



Oh God, increase my knowledge!

Al Manara Academy

Islamic Faith Based Education

Pre K-8th Grade

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We are currently accepting applications for 2012-2013 academic school year from Pre-K to 8th Grade. For on-line registration visit <http://www.almanara-stl.com/admissions.html>

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Assalamu alaikum wa rahmatullahi wa barakatuh,

The tremendous strides of technology and sciences and excessive indulgence in materialism have a drastic effect in our value system, life style as well as the educational system. As a natural consequence, we find people of all educational level who happen to be Muslims, with no correct understanding of purpose of life. So, it is crucial that we foster an educational environment where kids acquire the Islamic knowledge along with other aspects of beneficial knowledge.

Our Islamic belief is that all knowledge fundamentally comes from Allah Subhanahuta'laa. Allah says,

- "It is only those who have knowledge among His slaves that fear Allah." (Surah Fatir :28)
- "Say : Are those who know equal to those who know not. " (Surah Zumar : 9)

According to Hdith of Prophet Mohammad Sallallahu 'alayhi wa sallam:

- Seeking knowledge is obligatory upon every Muslim. (Ibn Majah)
- If Allah wants to favor someone, He grants him the understanding of this religion. (Bukhari)

The goal of Islamic education is to teach the children the correct Aqeedah and the Sunnah along with the branches of secular knowledge and advanced technology which will enable them to face the challenges of 21st century,

We go through many challenges in our life, small and big, and we must be patient during these times, and continue to put our trust in Allah. Especially, as Muslims who are striving to follow the teachings of the Qur'an and the Sunnah, we should know that Allah will test us in many different ways, to see how strong we are in our Iman and patience. He tells us in the Qur'an, "*Do the people think that they will be left to say, "We believe" and they will not be tried?"* So we know, for sure, that we will be tried. When we are tried and tested, we should know that whatever we have is from Allah; and whatever happens to us, happens by the will of Allah. When we firmly believe in our hearts and express it on our tongues, the rewards from Allah are tremendous.

Please discuss with your child the different challenges that he or she may face in his life; at home or at school, and discuss how he/she should be patient with those trials, and put his/her trust in Allah, so that all of us may be deserving of these rewards that Allah has mentioned in the Ayah above.

--Principal

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Hadith of the Month

"Whoever seeks a way to acquire knowledge Allah will make easy his way to paradise" (Muslim)

Al Manara Academy's Goal

As educators our goal is make the excellence of learning within the Islamic heritage, the foundation of the rigorous academic program that is intended to serve the needs of the modern world without sacrificing moral and spiritual values.

We envision a cooperative learning environment that is based on parent body as well as larger community participation and involvement.

Teachers and Staff

We are very pleased to announce that all homeroom teachers for 1st-8th grade are certified by Missouri Department of Education. These teachers, selected through a competitive interview and evaluation process, are an asset to our school and our community.

In the few weeks since the school has started, all our teachers and staff have proven their devotion and commitment through their hard work, team spirit and positive attitude. They have all gone the extra mile to make sure that things are working smoothly and that the students' needs are attended to. May Allah reward them all in this world and the next.

Sheikh Ibrahim Zidan

As a service to the community, Skh. Zidan is offering halaqa Monday through Thursday after Maghrib prayer. Topics covered are: Quran Tafseer, Aqeedah, Hadith and Fiqh. Visit our website for recorded lectures.

Hajj Workshop

Many of us are planning to perform Hajj this year, with the blessings of Allah. To prepare ourselves and learn more about how to perform Hajj, AMA is holding a workshop.

Saturday September 29th, after Asr (4.30pm) at the academy



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Community Event

- Sheikh Ibrahim Zidan is taking classes for the community, starting 09/17. The classes will continue Monday–Thursday, after Maghrib for the next three weeks.
- Community appreciation Lunch was held at Al Manara Academy on Sunday, 09/23. This was a humble attempt to show our gratitude to everyone who has helped move this project forward, may Allah reward everyone and give baraka in everything we do.
- The Academy hosted an Eid Carnival for Eid al Fitar. This was a fun filled event, with carnival rides, face painting, cotton candy and of course barbecue lunch. This was a well attended event, enjoyed by the community members. This also gave everyone a chance to look at the school premises.

Financial Statement

We believe that it takes a community to raise a child. We try our utmost to admit all the children to Al Manara, irrespective of their economic situation. Thanks to gracious donors, this has been possible. By the grace of Allah, we currently have around 110 student enrolled in our school, from a wide range of backgrounds. For those families that are experiencing financial strain, we offer assistance as these are our brothers and sisters in Islam.

The Academy has developed a financial aid policy and financial needs assessment criteria to support it. Together these form the basis of awarding tuition waivers for students across all grades. For the cases where there are extenuating circumstances, we look for external sponsors. We work with the families to ensure the best for the family and child, this is a partnership based on mutual trust and respect.

We shared our financial position with everyone present at the Appreciation Lunch, we want you to know where your donation funds are going and who is really benefiting from your donations—the children.

Thank you...

Alhamdulillah, Allah has always provided for the families that want to give their children education that is rooted in Islamic faith. Our sponsors and donors are earning hassanat even as you read this; for everything that the students learn-- you have helped them learn, for every good that they do throughout their life and then pass on to others, you have a share and will greet that good inshaAllah in the akhira. This is what you have helped create, may all our efforts be accepted.

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