

# ISSD Newsletter



## N.E.D. takes the stage!



Students were excited to meet Ned when The N.E.D. Show came to ISSD for a very special visit.

N.E.D., an acronym for Never give up, Encourage others, Do your best, is an assembly used to inform students about the importance of making good decisions for themselves, as well as assisting others to do the same.

The presenter used awesome yo-yo tricks to visually demonstrate parts of a story, that encouraged students to be proactive and take responsibility for their choices.

Afterward, three different types of Ned's yo-yo's were available for purchase at school. Students enjoyed playing with and practicing some of the amazing tricks performed during the assembly. ~



## WASC Accreditation Visit

On December 16th, Sandy Drew and Vicki Dickenson, members from the WASC school accreditation team came to ISSD for our initial visit, the first of two visits included in the accreditation process.

The day began with a meeting with some ISSD parents, and the rest of the day was spent walking into and observing each one of our classrooms, sitting in on teachers collaborative meetings, and talking with teachers. On the playground, our visitors were able to observe the students at play, and even ask some how they feel about their school.

Overall the opinions were very positive and the WASC team concluded that they were very impressed with many aspects of our school's functions.

While the process has just begun, and more visits are to be had in the future, we will continue to work on and reach our ESLRs:

Upon graduation from ISSD, students will (insha' Allah):

- Understand and apply Islamic principles in their daily life.
- Be leaders that are active, respectful, and positively engaged community leaders.
- Be critical thinkers, problem solvers, and effective communicators.
- Be academically proficient and self-motivated learners.
- Use and apply knowledge and technology for beneficial purposes. ~

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Ready....Set....Mark  
your calendars!

We will be observing  
the following  
short days and  
vacations during 3rd  
Quarter:



2/11/10 - Short day,  
dismissal at 12:15  
P.M.

2/12/10 - No school

2/15/10 - No school

3/29/10—4/2/10  
Spring Break!

4/9/10 - End of 3rd  
Quarter

**Report cards: Distributed from the classroom  
at dismissal on Friday, February 5th, 2010.**

# Awards Ceremonies!

February 11, 2010

Honor Roll & Attendance Ceremony  
at 8:00 A.M. and Quran & Islamic Studies  
Ceremony at Maghrib

Invitations for the family of winning students will be sent home soon!

- Dropping off lunch, backpacks, class materials? **Parents are NOT ALLOWED to interrupt classes for any reason.** If your child needs something, please leave it in the school office.
- Remember to call the office at (858) 278-7970 to report a child's absence each day that he/she will not attend school in order for it to be recorded as "excused."
- Please contact the school office to schedule an appointment if you need to speak with your child's teachers.

## Box Top Bonanza!



Bring us your Box Tops for Education! Please continue to cut and collect the Box Tops from products such as Cheerios, Go-Gurt, Ziploc bags and containers, and Nature Valley Granola Bars. For a complete list of products with Box Top labels, go to: [www.boxtops4education.com](http://www.boxtops4education.com), click on the tab: All About Box Tops, then select: Participating Products from the list on the left-hand side. Box Tops can be turned in to your child's teacher or to the school office.

In addition, the recycling program continues! Bring empty bottles and cans to the collection bin on the playground. Please be sure to rinse out the containers before dropping them off. ~

## Recipe Roundup!

The PTA is rounding up recipes for the special ISSD Cookbook! Got a great recipe everyone enjoys? Share it! Go to [www.typensave.com](http://www.typensave.com) and log in as [issd-pta](mailto:issd-pta), password is: [issdpta](mailto:issdpta) (no dash separation).

You can also email your recipe to [ptaisssd@gmail.com](mailto:ptaisssd@gmail.com) or hand a typed or written version, including exact measurements and instructions, to Sr. Edesata or Sr. Wafaa. In order for this project to be successful, all families are encouraged to contribute any recipe for a dessert, bread, main course, soup, or cultural favorite!

**The deadline to submit your recipe is February 15th, 2010.**

Once completed, the cookbook will be sold and proceeds will go to the PTA fund for future school projects. ~

## Theme of the Month

Each month at ISSD, a different characteristic is selected and highlighted as a way to reinforce the good qualities of a Muslim. Since September we have focused on Responsibility, Diligence, Integrity, Honesty, and Cooperation. With the Theme of the Month, we hope to be unified in learning and practicing the positive traits which are promoted in Islam. Focusing on one characteristic at a time allows for students to practice the trait all month long. The theme for February is: **FAIRNESS & JUSTICE**. Stop by the school bulletin boards any time to see what students and staff have contributed to the featured theme. ~

## Feeding Hungry Minds

It is important for students to come to school prepared each morning, and this includes bringing along a healthy snack and lunch. Too often, parents are bringing their children to school without food, and then dropping it off at school when the student's lunch time is over. This not only causes a disruption in the classroom, but affects the ability of the child to learn if he or she has not eaten. Parents are asked to stop doing this, and remember to send lunch and snack



in the morning. **New Snapgrades Feature:** Never miss your favorite meal again! The monthly **hot lunch menu** can now be viewed on Snapgrades! Log into your account and click on the tab labeled "calendar". For your convenience, bake sales are now posted on the menu as well! ~

