

# Madina Insider

## Message From The Principal

### Save The Date

- November 25<sup>th</sup> is a half day
- November 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> family vacation
- Second quarter begins November 1st

Salaam Aliakum,

The month of October is coming to an end and it will soon be behind us. As each month passes us by, it leaves many changes, and memories behind.

In September, Eid Al Adha was celebrated at Madina Academy and the steps of Hajj were reenacted. Many grades have already been on field trips. Some elementary grades went apple picking while middle school students went hiking in the woods and kayaking on the Farmington River. All part of learning survival in the wilderness. Grades 9&10 will soon be visiting the Newport Mansions in R.I.

In October, we had a workshop for Breast Cancer Awareness for our middle and upper school girls. We had a fire safety and prevention program for our elementary

grades. On Columbus day, Dr. Swaidan gave our students an informational session regarding the true discovery of America.

Many clubs have started at Madina Academy and are in full force. Ms. Nausheen is the star of her Football Club, Ms. Masuda is the author of her Book club, Ms. Noranita is gaining popularity in her Edible Arts club, Ms. Raja is speaking two languages in her Spanish/French club, and Ms. Hassan is coaching Basketball for boys and girls.

Alhamdulillah, we continue to practice our four pillars day in and day out. It is by Allah's mercy and your continuous support that Madina Academy keeps advancing and moving from good to great.

*Principal Hady*



## Letter From The Editors

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Asalamu Alaikum Madina Academy Staff, Parents, and Students, The heat wave is gone and the weather is much more comfortable. Alhamdulillah, Autumn has arrived. This month is also Breast Cancer Awareness Month. We honor those who have lost their lives to this common cancer. Fortunately, there are many holidays coming up this season. As Muslims, we cherish the two Eid Holidays. We recently celebrated Eid al Adha. At Madina Academy, we had an Eid celebration on September 20<sup>th</sup>. The students were out of uniform and reenacted the steps of Hajj. Every step was located in a different room and the children learned what Hajj is like. The PTS handed out pizza and juice for lunch. However, the best part was hitting the piñatas. All the children walked home with their pockets stuffed with treats.

*Maria Akram, 8th grade*

# I wish my school were...

A writing prompt written by a 2nd grade student; edited by Asma Ahmed 8th grade

I wish my school were in only three days. Plus, that means there is going to be the first, the second, and the last day of school. No teachers allow work on the first and last days of school. On the first day of school, you can run all over the school because there are no rules. You can rip all the posters you want! On the normal day of school, there is only a little work. But on the last

day of school, there is a piñata! Also, on the normal day, it's going to be a half day! Even if you are in kindergarten, preschool, high school, or even college! I think you will never change.



# An Eid to experience

It was a simulation. It was a day to try and replicate what Muslims go through during Hajj. The experience of circulating the Ka'ba, and walking back and forth between Safa and Marwah. Doing what the Prophets and other role models did before us, like how Prophet Ibrahim pelted the Shaytan with pebbles. A day to have fun with classmates. Yet, we still learned about an event that brings Mus-

lims from all over the globe together.

The celebration was meant to not only have fun but to teach the importance of Hajj. That job was done perfectly. Even high school students were able to learn more about the Islam's fifth pillar. While we were all learning, many took the advantage to run indoors, whether it was around the Ka'ba or during Sa'i. Many of

the elementary students liked sleeping in a tent. Throwing pebbles at the Jamarat was also an enjoyable and chaotic activity the students enjoyed.

Destroy it! The last memory of the day was defiantly the best part. Who doesn't enjoy whacking a piñata? There is no better joy. Yet, it was what prevented the students from the desire to return home. It was the piñata that made the students'

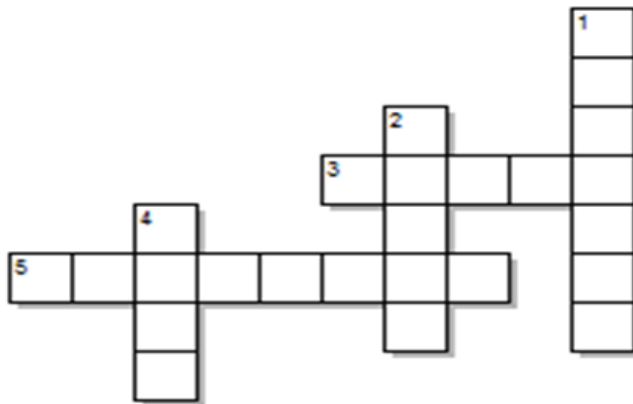
day. The PTS was kind enough to serve pizza. Even the principal handed out pizza to the students. Surely, this day will leave a mark in Madina Academy's history.

*Asma Ahmed*



## Entertainment Session

### 5 pillars of Islam



**ACROSS**

- 3 What we do yearly to the poor and needy
- 5 La ilaha illallah muhammad rasulallah

**DOWN**

- 1 Main part of Ramadan(English word)
- 2 What we do 5 times a day
- 4 Islamic pilgrimage

Fun fact: The last movie rented from Blockbuster before it closed its doors nationwide was ironically called "This is the End."

Quote: *"Rare is the person who can weigh the faults of others without putting his thumb on the scales"*  
 ~J. Langenfeld~

Hadith: Narrated By Abu Huraira: While the Prophet was saying something in a gathering, a Bedouin came and asked him, "When would the Hour (Doomsday) take place?" Allah's Apostle continued his talk, so some people said that Allah's Apostle had heard the question, but did not like what that Bedouin had asked. Some of them said that Allah's Apostle had not heard it. When the Prophet finished his speech, he said, "Where is the questioner, who enquired about the Hour (Doomsday)?" The Bedouin said, "I am here, O Allah's Apostle." Then the Prophet said, "When honesty is lost, then wait for the Hour (Doomsday)." The Bedouin said, "How will that be lost?" The Prophet said, "When the power or authority comes in the hands of unfit persons, then wait for the Hour

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## 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

## Student of the Month



**Ahmed Merjan**

Grade: Kindergarten  
Always helping the

## Challenge Yourself!

What will be the prophet's name in Jannah?

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 the Newsletter