

# MAKKI EDUCATIONAL ACADEMY FULL-TIME SCHOOL



## Ramadan Kareem!

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Assalamu a'laikum! As we embark on the sacred journey of Ramadan, let our hearts be filled with gratitude and devotion. This month is a time for increased worship (Ibadah) and spiritual reflection. Here are some tips to inspire and guide us through this blessed period:

### 1. Fasting as Spiritual Cleansing:

Fasting is not just abstaining from food and drink; it's a purification of the soul. Embrace each fast as an opportunity for self-discipline, self-reflection, and spiritual renewal.



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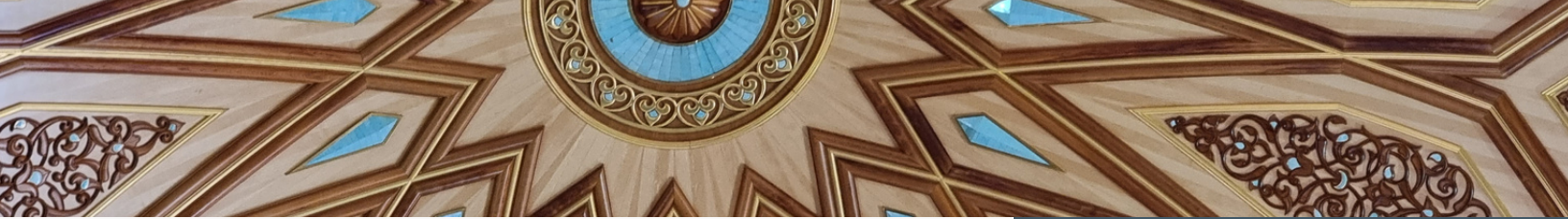
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## 2. Prayers as Conversations with Allah SWT:

Approach your prayers with sincerity and devotion. Each prostration is a moment of connection with Allah SWT. Let your prayers be a source of comfort, guidance, and strength.

## 3. Quranic Reflection:

Dedicate time to immerse yourself in the Holy Quran for Ramadan is the month of the Quran. Reflect on its verses, seeking wisdom, solace, and guidance. Let the Quran be a beacon illuminating your path during this sacred month.



The Prophet (SAW) said "Whoever does not give up forged speech and evil actions, Allah is not in need of his leaving his food and drink (i.e. Allah will not accept his "fasting.)"

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## 4. Night Prayers (Qiyam al-Layl):

Take advantage of the blessed nights of Ramadan. Engage in Qiyam al-Layl, the night prayers, to deepen your connection with Allah SWT. These moments of solitude and reflection are precious gifts during this holy month.

## 5. Acts of Charity and Kindness:

Let your Ibadah extend beyond rituals. Engage in daily acts of charity, kindness, and compassion. Your generosity during Ramadan has the power to positively impact lives and earn you immense reward.

## 6. Dua – The Essence of Worship:

Pour your heart out in supplication. Use this time to make heartfelt Duas, not just for yourself but for your loved ones, the community, and the world at large. Trust in the mercy of Allah SWT as you seek His guidance and blessings.





## School News:

We are delighted to share the many accomplishments and milestones our students have achieved this quarter. Their dedication to learning, coupled with the unwavering support from our dedicated staff and parents, has truly made a positive impact.

From notable academic achievements to commendable participation in extracurricular activities, our students continue to exemplify excellence. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the entire school community for fostering an environment that nurtures growth and success.

Looking ahead, we are excited about upcoming events and initiatives that will further enrich the learning experience. Your continued involvement and support play a pivotal role in shaping the success of our students.

Thank you for being an integral part of MEA. Together, let's continue to inspire and empower our students to reach new heights.

## Fall MAP Testing:

Students in third through sixth grades completed their Fall MAP testing, and Alhamdulillah, our students continue to score above the national average. This success is a testament to their hard work, the guidance of our exceptional teachers, and the continuous support from parents. We take pride in each student's growth and commend them for their commitment to excellence.



## A Peek Inside the Classrooms:



Fourth Graders' learning journey about the solar system from theory and hands-on classroom learning to creating models independently.

**“Alhumdulillah, I’ve found an inclusive Islamic school that gives my child all of the necessary tools for success. He’s excited to come to school each day, and I am satisfied knowing that he is in the best possible environment.”**

AFSHA KHAN  
KINDERGARTEN PARENT





Sixth graders exploring the world of fractions with fraction strips, mastering the art of mathematical concepts.

“I really enjoy the work environment at Makki Educational Academy and how we build together as a community. My time as an Islamic Studies teacher at MEA has been amazing so far!”

SR. NUZHAT FATIMA  
ISLAMIC STUDIES TEACHER



“This is my sixth year at MEA. Everyone here is friendly and the learning experience has been great! Additionally, students have many opportunities to participate in competitions like Spelling Bee, Science Fair, Islamic Trivia etc. We learn about Islamic teachings on a daily basis!”

ILHAN NOOR  
FIFTH GRADE STUDENT



How Tall Before Fall? Little architects exploring engineering as they collaborate and build block towers – discovering how tall before the delightful tumble.

Hands-on math learning in kindergarten is crucial as it engages young minds through tangible experiences, fostering a deeper understanding of abstract concepts. Kindergartners sorting shapes, creating a foundation for a lifetime of discovery.



Students learning, practicing and perfecting the Quranic recitation!



## Field Trip to the Shedd Aquarium:



MEA students embarked on an aquatic adventure with an unforgettable field trip to the Shedd Aquarium. From colorful coral reefs to majestic sea creatures, the experience sparked curiosity and awe. This hands-on encounter not only deepened their understanding of marine ecosystems but also ignited a passion for environmental stewardship.

## New Programs at MEA

### Student Academic Support Services:

At MEA, we are committed to educational excellence and strive to support every student to reach their full academic potential! On that note, we are excited to share that MEA has launched a tutoring program for students who need additional academic support in the areas of English language arts and math. Aimed at bridging the learning gaps, this pull-out program offers up to four days of targeted instruction to the eligible students in small groups that is tailored to their individual needs.



### Fine Arts Program:

MEA has for the first time introduced a fine arts program that offers weekly formal instruction in the area of visual arts. Engaging in fine arts can significantly benefit students academically. Studies show that participation in activities like visual arts can enhance cognitive abilities, including critical thinking and problem-solving skills. Moreover, the discipline required in fine arts can contribute to improved focus and time management, translating into academic success. With the multifaceted potential benefits fine arts can bring we are confident that this program will help students across the board.



## Upcoming Events:

Qira'at Competition  
MARCH 29

Adhaan Competition  
MARCH 29

Science Fair  
MAY 17

Annual Day  
JUNE 8



## Spelling Bee Winners

Congratulations to the Spelling Bee winners for showcasing their phenomenal spelling skills!



L to R: Aqdas (Gr 6), Syed Imaad (Gr 1), Luqman (Gr 5), Irbaaz (Gr 2), Aasim (Gr 4) and Abraham (Gr 3)



L to R: Ilhan (Gr 5), Syed Imaad (Gr 1), Ayan (Gr 2), Aamina (Gr 3), Aiman (Gr 4), and Aasiya (Gr 6)

## Islamic Trivia Winners

Congratulations to the Islamic Trivia winners for their amazing demonstration of Islamic knowledge!

## Welcome Aboard!

**Sr. Anisa Patel:**

My name is Anisa Patel. I was pursuing my Bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Education from NEIU when I was offered a teaching position at MEA. My extensive volunteer work at my children's schools has enhanced my skills to work in a classroom setting. I am thrilled to be working here at MEA this year. I have the pleasure of teaching the first, second and third grades this academic year. In my free time, I like to spend time with my family, especially my parents.

**Sr. Halima Ibrahim:**

I am thrilled to be a part of Makki Educational Academy (MEA) as a teacher. As a former student of Makki Masjid Madrassa, I deeply understand the significance of Islamic teachings. With a Bachelor's degree in social work, I am excited to contribute my skills and knowledge in creating an engaging and inclusive learning environment for my students..

**Sr. Azhar Habeeba:**

I am delighted to introduce myself as Ms. Habeeba, the first grade homeroom teacher at Makki Educational Academy. With a Bachelor's degree in Business and Technology and several years of teaching experience, I am excited to embark on this journey of learning and growth alongside your child. My dedication to foster a supportive and engaging classroom environment will ensure that each student reaches their fullest potential. I look forward to partnering with you to nurture your child's academic and personal development throughout the school year.

# MEA Needs Your Support!

This Ramadan, invest in the perpetual reward of giving by supporting MEA and contributing to the Islamic education and Tarbiyah of the children of the Ummah—tomorrow's future and the face of Islam.

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