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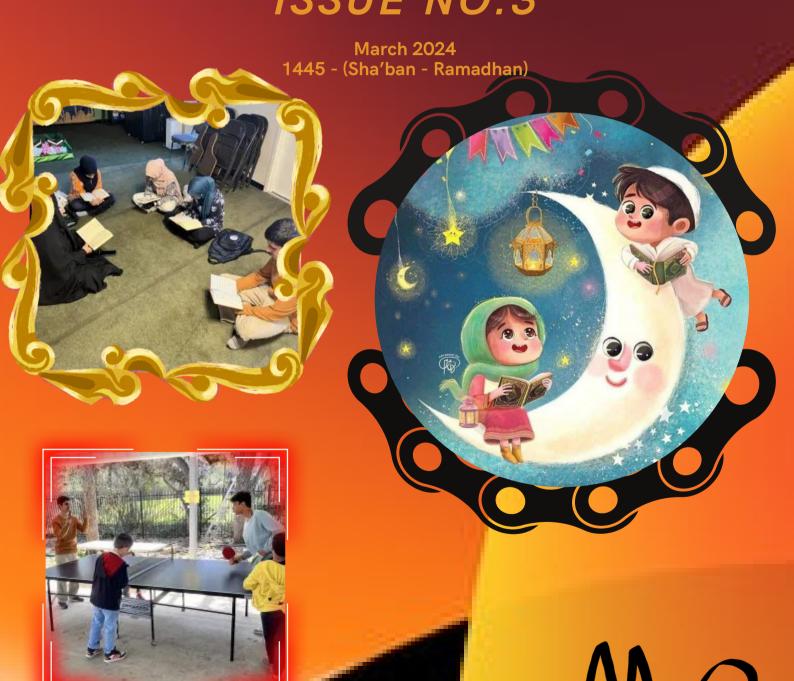


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MARCH 2024 1445 - (SHA'BAN - RAMADHAN)

SMTWTFS

Ramadhan
Mubarak

- Wafat of Lady Khadija (sa)
- Birth of Imam Hasan Al-Mujtaba (as)
- 1st Night of Qadr

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24	25	26	27	28	29	30

Upcoming Events

QURAN COMPETITION (3/23-24/24)

Birthday of Imamus of Imam





LAYHLATUL QADIR

(3-29-24) (3-31-24) (4-2-24)





Madrasa Spotlight

TEACHER SPOTLIGHT



Meet Brother Munaver, a dedicated educator with over three decades of teaching experience. His journey began in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, around 1970, where he volunteered at a madrasa during his higher education. Following this, he taught in Dubai for nearly a decade and continued his educational endeavors upon permanently settling in Austin in 1999.

BR. MUNAVER

In Austin, Brother Munaver witnessed the early stages of the madrasa, initially held in his sister's house due to the small community size until the IABA we know and love today became the official location for the madrasa.

Having transitioned from teaching history in Dubai, Brother Munaver embraced the role of an Islamic Studies teacher in Austin. Over the years, he has recognized the importance of adapting the curriculum to suit the changing needs of each generation.

With an eye on the future, Brother Munaver envisions integrating technology into the learning experience. He looks forward to utilizing TV screens and computers when the madrasa moves to the new building specifically designed for enhanced educational facilities.

Addressing contemporary issues, Brother Munaver emphasizes a holistic approach, linking Quranic teachings, figh, and science. He underscores the significance of relating lessons to current events, making the material more engaging for students.

Brother Munaver values the comprehensive approach of the Tarbiya curriculum, appreciating its effectiveness in evaluating student understanding. Recent teacher training has further enhanced the educational experience, aligning with the global implementation of this curriculum.

When asked about how we know that our teaching of Islamic studies works, Br. Munaver said that when a member of the community is a good member of society, a good spouse, and a good father, then you know that madrasa's efforts were

effective

Madrasa Spotlight

-STUDENTS OF THE MONTH-

QUR'AN

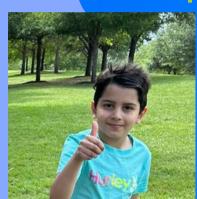


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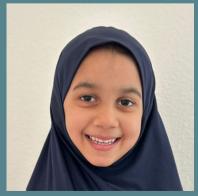
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Ramadan Challenge

Get closer to allah

- Read Quran 10 minutes a day
- Pray on time
- Read Dua often



Be kind to others

Give charity

Make someone's day

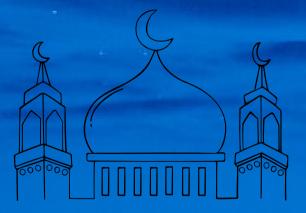


Take personal time to learn

about the Deen

Attend the lectures





Serve the community

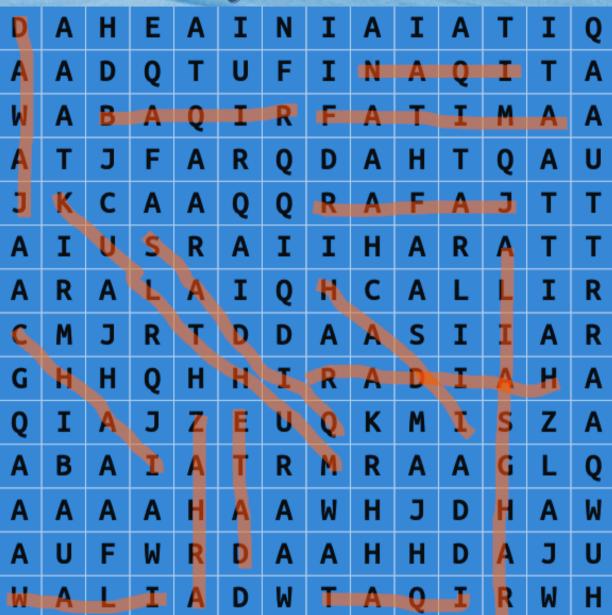
- Keep the Masjid clean
 - Help with iftar

Maintain a good fast

- Abstain from haram acts
- Remember Allah (SWT) often



Answer Key For Word Search



RIDDLE OF THE MONTH

In the nights of Ramadan, a hidden treasure to unfold, A night of power, secrets untold. In the odd nights, I silently descend, With blessings and mercy that never end.

Foretold in the Quran, a night divine, A moment to pray, to seek and to shine. The angels descend with peace and grace, On this night, hearts find their destined place.

Not in the beginning, nor at the very end, In the last ten nights, my presence extends. Better than a thousand months, the Quran proclaims, A night of destiny, which one it claims?

What am I, in the sacred month's embrace, A celestial gift, a moment of grace?

RAMADAN EATS GUIDE

Water

- Best time to drink water is after (Not during) iftar
- Maintain 8 cups of water a day
- Avoid artificially flavored drinks



Breaking the fast





- It is recommended to break one's fast with an odd number of dates and water
- Organize your meal like: Date >soup/water
 >salad> Protein> Carbs

Suhoor

- Avoid caffeinated drinks as caffeine makes you thirsty
- Smoothies and Oatmeal offer energy throughout the day













Healthy habits

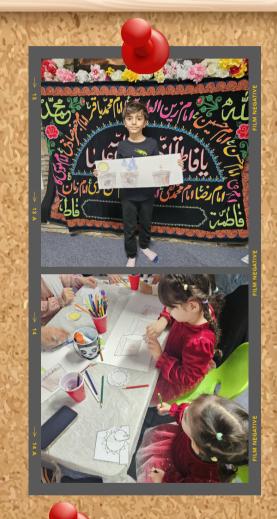
- Focus your energy and time on increasing your connection with Allah
 - Going for a small walk 2 hours after iftar can help with digestion and relaxation

Rajab Sha'ban Event













Principal's Corner

As we are going through Ramadan and fasting, it is very important to highlight the goals of fasting. While Allah (SWT) makes fasting Ramadan a test for the worshiper to show obedience to Allah's commandments, it is very important to learn the lessons behind fasting.

Make no mistake that Allah (SWT) did not assign fasting of Ramadan for us to starve, lose control of our temper, or to sleep all day so that we do not suffer being hungry or thirsty. In some Islamic cultures, fasting has become a tradition rather than a form of worship. In these countries, a subset of people stay up all night watching TV and shows made specifically for Ramadan and then sleep all day. To such people, that is fasting which lacks everything except for being thirsty and hungry.

During the history of the Prophet and his progeny (AS), Ramadan has been in the forefront of spreading Islam. For example, the Big battle of Badr was fought during Ramadan in which the fighting was under the heat and the sun and Muslims were fasting and facing enemies of Allah who were well-fed. In spite of all that and in addition to Muslims being greatly outnumbered by the enemy, Muslims under the leadership of the Prophet (AS) made their first and biggest victory. Many other examples of victories in Islamic history can be cited.

Some other subsets of Muslims fast Ramadan and life goes normal after Ramadan, as Ramadan was just a short break for us from committing sins. So, then what should Ramadan mean to us? Ramadan should be a stopping point in which a Muslim assesses all his actions of the year and makes resolutions to stick with for the upcoming year. These resolutions can be easily achieved by being close to Allah. For example, if a Muslim spends hours surfing aimlessly the net or watching TikTok videos and does not spend anytime reciting Quran (except in Ramadan), a resolution is to commit more time for reciting Quran during the year with a measurable goal. As another example, if a young Muslim does not lift his eyes when looking at opposite gender in school or college, then a resolution is to stay away from that behavior. Many resolutions and goals can be made and the best thing to do is to write them down and make them become your background screen or screen saver of your phone or computer to be reminded daily of your resolutions and goals for the year. These can be like a checklist for you to assess in the following year.

Lastly, join the community during these nights of Qadr and spend time reciting Quran and learning more about Islam and do not waste time because Ramadan is very short and all of the sudden it is gone.

May Allah accept your fasting, Duas and deeds during this holy month.





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