

# Blessings



# Newsletter

**A** *s-Salaamu-Alaikum and greetings,  
Dear Families and Friends,*

Spring is in the air and we hope you are all enjoying the coming of warmer weather, Alhamdulillah!

## School Supplies 2011-12

The Academy has begun the process of planning for the upcoming school year. We realize that the days leading up to the first day of school can be challenging with transitioning children from summer mode to school mode. We are also mindful that Ramadan will begin in August. Many families will be spending time preparing for dinners, gathering with family and increasing their focus on Allah(swt). The Academy would like to assist our families by taking on the responsibility of purchasing all of the school supplies for each grade level, excluding backpacks, lunch boxes, art shirts and gym clothes. This cost will come in the form of an activity fee. The fee will be separate from tuition fees which will remain at the current cost. The activity fee will also cover the costs of the two field trips for the upcoming year. This fee will not cover any fundraisers or extra class activities that are planned over the course of the year. The extra class activities include but are not limited to the Eid Celebration, Quran Showcase, Eid and Spring Show, and Field Day. These particular programs still will need support from our families on an individual basis. The Academy is committed to providing excellence for all its students.

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## Upcoming Events for Your Calendar, Insha'Allah

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| <b>April 18 - 22</b> | <b>Spring Break</b>          |
| <b>May 2-6</b>       | <b>SAT testing</b>           |
| <b>May 11</b>        | <b>Track and Field Day??</b> |
| <b>May 21</b>        | <b>International Day</b>     |

### Graduation Programs:

**Friday, May 27th Preschool (in the morning)**

**Kg: Friday, June 3rd 9:30 AM**

**Primary (Grades 1-3) Thursday, June 2nd 2-3:30PM**

**Middle school (Grades 4-8) Friday June 3rd evening**

Congrats to brother Isa to the new addition to his family. May Ibrahim be blessed with happiness and good health always.

### The Red Carpet Ball

The Red Carpet Ball is planned for Saturday April 9th. All ladies and girls in the community are invited to attend. Corsages for the event are also on sale. Tickets should be purchased ahead of time - \$5.00 per person and then corsages are also \$5.00.

### Make-up Day

Make-up Day All schools in the State of Ohio are allotted 5 snow days. Due to severe weather conditions, we took 6 snow days where students were advised not to come to school. The Academy is required by the Ohio Department of Education to make up one of our snow days. To comply with state guidelines, we will have one day added to the end of our school year. Our make-up day is **Monday June 6, 2011**. This will now be the last of day of school, insha'Allah.



### Spelling Champ:

Our very own spelling champion Aboodie (Abdul Rahman) Smari competed in the regional spelling bee competition a few weeks ago. He was 16th out of 60 kids, so he did very well. We all congratulate him for his performance.



**Qur'an Competitions:**

Last month, we had two excellent school programs/activities: The first one was the Middle School Quran competition. Thanks to Naima, Rozina, Ghada, Mollie, Sara, Khitam, Muna, Nuzhat and Marie for all their help. The kids did a fantastic job!

**SATs**

**SATs are the week of May 2nd through the 6th.** Please ensure that your children are present during that week.

**Prayer:**

Proper behavior during prayer continues to be an issue. Please speak with your children regarding their behavior and remind them that our prayer time is a time for quiet and serious manners.

Our prayer room has gone through an extreme make-over thanks to PTO, Br. Seffat, Br. Ahmed Munir, Navine Mysorewala, Maria Munir, Samina Rehman, Naima Marjani, and the middle school students. If you get a chance, please come and see our new room. The kids and staff are enjoying it!

**EYES Assembly:**

The entire school enjoyed an Assembly sponsored by Optometry Association of Cincinnati. Students learned about the eye and vision with interactive educational activities. Dr. Fox who was the presenter brought stickers and coloring activities to share. Students also received flashlights to gain a better understanding of how the pupil size increases and decreases with light.

**Rockwern Academy:**

Our third cup of tea with our friends at Rockwern was a great

success. The students took a tour, enjoyed a snack and shared music and an assembly with us. It was a great treat that we also had representatives from the Pennies for Peace program with us on that day as well. Both of our schools raised more than \$4000 to the Pennies for Peace organization. INTAc would like to thank so many individuals for making this day successful, especially to the staff, PTO Board and the student Leadership organization. Together we made sure that our guests were welcome and able to see how amazing our school is, masha'Allah.

**Pennies for Patients**

We raised more than \$3000. JAK to all of our families for the support. Include all the activities and fundraisers we did, including spirit week, penny wars and dash for cash.

**Weather:**

Spring is in the air, and we will be taking the students outside for recess as much as possible. Please make sure that your children dress appropriately for this time of year. A sweater or light jacket is recommended.

**Please note graduation dates for 2010-2011:**

Preschool Friday, May 27th morning (TBA) Kg: Friday, June 3rd 9:30 AM Primary (Grades 1-3) Thursday, June 2nd 2-3:30PM Middle school (Grades 4-8) Friday June 3rd evening.



**MS Talk, Monday, April 11**

Sarah Taufique will be meeting to speak with our kids about Multiple Sclerosis. She will speak to elementary at 8:45-9:15 in

