

Madina Insider

Message From The Principal

Asalaamu Aliakum,

Save The Date

- Winter break: Dec 24-Jan. 2nd
- December 10th: progress reports
- December 12th: PTS Bake Sale
- December 16th: Muffins for Moms
- December 17th: Donuts for Dads
- December 19th: Islamic Showcase
- January 16th: End of quarter 2:

Sometimes in life our hard work goes unnoticed or we don't get to live long enough to see our visions become a reality. Today, with the blessing of Allah (SWAT), I can honestly say, my dream for Madina Academy is becoming a reality with the passing of each day. My goal for our school, was to see it elevate from good to great. To see a shift or movement of some kind. For months now, I have witnessed such a shift take place and I felt a wide movement in our direction to greatness.

As you read this month's newsletter, ask your children what they have been learning academically. Ask them what they know about their identities as Muslim. Ask them what they have learned from our workshops on gender interaction, proper conduct and behavior, bullying and health. Asked them what they have gained from the visit by the Mayor Anwar of South Windsor, Connecticut's first Muslim Mayor, and what they now know as voting Muslims. Ask them about the morals and the lessons behind our school plays and activities. Ask them about the mission of our character program and what they have posted on the board under the theme "Allah is always watching us." Then, ask them about the remarkable story of a

young girl named Nilaris Roberts. A girl, who joined Madina Academy as a non-Muslim with the sole intention of being part of a private school. Then, as the year progressed, she found her own virtues of truth, peace and righteousness in Islam. She embraced the religion and wholeheartedly converted to Islam. Nilaris knows the shift of going from good to great because she made it. She has become a symbol of our own journey; striving to go from good to great.

Our first graduating class are setting the bar high for all the rest of the students to come. We are currently in the process of helping our seniors apply for colleges and complete scholarship applications. I am proud to say that many of our seniors are applying for ivy league colleges. The dream that I have been talking about since the first day I joined Madina Academy is in its making and will soon inshallah become a reality.

Our own journey to greatness is far from over and will most likely never end. The only way to reach it, is to keep pursuing it. It can only be

achieved by constantly working to obtain it. Our journey is not about catching the stars but rather in reaching for it.

Today, as you finish questioning your children, their answers will provide you with a mere glimpse into our journey to greatness.

Moms and dads please join me for our semiannually donuts for dads and muffin for moms events. We will be holding this semester Muffins for Moms on December 16th and Donuts for Dads on December 17th at 8:30 a.m. in the school event hall. I look forward to seeing everyone. Your feedback is a huge part of making Madina Academy the dream school for all our children.

Ms. Noha Hady (Principal)

Letter from the Editors

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This month has been filled with many events and changes. One of the best things that happened were the elections. We first had cupcake elections on Election Day, in which students in all grades were given three cupcakes and told to vote for their favorite. Soon after, the school announced that they would be holding

Student Council elections and also class representative elections. It was nice to see all the students participating and also having a bit of fun. This month's character wall topic was Allah is watching me. As always, students were required to submit a flashcard which reflected this whether it was a story if a picture. This month we

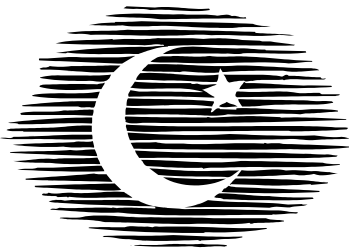
also held authors night in which students who produced quality work were invited to read aloud to parents and other students.

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

November's Photos



Becoming a Muslim



Here at Madina Academy, we strive to maintain an Islamic environment that is suitable for our students. Recently, one of our new students, Nilaris Roberts, converted to Islam. Alhamdulillah, Allah has guided her to the right path. When asked how she feels about the conversion, she replied by saying, "It feels like I found truth." We are very happy to have her in

our class this year, and hope for more years with her to come. We were so happy we even threw her a party. Mashallah, Nilaris has also started wearing the hijab. Prophet Muhammad (SAW) once said: "If a person embraces Islam sincerely, then Allah shall forgive all his past sins, and after that starts the settlement of accounts: the reward of his good deeds will be ten times to sev-

en hundred times for each good deed, and an evil deed will be recorded as it is unless Allah forgives it." May Allah keep her on the right path that leads to Jannah, Inshallah. Allah guides those who wish to be guided to the straight path and Alhamdulillah, Nilaris was one of those people.

By: Arooba Peracha (10)

Bullying Workshop



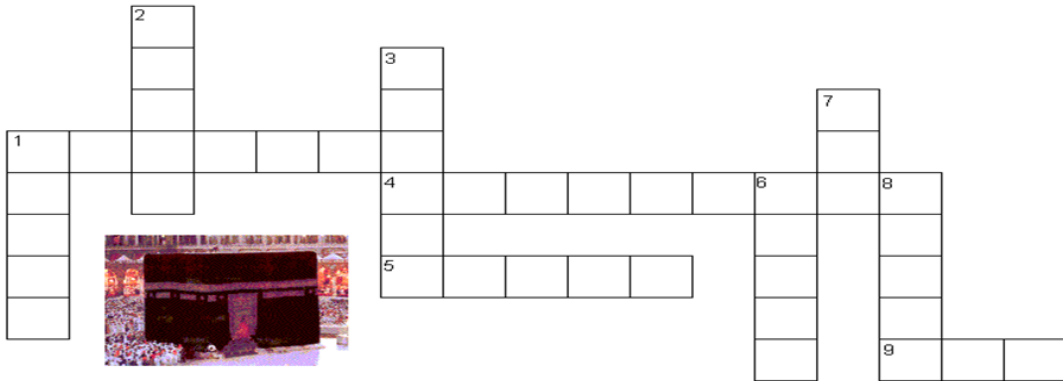
At Madina Academy they came to speak of bullying, Sisters Reem Elazazy, and Maheen Rahman visited our school last week as to discuss a dilemma facing the youth in general-bullying. Their talk

broadened our understanding of what bullying entails. For example, one may not recognize rumor-spreading, backbiting, and calling others by unwanted nick-names as bullying, but they are indeed, indirect forms of

it. They thoroughly conversed with us about how this may feel to the characters in the setting: bystanders and the victim, by relating it to anecdotes from their own lives.

By: Maryam Moghul (Gr 8)

Entertainment Section

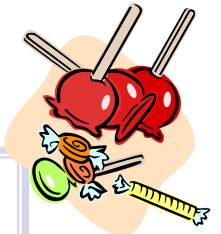
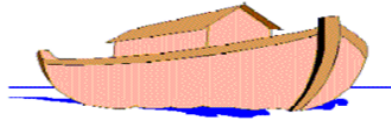


ACROSS

1. Prophet Mohammad's first wife.
4. House of Allah.
5. Supreme Being.
9. He built the ark.

DOWN

1. Prophet Ibrahim built this.
2. The first Muezzin.
3. Prophet Mohammad's country.
6. Dark as night.
7. Supplication.
8. Prophet Musa's brother.



Hadith of the Month:

Narrated by Abu Masud al-Badri:
The Prophet said, "A man's spending on his family is a deed of charity" - Sahih Al-Bukhari

Fact of the Month:

- Fact 1: Rock candy was once used as medicine.
- Fact 2: Catfish use their en-

Quote of the Month:

Opportunity is missed by most people because it is dressed in overalls and looks like work. - Thomas Edison



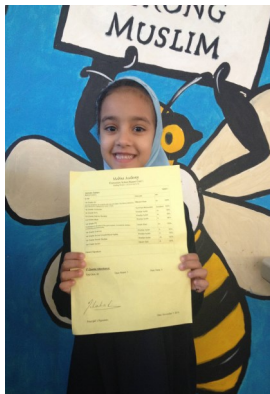
Joke of the Month:

My friend thinks he is smart. He told me an onion is the only food that makes you cry. So I threw a coconut at his face.



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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.

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

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.
- Friday Dismal starts at 1:30 p.m.
- 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!

Anas Hales



Caught making Zikr during dismissal time.

Challenge Yourself!

The Holy Quran was revealed over how many years?
25, 23, or 21?

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.