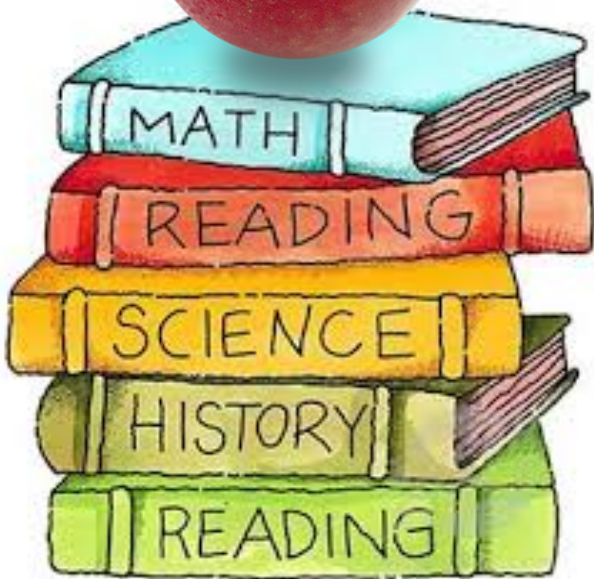


New Letter- August 2016



Welcome to our first Newsletter of the 2016-2017 academic year at Islamic Academy of Huntsville. It is hard to believe that a month has passed so quickly, and I believe that all students, parents, as well as our hardworking staff, have had a great, positive experience thus far. Islamic Academy of Huntsville strives to offer a healthy, academic, Islamic environment for students where they can strengthen their faith as well as identity.

Highlights of the month of August:

Welcoming Our New Staff:

- ❖ Ms. Kay Campbell (Fifth Grade)
- ❖ Ms. Jennifer Walters (Fourth Grade)
- ❖ Ms. Cassandra Cooks (Third Grade)
- ❖ Ms. Basma Alrahawan (Arabic Language)
- ❖ Ms. Randa Alkhalidi (Library- PE)

“Congratulations”
to our First Grade troopers!

The transition from Kindergarten to First Grade is a huge change. It can be an overwhelming experience for parents and students.

You can help by:

Giving them more responsibilities at home.

Being patient with your child, and encourage them in their daily work and progresses.

Healthy Habits promoted at school:

EAT HEALTHY
Foods and avoid
sugar.



THINK CLEAN!
If you see trash,
dispose
it!



BE ON TIME!



Upcoming Events:

DAYS	STATUS
Friday Sept 2 nd	Half Day- Teachers' PD
Monday Sept 5 th	Labor Day Holiday
Friday Sep 9 th	Hajj prog- Half Day
Monday Sept 12 th	Eid Holiday

2016-2017 Hajj Program

Join us for our annual Hajj Program at IAH, and enjoy our students' performance.

The event will take place in IAH GYM, on Friday, September 9th, 10:00 am.



Join us at **Chuck-E-Cheese** on MONDAY, September 12th, between 3:00 pm – 9:00 pm for a fun, exciting Eid Celebration! This is a fundraising program organized by our wonderful PTO members. During this time, our school receives 15% of the sales at Chuck-E-Cheese. So bring all your friends and families with you, and remember to mention that you are with IAH (Islamic Academy of Huntsville)!

Upcoming Fieldtrips:



Second Grade trip to Public library Main Branch.

Tue, Sept 13th -Students will receive their very own Library Card that will set them on a path to love for Reading!

Third, Fourth, and Fifth Grade trip to Cathedral Caverns.

Thursday Sept 1st -Originally called Bat Cave, Cathedral Caverns was opened to the public by Jacob Gurley in the 1950s. The cave was renamed because of its cathedral-like appearance.



School Trip to Tate Farm!

Sept 27th (all School) - Tate Farm is well known in North Alabama as a pumpkin farm, however pumpkins have only been a part of the farm for the last 20 out of 68 years of farming for Homer Tate and his family.

After School Clubs:

All afterschool activities are open to students who do not currently attend IAH, but whose parents would like them to continue afterschool activities here. The clubs are free for IAH students, but there would be a practical fee for non-IAH students.



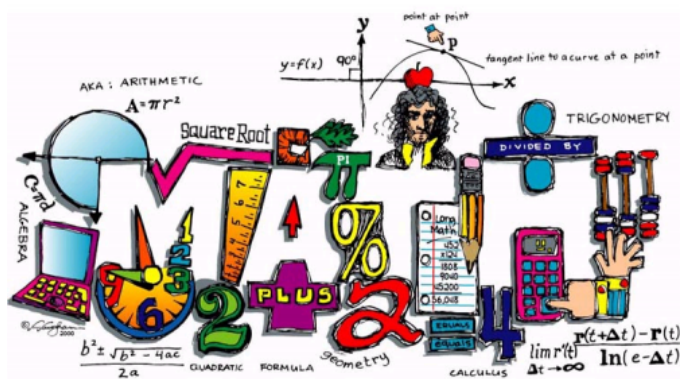
Soccer Club:

We are currently working on starting a soccer club after school. Soccer, more commonly known as football, the world's most popular sport, is an excellent sport for engaging youth in team-playing activities. The Soccer club will meet once or twice a week depending on number and age of participants.

Be on the look-out for the forms to come home, and make sure you fill out the forms and return in a timely fashion.

Math Competitions:

We are currently looking for volunteer parents and community members to coach our students and help us participate in local math competitions. If you are capable and interested, please contact us as soon as possible. We have a list of competitions, and can be on our way in no time. Community-wide participation assists toward building a positive image of who we are as Muslims and a community at large.



Creative Writing Club:

Our amazing fifth-grade teacher, Ms. Kay Campbell, has graciously accepted to start a creative writing club after school. She has extensive experience and background in journalism. The club will meet once a week, afterschool. Writing is one area that most students score low in standardized testing. Creative writing gives a twist to the process of writing and encourages students to open their minds to new possibilities and think outside the box.

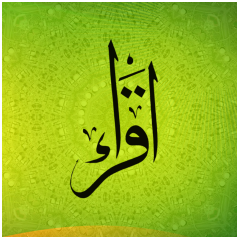
Green project at IAH:

We hope to start our recycling program again, and we ask everyone's help in cleaning up the school environment. As a community, every single person is obligated to help toward maintaining our environment. Our actions will effect our very own as well as our children's future. Please give 15 minutes of your time and devote it to picking trash around the masjid and school when you visit, particularly in playgrounds and around the dumpsters. Remember:

Many hands make work light.



Want your children to be successful?



Read to them, have them read to you, or take turns reading together! Family times are most enjoyable and necessary in today's life style. Often children are occupied with electronics, television, computers, and parents are happy because their children are occupied. It is vital that you leave a window of time for you and your children to read stories and discuss things.

It's important to read aloud to children of all ages

- Reading aloud presents books as sources of pleasant, valuable, and exciting experiences. Children who value books are motivated to read on their own.
- Reading aloud gives children background knowledge, which helps them make sense of what they see, hear, and read. The more adults read aloud to children, the larger their vocabularies will grow and the more they will know about the world and their place in it.
- Reading aloud lets parents and teachers be role models for reading. When children see adults excited about reading, they will catch their enthusiasm.
- Reading aloud can introduce books and types of literature—poetry, short stories, and biographies— children might not discover on their own.
- Reading aloud introduces the language of books, which differs from language heard in daily conversations, on television, and in movies. Book language is more descriptive and uses more formal grammatical structures.
- Reading aloud lets children use their imaginations to explore people, places, times, and events beyond their own experiences.



Thank you!

Special Thanks to all who have stepped forward and helped during the past 18 years and particularly the past month! We are truly appreciative of all that you have done and continue doing for us. We would not be able to have a school without the help of each and every one of you. We pray for much blessings from Allah (sw) for you and your beloved families. Please continue your generous support for IAH. If you would like to help or volunteer, please let us know. Donations of even small amounts (\$1, \$5, \$10, \$20) will go a long way in the daily course of learning. We are always in need of your help and support.



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