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Islamic Academy of Huntsville

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IAH Visits Tate Farms' Pumpkin Patch

Students, teachers and parents took a trip to the Tate Farms Pumpkin Patch in October. Besides the fun of picking pumpkins, students learned about farm animals and agriculture. They rode across fields in a wagon and found their way through a tall hay maze. The trip is an annual event for school children throughout north Alabama.

Fall Events

IAH has had an exciting and productive fall. Students exhibited their best work for the Annual IAH Fundraiser held September 22nd. Pre-school, kindergarten and third grade students sang songs at the fundraiser. Parents, former and current students and community members gave testimonials about the importance of supporting and sustaining IAH which is in its twenty-first year of providing Islamic Education.

The event raised over \$90,000 in cash and pledges. There is still a need to raise \$80,000 to meet budget requirements for the year. IAH is grateful for the support of community donors. The school is committed to helping families who need tuition assistance.

Students presented a program in celebration of Eid Al Hada during the first two weeks of the school year in which they performed the rites of hajj.

Save the Date!

Winter Break:
Dec. 24-Jan. 4
Winter Break is a good time to start Science projects.

National Geographic Bee:
January 16, 2019
Grades 4-6

Science Fair
January 29-Feb. 1
Science Fair Week
Judging: January 31.



Spotlight on Learning

Teachers strive to make learning both challenging and rewarding. Project-based learning is an integral part of the entire curriculum at IAH.

Learning Quran in Kindergarten

Kindergarten students memorized Surah AL Asr and Surah Quraysh. They celebrated with an ice cream party. They also learn to identify Arabic letters as they view posters of each surah they memorize.

Fun ways to learn Arabic: from songs, to games, to writing on the sidewalks

Students are learning new ways to master Arabic. They practice in and out of the classroom with the goal of reading, writing, and speaking everyday Arabic and reading Quran.



The Art / Math Connection

Students in the upper grades designed tessellations. Tessellations are artistic designs common in Arabic art in which designs must connect like puzzle pieces. They also have learned geometry through 3D cube designs. Art teacher, Mrs. Miller, connects her art lessons to academic concepts, history and higher order thinking

Health and Physical Education

Each physical education class starts with exercises. It's not just fun and games. Students study health topics and do health projects in addition to learning to master team work, motor skills and sportsmanship. Students also learn safety procedures for crisis situations.



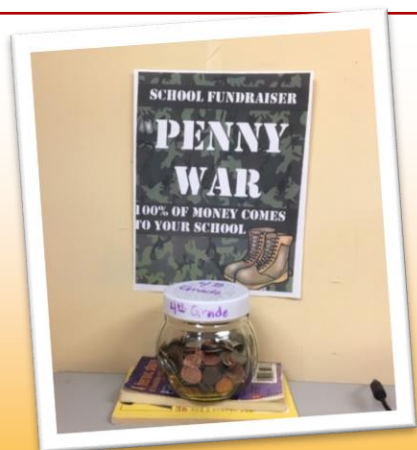


Top three spellers in each grade compete. Salieu Sowe wins IAH Spelling Bee.

Grades one through six held class competitions for the top three spellers in each grade. The top three students in each grade then competed in the school spelling bee on October 31st.

The school winner spelling is fifth grader Salieu Sowe. Salieu will represent IAH at the Madison County Division of the National Spelling Bee on February 3rd.

First Runner Up was 6th grader Rumaysa Alwajih and Second Runner Up was 5th grader Mamediarra Ngom. The top spellers in each grade received gift bags and all students worked very hard to learn to spell and define new words.



Penny Wars for Library Books

The Student Council is sponsoring *Penny Wars* to raise funds for new library books. Each class fills a jar with loose change every month. The class raising the most money each month wins a party. \$300 has been raised in the first month of fundraising. Fourth grade won the first party.

Students view cosmos in portable planetarium

Planets and stars come to life

Kindergarten through grade six students took part in a special planetary science learning experience in which they viewed the constellations, planets and their unique moons while inside a large portable planetarium.

Science educator Billy Hix set up his planetarium in the IAH gym and projected images of the cosmos for a close up look at our solar system.

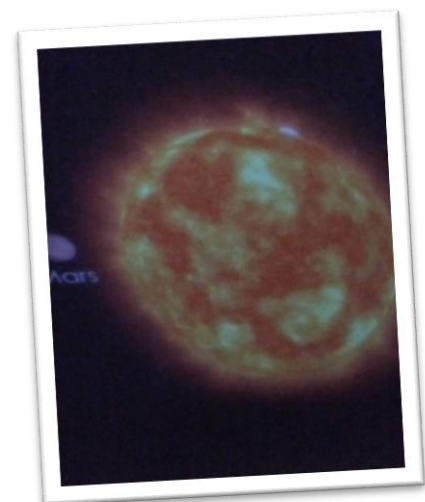


They viewed each planet

Students viewed each planet close up and learned its special features. They were fascinated that earth's closet star is the sun and that other planets besides earth have moons. They learned about the rings around Saturn and how to identify constellations. They also learned which planets are warm and which are cold.

They asked questions about Mars

Viewing Mars up close was fascinating! Students learned the features of the planet compared to other planets and had questions about the possibility of life on Mars in the past and the future. They now have a new interest in space exploration and global warming as well as the history of space exploration.



Science educator inspires students

The planetarium visit gave students an opportunity to experience the solar system in a realistic way. As they viewed a close up of the night sky and the planets they were filled with questions about the universe. Student Council President Fayez presented guest presenter Billy Hix with a certificate of appreciation.

Student Council Officers Elected

Twenty-one students ran for student council offices and gave campaign speeches in September. The elected officers are: **Fayez Alradi**, President, **Abbas Jawo**, Vice President; **Hala Zeinelabin**, Secretary; **Arham Muhammad**, Treasurer, and **Yara Alhamdan**, Kindergarten-2nd Grade Representative.



Students Perform Islamic Songs for Hajj Program

Students learned songs in Arabic classes as the school year began. They sang and performed the rites of Hajj.



Imam Ragab integrates Quran and Islamic Studies. Students memorize, recite and study tafsir as well as Islamic values, history and culture.

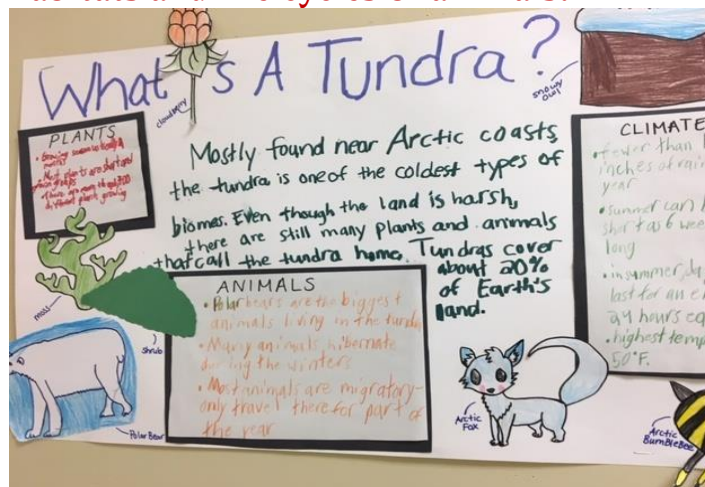
Hands-on Learning at IAH

Digital Learning

Students learn to use programs like Paint and PowerPoint in computer classes as well as word processing as they edit book reports they have written. They also use computers to check their reading comprehension and mastery of math skills. Below first graders match letter sounds to learn sight words.



Fourth graders have been studying habitats and life cycles of animals.



Petting goats and rabbits at Tate Farms was a fascinating learning experience for students.

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New Board Members Elected

The IAH Board of Directors welcomes newly elected parent members Brother Magdi Eltom, Sister Ienas Gafer and Dr. Reem Albasharieh. Brother Eltom will serve as Board Secretary, Dr. Albasharieh will serve as School Liaison, and Sister Gafer will serve as PTO Liaison. Continuing board members are Dr. Baber Khan, President; Dr. Muhammad Amjad, Vice President; Brother Sammy Zaitar, Treasurer; and Dr. Abdalla Elsamadicy, HIC Education Secretary.