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# DU Headlines

*Always striving for knowledge, faith, & morality.*

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Sept. 5—No School/Labor Day
- Sept. 10—PTO Meeting (11-12)
- Sept. 19—Picture Day
- Oct. 5—Progress Reports



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## First Days of School!

Assalamu Alaykum wa Rahmatu Allah wa Barakatuh. I thank Allah (swt) for giving us the Imaan and creating us in the Ummah of Prophet Mohammed (saw).

We have had a great opening month for the 2011-2012 school year! I want to compliment our students, faculty, and parents for making the opening day such a success. We are off to a very good start to the school year. It has been great to visit with our students as they re-

turn to school. I have seen some outstanding and positive attitudes from students who are ready to embrace the upcoming school year, Alhamdulillah.



## Eid Mubarak!

I hope that all of you had a wonderful and restful Eid. May Allah accept from us all our good deeds, Ameen.



## Pick Up Parent Asst. Logs Now

Parent Assistance Program Log cards are now ready to be picked up from the office. Please remember that each DU family must complete a total of 20 assistance hours; 10 of which need to be completed by December 19th (1st assistance period) and the other 10 by May 28th

(2nd assistance period). Your hours can be completed by working directly with your child's teachers, through the PTO, board committees, school projects, etc.

Research is clear on the value of parent involvement.

Your participation is an important part of your child's development. We look forward to working with you.

NOTE: All PTO members are exempt from having to fulfill the Parent Assistance Program. First PTO meeting is on September 10.

**"Volunteering is the ultimate exercise in democracy. You vote in elections once a year, but when you volunteer, you vote every day about the kind of community you want to live in." Marjorie Moore**

# Character Counts! - Respect



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During Assembly, we will discuss Character Education traits and how they relate to Islam and our lives. We will include information for the trait we are working in this newsletter every month. I encourage families to extend the discussions about the traits at home. The Character Education traits for this month are respect and responsibility. We should all have:

- Respect for the Quran
- Respect for the Masajid

of Allah

- Respect for Animals (pets that we keep)
- Respect for the Planet

- Don't bully or pick on others.
- Don't judge people before you get to know them.

Respect also means to ...

- Treat others the way you want to be treated.
- Be courteous and polite.
- Listen to what other people have to say.
- Don't insult people, or make fun of them, or call them names.



## Verse of the Month

### Respect

Quran: Allah (swt) says: O you who believe, no people shall ridicule other people, for they may be better than they. Nor shall any women ridicule other women, for they may be better than they. Nor shall you mock one another, or make fun of your names. Evil indeed is the reversion to wickedness after attaining faith. Anyone who does not repent after this, these are the transgressors.

### Responsibility

Quran: Allah (swt) says: "And every person is held responsible for his own actions." (17:13)



## Hadith of the Month

### Respect

The Messenger of Allah said: "He is not one of us who does not show tenderness to the young and who does not show respect to the elder." Hadith from at-Tirmidhi

### Responsibility

The Messenger of Allah said: "Truly every person is responsible and will be asked about the things he was made responsible for, whether he is a leader or a follower." (Muslim)

### QUOTE ABOUT RESPECT:

"THE TRUE MEASURE OF AN INDIVIDUAL IS HOW HE TREATS A PERSON WHO CAN DO HIM ABSOLUTELY NO GOOD.

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# Classroom Newsletters are online now!

Starting new this year, we will be posting classroom newsletters online. Teachers will no longer be sending newsletters to parents' email accounts. They may be accessed by visiting our school website at [dupeoria.org](http://dupeoria.org). Go to

1. Academics
2. Classroom Website
3. Grade/Link

Also available on these websites are homework assignments, blogs, classroom rules, and any other parent information.

In terms of the Principal Newsletter, it will be emailed to all parents at the start of each month as well as posted on our website.



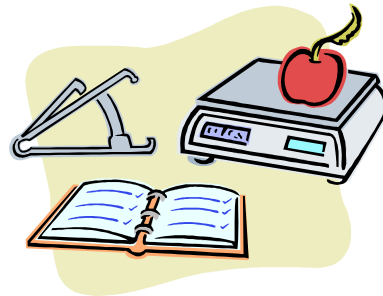
## Parental Tip of the Month!

**Nutrition Matters!**  
Eating healthy won't only make your child healthy it may help her perform better in school.

Research shows that kids who are well nourished:

- *Are better able to concentrate in class.*
- *Have an easier time completing complex tasks.*

- *Earn higher scores on tests.*
  - *Have fewer mood swings.*
- So always start your child's day with a healthy breakfast – and send her off to school ready to learn!



## Picture Day is coming soon!

"Get your smiles ready!" September 19, 2011 is School Picture Day! Professional photographers from Inter-Studio will be taking both pictures of our students and teachers. Order forms were sent out on September 1, 2011. Please be sure to keep these forms. Parents may send them to

school early if they wish. In addition, Parents will be able to choose from a variety of background and packages. For this day only, uniforms are not required; however we do require students to dress Islamically appropriate.

