

Septemeber 2016 Newsletter



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Welcome to our second Newsletter of the 2016-2017 academic year at Islamic Academy of Huntsville. The second month has come to pass and with it many wonderful experiences and memories. We are looking forward to the new season of autumn; cool crisp air, sunshine, and particularly FALL BREAK!



Tate farm visit

The entire school visited Tate Farms on Tuesday Sept 27th. Students had a great time playing outdoors, petting bunny rabbits, going on hayrides on green tractors, picking their own pumpkins, and having lunch with their friends.

Parent-teacher conference

Alhamdulillah, we had our first parent-teacher conference on Friday, Sept 30th. If you did not meet with your teacher, we ask you to schedule a session. This is a mandatory session and all parents must meet with the teachers. "When schools, families, and community groups work together to support learning, children tend to do better in school, stay in school longer, and like school more." (Southwest Educational Development Laboratory, 2002). (<http://www.nea.org/tools/17360.htm>)

Healthy Habits promoted at school:

SAY NO TO BULLYING!



THINK CLEAN!
If you see trash, dispose



BE ON TIME!



Upcoming Events

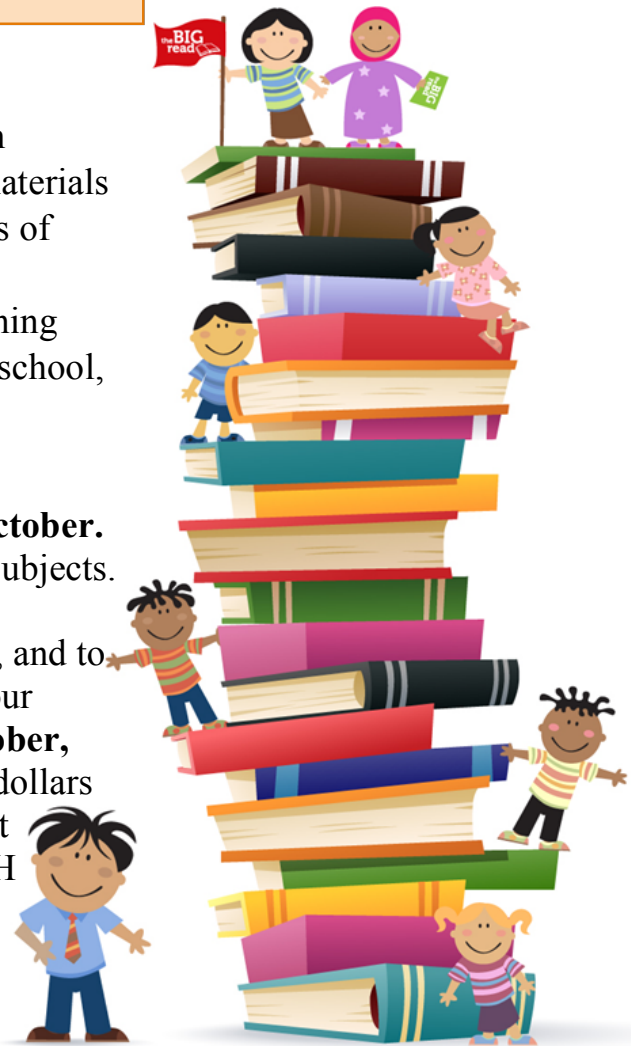
DAYS	STATUS
OCT 3 rd -7 th	Fall Break
OCT 10 th	Tuition Due
OCT 17 th -21 st	Scholastic Book Fair



Scholastic Book Fair

Scholastic was founded in 1920s as a single classroom magazine. Today, Scholastic books and educational materials are in tens of thousands of schools and tens of millions of homes worldwide. Their mission is to encourage the intellectual and personal growth of all children, beginning with literacy. Scholastic book fair will be visiting our school, inshallah, during the week of **OCTOBER 17th-23rd**.

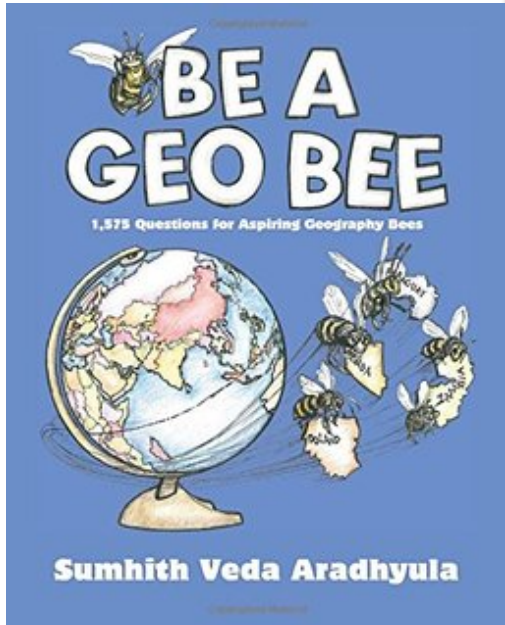
The book fair is open to all and will be open to the community at large on evening of Friday 21st of October. Reading books will help students academically in all subjects. Books make wonderful gifts for all occasions, such as birthdays, rewards for accomplishments, holiday gifts, and to simply encourage reading in children. Please invite your **family and friends to join us on Friday 21st of October, after school until 8 pm.** IAH will receive Scholastic dollars toward book purchases for our teachers and if we meet the goal and collect the amount of \$1,800 in sales, IAH will also receive a percentage of the profits.



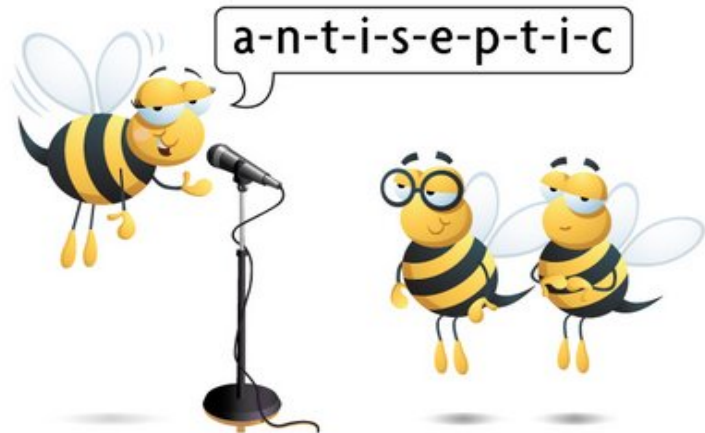
IAH Board of Director's Election

Islamic Academy of Huntsville (IAH) will hold elections for three board members on Saturday, October 22, 2016. The elections will be held during general assembly meeting of the HIC community. The general body of IAH is comprised of voting members of HIC community and two parents of current IAH students. All community members, especially parents of school children, are eligible and encouraged to serve as IAH board members. Nominations for candidates can be sent via email to "office@islamicacademyofhuntsville.org". Please make sure that anyone you nominate is willing to serve before you submit the nomination.

Upcoming Events



Our School is already registered for 2016-2017 **Geography and Spelling Bee**. More info coming up soon!



Folk-life Festival at Burritt on the Mountain

Students (K-5th) will have another trip to Burritt on the Mountain for the Folk-life Festival on Thursday, Oct 20th inshallah (God willing).

On this day craftspeople, artists and presenters will share their knowledge about the traditions, skills, handicrafts and arts of our region during the 1800s and early 1900s. Some of the skills that will be demonstrated include: blacksmithing, flint knapping, Native American flute making and playing, spinning, quilting, open hearth cooking and much, much more.



What's happening in...

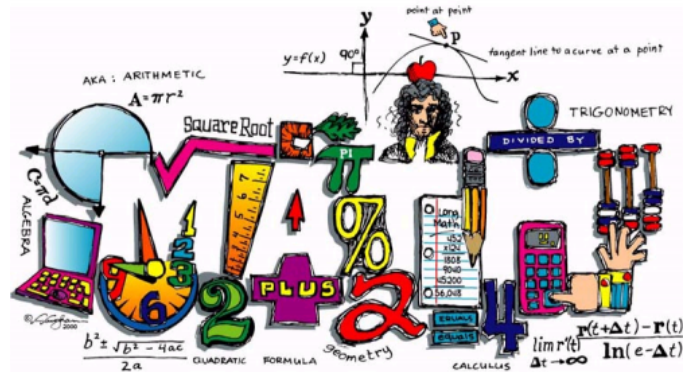
Soccer Club update

We are currently looking for someone that can coach our soccer club. If you or someone you know is able to meet with our students after 3:30 pm, twice a week, please let us know! Our students are very excited about this club.



Math Competitions

We are currently looking for one or two volunteer parents to take charge of the Math Competition. We have a coach who will prepare the students but we are in need of a team leader who will accompany students to the Math competition sessions. These sessions are often during the weekends. If you are interested please let us know.



Creative Writing Club

This club will begin **Tuesday, OCT 11th** , **immediately following dismissal time**. All participating students must meet in Ms. Cook's (3rd) as soon as the bell rings. Ms. Campbell and Cook will be teaching this class as a team. We would like to thank them for their wonderful hard work. **This club is for students in 3rd grade and up. The class ends at 4:15. PLEASE be on time to pick up your students.**



Cleaning project

Our 5th Graders are proud of our school and do what we can to keep our room, our hallways, and the grounds around the school looking tidy. We make a habit of collecting playground paper or litter and putting it in the trashcan when we come in. Also, three times since the beginning of the school year, we have taken some class time at the end of the day to pick up trash -something especially needed after the celebrations of Eid.

Picking up trash after Eid was, in fact, the students' idea. They noticed the grounds needed quite a bit of cleaning when they walked in that morning. They have also noticed that the area around the dumpster itself needs some cleaning, but that's not a project I'm willing to let children work on; it needs adults to take care of that. We want to send a big thank-you to all the members of the community who also pick up trash. Working together, we can keep the school, masjid and campus looking great.



2016-2017 IAH Student Council
Student is a curricular or extracurricular activity for students within elementary and secondary schools in most public and private K-12 school systems across the United States, Canada, Australia and Asia. Ms. Jennifer Walters, our 4th Grade teacher, is taking the lead on organizing the IAH Student Council, which will be involved in the community as well as the school. Students on the Council feel a sense of pride for their school and community, and learn to work together as a team. Ms. Walters will work on establishing a constitution and setting up a Student Council so

that all of the students in the school will be made aware of the role and functions of the Student Council and how the nomination and election process will take place. This process is happening in a perfect timing at IAH as it coincides with USA Election on November 8, 2016. Student Council helps build future leaders for tomorrow's world.

LEADERSHIP, ORGANIZATION AND PURPOSE

The IAH Student Council will be an active part of the IAH student body and consists of students from 3rd to 5th grades, some of whom will be representatives for younger students. Students in 3rd-5th Grades are encouraged to run for office on the IAH Student Council! Students will campaign for officer positions in late October. All students from 3rd-5th grades participate. Voting takes place in a private booth with an "official" ballot. Students elected for student council are required to hold a high academic grade point average and be willing to speak in front of others.



What's happening in...

Hajj Mabrook to our wonderful Bodla family. They were so sweet to bring the entire Fifth Grade class souvenirs from the holy pilgrimage trip, and our fifth grade students and teacher were just thrilled. May Allah bless them and reward them for their thoughtfulness.



In memory of Sally El-Biely, our sweet sister and IAH staff.

<http://worldhijabday.com/sky-is-no-longer-the-limit-for-this-hijabi-engineer/>

2016 Girls Science & Engineering Day scheduled for November 5, 2016. Registration will open October 3.

Girls Science and Engineering Day is for girls in the 3rd - 5th grades. The girls attend four, 40 minute hands-on workshops on a variety of topics from biology and living things, to space and rockets, doctors and nurses, stars and planets, mathematics, physics, experiments, robots and more! 9am-2pm- Cost \$20

This is not a school-sponsored event. Students interested to participate must register online <http://www.gseduah.com>. Parents are responsible to transport and have their students participate in the program.

Green project at IAH

Due to high cost of commercial recycling, we are taking things in our own hands. Students will recycle their unwanted paper and plastic and the office will collect and recycle the materials properly.



What's happening in...



PTO Corner (Parents- Teachers- Organization)
Our PTO elected their 2016-2017 officer during their meeting in early September. The election for 2017-2018 year will take place in May 2017 inshallah (God willing).

Our PTO officers for this academic year are:

President: Vijdan Nour

Vice President: Eman Lotfey

Secretary: Summayah Fatima

Treasurer: Bushra Elsayed

Please direct all inquiries to PTO_IAH@yahoo.com

Stay Healthy and Thoughtful

Flu season is quickly approaching. As a reminder, the Department of Public Health recommends that everyone from the age 6 months and older be vaccinated. Please check with your child's health care provider to see if the flu vaccine is available there. Most drug stores also have it, and most health insurance plans cover the cost of the vaccine. If your child should be ill, remember that our school follows the Health Department's recommendations that:

- ⇒ Temperatures over 100 stay home. Children should not return to school until they are fever free for 24 hours without the use of Tylenol or Motrin.
- ⇒ Students, who were home vomiting, should not return until they are keeping solid food down for 24 hours. Students, who have been experiencing diarrhea, can
- ⇒ return when they can toilet without accidents.
- ⇒ If your child is diagnosed with strep, pink eye, or any contagious/infectious disease, please keep your student at home.
- ⇒ Please notify the office of any absences so that teachers can prepare assignments and you can pick up school-work so your child won't fall behind.



Sandwiches

Our parents have been working tirelessly on Fridays to provide us with delicious sandwiches. The proceeds go to PTO Fund, and will be used for covering improvements to classrooms and school. Replacing Pre-k's bathroom flooring with tiles, creating an Arabic Library, and purchasing First Aid Kits for each grade are some of the ongoing projects PTO is working on. Please be a part of the movement toward success and cooperate with our hard-working mothers. **Everyone is obligated to help as much as they are able to.**

What's happening in...

We are collecting Box Tops!

HOW BOX TOPS WORK:

BUY Find "Box Tops for Educations," a postage-stamp-sized emblem on hundreds of products > (Cereals, Ziploc bags, Green Giants Vegie Steamers, Lysol Cleaning supplies, Scots Paper Products, Yoplait, Land O'Lakes, Annie's, Nature Valley, Mott's, and Fiber One, etc.)

CLIP Box Tops from each package.

SEND Box Tops to school in a bag

EARN Box Tops are each worth 10¢ for your school.



HOW DOES CASH GET TO YOUR SCHOOL?

Our school's Box Tops Coordinator will collect all the Box Tops and send them in so

our school can get cash. Checks are mailed to schools twice a year in December and April.

Bonus Box Tops at stores

Occasionally, stores hold promotions where they give away extra Box Tops.

Bonus Box Tops online

Members get exclusive chances to win extra Box Tops.



A HUGE THANK YOU to our PTO for their lovely gifts for EID. IAH staff and students are forever grateful to you and your dedication.

IAH wishes you a super
FALL BREAK!



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