

**DATES TO RE-  
MEMBER**

- Jan 23rd- Parent Teacher Conference
- Feb 17th - NO SCHOOL!
- Feb 20th - Arabic Spelling Bee
- Mar 14th - Math Day
- Mar 28th -End of 3rd Quarter
- Mar 31st - Poetry Slam and Fund-raiser Dinner

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# Catching up at C. I. Academy!

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## Meet the C. I. Academy School Board

**The School Board of C.I. Academy:** Their purpose is to represent the ideals of community members who have a vested interest in what goes on within Charlotte Islamic Academy. Their duties include discussing the vision for C.I. Academy, setting goals towards creating those visions, implementing policies to improve the school system. They also set the budget for the school and approve the school calendar, staff and contractor decisions, school building usage, textbooks, and areas of study.

Please take a moment to acknowledge them for the service they provide to our school!

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## Spelling Bee News

On December 19th the school held a spelling bee. The grand winner from the school bee will represent our school in the regional competition for local private and independent schools.

We congratulate all of the students for participating! The winners are as follows:

**First place:** Hasan Barzinji - Fifth Grade

**Second place** Mohammed Khan - Seventh Grade

**Third Place:** Ali Kashmary - Sixth Grade

Hasan will represent C.I. Academy at the Independent Schools Bee at Charlotte Preparatory School on **January**



# Science Fair News

On January 13th and 14th, the C. I. Academy Science Fair was held. The students did a wonderful job ! There were so many great projects and winners that there is not enough space to list them all . Please take a few moments to visit the school website at <http://ciacademy.us/2013-2014/>



Congratulations to all the participants and winners!

**Well done Omar Abufoul and Adam Alama, the overall winner!**

## Support the School: Volunteer

Charlotte Islamic Academy continues to grow and change. This opens up many opportunities for parents to get involved with the school. Volunteering allows you to connect both with the teachers and the students and help build a sense of community. There are many ways to volunteer for C. I. Academy.

Financial donations are always welcome, but sometimes your time is more valuable. Here are other ways to support the school:

- Volunteer to be a parent in the classroom and assist with activities such as math tutoring or reading to class.
- You can participate in field trips or activities. Field day is not far away!
- Use your skills to help. For example, see if the school needs help setting up or maintaining the computer system.
- Do the school grounds need sprucing? Volunteer to help keep the school clean and pretty!
- Join the PTO!



## Parent Teacher Conferences

As a parent at C. I. Academy, we encourage you to attend the Parent-Teacher Conferences. This is one of the most important ways to communicate with the teachers regarding your child's progress in school. This is your chance to make changes in your child's educational experience. Here are some questions you can ask to facilitate the discussion:

- Does my child participate in class?
- Does my child behave well in class?
- What can I do at home to help improve my child experience?
- How does my child compare to the other children in the class academically?

*“Volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they just have the heart”.*

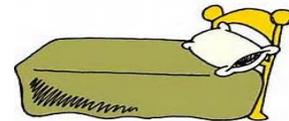
# Meet the Teacher: Mr. Keith Stringfellow



Mr. Stringfellow has taught at C. I. Academy for the past three years. He teaches High School English and History at C. I. Academy. Prior to that, he taught in Union County and Charlotte Mecklenburg schools where he was named Teacher of the Year in 2010. He is a military historian, teacher and a Civil War re-enactor. He enjoys studying and researching history spanning from modern to ancient times. He is currently working on research into the Muslims volunteers and the Third Reich. If you visit his class webpage at <https://sites.google.com/site/stringfellowcia/home/about-me>, you can see a great picture of him in his Civil War Uniform.

***“My goal is to prepare each student that I teach not just for college, but for the challenges they will face in the real world”***

## Health News: Time for bed...



Children who have irregular bed times are more likely to have behavioral issues than children who have a regular bedtime routine. A survey of 10,000 children showed that irregular bedtimes are linked with difficulties such as hyperactivity, acting out and being emotionally withdrawn. Researchers think inconsistent bedtimes probably affect young children like jet lag. KIDS NEED SLEEP!

## Field Trip to Brattonsville

On December 17th, the 3rd grade class traveled to Brattonsville, SC to visit Historic Brattonsville. The kids had fun as they became students in an 1840s classroom and had to walk, talk and play as children did in the 1840s. It is a great program to teach children what school was like before the Civil War. Sr. Zaynab takes the 3rd grade class on this trip every year, so 2nd grade parents ...plan ahead! You can see pictures of the trip on her Web page:

[https://sites.google.com/site/srzaynabC. I. Academy/photos](https://sites.google.com/site/srzaynabC.I.Academy/photos)



## PTO Projects

Dear Parents,

Updates on PTO projects will be given in the next newsletter. In light of some recent information given in regards to the schools' future facilities, the PTO has postponed any work on the playground and the science lab for a few weeks.

Of note, the school has graciously offered to buy the sports supplies with the money received from the sale of the fruit boxes. So if you purchased fruit, THANK YOU!!

If any of our projects strike your interest, let us know, we can always use the help. Please contact us at the above number or email us at [ciap-to2013@gmail.com](mailto:ciap-to2013@gmail.com)! We look forward to working with you.



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# Sports Edition

## Soccer is coming to C. I. Academy!

As the Spring Season approaches, we are excited to start a soccer program at C. I. Academy. In the next few weeks, you will be receiving additional information in regards to the new program. Here is what we know so far:

- The soccer program will be open to all ages.
- A registration date along with application and fee schedule will be sent to all the parents. Look for it through **Jupiter Grades** notifications as well as an **email from the school**.
- The registration fee (TBD) will cover the cost of the Jersey, trophy and an activity fee. You, the parents, will be responsible for purchasing cleats and knee-length socks as well as protective clothing for your child.
- There is an expectation that you will be in attendance at both practice and at games to cheer your child on. Please note that parents are expected to stay with their children, we cannot provide baby sitting services during the game.
- **This is a great volunteer opportunity!** We can use help with coaches, providing snacks for the children, and clean up after the games.
- Please contact the PTO at [ciapot2013@gmail.com](mailto:ciapot2013@gmail.com) as soon as possible if you are interested in working with us.

We look forward to working with you and your children!

# \$ Cash Corner \$

## BOX TOPS CLASS COMPETITION!

Help your child's class earn an Ice Cream Party. The class with the highest number of Box Tops will win.

We have a goal of \$500.00 in Box Top cash this year. Just think if every child in school turned in **26 Box Tops this year** (\$2.60) we would have a total of \$520.00!!!!

**Submission Deadline: January 31, 2014**

## EARN \$\$\$\$ FOR THE SCHOOL WHILE YOU SHOP!!!

Time to link those VIC cards and Food Lion MVP cards to the school! You can do this online or at the store.

- The school code for Harris Teeter is Charlotte Islamic School - **3231**.
- The school code for Food Lion is Charlotte Islamic School - **212679**.

Just remember in order to get the \$\$\$, you have to buy the store brand items. So next time you are in the store, consider buying the store brand over name brand ...save yourself some money and help the school.

