

Covid Testing

As of December 2020, Erie County has been cleared from all colored zones! As a result, testing will be on hold unless we are placed into a color zone again. All students who were remote as result of the orange zone may return to hybrid status. To make this change please contact administration. For any questions please contact our Covid-19 point person Zahir Lewis at (716)-597-0102 (Ext 134) or by email at zlewis@myuniversalschool.org.

Black History Month: "3 Great Black/African Supporters"

Zaid Ibn Haarithah

"Son" of Muhammad (Peace and blessings be upon him)

Known as Zaid Ibn Muhammad- a black Arab- was the only person to ever been called the adopted son of the Prophet (Peace and blessings be upon him)

He is also the only known companion to be mentioned in the Qur'aan (33:40) by name.

He rose from being a slave to being the commander of the Muslim army in many battles. He led and died in the battle of Mu'tah where his 18 year old son witnessed him fall. His son, Usamah, later became leader of the Muslim forces against the Byzantine Greeks. 'Umar loved Usamah more than his own son because of how much Prophet Muhammad (Peace and blessings be upon him) loved him and his father, Zaid

Barakah Umm Ayman

"Mother" of Muhammad (Peace and blessings be upon him)

The miraculous woman (servant from Ethiopia) was blessed by Allah to live from the time of Prophet Muhammad's grandfather all the way until the time of the Caliphate of 'Uthman. She witnessed the entire life of the Prophet Muhammad (Peace and blessings be upon him).

Prophet Muhammad (Peace and blessings be upon him) referred to her as, "My mother after my mother" and "a woman of paradise."

She used to take care of soldiers in battles. She married a warrior and gave birth to a warrior- Zaid, and Usamah Ibn Zaid.

She took care of young Rasulullah (Peace and blessings be upon him) when his mother passed away when he was six. After Muhammad (Peace and blessings be upon him) passed away, she cried saying, "... what is with Allah is better for His messenger. I cry because the descent of revelation from heaven has stopped."

Asham Ibn Abjar

First Muslim King

He was the Christian King/Negus of Ethiopia who protected the Muslim refugees when they migrated from the unjust society of Mekkah

He won a civil war between the Trinitarian and Monotheistic Christians, and later became Muslim after receiving a letter from Rasulullah (Peace and blessings be upon him).

King Asham conducted the marriage between Muhammad (Peace and blessings be upon him) and Umm Habeebah.



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