

Madina Insider

Message From The Principal

Save The Date

- January 31st marks the end of our second quarter
- School wide writing prompt February 12th
- Muslimah night Jan 31st
- March 4th, Middle School field trip

Asalamu Alikoum,

After every storm, comes sunshine and after every hardship, comes relief from Allah SWT. A few weeks ago, we have experienced a major fail in our heating system; to many this was a catastrophe! It was a storm casting a dark feeling of possibly never seeing sunshine again. However, as we were always promised by Allah(SWT), after every hardship, we must experience relief. "So verily, with the hardship, there is relief, Verily, with the hardship, there is relief" فَإِنَّ مَعَ الْعُسْرِ يُسْرًا إِنَّ مَعَ الْعُسْرِ يُسْرًا ". We, alhamdulillah, have received the promised relief from Allah and were blessed with a new boiler.

With the hard work and dedication of a group of our own parents, as well as with the enormous support and donations from our parents and our supporting community, we were able to restore heat to the building. As human beings, we tend to forget to look for the signs of the upcoming sunshine after the

storm, and the rainbow after the rain. Nevertheless, here at Madina Academy, we always have a rainbow to look forward to and a sunshine to celebrate. Alhamdulillah, in the midst of the storm, we had one of our very own 8th grade student, Maryam Moghul, win 1st place in a national essay competition. Many of our seniors have already received acceptance letters to prestigious universities with significant merit scholarships. Our staff is getting CPR certified to better respond to crises situations. Student council has been up and running and students are taking ownership of their school by addressing the concerns of their fellow students. Our students are reciting duaas, prayers and nasheeds every morning to start the day on a positive note. Last but definitely not least, for the first time at Madina Academy, we're starting a Theatre Club. The Madina Theatre Bees will begin meetings on February 5th.

Part of Getting to greatness requires

overcoming major roadblocks. Here, at Madina Academy, we look at every challenge as an opportunity for growth. With your continuous support and dedication to the school, inshallah, the school will soon be one of the best schools in the nation.

Parents, this is a friendly reminder that report cards will be sent home on Monday February 2nd. We have dedicated the week of February 9th for parent-teacher conferences. More details and information regarding conference sign-ups with your child's teacher will be printed on the report cards.

Asalamu Alikoum,

Noha Hady (Principal)

Letter from the Editors

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"Criminals are criminals." This is the first point Nouman Ali Khan said in response to the Paris shooting. It does not matter whether the people were Muslims or not, they are still as guilty as anyone else. However, when approached with this topic, we should not try and point out other heinous crimes that were carried out by other people of other religions. Instead, we should first realize what was done in Paris has no justification in Islamic teachings. We should be equally offended by the comics and cartoons of the Prophet as well as by the shootings and injustice that happen around the world in the name of Islam.

When we hear of the justifications given by the extremists for their terrible actions, we should know what they say is either taken out of context from the Quran or hadith, or is completely fabricated. In both instances, it is from ignorance. In the Quran, Allah tells us the Prophets were made fun of throughout

their lives and as such, this concept is nothing new. Allah tells us in the Quran when they say these abusive comments, then, you should respond with patience and Taqwa. The Prophet's life is filled with instances where he was insulted, yet, he would not lose his smile. However, all of this is ignored by those who carry out these atrocities towards those such as Charlie Hebdo. As such, their justifications should not even be argued about by Muslims, as we should know, what they say has no place in Islam and what they do is not condoned by the Quran or the Sunnah.

These comics portray the Prophet in negative ways and should be offensive to us. However, there are two separate issues at hand. We, as an Ummah, should be against the killings of people unjustifiably. Yet, with our Muslim identity in mind, we also cannot stand for the hateful speech hurled towards our beloved Prophet. You cannot simply mix the

issue of free speech and the violence committed by extremists. The two, simply do not go together. So, the issue is not whether we have a right to be hurt or not, rather the issue is how do we respond?

The Prophet carried a message that was thought provoking and challenged the injustices during his time, so the kuffar (Dis-Believers) spread lies to stop people from accepting the truth. Now, we are being made fun of and disrespected. Every time we make it to the news, it's because of some atrocity that occurred. In America, we have lowered our moral standards. Whether it is when dealing with other people or only in accepting part of our faith, our standards have decreased. So, before looking at the rest of the world, we should look at our own communities and we should look at ourselves.

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

Growing a Loving Heart (HHLF Competition Winner) By 8th grade Maryam Moghul

“Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that.” Martin Luther King Jr. Scientifically and spiritually, the heart is considered the most important organ in the body. Why is that? Well, in scientific terms, it is clear that the heart is vital for life, due to its fundamental role in pumping blood. What about its position in the deen? Our beloved Prophet once said: **“There lies within the body a piece of flesh. If it is sound, the whole body is sound; and if it is corrupted, the whole body is corrupted. Verily this piece is the heart.”**

This haddeth reflects how influential this muscle is. Since our

expressed without love, even if it's a dwindling amount. For example, when a child you really love begins acting in a naughty way, you show a bit of kindness to them, even while scolding. This is solely because your heart loves them. A heart can not have hundred percent anger, if there is kindness in it, there's always some love along with kindness. If all the world leaders were to develop a loving heart and have a loving mentality; all the dystopia of wars and hatred that our societies face today, would evaporate.

It is not necessary that love replaces hatred in every heart. I'm not a cardiologist, but I know that even overflowing amounts of love cannot cause depletion of it. However, like darkness is the absence of light, hatred is really the absence of love. This is because it is not feasible for love and hate to exist harmoniously in one dwelling like the heart. Love broadens this dwelling. All agents of hatred, such as violence, cruelty, and arro-

heart cannot leap out of our body and actually perform actions, the actions of the heart refer to feelings. With this in mind, don't you think that our heart should shine through with an extraordinary amount of forgiveness, pity/mercy, kindness, so that we can love? Just like Dr. Hassan Harthout said, **“Always exercise your spiritual muscles”**. We can not afford to corrupt our heart by violence, cruelty, and arrogance, which cause hatred.

How?. How does one eschew such feelings while also purifying actions of the heart? We must learn to forgive and forget. What does that have to do with love? Once you forgive someone, it makes room for love in your

gance should be extinguished from ones heart completely for love to decorate the heart with its light.

Violence. It is something that we may get accustomed to due to all the wars and corruption that our earth is submerged in, but it is something that should be exempt from entering our hearts. Not only is it taking refuge in our news channels, but violence has leaked out into video games that are so popular now. Once someone becomes addicted to these useless forms of “entertainment”, their heart becomes numb to love. Such a rusted heart can never allow love to penetrate through it. The news was once a system that delivered the current events to one's residence, but now it has become a means of depression. Listening to stories of hatred and murder while driving on the road or eating dinner, can never make our heart sensitive to such bad news all around us. When you turn on the news mostly what one hears about is war, murders and killings, bloodshed, cruelty, violence,

heart. Forgiveness is the building block of love. If we don't pardon the people around us, we hold grudges, which eventually lead to hatred. In some situations, you may find this very difficult to practice, but if you feel that someone does not deserve your forgiveness, just remember: **“Be quick in the forgiveness from your Lord, and pardon (all) men - for Allah loves those who do good.”** [Surah al-Imran; 3:133-134] Gaining Allah's love is, by far, the best reason to grow a loving heart.

Mercy is a pivotal quality to develop a loving heart. Seeing others suffer is the most painful experience. When a person feels this, naturally, it

grief, and not much more. Do you think there is anyway love can reside in such a heart that is so accustomed to bear hatred? To counter this, we must exercise our “spiritual muscles” We must find entertainment in things that bring us closer to God, rather than the vehicles of violence and hatred such as violent movies, video games and some news channels.

Arrogance! you may not even know that you possess it, though it is a tremendous sin - Abdullah ibn Mas'ud reported: The Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, said, **“No one who has the weight of a seed of arrogance in his heart will enter Paradise.”** A man said, “Indeed, a man loves to have beautiful clothes and shoes.” The Prophet said, **“Verily, Allah is beautiful and He loves beauty. Arrogance means rejecting the truth and looking down on people.”** Arrogance is an open door that allows hatred to creep in to ones

causes ones heart to melt and soften. A tender heart is the best habitat for love to breathe in. Abdullah ibn Amr reported: The Messenger of Allah, peace and blessings be upon him, said, **“Those who are merciful will be shown mercy by the Merciful. Be merciful to those on the earth and the One above the heavens will have mercy upon you. The womb is derived from the Merciful, so whoever keeps relations with his family then Allah will keep relations with him and whoever abandons his family then Allah will abandon him.”** Even the most cold hearted people can bear to see children in pain, violence, and torture - well, I know I can't! How about kindness? It's possible for kindness to be

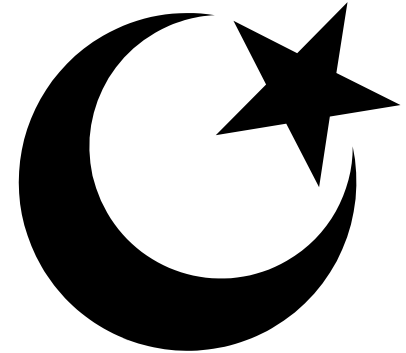
heart. You may not know that you encompass pride . So, how does one keep it away? Shun actions such as boasting, talking too much about ones self, and looking down upon others.

I wholeheartedly hope we can grow a loving heart and I pray that it helps us stay clear of immoral things that can blacken our heart. After all, **“When a slave (a person) commits a sin (an evil deed) a black dot is dotted on his heart. Then if that person gives up that evil deed (sin), begs Allah to forgive him, and repents, then his heart is cleared (from that heart covering dot); but if he repeats the evil deed (sin), then that covering is increased till his heart is completely covered with it. And this is Ar-Ran that Allah mentioned (in the Quran),** so wouldn't it be better for us if our hearts are lit up with forgiveness, mercy, kindness, instead of being dotted by darkness of violence, cruelty and arrogance?

Entertainment Section

Islamic Word Search

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Fact of the Month:
A study recently published in the journal Psychological Science suggests that posting an image of a dish to Instagram before eating may make it taste better.

Hadith of the Month:
Narrated by Anas:
The Prophet said, "If anyone forgets a prayer, he should pray that prayer when he remembers it. There is no expiation except to pray the same." Then he recited:

Quote of the Month:

"When leading, be generous with the community, honorable in action, and sincere in your words.—Jack Kornfield



Joke of the Month:

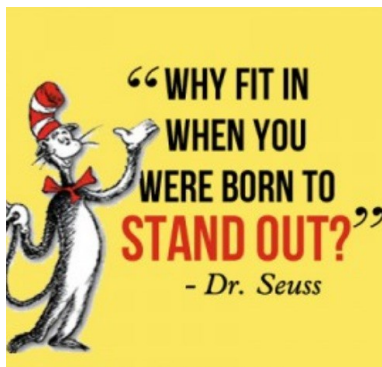
What is a teacher's favorite nation?

Expla-nation.

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We raise children. Higher.



Parents we are starting our recruitment efforts for the 2015-2016 school year. We would really appreciate your help in this endeavor. Words of mouth has proven to be the best way of advertising the school and getting more families to join. If you have any ideas that would help the school in its recruitment efforts, please do not hesitate to contact the school principal.

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.

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

"When Allah desires good for someone, He tries them with hardship."

Muhammad PBUH
(Sahih Bukhari)

Reminders

- School starts 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

Caught Being Good!



Wareesha Khan

Exhibited proper behavior during prayer.

Challenge Yourself!

Who was known as Khalilullah?

-Isa (as)

-Isma'il (as)

-Ibrahim (as)

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. Last month's winner was Ayman ElSherbini.