

**Madina Academy**

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# Madina Insider

## Message From The Principal

### Save The Date

- Jan 13th-End of Quarter 2
- Jan 16th- No School
- Jan 25th- Half Day  
12.30PM Dismissal

Assalamualaykum,

In the coming weeks and months, students will be working hard on projects for perhaps Science Fair, History Day, assigned class-work, or even volunteering work. Inevitably, students will need to team up- social media sites and other digital platform are a great tool for collaboration and solving problems together. It also builds their writing, social, and technical skills. Many students also use youtube videos to review math concepts taught in class, or for creating and sharing content. Knowing that our teenagers are digital natives who are growing up with technology and so apt in multitasking, having information at their fingertips, and enmeshed in social networks, it is imperative their time online is not only monitored but they understand the moral and ethical ways of using the internet. Children (and adults alike) can very easily spend hours passively surfing the internet, lurking and following strangers, while parents may be oblivious to

children's online activities. It is very easy for children to fall into these addictive habits. It may be therapeutic, sometimes, to share personal thoughts online, air frustrations, discuss or joke about peers or teachers- the easy access and the privacy of a home can be highly deceptive in realizing the implications of how very public these forums are. But teenagers need to know the dangers of posting personal or inappropriate information and its impact on student privacy and safety; intimidating language that is interpreted as cyberbullying; social isolation and depression that can come from spending too much time on social media sites; and the unwanted influence from undesirable websites, to name a few. In school, teachers have talked about plagiarism and the credibility of sources- both families and the school must continue educating children about digital citizenship. Let's start this new year supporting our children in their academics and protecting them from harm.

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## Letter From The Editor

Assalamualaikum,

It is almost the end of 2016! The students here at Madina Academy have shared priceless and sentimental moments. However, with 2017 about to begin, Madina Academy and its staff are working tirelessly to deliver an

even better experience next year. I, along with many others at Madina Academy, wish you a happy New Years and we thank you for your support in the improvement of our school

Samir Khan  
Grade 8

## Message From the Librarian

Assalamualaikum,

The library can always use a book for the children to read. Alhamdulillah, after the Islamic Book Drive, all the children came to me a few days later and started explaining things about Islam that they learned from their books that even I didn't know. MashaAllah, the children were able to learn so much! That is why we will be continuing these drives throughout the year to help these kids learn even more, and maybe even their parents can benefit, because I know I did. I was completely

filled with delight with the results of this book drive. Thank you for your donations.

Mrs. Darlene

## Message From the PTS

Assalamualaikum,

As you may know, there was a bake sale for the eighth grade field trip to the Metropolitan Museum of Art. Alhamdulillah, they were able to raise enough for it. However, with every bake sale, there is always confusion as to what to sell. Because the eating choices that parents may want to instill in their children may differ, we will always be open to suggestions. Furthermore, a few months ago, we had the leadership program. It was where we had setup interactive activities with leadership building strategies involved for each grade. It was fun for all of the children as well as beneficial. We

will try to have more events similar to this one, and may you all have a happy New Year.

Thanks,

PTS



## Weather

Assalamualaikum,

The weather is getting quite cold and occasionally there is even snow, which could cause hazardous road conditions. As our parents' and students' safety is our number one priority, we will attempt to alert you of any changes to the school hours such as: early dismissals, delays, and days when school is closed. There are many ways you can receive alerts: check NBC30 or WSFB 3, check the school website at [www.madinaacademy.org](http://www.madinaacademy.org), our automated phone calls, by email, and our most recent one, the Schoolway app. Of course, if the snow days

reach an excessive amount, the school year may be subject to extension. Stay safe and warm!

Al-Yaman Zoghol



## Aleppo

Imagine being thrown out of your own home by armed strangers who threaten to kill you. All your belongings and possessions would be trapped in the house. You are roaming the streets in search of the basic necessities for survival. There is no water, no food, only starvation. You look right and left, you are in search of light and help, but there is no way out. The colors have faded and will eventually turn into rubble. You are stranded in your own country, alone. Not only are you being thrown out of your own home, but you are being thrown out of your country. Where will you go? Who will provide food and shelter for you? You are alone. This is how people in Aleppo, Syria, are feeling at this moment. They have nowhere to go, and are seeking a way out of the only place where

they once they once felt safe, but it has turned into their biggest nightmare.

Radeyah S. Ahmed



## Entertainment Section

### Sudoku

In Sudoku, the objective is to have each row and column filled with the numbers from one to nine in any order with no number repeating. There will be some filled in, and you have to fill in the rest using strategy, and example being the process of elimination. Good luck!

3	7		5		6	9		
		9			8	5		
6				9				
1					3			6
		8	6		1	2		
4			2				8	
				3				8
		5	8			3		
		3	7		5	4	1	

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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](mailto:principalhady@madinaacademy.org) for review and approval.

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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](mailto:pts@madinaacademy.org)

### Student of the Month



Mashallah, Ahmad Mohammad voluntarily collected everyone's heavy textbooks when the students were instructed to put them in a designated shelf.

### Challenge Yourself!

**What Islamic month was the Quran revealed in?**

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 Madina Academy Newsletter