

# ***Guide Academy***



## **FUN FACT**

**THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER IS THE MONTH FOR MIGRATION. BIRDS AND OTHER SPECIES OFTEN MIGRATE DUE TO THE COLD WEATHER THAT AWAITS THEM!**

**SALAM ALAYKUM DEAR READERS, WE WOULD LIKE TO WELCOME YOU TO THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR OF GUIDE ACADEMY. AS WE JUMP INTO THE YEAR, WE ARE EXCITED TO SEE FAMILIAR FACES BACK AND NEW STUDENTS AND FAMILIES JOINING OUR COMMUNITY. WE HOPE YOU ENJOY IT!**

# ***THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER***



## ***NEW TEACHERS IN THE 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR***

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**THIS SCHOOL YEAR, WE HAD THE HONOR OF WELCOMING THREE NEW  
TEACHERS TO OUR SCHOOL.**

Mr. Jerry Kuznik is a software developer and the author of several short stories and poems. Earned his bachelor's degree in Theology from the University of Vanguard. He enjoys reading, walking, and spending time with his family and his pets. He teaches Language & Literature for 8th and 10th grade.



Mrs. Aya Bahsoun is a former Arabic teacher and has a masters in Arabic from the University of Lebanon. She has been teaching Arabic and Geography for 11 years in Lebanon. She enjoys playing sports and reading in her free time. She is teaching Arabic from KG - 6th, French, and Quran for all grades from KG - 10th grade.



Mrs. Iman El-Rahim is our new Office Administrator. She holds a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration. She enjoys spending time with family and friends, and helps the community with several volunteering jobs.



Mrs. Hoda Javeherian is the PreK and KG homeroom teacher. She has a Masters of Arts in psychology and is a graduate from Cal state Long Beach. She has been an Elementary and KG teacher for around 4 years. She enjoys reading and exercising in her free time.





# ***IN LOVING MEMORY OF MRS. SHEPARD***

**It is with deep sorrow that we announce the passing away of one of our great teachers, Mrs. Martha Shepard. Mrs. Shepard was a very kind and loving teacher and a great touch to the school. She was loved by all and will be missed by everyone.**

**Mrs. Shepard taught the lower elementary and KG classes. She was an inspiration to all the students as she taught multiple subjects including English, History, Geography, and more.**

**Here are some words from our younger students about Mrs. Shepard.**

**Hadi F:** Mrs Shepard was my favorite teacher, she helped me with my lessons, and whenever I needed help.

**Amina:** I liked the lessons she taught us and all the storytelling she did with us. It was one of my favorite things to do with her.

**Everyone remembers that at dismissal time, Mrs. Shepard used to say; “Don’t have a good day, Make a good day!”**

**She will be dearly missed!**



# ***THE MONTH OF OCTOBER***



## ***BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT***

The back-to-school night program was held on Friday, October 11th, from 5 to 7 pm. Teachers had a specific time slot to meet with the students' parents to discuss what they would be teaching and their expectations throughout the year. The birth of our 11th imam, Imam Hasan Al Askari was also celebrated. Imam Hasan Al Askari is the father of current imam, Imam Mahdi (May god hasten his reappearance).



## ***ARTIST OF THE MONTH***

LEONARDO DA VINCI WAS BORN IN 1452 AND DIED IN 1519. LEONARDO WAS BORN IN VINCE, ITALY, HE STUDIED ANATOMY, PHYSICS, AND NATURE, WHICH HE INCLUDED INTO HIS ARTWORK. TWO OF HIS MOST FAMOUS PAINTINGS INCLUDE MONA LISA AND THE LAST SUPPER DUE TO THEIR TECHNIQUE AND EMOTIONAL DEPTH. LEONARDO'S NOTEBOOK ILLUSTRATED HIS INVENTIONS OF EARLY FLYING MACHINES, MILITARY EQUIPMENT, AND HYDRAULIC SYSTEMS. THESE MACHINERIES WERE WORKED ON CENTURIES AFTER HIM. HE WOULD STUDY ANATOMY AND DRAW DETAILED SKETCHES WHILE DISSECTING. OVERALL, LEONARDO'S IDEAS IMPACTED ART, SCIENCE, AND ENGINEERING.



# ***STUDENT INTERVIEWS***

## **What do you like about this school?**

**Amina Z:** I like the teachers and friends who always play with me during recess.

**Nabiha:** My friends are always nice and I love my classes here.

**Ali J:** I Like how small the school is so I never get lost

## **What do you wish you could add?**

**Amina Z:** I wish we had more class pets like cats or bunnies in this school.

**Nabiha:** I wish there were more people in the school.

**Ali J:** If I could add something, I would make math more fun like a learning game. Prodigy is a good example of learning while having fun.

## **What was one thing that inspired you?**

**Amina Z:** One thing that inspired me was Mrs. Sheapard even if she wasn't my teacher, she helped me a lot in kindergarten

**Nabiha:** Some animals inspire me because of how they survive in life and work together as a family.

**Ali J:** My friends that I made at this school helped me learn a lot of things and they inspire me.

