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Participation of **100+** Campuses in TKS In-house Training



## Chairman's Message



“ Beginning of another year is a memorable event in the life of young children who are studying at The Knowledge School. Parents curiously note every development taking place in the learning of their star children. They are keen to see that their children are doing better than others and picking up the pace faster and achieving higher and higher milestones. We share the same dreams and enthusiastically work for meeting the aspirations of parents and ambitions of young pupils.

The Team TKS at headquarters is even more committed and greatly excited to have another year at command and geared to meet the expectations in the best possible manner. The networks associates are looking forward to develop their institutions in a holistic manner as hub of knowledge and a bay for development of learning abilities.

Our teachers stand more experienced and more proficient in transforming the future of our pupils every day every hour.

**Welcome to 2018, a year of enhanced learning at TKS. ”**

**Prof Dr Hasan Sohaib Murad**  
Chairman  
The Knowledge School Network



## TKS Achievement at a Glance 2017



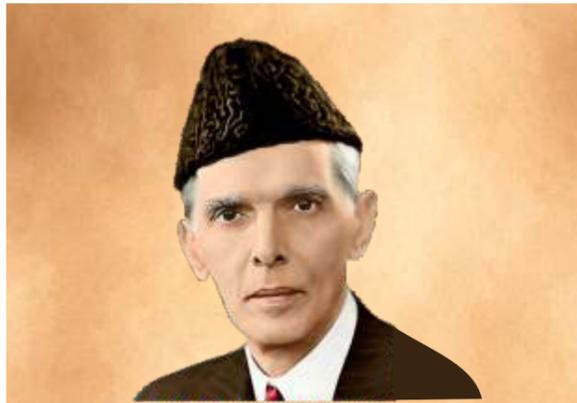
Evaluation of **75+** Campuses by Head Office



Participation of **700+** Teachers in TKS In-house Training

# Quaid-e-Azam Day Celebration

The Knowledge School (TKS) comprises a network of educational institutions strives to provide quality education. TKS ensures holistic development in students' personality to make them responsible and dynamic members of society. The national day of Pakistan is celebrated to mark the nationhood as Pakistanis. By celebrating national occasion, students get aware of the glorious and inspiring past of Pakistan and the supreme sacrifices rendered by our great leaders to achieve independence of the country. The Knowledge School Network celebrated Quaid-e-Azam Day to commemorate the birth anniversary of the



## Quaid's Message for Students

“ Quaid-e-Azam Mohammad Ali Jinnah advised students to develop a sound sense of discipline, character, initiative and a solid academic background. You must devote yourself whole-heartedly to your studies, for that is your first obligation to yourselves, your parents and to the State. You must learn to obey for only then you can learn to command. ”

Father of the nation, Mohammad Ali Jinnah with great devotion. On this auspicious occasion, TKS students sung national songs portraying nationalistic spirit and highlighting the messages of Quaid-e-Azam for the progress, development and prosperity of Pakistan. Students dressed up in colorful costumes and performed various cultural programs to represent the culture of four provinces of Pakistan. Quiz competition was also conducted at TKS campuses based on Quaid's life, struggle for independence of Pakistan, legacy and historical view.



# Allama Iqbal Day Celebration

The man who conceived the idea of a separate homeland for the Muslims of sub-continent; the man who empowered Muslim Youth with the armor of unflinching faith deeply coated with a rich sense of selfhood and the man who made the Muslims realize that they are actually the 'Mard-e-Momin' whose foremost obligation is nothing else than exploring the new horizons with a sharp vision as that of 'Shaheen' could be no one else, but IQBAL, the great poet of EAST...!!! TKS has always been active in the promotions of Iqbal's literature and poetry as a part of our cultural heritage. In order to retain the essence of our cultural identity among students, Iqbal Day was celebrated at TKS with much reverence and solemnity. TKS students performed a vast array of moral based inspirational skits, speeches on Iqbal's dream and today's Pakistan, Quiz Competition on Iqbal's Life,

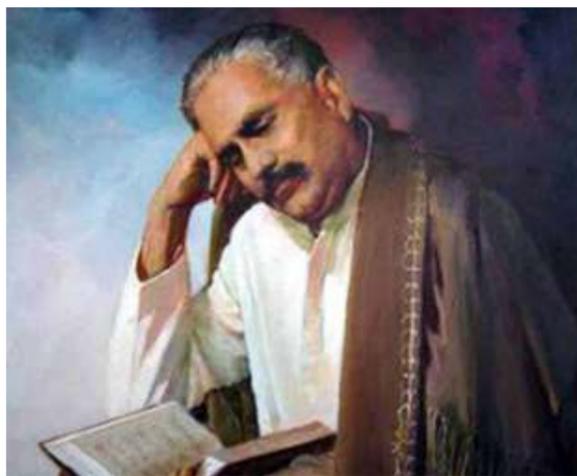


tableau performance on "Bachche ki Dua", "Parinday ki Faryad" and sung patriotic songs. Interactive and informative session of "Bait Bazi" was also organized to attract students towards Urdu Poetry on "Iqbal Day" and make them understand his life and personality. Students memorized and recited verses of Allama Iqbal beautifully.



Moosa Campus



National Campus



Omer Campus



Shalamar Campus



Fatima Campus



Shorkot Cantt Campus

## Campus Activities

### Winter Gala

To celebrate the charms of winter, the Winter Gala was celebrated at TKS campuses with great enthusiasm. Teachers setup stalls and prepared food items with the help of students that were associated with the winter season. Furthermore, students enjoyed many activities such as bonfire, ball bouncing, dart game board, etc. Overall, the activities met their objective of teaching students about various winter food items.



### Grandparents Day

Moving ahead with our TKS mission of nurturing children as happy, respectful and responsible citizens, TKS Fatima campus took another step in this direction by celebrating 'Grandparents' Day' on Friday, December 15, 2017. Making students feel that grandparents are not only the grandparents, they are our inspiration, our guide and angel who are always there to understand and support them.

### Black Day

TKS students paid glowing tribute to the martyrs of Peshawar's Army Public School. Through their presentation, the students showed sympathy towards the parents and relatives of the APS martyrs. They also send out the message that the nation is united to eradicate the menace of terrorism from the country.



### Fun Fair

TKS Gulbahar Campus, Peshawar, treated students with fantastic annual fun fair on December 9, 2017. Many exciting activities like games, face painting and mouth-watering food stalls were displayed for the kids' enjoyment.

### Eid Milad-un-Nabi

Naat competition was held at TKS Campuses to celebrate Eid Milad-un-Nabi. The aim and objective of holding Naat competition was to involve students to

know about the significance of the day and enlighten them with the importance of our beloved Holy Prophet (PBUH)'s life and achievements.



### Appreciation Day

Appreciation Day was celebrated at TKS Campuses to strengthen the bond between teachers and students, and teachers and principals. To acknowledge each other's efforts, teachers and students made cards for one another. Teachers were also encouraged by their school's principals.

### Color of the Day

With an objective to recapitulate and reinforce the effects of different colors, TKS campuses celebrated "Color of the Day" along with number of activities. Classrooms were beautifully decorated with different color objects, ribbons and soft toys. Students were also given a thorough understanding of colors through different learning activities.



### Art Activity

TKS promotes arts and craft education because it is necessary to nurture young minds to visualize the world differently. Arts and crafts activities are great for students to practice academic and artistic skills, express creativity and their emotions.



### School Field Trips

School field trips play a significant role in reinforcing classroom knowledge in students' day to day life. Students get opportunity to have hand-on industry experience of what they are being taught in the classroom and it has proven to be a great way of understanding topics better.



### TKS Cricket Fest 2017

Under the auspices of The Knowledge School Network, Head Office, TKS Cricket Fest 2017 was organized at the UMT Greens on November 11, 2017. Following eight cricket teams from different Campuses participated in the tournament: TKS Shalamar Campus, TKS Quaid Campus, TKS Pattoki Campus, TKS Okara Campuses, TKS Kaiwan Campus, TKS Johar Campus and TKS Alqalam Campus with great zeal and enthusiasm. Prof Dr Hasan Sohaib Murad, Chairman ILM Trust, graced the occasion by his presence and inaugurated the program by Ribbon Cutting Ceremony. TKS Cricket Fest 2017 was won by Kaiwan Campus.

### Sports Day

Different campuses of TKS celebrated sports day with great zeal and enthusiasm. The series of games and activities were organized by campuses like cricket, running race, balloon blast, aerobics, three legged race, hurdle race, tug of war, sack race, hand ball, etc.



What's New?

**Life and Learning**

The Knowledge School strives to provide value-based education to empower our students and enabling them to realize their full potential. To accomplish this mission, TKS is introducing the "Life and Learning" program which is packed with information tailored to deal with different life challenges effectively. This course aims to give each student the opportunities to receive individualized tools that emphasize daily living, personal, social and occupational skills.

**Brain Hunt**

The Knowledge School Head Office is committed to provide the best possible opportunities to all its campuses to excel in both teaching and student attainment. To accomplish our objective, TKS Brain Hunt has been designed to prepare students to achieve the best results in the region. The main purpose of TKS Brain Hunt is to bring sense of competition among the students and attract the best brains from other schools, and well-prepare them to bring laudable results for TKS campuses.

**School Management System**

Beginning from the Academic year 2018 – 2019, TKS Head Office launches the School Management System. This is a great move towards use of technology in TKS schools. The main aim to implement the School Management System is to ease out on the paper work of the schools and to streamline the flow of information. The areas focused on by the School Management System are: – Admissions – Exams – Time tabling – HR – Accounts etc.

**5 Educational Concepts we Need to Eliminate in 2018**

Posted on November 24, 2017 by David Franklin

It has been a year since I published the article "5 educational concepts we need to eliminate in 2017." It has been read and shared over 40,000 times since its publication. The feedback received from this article has given me much to write about over the past year, with many other articles from The Principal's Desk originating from these exchanges. With 2018 fast approaching, I have five more educational practices to look at in order to reform our educational system and improve our schools.

Here are 5 educational concepts we need to eliminate in 2018.

**1. Tardy Slips**

Many schools have a policy that states a child must go to the front office to get a tardy slip when they arrive late to school. While I can understand this if the child is more than 15 minutes late, I don't understand this when a child is just a minute or two tardy. The child has already missed the beginning of the instructional day. Why are we having them miss a more instructional minutes by having them walk up to the office to get a pass that state exactly what we already know? With most schools using electronic attendance systems, a teacher can easily change a student from absent to tardy from their own computer. Furthermore, most teachers don't take roll in the first few minutes of class so this change in coding is not necessary. Let's not make the child miss out on more than they already have. Additionally, unless the child is driving themselves to school, the tardiness is more likely due to the parents than the child.

**2. Zero Points for Late Work**

Assignments have due dates for a reason. Providing students with the responsibility of turning in work on time is teaching them an important life skill. However, by a teacher stating that they don't accept any late work causes two separate problems:

- The learning opportunity is taken away. A child will quickly realize that they shouldn't waste their time completing an assignment that won't be accepted.
- A zero can greatly affect their grade. Turning in an assignment a day or two late should not drastically impact their grade if the work is strong.

The focus must always remain on the learning opportunity, not the grade. We also need to stop telling students that in the "real world" that their boss will not accept late work and that they will be fired. We all know this is not true. While we should not allow students to make turning in work late a habit, we don't need to come down hard on them for it happening every once in awhile.

**3. Trading Electives for Extra Math and Language Arts Classes**

In the wake of high stakes standardized testing, many school districts have opted for students taking an extra period of support math or language arts rather than an elective course. The research is very clear that a strong background in music, art, dance, or drama supports the curriculum for math, language arts, science, and social studies classrooms. Furthermore, for some students, their elective class is why they come to school at all. Let's not take these engaging, fun, and beneficial courses away from our students.

**4. Strict Pacing Guides**

Pacing guides need to be used as guides, not bibles. They should never be set in stone. However, I am seeing a disturbing trend in new curriculum that has pre planned lectures, worksheets, and homework calendared out for the entire year. Teachers are forced to finish lessons, units, chapters, and assessments in prescribed amounts of time. We know that children learn at different rates. If a concept is not understood, we must allow



teachers the time to re-teach the concept, not force them to move on. This notion brings up the classic "I Love Lucy" episode where she is trying to package the chocolate that is coming down to conveyor belt, but can't keep up.

**5. Overemphasizing Coding in Elementary Schools**

First off, I am a proponent of computer science education for all students. However, I also believe that there is a time and place. Putting elementary school students in front of a computer for an hour one time per year and having them play a computer game that introduces the concept of coding is fine, but let's be honest about the impact.

They are not learning to code. I believe that this time could be best followed up by teaching children about the history of computers and how this technology has changed our world. We need to build in a context for what they are doing. Technology education should be embedded throughout the grade levels in the curriculum, not as a standalone activity. This can be accomplished by having students engaged in maker spaces building circuits, simple robots, and dissecting computers parts.

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**Key Dates**

- January 3, 2018  
**CPDP 10**
- January 05, 2018  
**Celebrate Quaid Day**
- January 05, 2018  
**Quiz on Quaid Day**
- January 06, 2018  
**CPDP-9**
- January 8/10, 2018  
**Mathletics (School Based)**
- January 8-12, 2018  
**Mid Term Assessment-3 (MTA)**
- January 15/16, 2018  
**Art & Science Exhibition (School Based)**
- January 19, 2018  
**Celebration of 4 Seasons**
- January 20, 2018  
**PTM-5**
- January 27, 2018  
**Final Art & Science Exhibition**
- January 27, 2018  
**Final Mathletics**
- February 2, 2018  
**Professions Day**
- February 12 – 23, 2018  
**Final Term Examination (ETA)**
- March 03, 2018  
**Final Term Result +PTM-6**

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