

# Madina Insider

## Message From The Principal

### Save The Date

- March 31st: End of the third quarter
- April 3rd: No School
- April 10: Multicultural Fair
- April 22-24th: Spring Break

Asalamu Alikoum,

It has been a long, very long winter. After every winter there will be a spring (Inshallah). The snow will melt, the temperature will rise, and the sun will shine once again. This cycle to me symbolizes perseverance. Long winters symbolizes all our hard work and dedication, and the spring symbolizes reaching our goals and celebrating our accomplishments.

As spring approaches, many parents, students, and teachers await to take their spring break to enjoy themselves, their families and take a much needed break from school work. To me spring means that I am getting closer to the end of the school year. Spring means I am getting closer to looking back over my yearly goals and see whether I accomplished what I set to accomplish at the beginning of the school year. Spring to me means a count down until the end of the year, IOWA testing, finishing curricula, plans for summer school, plans for next year, and the list

goes on and on. Spring is just a reminder for me to persevere, keep going and push harder and harder to reach the final destination.

Alhamdulillah we are now fully accredited by NEASC (New England Association of Schools and Colleges). This is just another reassurance from Allah that hard work always pays off. Alhamdulillah we remain one of the schools who always have first and second place winners in the CT Science and Engineering fair. 100% of our seniors have been accepted to prestigious Universities with major scholarships. But we are not done yet. We are "good", but we want to be "Great". Jim Collins, the author of *Good to Great*, said,

"Good is the enemy of great. And that is one of the key reasons why we have so little that becomes great. We don't have great schools, principally because we have good schools. We don't have great government, principally because we have good government. Few people attain great lives, in large part because it

is just so easy to settle for a good life."

In order to move from good to great we must persevere, we must realize that good is not good enough, we must set goals and strive to reach them. This is why I am calling on all my parents, students and teachers, to persevere, to keep pushing hard, to keep working hard, to keep praying hard and believe that we will become one of the top and most competitive schools in the nation.

Spring is around the corner, and we will inshallah reach our end of year goals, we will show improvement in our students' achievement scores, we will be one step closer to opening our pre-school, and to graduating our first cohort of high school graduates, all with the will and help of Allah (SWT).

Wasalam Alikoum.

*Ms. Noha Hady (Principal)*

## Letter from the Editors

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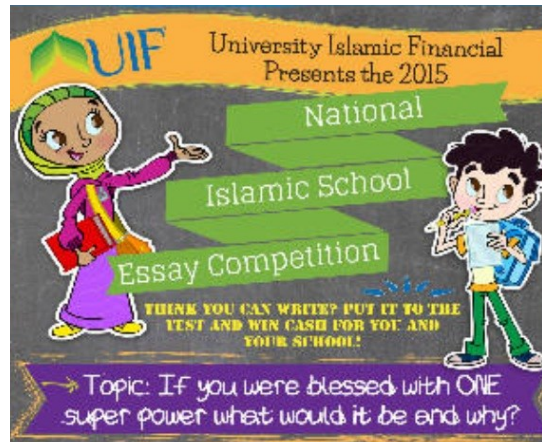
"Alhamdulillah, Madina Academy has been accredited. A review board visited the school on multiple occasions. They attended class sessions, interviewed students, and overall got a sense of what the school stood for. Through the process, we were able to show off what we were best at and what made us unique, but also we admitted our weakness and we displayed what needed to be improved. By gaining accredita-

tion, we are now able to prove we provide a high standard of education and the students themselves are proud to be associated with Madina Academy. Furthermore, we are able to show colleges the school has been recognized for providing quality education and much more. This will give graduates from Madina Academy a possible advantage over other students coming from different institutions or at the very least,

ensure there is a level playing field. It should always be remembered this is a blessing from Allah and as such we should be forever thankful. However, we should also give recognition to Principal Hady and her teachers for being determined in their vision and for putting forward much personal time into this goal.

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

# National Islamic School Essay Competition



## ***If You Were Blessed With a Superpower, What Would It Be?***

I sat at my desk deep in thought. I had just been told superpowers don't exist in reality. It brought a spark of sadness to my heart at first and slowly that sadness spread all over my young heart. I was a five years old back then and I watched too many cartoons with superpowers. I always believed that superpowers were meant to help people. I started to think for days about what I could do if I had superpowers. I would be able to save people

from dangerous situations, help the poor and needy, and help cure people from deadly diseases. I prayed every day to Allah (SWT) to grant me superpowers. A couple of years later, my prayers were accepted, and I was able to help society. I had superpowers that could help the endangered, the sick and the needy. I would spend all of my free time helping them. I had limits, however. I could not cure people whom had illnesses with no remedy. I realized this the day I met a small girl who had cancer. I spent what seemed like years trying to

get my powers to work for her, and as I tried, I saw all the hope drain from her eyes. This made me realize that we should not rely on anything but Allah (SWT). That night, I prayed for the child to get better and to help everyone that was in need. That night, my powers were taken away from me and my prayers were accepted. Not everyone was helped, however. So every night I continued to pray for those who need it. There is no greater superpower than prayer. By: Lily Gumshuda (Gr. 7)

## ***If I had a super power....***

As long as we have known the history of mankind, humans have always been attracted to the idea of having some sort of super powers to impress others.

As a child, we watched movies where people would get their powers and save the world. We would read books and comic books on an ordinary people gaining their super power by a freak accident. Next thing you know, they are saving the helpless and trying to bring peace to the world.

Watching a super hero movie impacts our lives and each one of us sometimes feels what if I get those super powers? What would I want to be? However, the most important question should be, how would I save the world?

Sometimes, I wonder if I could be blessed with the power to heal people in pain. I would love to travel around the world using my powers to make people feel better. It makes me feel sad when I see what is happening on the news and how people around the world are suffering from poverty, hunger, and diseases.

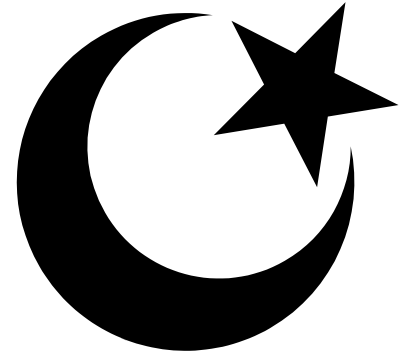
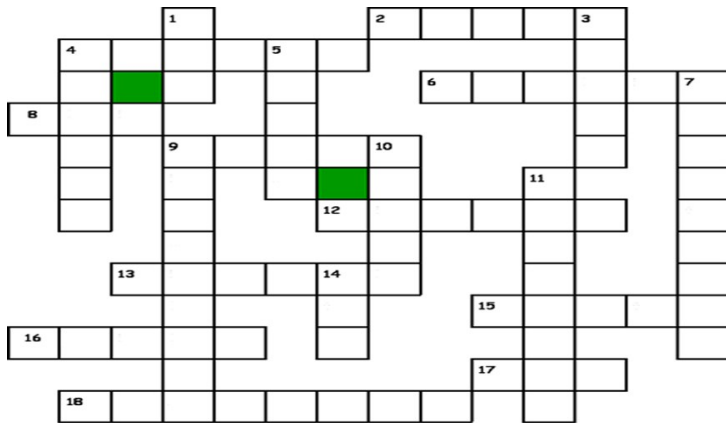
I would like to travel to Africa where children are dying every day because of hunger.

Although, the idea of having a super power is wonderful. Allah did not give this power to humans for a good cause. That cause is for Muslims to try their best with their own abilities. As a Muslim, I feel we should all be a super hero by doing well in our every day life.

By: Haajirah Sajid (Gr. 6)

# Entertainment Section

## Islamic Crossword Puzzle



2. This prophet was swallowed by a big fish.
4. Something the prophet did.
6. A person who follows Islam.
8. The fourth khalifa.
9. The Sunnah of all the prophets was to grow the \_\_\_\_.
12. The Prophet (pbuh) ate with his \_\_\_\_s.
13. The Prophet (pbuh) used a \_\_\_\_ to clean his teeth.
15. The Prophet (pbuh) always spoke the \_\_\_\_.
16. The Prophet (pbuh) met others with a \_\_\_\_.
17. The Prophet (pbuh) made \_\_\_\_ for the whole of mankind.
18. The late night optional prayer.



### CROSSWORD CLUES



1. Allah is \_\_\_\_.
3. A Muslim act of worship.
4. Muslims say \_\_\_\_ when they meet.
5. The call to prayer.
7. The Prophet (pbuh) grew his beard and trimmed his \_\_\_\_.
9. We say \_\_\_\_ before we do anything.
10. The Prophet (pbuh) would \_\_\_\_ in three gulps.
11. The opposite of stingy.
14. The Prophet (pbuh) \_\_\_\_ in moderation.

### Fact of the Month:

The muscle that lets your eye blink is the fastest muscle in your body. It allows you to blink 5 times in a second.

### Hadith of the Month:

Narrated by Mu'awia:

I heard Allah's Apostle saying, "If Allah wants to do good to a person, he makes him comprehend the religion. I am just a distributor, but the grant is from Allah. (And remember) that his nation (true Muslims) will keep on following Allah's teaching strictly and they will not be harmed by anyone going on a different path till Allah's order (Day of Judgment) is established."

### Quote of the Month:

"What you do for yourself may start you up in the world. But from there on up, it's what you do for others." - Burton Hills



### Joke of the Month:

A science teacher tells his class, "Oxygen is a must for breathing and life. It was discovered in 1773." A student responds, "Thank God I was born after 1773! Otherwise would have died without it."



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**Madina Academy**  
We raise children. Higher.



Dodge ball Competition for the middle school ended Thursday with the boys winning 4 to 0. Look for the results for March in April's newsletter.

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.

**We're On the Web**  
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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.
- 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)

### Caught Being Good!



**Maisam & Maram Hassan**

Always happy to come to school!

### Challenge Yourself!

**That the human being is  
created in the best of form  
is a verse from?**

**-Surah At-Takathur**

**-Surah At-Tin**

**-Surah Al-Ma'un**

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 Ibrahim Moghul (Gr. 7).