

# AMS Chronicles

*Engage, Empower and Excel*



## IMPORTANT DATES

- 20 March 2025 - **Responsibility Assembly**
- 21 March 2025 - **Non Instructional Day**
- 24 to 28 March 2025 - **Spring Break**
- 31 March 2025 - **Eid Holiday**
- April 1- Classes resume

## Spotlight: A Fresh Approach to Learning at Ahmadiyya Muslim School

At Ahmadiyya Muslim School, we believe that education is more than just textbooks and lectures—it's about engagement, critical thinking, and real-world application. Our classrooms are dynamic spaces where students collaborate, create, and explore through innovative teaching methods designed to keep learning interactive and meaningful.

This year, we have been engaging in exciting, student-focused activities, including:

- **Project-Based Learning (PBL)** - From designing zoo enclosures, historical reenactments to flower shop, students take ownership of their learning.
- **Technology Integration** - Using Google Classroom, interactive quizzes, and multimedia research, we are bringing the digital world into our lessons.
- **Hands-On Learning** - Art projects, one-point perspective drawings, collaborative murals, and printmaking have allowed students to express their creativity.
- **Inquiry-Based Learning** - Through World News Wednesday and debates on current issues, students developed critical thinking and media literacy.
- **Differentiated Instruction** - We recognize that every student learns differently, so we provide structured writing frameworks, peer collaboration, and one-on-one support to ensure success.

### Masroor Lab: A New Space for STEAM Learning

We are excited to introduce Masroor Lab, a dedicated space for **Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics (STEAM)** learning. This innovative lab is designed to foster **creativity, critical thinking, and hands-on exploration**, providing students with opportunities to engage in **experiments, robotics, coding, design projects, and collaborative problem-solving**. By integrating STEAM education into our curriculum, we aim to inspire curiosity, develop practical skills, and prepare students for the future. Masroor Lab will be a hub for interactive learning, innovation, and discovery, ensuring that students gain both knowledge and real-world application experience.

# Grades in Spotlight

Grade 7 & 8

This past month has been an exciting journey for our Grade 7 and 8 students, filled with enriching learning experiences and hands-on activities that fostered growth and engagement.

One of the most exciting highlights was our students' participation in the CBC Kids News virtual session. This session gave them a behind-the-scenes look at how news is made, helping them understand the role of journalism in society. Inspired by this experience, students have been working on their own student-written newspaper project. They have carefully selected topics of interest, created journalistic questions, and identified experts to interview. Additionally, they have been reading articles from credible sources to gain deeper insight into their chosen topics. However, they have not yet begun writing their articles—this phase will take place after the break, once they have conducted their expert interviews and gathered all necessary information to put the pieces of the puzzle together. The anticipation is high as students prepare to bring their articles to life in the coming weeks.



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Another major focus this month has been the Arabic program, which has been laying a strong foundation for language acquisition. This gradual and structured approach ensures that students develop confidence in their Arabic reading and writing abilities, setting them up for success as they progress through the course.



## Grade in Spotlight

Students have also been engaging in short listening and pronunciation exercises, which help them develop a natural flow when speaking the language. By reinforcing the connection between spoken and written Arabic, students are being guided to recognize patterns that will aid in future comprehension.

As we reflect on this past month, we are proud of the dedication and enthusiasm our students have shown in their learning. Their curiosity and willingness to explore new concepts have been inspiring. We look forward to another month of growth, exploration, and new opportunities for our Grade 7 and 8 learners, as they continue developing valuable skills in both literacy and language acquisition!

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## Calgary Climbing Centre Hanger

Another memorable experience this past month was the field trip to Calgary Climbing Centre on January 28th and 29th. Students had the opportunity to challenge themselves in a fun and physically engaging environment, learning the basics of rock climbing while building perseverance and teamwork skills. The experience pushed many students beyond their comfort zones, fostering resilience and confidence as they reached new heights—both literally and figuratively! This trip not only promoted physical fitness but also encouraged students to support and motivate one another, reinforcing the importance of perseverance and collaboration.



# Virtue of the Month

## Patience

Allah the Almighty says in the Holy Quran. “And We will try you with something of fear and hunger, and loss of wealth and lives, and fruits; but give glad tidings to the patient, Who, when a misfortune overtakes them, say, ‘Surely, to Allah we belong and to Him shall we return’” (2:156-157).

Hazrat Musleh Maud says:

“Allah the Almighty grants victories to only those who are steadfast in their faith, whose level of patience is very high, who have firm faith in Almighty Allah’s promises, in whom temporary hardships and sufferings instil a new life, and who are aware that the [opposition] is in fact serving as a ‘manure’ for them. Therefore, it is our duty to continue enduring temporary trials and afflictions with patience and steadfastness and to pay more attention to our prayers”.



## Important Date or Events

- **Puzzlers Club** - March 6th & 20th (Thursdays)
- **Nazm Club** - March 11th, 13th, 18th & 20th (Tuesdays and Thursdays)
- **Gardening Club** - March 12th & 19th (Wednesdays)