

Madina Insider

Message From The Principal

Save The Date

- Practices for the girls basketball begin April 13th
- Boys soccer and basketball practices to be announced
- April 10th: Multicultural Fair
- April 20th: School level Science Fair
- April 20th: Students' accreditation celebration
- April 20th: Teachers' PD (Afternoon)
- May 20th: IOWA testing

Asalamu Alikoum

I would like to start off by thanking all of you who came out on March 20th to celebrate our school accreditation at the accreditation banquet.

We will be welcoming spring very soon with the start of our sports program. We will be offering basketball and soccer for elementary and middle school students. Based on interest we will create our final teams. PTS has graciously offered to sponsor an Athletic Director. We will soon inshallah be making the official welcome and introduction of our Athletic Director.

The best reward Allah gives me for serving the children of Madina Academy is seeing them successful. I witnessed the tremendous success of a large group of our middle school students who partic-

ipated in the CT Science and Engineering fair a few weeks ago.

As the school year comes to a quick end, I want every parent and student to start reflecting over this school year. Parents, I want you to start thinking about what will make Madina Academy even more attractive and enjoyable for you and your children. I look forward to hearing and reading your suggestions and feedback. Please feel free to schedule a time to meet with me, or simply email me at principalhady@madinaacademy.org.

Getting accredited is the first step in our long journey of moving from good to great. We are currently working on curriculum review for all grade levels to ensure that our curriculum is rigorous.

Inshallah we will be opening the doors to our Madina Academy Pre-School, for children ages 3-5 in September of 2015. If you, or anyone that you know, is interested in enrolling their child in our pre-school please call the school to put down your name on our interest list. Our pre-school will provide a high quality, developmentally appropriate, early childhood program. The pre-school will educate children in a positive Islamic, emotional and social environment that is creative and cognitively stimulating while supporting each child's individual culture.

Looking forward to seeing everyone on April 10th at 1:30 p.m. for our annual Multicultural Fair.

Principal Hady

Letter from the Editors

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Assalamualaikum, Alhamdulillah, about two weeks ago Madina Academy held a banquet in celebration of our recent accreditation. It was scheduled to take place on the "first day of spring" but by the will of Allah, it snowed that very day. However, all guests and members who had RSVP'd made the effort and joined us on the momentous occasion. The banquet began with a warm welcome delivered by our very own Principal Hady and she introduced Ms. Susie Hassan, who did a great job of keeping the guests entertained and enthralled throughout the night. We showcased a video which showed the highlights of Madina Academy and how we have risen and will continue to

succeed, Inshallah. Principal Hady gave the School address – speaking on the school and her experience. We saw the dedication and work that both she and all the faculty members put into the accreditation process. We then heard from Br. Rehan Ashraf who gave a succinct yet to the point delivery of the school's history: where we began and where we have come thus far. Starting from a masjid basement, to a large and open campus which hosts a blessed body of students ready to take on and succeed in the world. Mayor Donald Trinks of Windsor made an appearance to show his heartfelt support and compliments on our recent milestone. He rejoiced in telling us that we were certainly part of the community since the day we began on

our journey and we continue to have his support. The night ended with Dr. Kamal Ali who is a professor at Westfield University. We heard inspiring and thoughtful words from him as he compared his experience to the school's and shared his hopes for Madina Academy. Overall, it was a great night and may Allah continue to grant Madina Academy success and give all those who are a part of it reward in this life and in the hereafter. Ameen.

By: Rayyan Ashraf, Haarith Vohra & Shakeel Choudhury (Gr. 12)

Letters to Grade 5 From Middle School



Dear Fifth Graders, Fifth grade to sixth grade is a massive change. Moving from class to class, middle school requires responsibility to become a great student. I know for a fact all of

you fifth graders will turn out to be spectacular from 6th to 8th, but I am here to inform you of all the changes that you will face.

Recess will be taken out of the system, but you will have Gym. Gym will be very similar to recess; on the other hand, fitness will be required by all of you to participate in recreation-

al time. There are so many ways to succeed in middle school and it starts with you caring about your homework, class work, and subjects that you study. You will notice that you are receiving more homework, but if you do not understand what was included in the homework, then the teachers are happy to assist you.

Middle School is easier than you think. Just aim high and try your best to be the best!

By: Dawud Zakir (Gr. 7)



Dear grade 5,

Jumping from the ridges of elementary school to the heights of middle school is a major responsibility. Welcome to the complicated twists and turns of middle school. They consist of maturity, great academics, and organization. As 6th grader, I had to be mature, well-behaved and keep my grades from plummeting. These are all pillars of middle school. If one collapses, the rest do too. In middle school, teachers value behavior and academics. Your conduct counts! Bad behavior can ruin your grades even if you get full marks on your assignments. .

Let's move on to the teachers and how you get them to like you. They all want you to behave in their classes. Starting with Ms. Susie, who wants you to read, read, and read! Reading will help you excel in writing, enhance your vocabulary and grammar. Oh, I almost forgot, always apply what Ms. Susie teaches you and never ever give Ms. Susie an essay that lacks commas, capitalized letters, and topics. She says these pieces of writing can make a human puke. Ms. Susie loves the students that try their best in

her class and of course, the ones that have writing that intrigues her. Moving on to Ms. Salwa, who dislikes it when students are disruptive. She doesn't care as much if you're smart or not, but cares more about your behavior. She loves to see a struggling student try their best. As to Ms. Ibsam, she wants everyone to try hard, the same as Ms. Salwa. Br. Esslam is a teacher that loves calmness in his class. He wants you to pay attention and apply what he teaches you. As for Ms. Summiya, she wants

you to complete all her work and behave in class. Now, that's how easy middle school can be. All you need to do is be a well-behaved student, complete your work and the rest of the year will be easy for you. As Ms. Susie always says, "May Allah be with you!"

By: Al Yaman Zoghol (Gr. 6)

Bushnell Play Review



Harriet Tubman and the Underground Railroad

What makes a play outstanding? An example would most defiantly be a play titled *Harriet Tubman and the Underground Railroad*, which was performed at the Bushnell. The stage set-up itself was perfection. The usage of minimal props showcased the imagination and creativity used throughout the entire play. On the other hand, the sudden flourish were delightful yet, poorly timed.

The actors are a completely separate story. They were able to accomplish their two main goals.

First, they kept their audience intrigued. The actors literally spoke to their audience. Also, the emotion they expressed had moved everyone. They were able to bring the audience to tears. That is truly the definition of an outstanding play.

By: Asma A. (Gr.7)

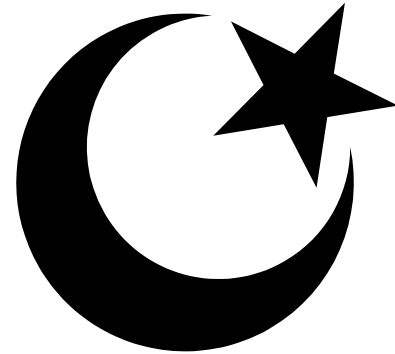
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Fact of the Month:

If you were to remove all of the empty space from the atoms that make up every human on earth, the entire world population could fit into an apple.

Hadith of the Month:

While ‘Umar ibn Al-Khattab was delivering the Khutbah on a Friday, a man entered the mosque. ‘Umar asked him, “What has detained you from the prater?” The man said, “It was only when I heard the Athan I performed ablution (for the prater).” On that, ‘Umar said, “Did you not hear the Prophet ﷺ saying: ‘Anyone of you going out for Jummah prayer should take a bath?’”

Quote of the Month:

“Efforts and courage are not enough without purpose and direction.” - John F. Kennedy



Joke of the Month: Why did the farmer wear one boot to town?

Because he heard there would be a 50% chance of snow.



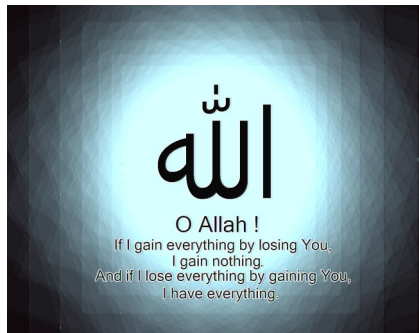
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We appreciate the trust that you have put in us to educate your children. The vision of Madina Academy is to graduate generations of scholars who have a strong Muslim identity, and are ready to compete in the global society. Madina Academy is dedicated to arming students with the necessary tools and resources needed to be globally competitive, college and career ready, and productive Muslim citizens.

This newsletter is created by the students of Madina Academy. If you have a story that you would like us to consider for our monthly newsletter please e-mail your story to principalhady@madinaacademy.org for review and approval.



Love Madina Academy? Absolutely. Absolutely, Love Madina Academy.



Reminders

- School begins at 8:00 a.m.
- School dismisses at 3:30 p.m.
- All students must be picked up and dropped off at the back entrance.
- Non-Uniform jackets and sweaters will not be allowed inside the classrooms.
- If you are interested in being an active PTS member please e-mail pts@madinaacademy.org

Student of the Month



Safiyah Antoin-Mars

She was caught eating healthy.

Challenge Yourself!

How many chapters are in the Quran?

-114

-30

-6666

The first student to bring to the principal the correct answer to the "challenge yourself" question will receive an award and will be recognized in the upcoming edition of Madina Insider.