



# Blessings Newsletter

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## Upcoming Events

- Feb 2 MS Fit Club  
3:45 – 5:00 p.m.
- Feb 3 Chess Club  
3:45 – 5:00 pm
- Jewels of Islam Club  
3:45 – 5:15 p.m.
- Feb 8 Drama Club  
3:45 – 5:00 p.m.
- Feb 10 Drama Club  
3:45 – 5:00 p.m.
- Feb 13 Elementary Fit Club  
3:45 – 5:00 p.m.
- Feb 14 Drama Club  
3:45 – 5:00 p.m.
- Feb 15 Parent/Teacher Evening  
Conferences  
4:30 – 7:30 p.m.
- Feb 16 MS Fit Club  
3:45 – 5:00 p.m.
- Feb 17 **SCHOOL CLOSED**
- Feb 20 **SCHOOL CLOSED  
PRESIDENTS' DAY**
- Feb 22 Drama Club  
3:45 – 5:00 p.m.
- Feb 24 Jewels of Islam Club  
3:45 – 5:15 p.m.
- Feb 26 Open House
- Feb 27 Elementary Fit Club  
3:45 – 5:00 p.m.
- Feb 28 Drama Club  
3:45 – 5:00 p.m.

## Congratulations Science Fair Winners!

The annual Science Fair was held on January 27<sup>th</sup>. This year 33 Elementary students and 66 Middle School students participated. Congratulations to all of our participants!

In 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Grades, there were 16 Gold Ribbon winners and 13 Silver Ribbon winners. The top 3 winners were:



1<sup>st</sup>: Zain Jaweed, Mahddy Mawid

2<sup>nd</sup>: Samer Sherman

3<sup>rd</sup>: Jenna Ataya

In 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Grades, there were 9 Gold Ribbon Winners and 7 Silver Ribbon winners. The top 3 winners were:

1<sup>st</sup>: Safwan Jaweed

2<sup>nd</sup>: Noor Kabbani

3<sup>rd</sup>: Laila Kebab

All of our 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Gold Ribbon winners are eligible to go on to the UC Science and Engineering Expo on Saturday, March 11<sup>th</sup>.

Many thanks to all of our volunteers and judges!

## Morning Drop-Off Reminders

Thanks to all of you, our morning drop-off has become much more streamlined. We have just a few reminders:

- Students should get out on the passenger side of the car. This is safer as they do not have to walk in front of traffic to get to the school or crosswalk.
- There are four unloading spots. Please pull forward to the furthest one available, beginning with the lane closest to the school. This allows other cars to pull into the spot behind you.
- Please remember not to block the crosswalk if you are in the lane closest to the school.

**Thank you for your continued cooperation and patience!**



## PTO Needs YOU!

A strong school has strong parent involvement. There are lots of ways you can get involved in your child's school. Our PTO works hard to provide support, and you can be part of the fun. Contact PTO at [intacpto2015@gmail.com](mailto:intacpto2015@gmail.com).

### When can you help?

- ☺ Boys' Game Night
- ☺ Girls' Ball
- ☺ Skatetown
- ☺ Open House
- ☺ International Day
- ☺ Scholastic Book Fair
- ☺ Field Day
- ...and more!

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## Academy Links

### School Website

[www.intlacademy.org](http://www.intlacademy.org)

*Find links to the school calendar, curriculum, monthly lunch menu and more.*

### School Closings

<http://local12.com/weather/closing>

*Check Channel 12 WKRC, your email, and Orbund for school delays and cancellations.*

## Save Those Box Tops!

The Academy receives money from General Mills for every "BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION" coupon we turn in. You can find them on cereal, tissue, and other food product boxes. Just clip 'em and turn them into the office.



## MLK Program

Twelve of our middle school students participated in the Annual MLK Day performance at Taft Theater on Jan. 16th. Academy students were part of a youth choir made up of students from four schools around the city. This chance to join in the city celebration is a great outreach opportunity for our students.

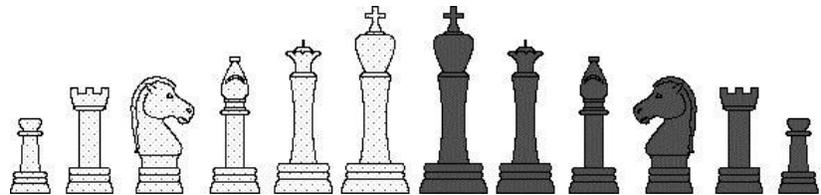
## Spring Show Updates

*The American Revolution in 60 Minutes or Less* will be performed on March 3rd. Students from 5th - high school will take on the roles of our founding fathers and tell the story (with tongue in cheek) in this delightful comedy. A music presentation by the 5th - 8th grade will precede the show where students will play some American favorites.

The 1st - 4th grade will be presenting *Nuts* on March 9th in the afternoon (during school hours). Please join us for this tale of the circle of life.

## A Thought from the Chess Club

At the core of Higher Order Thinking (H.O.T.) is a practice to improve every student's critical thinking skills. No game or activity conveniently lends itself more naturally to this objective better than chess. A significant part of the game of chess is the demand that a student remember what he or she has learned at the board, understand and then apply the proper approach to the repeating tactical and positional patterns present, and then use that knowledge to properly analyze, evaluate, and calculate their way to a victory. In its third year, the Academy Chess Club has grown to include over 20 students.



## Champions of Change Visit

Champions for Change program is a cultural proficiency training program for Lakota staff. A "champion" from every Lakota school meets regularly for training on building a culture of inclusiveness by understanding culture, racial, socioeconomic and cognitive make-up of the district's students and families. The "champions" are asked to share their learning and strategies with the rest of the staff at their school.

On Monday, January 27<sup>th</sup>, we hosted staff from the Lakota School District through the Champions for Change program. Our visitors toured the ICGC grounds with Umama Alam, then visited the Academy for a presentation by some of our esteemed teachers and tour of the school. All of our attendees expressed gratitude for the opportunity to visit us and were pleased with the event. Events like these give us a chance to illustrate that we are truly dedicated to our students and conduct ourselves in the same manner as any other school, as one of our staff members pointed out during her presentation. This helps dispel myths and facilitate more accurate and positive perspectives of Islam and Muslims.