge</li> <li>• Be responsible for your time and money</li> </ul>
<b>September</b>	<b><i>Honesty</i></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Be honest with your words</li> <li>• Be honest with your actions</li> <li>• Be honest and keep your promises</li> <li>• Be honest, it is the best sign of your strength</li> <li>• Be honest, especially when you are tempted not to do so</li> </ul>
<b>October</b>	<b><i>Thankfulness</i></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Be thankful to God for your religion</li> <li>• Be thankful for your health, your mind and for what you have</li> <li>• Be thankful for who you are, your family and your community</li> <li>• Show thankfulness through your deeds and actions</li> </ul>
<b>November</b>	<b><i>Self-Restraint and Control</i></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Think before you act</li> <li>• Control your actions and temptations</li> <li>• Control your words and habits</li> <li>• Control your anger</li> </ul>
<b>December</b>	<b><i>Fairness and Justice</i></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Treat others as equals with fairness and mercy</li> <li>• Treat others as you would like to be treated</li> <li>• Speak justly and be firm in upholding justice</li> <li>• Be fair with all people, good or bad, and be fair with yourself</li> </ul>
<b>January</b>	<b><i>Commitment</i></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Be committed to God and your faith</li> <li>• Be committed to personal excellence and the highest level of learning</li> <li>• Be committed to your family and your community</li> <li>• Demonstrate commitment through your actions</li> </ul>
<b>February</b>	<b><i>Generosity</i></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Give from what God gave you</li> <li>• Give freely, sincerely and without reminders</li> <li>• Give even if what you have is little</li> <li>• Smiling is a form of giving and genuine advice is worth more than money</li> </ul>
<b>March</b>	<b><i>Respect</i></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Show respect to your parents</li> <li>• Show respect to life and property</li> <li>• Show respect for the rights and beliefs of others</li> <li>• Remember that giving advice and correcting the wrong are parts of respect</li> <li>• Remember that to respect others does not mean adopting their lifestyle</li> </ul>
<b>April</b>	<b><i>Citizenship</i></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Be a contributing member in your community and encourage your friends and relatives to be active members of the community too</li> <li>• Dedicate your life to serve truth and justice</li> <li>• Remember your role as a promoter of mercy to human kind</li> </ul>
<b>May</b>	<b><i>Kindness and Care</i></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Be kind to your family, friends and neighbors and to your elders</li> <li>• Be kind to all living things</li> <li>• Be kind in your words and actions</li> <li>• Remember that when you are kind to people, God cares more for you</li> </ul>

# Islamic Morals and Ethics

*All the following ethics and morals are derived from Islamic teaching in the Qur'an and Sunnah of Prophet Muhammad Peace and Blessings of Allah be on him.*

1. Respect the elder and be kind to the younger.
2. Be modest and humble to your parents and teachers.
3. Lower your voice specially when speaking to people older than you.
4. Control your anger. Anger is from the shaitaan.
5. Listen attentively and don't interrupt the speaker.
6. Be always on time.
7. Be organized and clean and keep the space around you organized and clean.
8. Offer to do the good and be helpful to others. Don't expect a return for your good behavior.
9. Don't waste and be economical in spending and using resources, even when using water to make wudu'.
10. Always say the truth, even if you think you would be hurt.
11. Forgive others and find excuses for their mistakes.
12. Reconcile your differences with your friends and relatives.
13. Seek knowledge whenever and wherever possible.
14. Be modest in your dress and gestures.
15. Accept criticism willingly and learn from your mistakes.
16. Be willing to volunteer, offer help and cooperate.
17. Strengthen your body with exercise and be careful with your health.
18. Apologize to others when you make a mistake.
19. Don't ridicule others, and don't backbite.
20. Do your best to excel in everything you learn and do.
21. Show appreciation for everything offered to you (food, gift, prize, etc.)
22. Select your friends on the bases for morals and decency.
23. Be selective. Don't imitate others blindly.
24. Socialize with good friends. Don't isolate yourself.
25. Be kind and helpful to the weak and the poor.
26. Give advice to other in a sincere and decent way.
27. Smile to the face of others.
28. Keep a joyful, but modest atmosphere around you.
29. Remove the obstacles and harmful matters from the way of others.
30. Return the salutation with equal or a better one.