

# Fall 2017 Newsletter

Faith Academics Excellence



Congratulations to our 2017 IAH Spelling Bee Winner, Aleena Bodla; first runner up, Mariam Belhadj; and second runner up, Arham Muhammad.

## Students Raise Money for the Rohingya Muslims

The Student Council raised over \$500 for the Rohingya Muslims of Myanmar through bake sales and increased awareness of the plight of the Rohingya among students and the HIC community. The Student Council's priority is leading service projects.



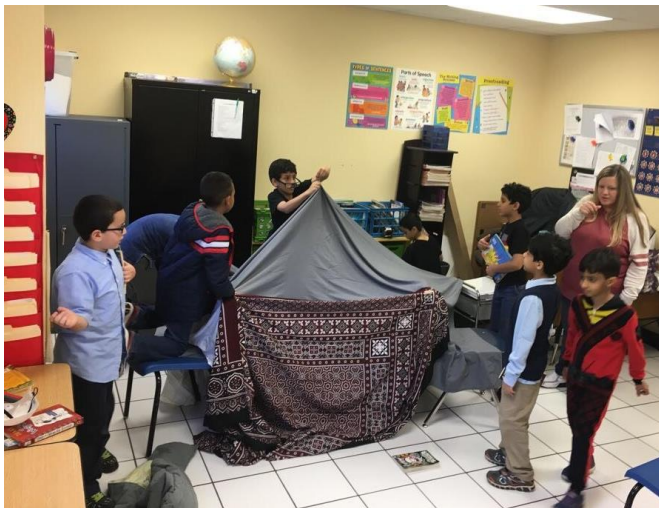
18 top spellers competed for 32 rounds after weeks of preparations.



**READ-A-THON is full of creativity and cross grade sharing.**



**Sixth grade students read books to third graders (pictured here) and first graders on Book Character Day.**



**Left: Second and third graders built reading forts for fun places to read.  
Right: Book Character Day began with an all school parade.**

## *Student Council Elects 2017-2018 Officers*



Students were highly engaged in the September Student Council election. Officers elected are: Enas Alrobiai, Communications; Talia ElKhatib, 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Representative; Ayah Williams, 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Representative; Omar Tareki (not pictured), 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Representative; Yaseen Najjar, Sergeant-at-Arms; Yasmine Najjar, PreK-2 Representative; Aleena Bodla, Secretary-Treasurer; Fara Gouda, Vice President; and re-elected President, Areej Gouda.



The Student Council sponsored a Special Olympics Cheering Squad of 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders. They also sponsored a panel discussion on Understanding Disabilities. Panelists included pediatrician, Dr. Muhammad ElKhatib and teachers Ms. Baker and Mrs. Cook.

*WE WERE ALL SCIENTISTS ON THE DAY OF THE SOLAR ECLIPSE*



**Above: first graders perform a play about the solar eclipse.**

**Right: second graders view the eclipse safely.**

*The Wonderful Eclipse*

**A poem by Maryam Rashid**

On the day of the great eclipse  
 I dove at the pool and went sailing on ships.  
 Suddenly the sun had a bite.  
 Don't look! You will lose your sight.  
 You have to use special glasses.  
 This light shines very massive.  
 There was darkness, and we couldn't see  
 The sun rays hit towards me.  
 The sky was colorful;  
 It was weird, but joyful.  
 This was a strange and wonderful day.  
 When the sun came back, we began to play.



## *IAH CELEBRATES EID AL ADHA*

*IAH students presented a Hajj Program for parents and the HIC Community on August 30, 2017*



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لَبَّيْكَ لَا شَرِيكَ لَكَ لَبَّيْكَ

## LEARNING IS AN ADVENTURE

Fourth and fifth graders explored nature in late September on an Alabama Heritage filed trip to Noccalua Falls near Gadsden, AL. They found a beautiful spot for salat.



Drama Ensemble students in grades 4, 5, and 6 learn the skill of focus by counting to 100 by 5's. The Ensemble is working on a production of *Ali Baba and the Forty Thieves* based on their own version of the classic Arabic fairy tale. IAH students receive weekly drama lessons through the Princess Theatre Performance and Education Academy. They will perform the production at the Princess Theatre in the spring.



## Upcoming Events

<b><u>FULL</u> Tuition is DUE</b>	<b>By DEC 5th</b>
<b>National Geographic Bee</b>	<b>DEC 6th @ 9am</b>
<b>Report Cards</b>	<b>DEC 20<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>Parent Teacher Conference (Optional)</b> <b>Students' Half Day (Dismissal at 12:00)</b>	<b>DEC 20th</b>
<b>Winter Holiday (no school)</b>	<b>DEC 21<sup>th</sup>-Jan 3<sup>rd</sup></b>



### **National Geographic Bee – Dec 6<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00 am**

**The National Geographic Bee** is an annual geography contest sponsored by the National Geographic Society. The bee, held every year since 1989, is open to students in the fourth through eighth grades in participating schools from the United States.

<http://www.nationalgeographic.com/geobee/index.html>

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