



SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

May 10, 2018

Carnival Party

Middle School Party took place on May 10. Middle School parties are student council planned events that occur three times during the year. Parties are chaperoned by the MS Staff and are for TAISM MS students. The theme of the party was Carnival. Students may choose to dress up or not. The party will take place inside (gyms and atrium).

Soup Lunch for a Good Cause

The Empty Bowls project ended with a delicious soup lunch in the MSLC. Students purchased hand made bowls and filled them with soup prepared by our amazing parent volunteers. 641.900 OMR were raised for Dar Al-Atta'a.





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Video Conferences with Naomi Shihab Nye

Author Naomi Shihab Nye visited TAISM just before spring break but had to cancel her workshops with MS students for health reasons. Back in the US, she still wanted to meet our middle schoolers and give them a chance to ask questions. So today students enjoyed video conferencing with her in grade level groups and learning about her work as an author and poet.

Weaving time in grade 6





MAP Testing Continues

As we progress through the last weeks of school, I cannot emphasize enough the importance of school attendance and student effort. It has been a great school year and we hope to have all of our students finish their school years strong - with learning and achievement that matches their potential. One important component of our last full month of school, May, will be our Spring MAP (Measures of Academic Progress) testing, which will begin on Sunday, May 6th.

A MAP test is an external (not made by us), computer-based assessment which gives us important information about each student to help plan instruction in the areas of math, language usage, and reading. These results are one of several pieces of data that we use for this purpose. MAP testing also is one indicator to chart student growth over time. We do not use MAP test results to determine academic achievement grades. Students will be taking three tests during a three week period and will take the math test during one math block, the reading test during a Language Arts block, and the language usage test during a social studies block.

HS Graduation

Dear TAISM Parents,

We are pleased to announce that our **High School Graduation Ceremony** will take place on Thursday, May 31. If you would like to attend the graduation ceremony, please inform the Receptionist in the Director's Office and collect your graduation invitation which will serve as your entrance ticket to the ceremony.

NEW DATE - MS Parent Coffee now on Monday, May 21

Grade 8 Drama students had their big shows last week. They entertained the audience performing “Smarty Pants” and “Monster Problems”. Congratulations to cast and crew.



MS After School Activities

Math Lab/MASH - Math assistance for Mr. Johnson’s and Mr. Campbell math students.

Power Hour - Want to work on your homework before you go home? Need some help from a teacher? If you answered “yes” to either of these questions, Power Hour might be for you. Power Hour is a quiet, supervised homework time where you will have access to a laptop, if needed, and teacher assistance.

Chess Club - No sign-up needed. Join the chess club in the HS Commons. If you beat Mr. Gibney, Mrs. Gibney will give you a tasty treat.

Art - An artist’s workshop can include many things: a painting and drawing studio, illustration tips, sculpture, calligraphy or craft. Come join me and explore all kinds of artistic mediums as we get CREATIVE!

Robotics - Sign up with Mr. Johnson if you are interested in robotics after school (3:30-5:10). Students new to robotics are welcome to join as well.

Listen Up - Join Mr. Callaway in a read-aloud followed by a guided question-answer session at the end. Genres change each week and each session is dedicated to one short story. You don’t need to come to every session. Check it out on Sundays after school.



Ramadan Guidelines at TAISM

The Islamic Holy Month of Ramadan will begin this year on Thursday, May 17. For our Muslim students at TAISM we understand that the decision of fasting is individual, based on age and the decision of families. Students who are fasting will be provided an area to go during any break or lunch period. Some may also choose to access the Prayer Room. Other students shall be asked to follow these guidelines:

Middle School: We will designate the MSLC and outdoor spaces as places students and staff can eat or drink during lunch. Students will have the MSLC only as the designated area for snack. Water can be consumed in class, but not the hallway.

High School: We will designate the HS Commons and outdoor spaces as places students and staff can eat or drink during lunch. Students will have the HS Commons only as the designated area for snacks. Water can be consumed in class, but not the hallway.

On the Busses: Food is not to be consumed on the bus (this is the normal guideline). If students need to use water, they should do so discreetly, not in view of the general public.

TAISM holds regular school hours through the Holy Month of Ramadan, and normal school attendance procedures apply. For further clarification regarding Ramadan guidelines in the MS or HS please contact the school Principals.

For everyone observing the Holy Month of Ramadan, we wish you a meaningful and blessed season.

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We cordially invite you to join us for our
VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION EVENT

On Sunday, May 13, 2018

Please follow [THIS link](#) to access the full cafeteria menu for the week of May 13th.