

# The IAH Newsletter (March 2015)

## Secretary of Education Announcements:

- \* IAH Board would like to thank all the parents who attended the Parent Town-hall meeting this month. We believe it was a great success, and we appreciate all the valuable input and feedback given by the parents. We look forward to the next Town-hall meeting which will be announced at a later time.
- \* IAH Board, would like to happily announce that Sr. Rezan Hakim had a successful surgery, and has had a blessed recovery. We are happy for her recovery and look forward to her return as Principal 4/1st/2015 Inshallah.
- \* IAH Board, Principal, teachers, and staff would like to extend a warm congratulations to Mrs. Reynolds' new family addition. Mrs. Reynolds was blessed with a new Grandson, Baby Oliver. We are very excited for the Reynolds Family.
- \* IAH Board, would like to congratulate all the students who won special awards at the UAH Science Fair in March, 11, 2015. We are very proud of our winning students. We are also very proud of our Math team who competed at Hoover, and excited to know how the results will be in the future.
- \* IAH Board would like to announce that we will be posting a vacancy as Principal's position for the upcoming academic year. We are accepting applications at this point. Feel free to submit an Application if you are interested and qualified for the Principal's position.
- \* IAH Board would like to announce that we are interviewing for qualified and certified teachers for the upcoming academic year. We encourage qualified applicants to submit a resume and seek an interview as soon as possible.
- \* IAH Board would like to announce that early registration is coming up starting April 1st and will continue until the end of this academic year. There will be a %50 deduction in registration fees. We urge you to take advantage of this discount. If you need more information, feel free to contact IAH office at [\(256\) 722-9838](tel:2567229838).

## Spring Break Message

Dear Students, Parents, and Staff:  
Al Salam Alykum,

I wanted to wish you ALL an enjoyable and fun Spring Break; no doubt, it is timely and well deserved. Take this opportunity to rest, relax, rejuvenate, and to prepare for the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of this school year.

Our IAH team is moving in a positive direction and we are united in our efforts to support our students. Again, thank you for providing me with this opportunity to be a part of our IAH team.

Best regards,  
Dr. Hamsa Mahafza  
Interim/Acting Principal, IAH



A surprise visit from our wonderful kindergarten students to the principal's office.

### **African American Wax Museum:**

Second and Third grade students participated in the African American Wax Museum for Black History Month. Although delayed several times for the weather they were able to present for the school. Each student researched and became a famous African American. Parents, students and other teachers learned many things new and interesting things about these important people who changed history.



The pre-k students were introduced to African American history from the Wax Museum.

This month our kindergarten class enjoyed the Wax Museum that the second and third graders presented. They introduced us to some famous African American people for Black History month. Well done second and third graders!

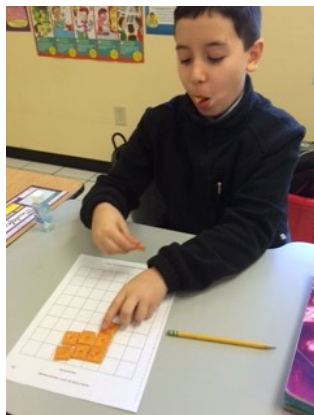
### **Dr. Seuss:**

Second grade students celebrated Road Across America Day by reading Dr. Seuss books and learning about his work.

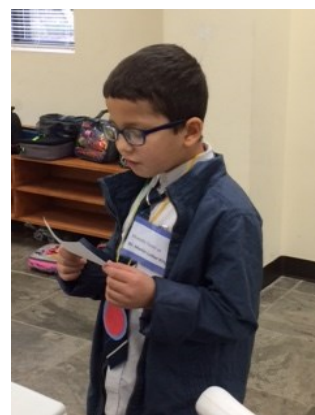


### **Cheez-its Math pics:**

Third Grade students used Cheez-It's as edible manipulative to measure area and perimeter. The students loved being able to learn a new concept and be able to have a snack, too. This hands-on strategy helped ALL the students ace the test! Way to go Third Grade!



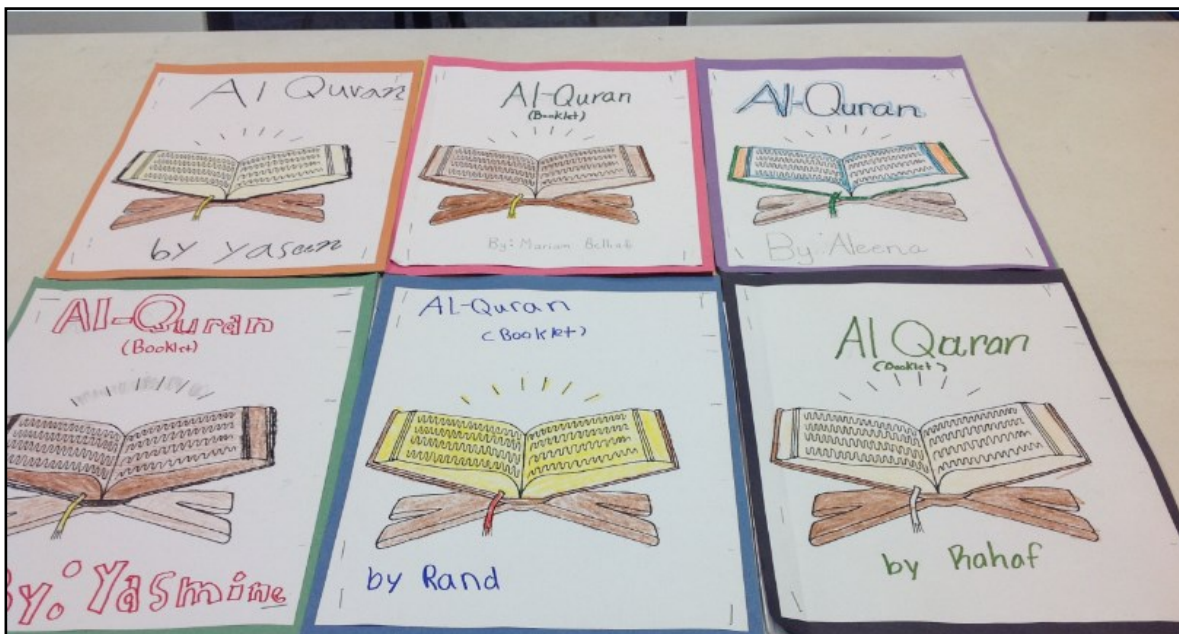
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## Islamic Studies 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Class

As the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students read our lesson “The Book of Allah,” they learned that we have to believe on all the books of Allah. They also learned a bout the Holly Book Al-Quran and why this book of Allah is special. They did an assignment in class about “The Book of Allah”.

Below are the two pictures showing students are working on this assignment.



## Mrs. League's Math Class News

**Math Team:** The students did fantastic at the Hoover math competition! We had a lot of fun playing soccer and going to the mall. They mailed the results this week but I still haven't received them. I will let you know as soon as I get them. We are still practicing for our next competition on April 4<sup>th</sup> at Grissom which is only for 8<sup>th</sup> grade and high school. We will continue working problems from old math team tests to get ready for the Randolph Math Competition on April 11<sup>th</sup>. This tournament is for 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade only and I would like for all the 6<sup>th</sup> grade and 5<sup>th</sup> grade to go if possible. Here is a link to some old tests if you are interested in practicing on your own <http://madisoncitymath.weebly.com/middle-schoolhigh-school.html>.



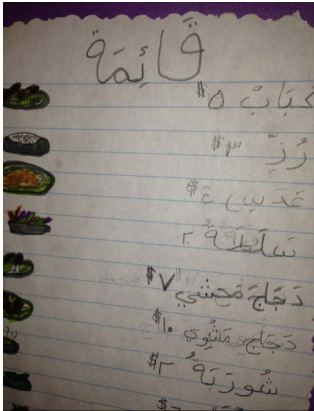
### 2014-2015 IAH Hoover Math Tournament Participants

Several IAH students (Danna, Sarah, Noor, Noha, Ahmed, Zohair, Mahad, Abdullah, Yousef, Mohamed) participated in the Hoover Math Tournament on March 7. This was a great experience of the students. Our next competition which is only for 8<sup>th</sup> grade through High School is at Grissom High School on April 4. After that competition, we will have two more competitions at Randolph (5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade only) on April 11 and UAH (6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade) on May 9. The students have also been participating in the Math Olympiads online math competition since the beginning of the year.



# Arabic Classroom Highlights

- Our 4<sup>th</sup> grade students, Dena Mahdi, is the winner of this month's reading competition. Dena read the most books and answered the most reading comprehension questions.
- 5<sup>th</sup> grade students wrote menus in Arabic and performed short plays in which they acted like patrons at an Arabic restaurant.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students will continue to practice telling jokes in Arabic.



## Dates to Remember:

- Mar. 23rd - Mar. 27th \*Spring Break (NO SCHOOL)
- Apr. 10th \*Technology Fair
- Apr. 28th - May 1st \*SAT Testing. Best wishes to our students!

# UAH North Alabama Regional Science Fair

The IAH faculty and staff are so proud of our students who participated in the 2015 IAH Science Fair. Please join us in congratulating our 5<sup>th</sup>- 8<sup>th</sup> grade 1st and 2nd place IAH winners who were invited to compete at the UAH North Alabama Regional Science Fair, which was held on March 11, 2015 at the UAH -Fitness Center. Our IAH students had wonderful and successful presentations and they received several AWARDS at the Science Fair Awards Ceremony on March 16, 2015. Special thanks to our science teacher, Ms. Whitney Steele.

## The 2015 UAH North Alabama Regional Science Fair winners are:

- Aliyah Rashid (5<sup>th</sup> grade) - Honorable Mention and United States Army Special Award: Physical Science
- Noor Eltom (5<sup>th</sup> grade) - Honorable Mention: Physical Science
- Yousef Alzaybak (6<sup>th</sup> grade) - Honorable Mention: Engineering
- Soondos Kamel & Haneen Zeinelabdin (6<sup>th</sup> grade) -UAH Science Fair Competitors: Physical Science
- Abdullah Seljuki (8<sup>th</sup> grade) -Honorable Mention: Physical Science
- Noor Alzaybak & Sarah Hakim (7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grade) - Honorable Mention & United States Army Special Award: Behavioral and Social Science



## Mrs. Stone News:

Fifth graders have had a busy few weeks! We have been to the Space and Rocket Center to enhance our unit on space. And, we have visited the main branch of the Madison County Library in preparation for the writing of our first research paper. At the library we received information and instruction on the Alabama Virtual Library. We also were allowed to visit the Archives division of the library where we saw many fascinating exhibits having to do with our county's past and the people who made those things happen. In April we will be participating in a Civil War Encampment at the Huntsville Depot to learn about life for soldiers during the Civil War.

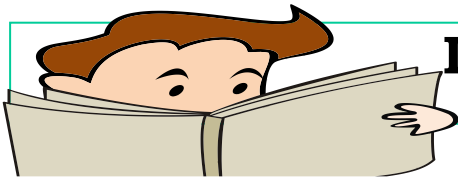


On March, 2ND the fourth and fifth grade went to the Space and Rocket Center. We had a wonderful time and learned a lot too!

## Diversity in the Community

Please join us in extending an appreciation note to Brother Rajab (IAH - Quran teacher) for participating in an event held by Leadership Huntsville on Diversity in the Community. His participation surely reflected positively on the IAH and our North Alabama Islamic Community.





## IAH Teacher's Report



Mrs. Edith Frye

DEAR FACULTY, STAFF, AND PARENTS:

In the Teacher's report, we would like to highlight the teachers of IAH. The teacher's report will showcase, celebrate, and recognize our outstanding teachers at the Islamic Academy of Huntsville. In this report, we would like to recognize Mrs. Edith Frye! She is a wonderful teacher and we are so glad to have her!

I have been teaching at IAH since the fall of 2008. Teaching second grade is awesome, and learning about the Islamic culture and faith is an ongoing process for me. It is my goal as a facilitator to the learning process to help struggling students overcome their obstacles and feel the confidence they need to be successful and enthusiastic students. For students who are at level or beyond, it is my duty to always keep them challenged and excited about learning.

My education was focused on math and I minored in English and sociology. Over the past 20 years, I have become an advocate for teaching geography. Thus, began my involvement with the National Geographic Bee which is a natural fit for the students at our school. (Congratulations to Abdullah Seljuki for qualifying for the state bee to be held at Samford University on March 27th.)

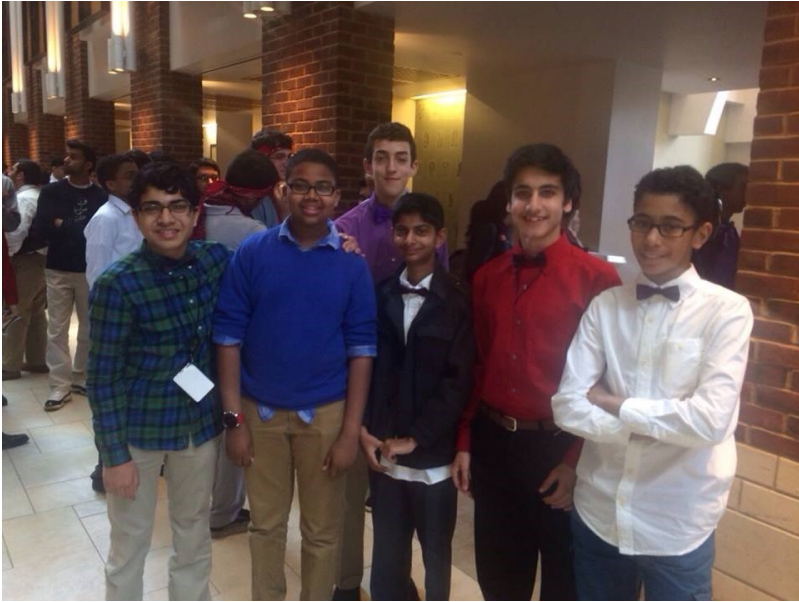
My husband and I have been married for almost 47 years. We have two fantastic children-John and Catherine- and two amazing almost-grown grandchildren (John, Jr. and Kendall). My favorite color is blue. My most immediate needs for my classroom are coat hooks and a locking storage cabinet.

Edith Frye



## MIST Nashville's 2015 Regional Tournament

We are so proud of our IAH students who participated in the MIST Nashville's 2015 Regional Tournament. They did an outstanding job; they came in first place overall. Sincere thanks to all parents, volunteers, and team coaches for their amazing contributions to make this event such a success. Way to Go !!!



# 2015 Alabama State Geographic Bee Competition

## CONGRATULATIONS

Dear Students, Parents and Teachers of the IAH,

We are very proud of our students as they continue to excel and work hard on achieving their academic goals. Please join us in congratulating our 8<sup>th</sup> grade student “Abdullah Seljuki” who competed on Friday, March, 27, 2015, at the State Geographic Bee Competition at Samford University in Birmingham, Alabama. Abdullah was qualified for the final top ten round, where he did exceptionally well and landed on the 7<sup>th</sup> place at the final round, mashAllah, Wow! The Geographic Bee is a contest for 4<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> graders throughout the United States, and is sponsored by the National Geographic Society. A special thanks to Ms. Frye for coordinating this great event!

We are very proud of Abdullah and ALL of our IAH students for their distinctive and outstanding accomplishments and wishing them the utmost success in all their future endeavors.

Best regards,  
Dr. Hamsa Mahafza  
Interim/Acting Principal, IAH

