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BOARD OF DIRECTORS »» NEWSLETTER

ASSALAMU'ALAIKUM WA RAHMAT'ALLAHI WA BARAKATUHU

»» PROPERTY UPDATE

As you may know, the TA Board has been actively exploring opportunities to enter the next phase in TA's growth. We are pleased to inform our beloved TA community that we have identified a property that the Board is very excited about. The property is in Columbia, MD, less than a ten-minute drive from our current location. This potential new space offers several advantages--at about 46,000 square feet, it is about 2.5 times the size of our current space. This will allow for larger common spaces and multiple classrooms per grade. The parking lot is also much larger and seems ideal for a drop-off/pick-up routine. Perhaps the cherry on top is that this property is in the same complex as the property currently being targeted by Muslim Family Center (MFC). If Allah swt allows both TA and MFC to acquire these properties, we would be thrilled to be neighbors with MFC given our shared values. As such, the TA and MFC leadership teams have been meeting to discuss potential areas of collaboration.

While we are in the preliminary stages of the acquisition process, our desire is to keep you informed and engaged throughout this exciting journey. We understand that transitions can be both thrilling and, at times, challenging. Rest assured, our primary focus remains on ensuring a smooth and positive experience for our students, teachers, and parents. Please see page 2 for some preview photos!

As we take this great leap forward, insha'Allah, we want to do it together, *with you*. We plan to organize committees comprised of Board members, staff, and parents to help with this undertaking (e.g., media campaign, fundraising, etc.). We will follow-up with more information on this front soon, *bi'ithnillah*.

»» BOARD MEMBER SPOTLIGHT Ahlam Musa

Ahlam was a very special guest speaker for middle school in early December. She did an Arabic workshop with MYP to help students to advance their Arabic vocabulary through an interactive and fun workshop! She also has helped prepare the new TA library space, opening next week, iA! Originally from Palestine, Ahlam has taught both English and Arabic for nearly 20 years in a variety of U.S. university and K-12 school settings. We so appreciate Ahlam's contribution to both the TA Board and the the TA student community!

»» GALA UPDATE

In a spirit of solidarity with the people of Palestine, we have made the **decision to postpone the annual gala event**. In light of recent events, we believe it is essential to stand together in support of justice, peace, and humanity. We recognize the significance of this moment and are committed to creating an environment that reflects our shared values. We appreciate your understanding and look forward to rescheduling our gala in a manner that upholds the principles of solidarity and unity.



We appreciate all of the parents, students and teachers with us on this shared journey, helping to raise a new generation of academically minded and spiritually rooted, Muslim-American leaders.

JazakumAllahu Khayrun wa BarakAllahu Feekum
With Warmest Salams,
TA Board of Directors



Below are some preview photos of the space we hope is the future home for Tarbiyah Academy, inshaAllah!

