

OCTOBER NEWSLETTER

Almadina Language Charter Academy – Ogden Campus

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Guardians,
Welcome to Almadina Language Charter Academy. We are proud of our dedicated, experienced staff and enthusiastic learners. We are happy to have you as a partner in the education of your child. The teachers and staff at Almadina Language Charter Academy recognize how important your involvement is in making this a successful year. Our goal is to increase student achievement by communicating with parents regarding curriculum, student expectations and progress, and making it possible for parents to be actively involved in our school. We want Almadina to be known as a school with a culture of care and academic excellence.

As demands and complexities of teaching children increase, it becomes more evident that we all need to work together to insure that our children reach their full potential. We believe that all of us – the school and the community – must work together in an extended family environment to insure success for all our students. We believe it is everyone's responsibility to empower children with the creative, intellectual, and decision-making skills necessary for them to become academically, socially, physically, and emotionally successful and responsible.

With that in mind, you are invited to be an active participant at Almadina School. Whether you are a classroom volunteer, a member of the School Council, or member of one of our school communities, you are encouraged to be in-

involved! Research on schools clearly demonstrates that parent participation in their child's school coincides with a greater likelihood of academic success for their child.

It is our desire to keep you informed of all that is taking place at school. If you have questions or concerns that arise at any time, please do not hesitate to give your child's teacher or me a call. I look forward to having a long and rewarding relationship with you and your family.

Sincerely,

Ahmad Jamal El-Rafih



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MEET THE CREATURE NIGHT

On September 27, Almadina Middle School was open late for parents to meet teachers. It was a chance for parents to get to know who was teaching their children.

Some kids in elementary school might think their teachers live in the school. Well, meeting the teachers after school and finding out they were still there - that almost convinced some that teachers really do live at the school. While investigating dur-

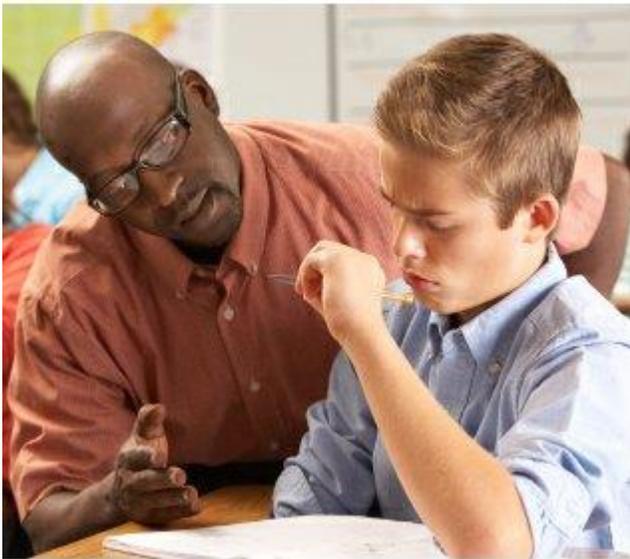
ing after school hours, this reporter can confirm she found no beds; therefore, teachers do not live at school - but she is still looking for more proof.

What we kids and parents found out about teachers is that they are fun after school, too. In fact, teachers told jokes, smiled, and shared personal stories. Teachers were more at ease as there was no class of noisy kids in front of them.

This reporter thought it was important to share with her parents where she sat in the classroom and what was on the walls. It was important to have a teacher's face attached to the stories.

As to who the creature was at Meet the Creature Night? Well - it could have been anyone! But honestly, it was nice to meet my teacher after school and have my parents know what was going on. My family enjoyed the opportunity to walk around the school and see where my locker was, who my teacher was, and what I was studying.

Thank you to all the teachers who stayed late that night. It was appreciated.



Halima Taha- 6 GS

NEWSLETTER TITLE

SPORTS COLUMN— BOYS/GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

This years volley ball season has started early. The two teams have already had an early bird tournament , they did exallent in sportsmanship, team work, and being there for one another.

For the girls team being lead by Aniqazim grade 9 and Mia salem grade 9 their regular season has started off with a couple wins and losses. They have won their first two games against Kelsa school and Westmount charter school. They did loose their

games against LA Source and AKCS. They did play well together and tried hard. They called the ball and had some nice serves. They were all ready for some powerful serves and dealt with the high pressures of getting it back over.



TIME MANAGEMENT

“Managing your time wisely plays a huge factor for your success rate on a team.”

In the last couple of days, you may have heard the announcements regarding a practice, or an after school game for both the boys and girls’ volleyball teams. You may think it’s fun staying after school and playing a sport that you enjoy; however, it isn’t that simple.

Managing your time wisely plays a huge factor for your success rate on a team. This is because you will probably

get bombarded with homework on the same day you have a game that ends at 7pm. To manage your time, you have to set your goals and plan your activities and day accordingly. You also have to prioritize wisely and plan ahead. Most importantly, you have to make that a habit.

Being successful on a team also requires hard work. Everyone procrastinates on their homework. In order to

become a diligent worker, you must create small, manageable goals for yourself and reward yourself once you have accomplished them. This will motivate you to continue to persevere.

Although it’s not a walk in the park, but playing on a team is very enjoyable. You have a chance be active, meet new people and visit other schools. Most importantly, we all enjoy the taste of winning!

By Rayan Sherwani.

MS. RAVAZZANO’S PIE FACING EXPERIENCE

Ms. Ravazzano was one of the teachers who volunteered her beautiful face for a great cause – The Terry Fox function. Students who donated \$20 got to throw a cream pie in the face of a teacher. Ms. Ravazzano successfully broke the record for the most pied teacher that day! Upon interviewing Ms. Ravazzano regarding her pie facing experience, this is what she said:

“It was really fun, but I have

to say that some of the kids threw the pie so hard into my nose that I heard it crack!”

“But it feels great to be the most pied!”

Thanks to everyone for their donations for a great cause! Every bit helps!



UPCOMING EVENTS

Stay tuned for some exciting events coming up in the next month.

Last year's We Day team is gearing up for the upcoming show on November 1st. The 2016 We Day event had some breath-taking performances by Tyler Shaw and some Classified, with some inspirational speeches by Chris Hadfield, Margret Trudeau, Spencer West, and the founders , Craig and Mark Keilburger.

The student council team has

a new Halloween event this year to raise cans for We Scare Hunger. The team are planning on shaking it up from the usual Fear Factor routine and instead planning on building a haunted house. Stay tuned for more information.

The grade 9 students have an upcoming Injanation trip on the 16th of October. Last year's grade 9s made quite a few memories from that trip, let's hope this year's bunch have just as much fun.

This year picture day will be taking place on the 10th of October. Be sure to be looking sharp in full uniform that day.



TERRY FOX

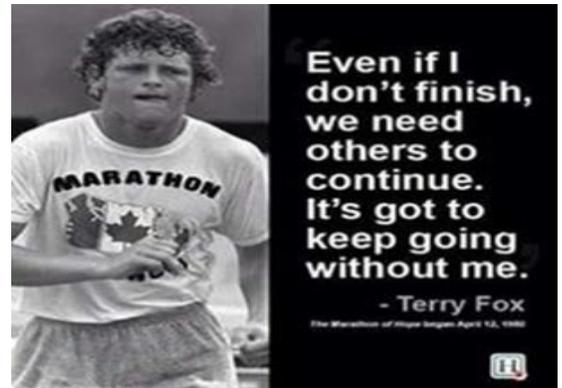
We would like to thank all the teachers and EA's who helped out with the run and ensured students stayed on route and out of the school. A special thank you to staff who helped out in the pie throwing and volunteered their faces for a fun, yet meaningful cause. Despite wanting to shower instantly after the pie throwing, I hope the whip cream tasted good. It was specially made by Safeway's bakery.

Overall, it was a successful Terry Fox event and we appreciate your teamwork and hard work on such a busy day. With your encouragement, we were able to raise more than our goal by at least \$500 and with some friendly class competition, it brought in some school spirit, unity, and essentially, more money!

Total money raised was just short of \$1800.

Thanks again for the support

Mr. Elladen



PARENT COUNCIL MEETING

The Parent Council meeting is held every first Tuesday of each month at 6pm at the Mountain View Campus. This is a great opportunity for parents to be involved in their children's education and contribute to discus-

sions regarding the school and link parents, student and staff to the community. The next Parent Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 7, 2017.



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Halloween Word Search

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- BLACK HALLOWEEN JACK-O-LANTERN
- ORANGE OCTOBER BAT
- GHOST SPIDER MOON
- WITCH SKELETON CAT
- SCARY MUMMY NIGHT
- CANDY COSTUME OWL
- HAUNTED BOO



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OUR MOVIE RECOMMENDATIONS

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- The Nightmare Before Christmas
- Coraline
- Frankenweenie
- Corpse Bride
- Casper
- Hocus Pocus
- Hotel Transylvania

