

April Newsletter 2015

Message from the Principal

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the parents, staff, and community members for all the support, visits, sweet treats, and prayers during my medical leave. I'm very excited to be back at IAH to serve our students. Great things are happening here at IAH such as; Essay Contests, , Technology Fair and Math competition MashAllah we have so many winners in different grades. Please allocate some of your time to read April News Letter and enjoy the details. As usual April is a busy month for us at IAH. Students and teachers are working very hard to get ready for SAT test. Kindly, I request the parents to make sure their children get a good night's sleep the evening before the test, eat a healthy, protein-rich breakfast, and arrive at school early. I urge all IAH parents to encourage their children to participate in the following programs:

- **Screen - Free Week;** For IAH students and parents the screen-free week will start on **April 27th - May 4th of 2015**, which is the week of testing. All students, families, friends, and community members should participate, and rediscover the joys of life beyond the screen. Unplug from the digital entertainment and spend your free time playing, reading, creating, exploring, and connecting with family and friends. Teachers will send an activity log with the students home to log their daily activities, Parents are required to sign and return the log sheet no later than May 8th, 2015. I have prizes for the participants at my office. Studies shows being digital free helps improve the test score. My prayers for our students to excel in their SAT test inshAllah.
- **School store net:**
It is an easy way to help IAH earn money and your child to win a prize. All you do, invite your family and friends to shop online through Schootore.net you can sign up and use the school ID# 345279. School store is an online shopping mall with over 400 of the top online stores including Wal-Mart, Target, Sears, Kohl's, Office Depot, and Family Book Store. When your family and friends make everyday purchases through schoolstore.com, our school earns money and your child can win great prizes.
- On behalf of IAH staff, parents, and students I would like to welcome Dr. Mohamed Seif. The new Education Secretary . With Dr. Seif's background in education, his teaching experience, and wisdom IAH will strive inshAllah.

Finally,

I would like to welcome back Mrs. Bailey to IAH and her class, she was greatly missed by her students, staff, and parents. Welcome back!

Rezan Hakim

IAH principal

Dates to Remember:

April. 28th – May.1st	*SAT Testing
May. 4th – May 8th	*Teachers Appreciation Week
May. 11th – May.15th	*Middle School Final Exam Week
May. 19th	*Awards Day/ Graduation

Welcome the New Secretary of Education

Assalamualikum Wa Rahmatu Allahe wa barakatuh:

Dear IAH parents, IAH teachers, and HIC community members:

Please join me, and the IAH Executive Educational Board Committee to welcome **Dr. Mohamed Seif**, as the newly appointed Secretary of Education for IAH.

We are honored and blessed to have him as our new Sec. Of Education, and we believe he will be a great addition to IAH Educational Committee.



Dr. Mohamed Seif is a professor and Chair of the Department of Mechanical Engineering at Alabama A&M University. He joined A&M in September 2002. He received his Ph.D. degree from the University of Central Florida in July 1988. He also worked as a professor at Northern Illinois University before he joined A&M. He is a registered Professional Engineer in the State of Alabama. His research experience is outstanding, and his research funding exceeds 2.5 million dollars as a Principal Investigator and more than 10 million dollars as a Co-Principal Investigator. He authored a book chapter in Nuclear Materials and has over 90 referred and non-referred publications in various aspects of biomechanical, robotics, advanced composites, Laser measurements, and rocket science. His interests include health monitoring of missile and aerospace structures, damage assessment and reliability analysis, Laser measurements in Experimental Mechanics, cracks and flaws Evaluation, NDE using Laser and ultrasonic techniques, design optimization, and Nanotechnology. Dr. Seif has worked as a consultant engineer for several companies such as FMC Corp. (Airline Equipment Division), Daniels Manufacturing Corp., Inner Millennium Research, and Engineering Science and Analysis Inc.

As an academic leader, he has extensive experience in addressing accreditation requirements such as Program Educational Objectives, Student Outcomes, Program Assessment, Continuous Improvement Plans, and Professional Development. He has been very successful in maintaining accreditation by SAKS and the Engineering Accreditation Commission of ABET. His administrative skills include many certificates such as Total Quality and Management (TQM), Learning Assessment, Managing Conflict towards Win-Win Outcomes, Assertive Communication, Facilitation Skills, and Writing on Target. Since he chaired the Mechanical Engineering Department at AAMU, the students' enrollment has been doubled.

We cannot do Dr. Seif justice, to all his great accomplishments in the academic, medical, scientific, research, and analytical fields.

We are very excited to have Dr. Seif as our new Sec. of Education, and we extend our hands to him to help him bring IAH to the Academy it deserves to be.

Thank you, and JAK all

Sincerely

Dr. Sawsan Alkurabi

Winners of Americanism Contest (5th & 8th)

Background: Each year the American Legion Auxiliary sponsors an Americanism Essay contest for students in grades 3-12. The grades are divided into five classes. Three awards are presented in each of the five classes: 1st Place, 2nd Place and 3rd Place.

This year's essay title: "What Does Freedom Mean to My Family?"

Congratulations to our IAH Winners:

Mrs. Reynolds' 6th Grade Class:

Haneen Zeinelabdin - 1st Place

Mrs. Reynolds' 8th Grade Class:

Ahmed Zeinelabdin - 1st Place

Abdullah Seljuki - 2nd Place

Sarah Hakim - 3rd Place

Danna Mahdi - 3rd Place

Mrs. Stone's 5th Grade Class:

Hyatt Kamel - 2nd Place

Aliyah Rashid - 3rd Place



Congratulations to our IAH Winners

IAH 2015 Technology Fair – Mrs. Reynolds

Congratulations to all the IAH students who worked hard, took a chance and competed in the Alabama Council in Technology Education (ACTE) NW Regional and ACTE State Technology Fairs recently held at Calhoun Community College in Decatur. IAH Middle School teacher and technology sponsor, Mrs. Sharon Reynolds help prepare fourteen IAH students to compete against area schools in several technology categories in both group and individual projects to include: Hardware Robotics, Presentations, Video, General Applications (Print Media), and Web Design. Competition was tough, but IAH came home a strong winner. All students who competed had to present their projects to a judge and explain exactly how they created their projects.

Nine first and second place winners from **the NW Regional Fair competed at the ACTE State Competition** this past Saturday, April 24, 2015. **Hibah Memon, Dena Mahdi and Aleena Bodla** won first place in Level 1 for their project.

ACTE NW Regional Technology Fair participants included, third graders **Yasmine and Yaseen Najjar** with teammate **Mustafa Tareki** who received first place for their fun group video project “Soccer Sensations” created with iMovie. Third grader **Mariam Belhadj** won second place for her scrumptious “Blue Ribbon” dessert web page design. Third grader **Rahaf Essul** expertly presented her web design on her favorite topic, “Art.”

Fourth graders **Dena Mahdi, Hibah Memon and third grader Aleena Bodla** received first place for their creative business group project: “Cakery Bakery” and web design created with MS Publisher.

Fifth grader **Hesham Shiktholth** won second place for his Legos Mindstorm robotic project “Ultimate Destructor” which he programmed to complete three tasks. **Hyatt Kamel** competed with her very information and creative web design on Egypt. And **Aya Alam** competed with her fancy MS Publisher web site design on Indian Fashions. Fifth grader **Re-dah Essul** won second place for his presentation on “Space and Earth” and Honorable Mention for his web design.

Sixth graders **Haneen Zeinelabdin and Soondos Kamel** received third place for their World War II presentation and competed strongly with their open letter from Prime Minister Churchill to President Roosevelt WW II iMovie project.

Along with creating and presenting their projects, students were also tested on their knowledge of technology with an online skills test. IAH Technology Test winners for the NW Regional Fair: **Mariam Belhadj, Hibah Memon, and Haneen Zeinelabdin** tied for third place for their respective grade levels, and **Aleena Bodla** won Honorable Mention.

All IAH students experienced the thrill of presenting their projects, learned a little more about technology and hopefully will be better prepared for next year’s competition. A special thank you to all the teachers and parents who supported the late hours and the extra days of preparation.



IAH students at the NW Regional Alabama Council in Technology Education Technology Fair



Technology State Fair Participation



Technology State Fair Winners

2014-2015 IAH Math Team Mrs. League

Our 5th and 6th grade math team went to Randolph for a math tournament on April 11th. The 6th grade team received 5th place overall and Mahad Memon received 10th place individual out of over 100 students. We will have another competitions at UAH (3rd – 8th grade) on May 9. The students have also been participating in the Math Olympiads online math competition since the beginning of the year. Please wish our students luck!



Ms. Steele's Classroom



Science Class: USDA Field Trip!

Earth Day aims to inspire awareness of and appreciation for Earth's environment. This year, Earth Day will be an exciting day for the middle school students of IAH. The middle school science classes will visit the United States Department of Agriculture office and lab at Alabama A&M University.

Students will participate in a hands-on soil and water analysis sampling lab, hands-on activity in the arboretum, and participate in the conservation Education outreach program.



Pre-K & KG CORNER



For Earth Day the kindergarteners planted flowers in front of the school. They had fun contributing to the earth and enjoying the spring weather!



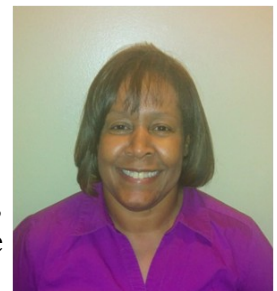
The pre k students were having fun with a spring project on caterpillars.

THE LIBRARY CORNER

It has been a very eventful year for the Library. We began having weekly story time for preschoolers and kindergarteners. I enjoyed touring the Huntsville Madison County Public Library with the middle school students. We learned quite a bit about where to find reference materials for writing reports and term papers. I believe this will be a great tool as a yearly field trip for our students. The IAH student council sponsored a very successful book drive. They met and surpassed their goal of 100 books to 204 books!

The school year is fast coming to an end. I would like to encourage those of you who have not turned in your overdue books to do so, so I can account for all inventory in the library. We now have over 2300 books and other materials online. We need to know what lost books need to be replaced in the library. Books will continue to be checked until the last two weeks of May. So in the meantime, **READ! READ! READ!**

Your Librarian,
Mrs. Bone



1st Grade – Mrs. Bailey

Parents,

I am so excited to be back to finish the school year strong with your children! Thank you for all of the gifts and well wishes you bestowed upon me with the birth of my first child, Harper Elise! For the rest of April and into May, first grade will be focusing on finishing up our reading series and our math concepts as well as reviewing important material so that everyone is hopefully prepared for second grade! I am planning on doing some fun science experiments with the class so stay tuned to see what we are up to!



2nd Grade – Mrs. Frye

In April, second graders learned about Mexico and Central America. They identified the countries, their capitals, looked for banana stickers from Central American countries, and colored flags. They especially enjoyed watching live video of ships passing through the Panama Canal and learned how the canal locks work. This year the Panama Canal is 100 years old. We also looked at pictures of the new locks being constructed to accommodate today's super-sized ships.

We celebrated completing this unit by having a nacho fiesta.



3rd Grade – Mrs. Rodriguez

Students from third grade learned about mixtures and solutions as part of their chapter on Matter. They participated in making a mixture and then separating it into groups to demonstrate a physical change in matter. This was an interesting activity and a wonderful snack!



4th & 5th grade – Mrs. Stone & Mrs. Ledesma

This month the fifth graders have been busy reviewing for standardized tests and getting prepared to write a research paper. On Thursday, April 16th, 4th & 5th grade students attended a Civil War Encampment at the Huntsville Historic Depot. We learned how to march and follow orders as well as what a soldier used and needed during war time. Everyone enjoyed this experience! Our class is working very hard to have 100% participation in meeting our AR goals this last nine weeks!

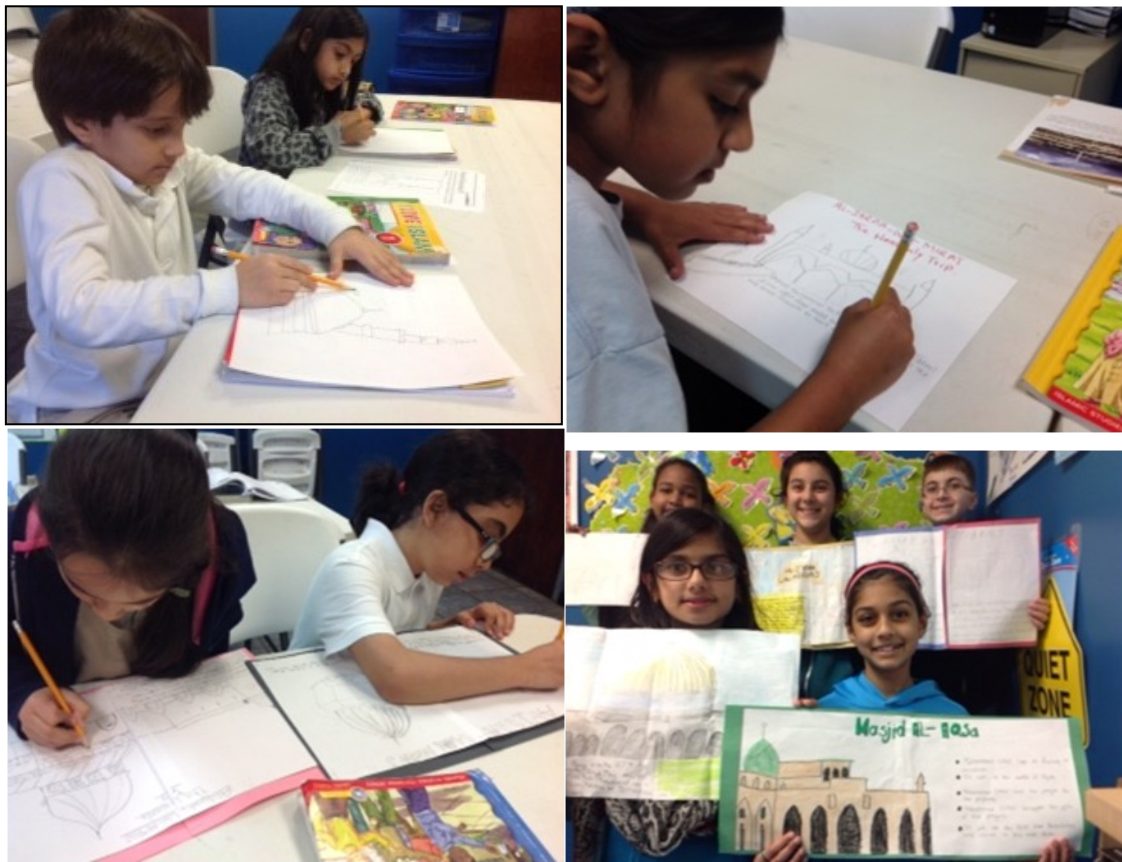


HIFZ SCHOOL

This is our last week in Hifz school. We can't believe how fast this school year passed by!! Alhamdulillah it was not a waste though. Each student has added more and more Surahs to their Memorization hoping to get closer to their big target "The whole Quran". Students have been working hard to review everything they memorized for their Quran Exam this week. We are planning to have our end of the year ceremony to reward our hard working future Huffaz InshaaAllah after the SAT testing week.



Dear parents, during the Islamic month of Rajab, we learned and talked about an important event (ISRAA – WAL – MIRAJ). The Heavenly trip our beloved prophet Muhammad (PBUH) took in on night and to the gift of five prayers for the believers. All the students from first to eight grade did various activities and poster projects.



Arabic Class News



Mustafa Tareki, a 3rd Grader, is the winner of April's Arabic Reading



6th Graders summarize and present their assigned stories to the class.



8th grade students are performing an Arabic skit.

Mrs. Karla's Classes



Health Class

Computer Class

P.E. Class

Greetings, all of my **Health classes** are coming to a end soon with great success. This was the first year for myself and IAH to instruct health classes. I am very impressed with what the students have learned and how they have enjoyed the new subject. Next year, I am planning to send out a syllabus for all classes that will include all subjects covered and grading expectations. As always, I am very happy to get parent emails about subjects and any homework questions.

Computer classes have slowly gotten better as the semester has went on. The students are learning a lot of computer skills like safe web browsing, character research, paper writing skills and better understanding of computer applications. I look forward to helping the students improve their skills in the next school year.

EARTH DAY APRIL

On April 22nd, the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th grades will be presenting their conservation projects to the school for Earth Day. I am very proud of my students and really believe they did an awesome job on their projects.

Physical education classes started the Presidential Youth Fitness Program after the break. All students from 2nd to 8th grade are participating in a program that includes different exercises to receive a certificate from President Obama. I am looking forward to sharing our successes with everyone as we complete our program. I truly appreciate the students for stepping up to a tremendous challenge such as this.

