

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE WITHIN A HEALTHY, ISLAMIC ENVIRONMENT

PARENT TESTIMONIAL:

“Toledo Islamic Academy has been a second home to my children for the past decade. Here they have gained high academic achievements combined with a nurturing and strengthening of their Islamic identity and knowledge. Every day I send them to school confident that they are treated as part of one big loving family. I wouldn’t trade this for the world.” TIA PARENT

WOMEN IN STEM FIELD TRIP



Our girls in Middle School were exposed to careers in the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) fields. Students engaged in a variety of experiments and creative problem solving as they participated in multiple hands-on, STEM workshops. Hundreds of girls participated in the conference hosted by Bowling Green University.

PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

DEAR PARENTS,

Welcome to the TIA newsletter. The newsletter will be published quarterly. It will include news about school happenings, upcoming events, and helpful ideas for parents. It is very hard to believe that half of the year is gone. Alhamdulillah, the year is going strong. All classes are going well and according to plan. We received the third grade State Test results. Alhamdulillah, our third grade average score is higher than the state average. Even though, the state had 129,911 students tested and we had 17 students tested, masha’Allah.

Also, we received the PSAT results for our high school juniors. Alhamdulillah, two of our eight students scored 99 and 98 percentile nationally and all the eight students qualified to enter the National Merit Scholarship, masha’Allah.

We are so proud of our high school students. They dedicate themselves to achieve high goals. As some parents noticed we do not have a senior class this year. Our students have the ability to graduate in three years, if they meet our rigorous requirements. Our entire junior class last year were able to achieve these high expectations and graduated after their junior year.

We sent a survey via email to get your input on how the school is doing and also to receive your suggestions and ideas on how we can improve the school. Please answer the survey in a timely manner so that we can try to implement some of your ideas this year. We have had several events at the school during the first semester and we have many more planned for the second semester. I hope you enjoy reading about the different events in this newsletter.



Toledo Islamic Academy

OPEN HOUSE

5225 W. ALEXIS RD. SYLVANIA, OH

**5:30 - 7:30PM
 JAN. 18, 2019**

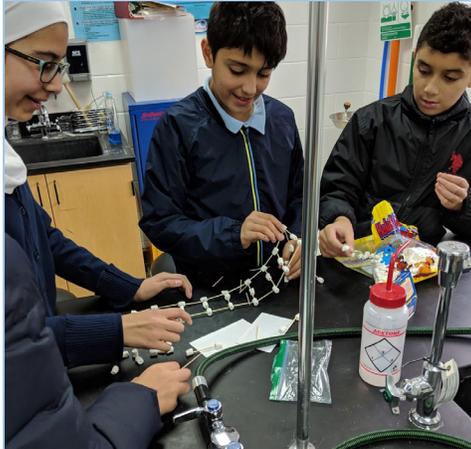
All parents of current and potential TIA students! Come out to our Open House to see our classrooms and talk to the teachers.

TIA SPELLING BEE

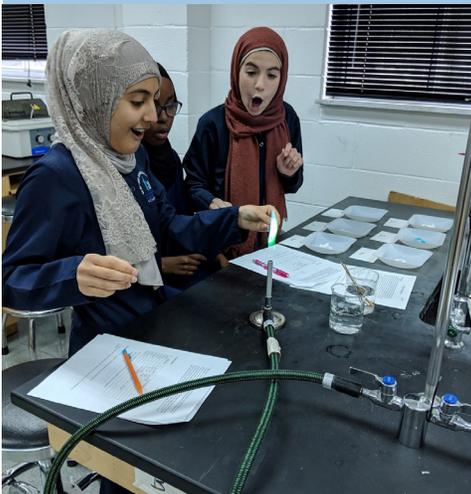


The school held a spelling bee for 5th-8th graders. It was a great experience for everyone involved including students, judges, and the audience. Congratulations to Faliha Khan, who came in first place and will be moving on to the district spelling bee held in the Maumee Indoor Theater on Tuesday, February 19th at 7pm. We would also like to congratulate Danna Maalood and Abby Alazmi who placed 2nd and 3rd respectively.

HANDS-ON LEARNING IN THE SCIENCE LAB



Students stay engaged in their classes through hands-on activities, Project-Based Learning, and differentiation!



MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS GIVING BACK TO THE COMMUNITY



Who doesn't have a drawer, closet, or basket full of plastic grocery bags just screaming to be recycled? Our students, with the guidance of Mrs. Nancy Hasabelnaby, combined recycling plastic bags with a community service project to benefit the homeless in our area. They cut the plastic bags into plastic yarn strips and weaved sleeping mats for the homeless. Way to give back to the community!

SEERAH DAY

Pre-K through 5th grade celebrated the life of Prophet Muhammad (SAW) by preparing nasheeds and ibtihalat. The event was attended by families and community members. We would like to thank our beloved Ms. Sanaa Eid for putting together such a wonderful event.



LEARNING THROUGH NATURE

In early November, students from 3rd-5th grades visited the Leslie Science and Nature Center in Ann Arbor for a field trip. The field trip consisted of a hike in the woods, visiting a vernal pond, seeing a couple of Eastern Tiger salamanders, and learning about science journaling. The students (and teachers!) really enjoyed this trip!



APPLE PICKING FUN FOR ALL!



In Mid-October, students from Pre-K to 2nd grade visited Erie Apple Orchard in Michigan. They picked apples, went on a hayride, and toured the cider mill. It was a fun experience for everyone!

MIDDLE SCHOOL TEAM BUILDING EVENTS

This year, we are excited to offer quarterly team building events for the middle school students. Our first event was the Middle School Bonfire, followed by the Fall Festival. The students and parents enjoyed both events. The Metroparks came out and set up archery for us. They also enjoyed participating in several games. The event was finished off with yummy cinnamon donuts and apple cider. Our next event, the Frozen Fun Fest, will be in February. Please stay tuned for more information to come!



MS/HS SPORTS



TIA students participated in Cross County this year. Layanne Maalood was the top female runner in the Ohio Community Athletic Conference (OCAC)!



NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY



The National Honor Society has been busy volunteering and giving back to the community. They held a meal drive for Cherry Street Mission and also collected donations to stock the Little Free Pantry located on Collingwood Community Garden

Toledo Islamic Academy PTO CORNER

We've had a very busy year on PTO. So far we have raised over \$3000 and InshAllah more to come. Thank you to all of the volunteers for their continued efforts to help make this possible. Please join us at our next meeting on Thursday, January 10th at 9 AM to learn more or email us at pto@tiaus.net.

DID YOU KNOW...

- 2 students that took the PSAT scored in the 98th and 99th percentile nationally. All of our 11th grade students took the PSAT and qualified for the National Merit Scholarship.
- The First Grade-Fourth Grade Spelling Bee will begin in early January, right after winter break. There will be 3 rounds for the spelling bee. The first round will take place in the classroom. The second round will take place in mid-January with all classroom winners from round one. The third round will be in mid-February. This round will take place out of school with all winners in our district.
- TIA staff attended several workshops that were held on school premise. They attended Differentiation of Instruction to meet all students needs and Differentiation and Assessment for mastery. The workshops were delivered by Lourdes University College of Education faculty members. Also, some of the staff attended technology in the classroom workshop that was delivered online by NOWACA. Elementary homeroom teachers attended workshop on How to Get The Most Out of Study Island which was delivered online also.
- TIA Celebrated National Young Readers Week on October 6-8. Officer Polley From Sylvania Police Department read to 4th and 5th grade. While Ms. Heidi Yeager from Sylvania Library read to grades KG and 1st.

ARABIC SPELLING BEE

The Arabic department would like to announce our fourth annual Arabic spelling bee for 3rd to 5th grade. Alhamdulillah round one was very successful with 20 participants. Round two, which was held on the 13th of December, had 13 participants. We look forward to round three next month!

SUGGESTIONS AND IDEAS FOR PARENTS:

- 1- Have your child read every day for 30 minutes during the break.
- 2- Ask who, where, what, when, and why questions
- 3- Use math to do crafts or in baking. Have him/her measure and count.
- 4- Continue to review spelling throughout the day by popping a question about spelling of a word every couple of hours.
- 5- Give them addition, subtraction and other math operation problems as mental math

PARENTS CORNER

Congratulations to the following families on their new babies! May Allah make them from the pious ones-- Ameen! -Sheikh family, Rahal family, Kahala family, Neeme family, Idris family, Alhamoud family, Habboush family, Bliebel family, Masheh family, Zeinelabdein family

UPCOMING EVENTS:

<i>TIA Open House</i>	<i>Friday, January 18, 5:30-7:30 pm</i>
<i>Marthur Luther King, Jr. Day-No School</i>	<i>Monday, January 21</i>
<i>MS/HS Seerah Day</i>	<i>Wednesday, February 13, 9:00-11:00 am</i>
<i>Early Dismissal/PT Conferences</i>	<i>Friday, February 1, 3:00-6:00 pm</i>
<i>TIA Science Fair</i>	<i>Friday, February 8, 9:00am-1:00 pm</i>
<i>President's Day-No School</i>	<i>Monday, February 18</i>
<i>District Spelling Bee-Maumee Indoor Theatre</i>	<i>Tuesday, February 19, 7:00 pm</i>
<i>ACT test- Juniors only</i>	<i>Wednesday, February 20,</i>
<i>National Honor Society Induction</i>	<i>Thursday, February 21, 6:00-8:00 pm</i>