

## Catching up with the CIA PTO!

### The PTO is back in session!

We are excited to welcome our new Parent-Teacher Organization Leaders for the 2013-2014 school year. **Sr. Amtul Hameed** was elected President; **Sr. Ruqayya Abdul-Aziz** is the Vice-President; **Sr. Dorene Alama** is the Secretary; and **Sr. Mona Nasralla** is the Treasurer. And we welcome **Br. Abdullahi Abdullahi** as the PTO representative on the school board.

Thank you for your dedication to improving the school!

The next PTO meeting is January 12, 2014 from 11:00-

#### What's Happening at CIA?

- A book fair was held from 12/6-12/12/13. This was a great opportunity for your child to expand their library at home and support the school.
- A spelling bee will be held on 12/19/2013 at 2:00 pm. The winners will be highlighted in the January newsletter so stay tuned!
- A spaghetti dinner will be held 12/19/2013 at 4:00 pm to raise money for the PTO, You can pre-order by sending money ahead of time with your child to give to their homeroom teacher. The cost is \$7.00 a plate.

Volunteers are needed to prepare the food, as well as, purchase food items. Please contact the PTO at [ciapto2013@gmail.com](mailto:ciapto2013@gmail.com) or call Sr. Mona Nasralla at 704-537-1772 for more information.



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#### \*Mark your Calendar\*

- December 23 to January 3rd Winter Break
- January 12th - PTO meeting
- January 13-14th— Science Fair
- January 16th - Science Fair Awards
- January 20th MLK Day— THERE WILL BE SCHOOL!
- January 23rd— Parent Teacher Conference! Please attend to discuss your child's growth and future development at Charlotte Islamic Academy.

### Calling all Parents, Volunteers Needed!

It has been narrated by Hudaifah (RA) that the Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessing be upon him) said, "Every act of goodness is charity" (Sahih Muslim, Hadith 496)

There are so many benefits in volunteering including:

- It is a new opportunity to connect with the school administrators and teachers .
- It gives you a sense of belonging and provides you the opportunity meet new people.
- You set a good example for your child when you give your time.

**Our success depends on you! If you are interested in donating your time or money to help the school, please contact Sr. Mona Nasralla at 704-537-1772 or email the PTO at [CIAPTO2013@gmail.com](mailto:CIAPTO2013@gmail.com).**

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## Meet the Teacher

### *Sr. Zaynab Martin, 3rd Grade*

Sr. Zaynab Martin teaches third grade at Charlotte Islamic Academy. She has taught at the school since 2004 and this is her 7th year teaching 3rd grade. She has been married for 21 years to Abdeljebbar. They have two cats: Aunt Olive and Miette. She has been to Morocco and is trying to learn the language as well as classical Arabic.

She is the CIAC Second Languages Department ESL Coordinator. She has a Masters Degree in teaching from UNC-Charlotte and holds North Carolina teaching licenses for K-12 English as a Second Language, K-12 Elementary Education, Reading Specialist, and K-12 Art.

Please visit her 3rd grade class page to learn more about her and her class at <https://sites.google.com/site/srzaynabciac/>.

Thank you Sr. Zaynab for your dedication to enriching our children's lives!

## PTO Projects

- **Playground Project** - Rebuilding and maintaining the playground.
- **Middle and High School Science Lab** - New supplies are needed for the science lab to become more functional. Monetary donations for this will be welcome and appreciated!
- **Sports Supplies** - Physical Activity is crucial to a child's development and the PTO needs help with getting sporting equipment such as balls, bats, soccer ball, etc. for the children to use during recess and PE.
- **Organized Soccer Activity** - See additional information listed to the right.

If you are interested in helping with any of these projects in any manner, please contact Sr. Mona Nasralla at 704-537-1772 or email the PTO (preferred) at

[ciapto2013@gmail.com](mailto:ciapto2013@gmail.com)

## Sports News: Here Comes Soccer!

We are excited to announce Br. Izzaeldin has volunteered to chair our new **soccer program**. We recognize the benefit of physical activity and sportsmanship in the development of a child. The success of this program will depend solely on you, the parents, to work. There will be more information coming out in early January, so keep an eye out for it. **If you or someone you know is interested in working with the soccer program, please contact the PTO at [ciapto2013@gmail.com](mailto:ciapto2013@gmail.com) as soon as possible.**



## Cash Corner: Every Dime Counts!

- Don't forget to collect your **Box tops** and send them in with your children.
- Please link your **VIC** card at Harris Teeter with the school: **Charlotte Islamic School - 3231.**
- Make sure your **Food Lion MVP** card is linked to **Charlotte Islamic School - 212679.**

