

Madina Insider

Message From The Principal

Save The Date

- Movie Night: May 19th
- IOWA Testing: May 20-May 29
- Field Trips: June 1st–June 5th
- June 2nd: KG Graduation
- June 4th: Middle/Upper school Award Ceremony
- June 7th: Graduation
- June 8th: Field Day
- June 10th: Last Day

Asalamu Alikoum,

The first week of May is teacher appreciation month. I would like to take this opportunity to thank and appreciate some of the most hard working and dedicated teachers I have ever worked with.

As I do my daily walkthrough, and as I observe classes and evaluate teachers, I see the great work that goes behind educating our students. When you hear people say teachers are underpaid and over worked, it is actually so true. However, our teachers here at Madina Academy do what they do for a greater pay and a much greater reward. One of my teachers once told me, "It will all pay off when five or ten years from now one of

my students remembers something I taught him, or an Islamic manner I instilled in him and prays for me." This is truly the reward that we get from doing what we do everyday.

One of the great Islamic manners that we try to instill in our kids is being thankful. Being thankful to Allah first and for most and to everyone else who have helped us get to where we are. So let me first thank Allah for allowing me to serve this community and to lead those great teachers at Madina Academy. I would also like to thanks my teachers for a job well done, and for a great year. Let me also thank my parents for trusting me and trusting the school to give their children the best Islamic Education they can ever get.

As we wrap up this year I would

like to remind parents that constructive feedback is the only way we will improve and get from good to great. I welcome and appreciate all feedback. I will be sending out a link to an anonymous electronic survey for parents by the end of May Inshallah. Looking forward to reading your feedback and your suggestions for a better 2016!

Ms. Noha Hady (Principal)

Letter from the Editors

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On Friday, April 17th the Upper school boys held the very first guys' night out at Madina Academy. Alhamdulillah, many brothers showed up to the event and participated in all the activities we had to offer. We started off with soccer and slowly made our way to hosting basketball and FIFA tournaments. After Maghrib, there was a short lecture by Samir Chaudhry on unity and brotherhood which really tied the

event together. After the lecture ,we proceeded to eat and play FIFA along with more basketball. I wanted to thank all of the moms who generously donated to the event resulting in ample food for all the guests. The event was initially supposed to run until around 10:30 PM but with all of the running activities and tournaments, we had guests leaving after midnight. We had a \$15 prize for the basketball tourna-

ment and a \$30 prize for the FIFA tournament. The winners for basketball were: Ateeb, Rashaad, and Dawud. For FIFA the champion was Mohammed Ahmed who also beat Mr.Hassan himself. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped throughout the event and to all the parents and guests for helping to make the night a great success. Alhamdulillah we were able to raise around \$2,000 for our trip.

Madina Academy Stingers Basketball and soccer

Basketball season is finally here, and Madina Academy has it going on! We have formed basketball and soccer teams, and a competition with another school, Iqra Academy, has already been set up. Things are running smoothly, and some of the team players already play like pros, thanks to our coach, Ms. Susie Hassan.

Basketball is a popular sport that many people enjoy playing, which is probably why so many students joined the team. We have gotten off to a great start so far.

Many of our students were waiting for the basketball

club to begin, and now, it is here. The people who joined are having a great time learning to play basketball, and they are able to have fun with their friends at the same time. Some of the things that our team is learning are: the best techniques to use while playing basketball, the different positions in a court, and how to make sure you don't get injured. Our first game is on May eleventh, so go, Madina Stingers, go!

By Sameen Sabir, grade 6

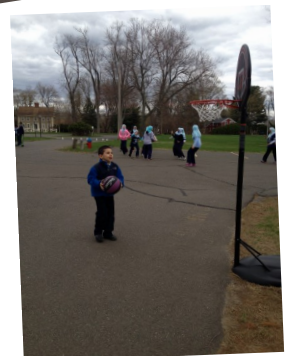
Two minutes is all Haajirah Sajid, a team player of the Madina Stingers has to break the tie against her opponents. Sweat rolls down her face as she is focused and determined. Haajirah runs across the court. She shoots, she scores! That was just practice. On May 11th the Madina Stingers will play against Iqraa Academy. We have been practicing since April 15, 2015. Nothing can stop us now.

Ms. Susie, our wonderful coach, trains us to be the proud teammates of the Madina Stingers. We are Marriam, Sarah, Masiam, Maram, Rukhma, Noora, Sheza, Ayat, Sameen, Sara, Haajirah, Ruqayyah, and Hafsa. We will play our hardest, so Iqraa Academy, watch out.



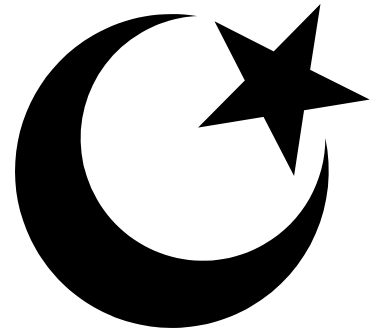
By: Sarah Alsalahi Gr.6

Springtime and basketball finally make it to Madina Academy

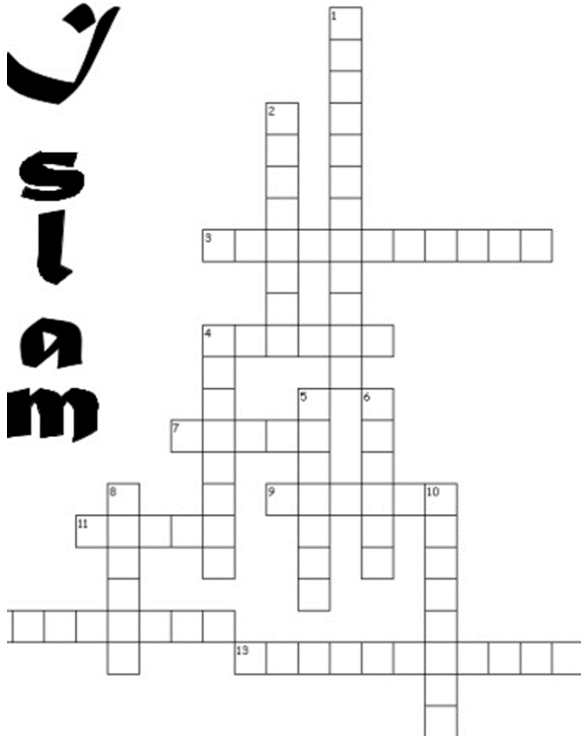


Entertainment Section

Islamic Crossword



Islam



Across

3. The country where Islam began in.
4. The name for someone who believes and worships Allah.
7. This place is considered the holiest place of Islam.
9. Abu Bakr became the first _____ which means he was a successor of Muhammad.
11. The city where Muhammad was born.
12. Muslims were very _____ of their conquered people, meaning they were lenient.
13. Many _____ helped the exchange of ideas.

Down

1. Islam believes only in one god, therefore it is a _____ religion.
2. Nomads who lived in Arabia's deserts.
4. The prophet of Allah.
5. Muslims fast during _____.
6. The city where Muhammad founded Islam.
8. Geographically, Saudi Arabia is made up of mostly _____.
10. The Quran is the _____ of Islam.

Fact of the Month:

Honey does not spoil. You could feasibly eat 3000 year old honey!

Hadith of the Month:

The Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) said: "Allah, His angels, and all those in Heavens and on Earth, even ants in their hills and fish in the water, call down blessings on those who instruct others in beneficial knowledge." - At-Tirmidhi

Quote of the Month:

"We are born of love. Our love is our Mother." - Rumi



Joke of the Month:

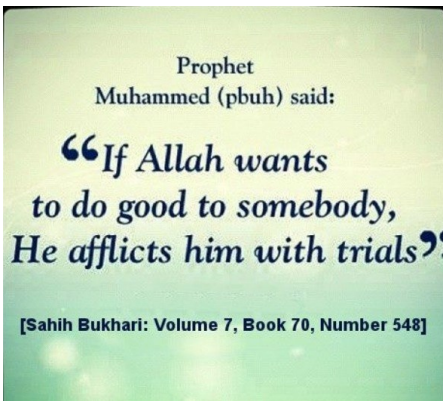
Teacher: What is the chemical formula for water? **Student:** H I J K L M N O

Teacher: What are you talking about? **Student:** Yesterday you said it's H to O.



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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 starts at 8:00 a.m.
- School dismisses at 3:15 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!



Arooba Peracha

Respectable to teachers and students alike

Challenge Yourself!

When the Prophet and Abu Bakr traveled to Madina, the hid in _____ .

- Old homes
- Forests
- Caves
- Desert

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