

Gurban Holiday

A Prophet Ibrahim had no children. He always prayed God to give him a child and he thought that if he had a child he would sacrifice his child. One day he had a son. He decided to name him Ismayil. When his son was ten, he took him to the desert. Ibrahim told his son about his idea. Ismayil was a brave boy. He wasn't afraid of anything and agreed with his father. He laid and asked his father to cut his head. When his father took the knife and wanted to cut his son's head, he stopped. The God sent sheep from the sky. Ibrahim understood everything and became very happy. He sacrificed the sheep. After sacrificing he gave this sheep to poor people and made them happy too. After that day all the Muslims celebrate his holiday as "Gurban Bayrami"

This holiday teaches us the followings:

- 1. To be friendly*
- 2. To understand poor people's feelings.*
- 3. To pray and believe God*

EEC students congratulate everybody with this splendid Muslim Holiday.

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News from Madrasa Celebration of the New Year and Solidarity Day of all Azerbaijanis

On December 15 Madrasa students celebrated New Year and Solidarity Day of all Azerbaijanis at Baku Slavic University.

This holiday was held in a large hall on the fourth floor. They decorated the hall with lots of pictures, balls, New Year toys and etc. The holiday lasted for three hours and was very successful. The students from different regions of Azerbaijan: Qabala, Lenkaran, Sheki, Ganja, Khachmaz, Nardaran, Mashtaga participated in this holiday. All the students were very active. They answered the questions, danced, sang songs, recited poems and etc. There were all the symbols of New Year – Santa Claus, Snow Maiden Christmas tree and etc. It was a great holiday for us.

Sayings about the Education

(By Nemat Agalli, EEC)

My dear, Education is a light in the darkness,
Study, Study and never stop to Study
Education is a friend in bad times
Education is a weapon for a human
Study, Study and never stop to Study.

These sayings were translated from Arabic by Nemat Agalli.

News from the Qizildash Gurban Holiday Celebration in Novkhani

(By Oleg Voronin)

On the 21st of December I and Elvin were invited to Novkhani for celebrating Gurban Holiday. I thank all the people who helped us. They gave us clothes, food and money. We spent a really good time being there.

On the 22nd of December teachers: Nushaba xanim and Ragsana xanim celebrated Gurban Holiday in Qizildash. They invited all the students (orphans for lunch). The children were very happy.

The Prayer

I am praying to God for one thing,
To protect the people that I love
so much.

May they never be unhappy.
May their faces never age.
And may I go to a far away
country,

So I can forget these sorrows,
And remember only the good
things.

This is my precious dream.

But if I don't see these people
again,

How can I return goodness to
them a hundred times over?

Protect, o God those people who I
love.

Jokes:

Taking the final exam

Two college basketball players were taking an important final exam. If they failed, they would be on academic probation and not allowed to play in the big game the following week. The exam was fill-in-the-blank.

The last question read, "Old MacDonald had a _____."

Bubba was stumped. He had no idea what to answer. But he knew he needed to get this one right to be sure he passed.

Making sure the professor wasn't watching, he tapped Tiny on the shoulder. "Pssst. Tiny. What's the answer to the last question?"

Tiny laughed. He looked around to make sure the professor hadn't noticed then he turned to Bubba. "Bubba, you're so stupid. Everyone knows Old MacDonald had a FARM."

"Oh yeah," said Bubba. "I remember now."

He picked up his No. 2 pencil and started to write the answer in the blank. He stopped. Tapping Tiny's shoulder again, he whispered, "Tiny, how do you spell farm?"

"You are really dumb, Bubba. That's so easy. Farm is spelled E-I-E-I-O."

Preparation for the 4th EEC Conference

The 4th Conference of EEC will be held on 2 February 2008 at Baku Slavic University. The name of the conference is «Empowering Youth in EEC». EEC students are preparing for this conference a lot. Many topics have already been prepared. If you want to join the students and take part in this conference, please contact AzETA and EEC.

Celebration of the New Year in EEC

On the 23rd of December EEC celebrated New Year in the students circle. The holiday was very marvelous and all the children gathered together and congratulated each other. They sang songs, danced and had a really good time being together.

EEC wishes Holidays

On New Year EEC wishes all the people to get a lot of new ideas, new experience and a great success
On Solidarity Day EEC wishes all the people to be happy, friendly and love one another