



# AL-HIJRA ACADEMY

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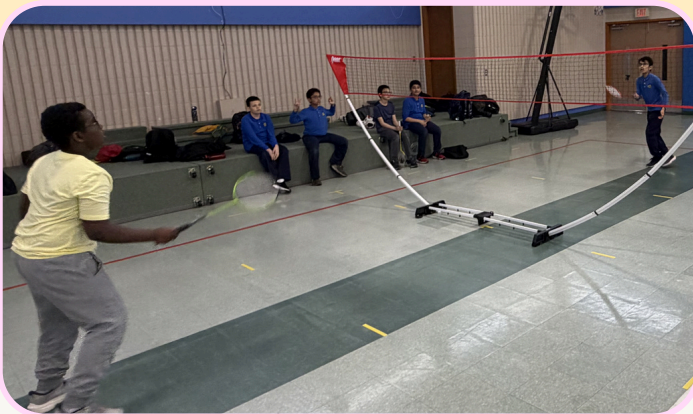
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### Boys & Girls Badminton Club In-School Tournaments

Our boys' and girls' badminton clubs competed with each other in the in-school tournaments. See page 7 for details.



### RoboFest 2026

The internationally recognized competition came to Windsor for the first time. The Grade 7 and 8 Robotics team participated and won several awards. See page 6 for details.



### Grade 1 Salah-Bration

A Salah-Bration event was held for Grade 1 students, as it marks an important milestone in their Islamic journey. See page 5 for details.



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# Students of the Month

April

Respect for the Environment



JK - Yahia El-Gammal, Zirwa Khan, Zainab Kaloti, Soummaya Mheisin  
SK - Amal Aboulisayen, Amira Aboulisayen, Ahmed Abou-Touha, Zaynab Chami  
Grade 1 - Ayan Ali, Faris Ali  
Grade 2 - Lara Abdelbar, Mohamed Mohamoud, Malik Rafih, Layla Saleh  
Grade 3 - Ibrahim Hassoun, Amanah Qadir  
Grade 4 - Ibrahim Kadri, Muhammad Inam  
Grade 5 - Abdirisack Adan, Hanan Kadri  
Grade 6 - A'isha Alsherayda, Sara Daoud, Sami Fakhuri  
Grade 7 - Rana Baothman, Omar Khalife, Omar Mehaysen  
Grade 8 - Mohamed Kadri, Shazil Nadeem

April

Qur'an



JK - Sufyan Dabaja, Zaynab Hasan  
SK - Mia El Shaer, Omar El-Haddad, Ahmad Nasser, Idris Hammoud  
Grade 1 - Imran Malik, Faris Ali, Rami Fakhuri  
Grade 2 - Habiba Hersi, Aryan Hasan, Aaira Khan  
Grade 3 - Yusuf Hammoud, Kareem Abdel-Latif  
Grade 4 - Beesan Jarrar, Lul Shire, Aya Atmani  
Grade 5 - Yusha Yousuf, Hanan Kadri, Ahmed Elshahat  
Grade 6 - Ahnaf Majumder, Malyun Shire  
Grade 7 - Adam Abdel-Latif, Omar Khalife  
Grade 8 - Jenna Hamoda, Taha Elashaal, Raneem Abdull Khalek  
Tahfeedth - Sara Aldabouni, Ghina Kayali



April

Juzu' Awards

Grade 2 - Ahmad Aldabouni, Juzu' 26; Grade 3 - Sara Aldabouni, Juzu' 15; Zayyan Siddiqi, Juzu' 27; Grade 4 - Jood Kanjo, Juzu' 28; Judie Althabteh, Juzu' 28; Grade 5 - Abdullah Mheisin, Juzu' 25; Kareem Yaseen, Juzu' 27; Grade 6 - Masa Al-Atassi, Juzu' 6; Maryam Al-Alawani, Juzu' 21; Mohsen Adi, Juzu' 26; Zaid Alghabra, Juzu' 26; Grade 7 - Sara Almasri, Juzu' 2; Iman Mheisin, Juzu' 23; Raid Imam, Juzu' 25; Grade 8 - Loor Alhamaideh, Juzu' 25



# April's Highlights



## Canadian Aviation Museum



Grade 6  
April 1, 2026

The students conducted air pressure experiments and participated in flight simulators.



## John R. Homestead Park

Grade 3  
April 9, 2026



Students went back in time to the 1850s and toured the revived home and farm buildings. Their activities included woodworking and weaving.





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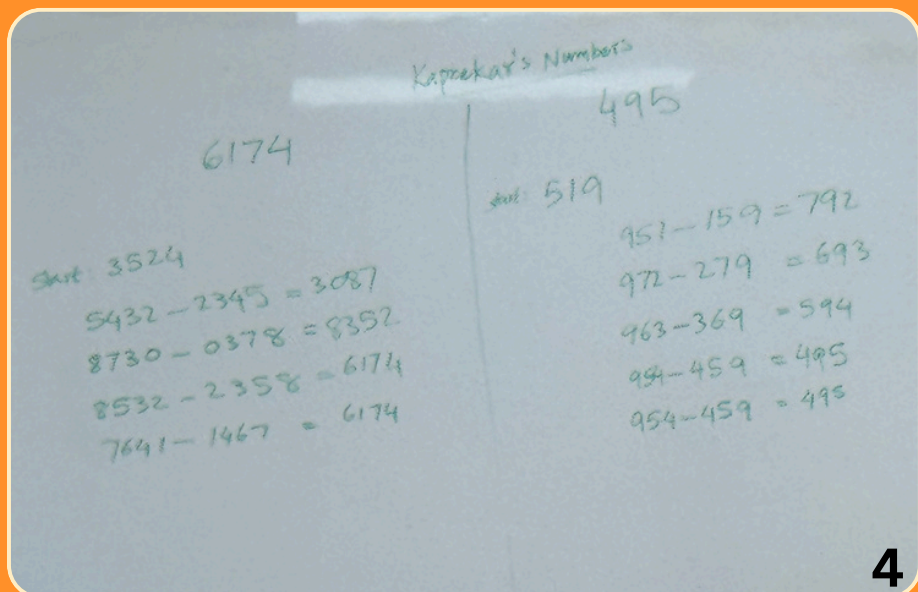
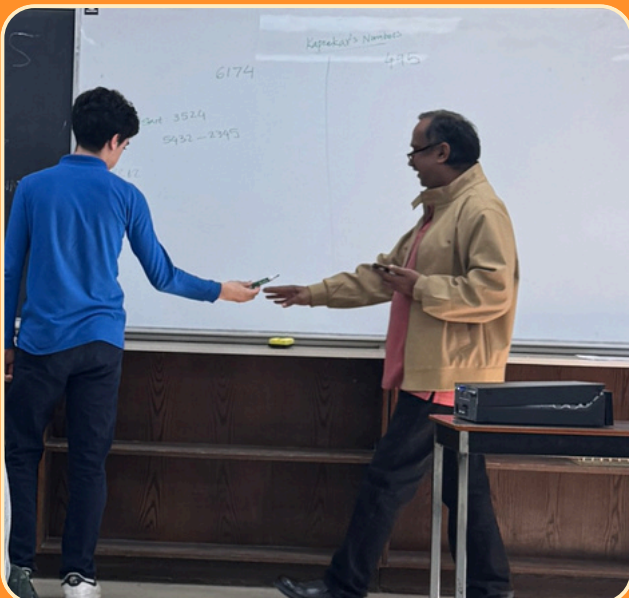


John R. Homestead Park  
Grade 4  
April 9, 2026



Windsor Islamic High School  
Grade 8  
April 21, 2026

Students shadowed high school students to experience a typical day.

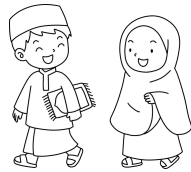




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Salah-Bration  
Grade 1  
April 23, 2026



Performing salah is a milestone for all seven year-olds. The Grade 1 students prayed with the guidance of Sheikh Abdullah in the masjid, then participated in activities in the classroom.



Charlotte's Web Play  
Grade 3  
April 24, 2026

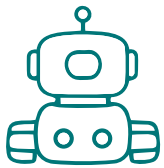


Grade 3 students marked the completion of their novel study with a play. Grades 1 and 4 students enjoyed their wonderful performance.





# April's Highlights



## Grades 7 & 8 Robotics Team RoboFest at St. Clair April 25, 2026

The Robotics Team crafted and coded robotic floats to enter the RoboFest competition. RoboFest encourages students to apply STEM, creativity, teamwork, and problem-solving in a real competition setting.



### Bottle Sumo Competition

*Students' robots push a pop bottle off the table or be the last robot remaining*

**Grade 7 Boys:** Yusuf Bakali, Ibaad Farooqi, Raaid Imam, Eesa Yousuf: 3<sup>rd</sup> place; Special Award; Special award for Robo Parade Competition design

**Grade 8 Boys:** Shazil Nadeem, Zakariya Yousuf: 2<sup>nd</sup> place; Special Award; Best Programming  
Raif Imam, Shazil Nadeem, Zakariya Yousuf: Robo Parade Competition Special Award for Design

**Grade 8 Girls:** Tahleen Algarousha, Arwa Elshahat, Jenna Hamoda, Nour Manfoukh  
Special award for Robo Parade Competition design



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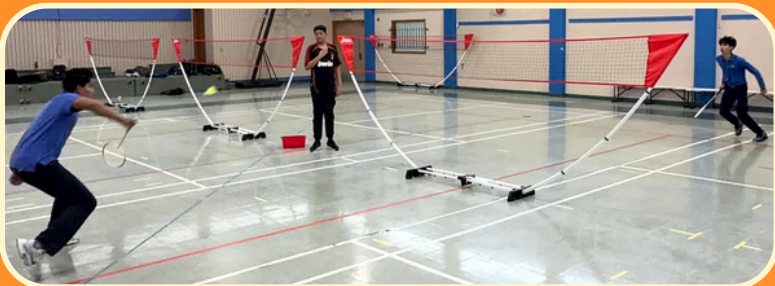
## Boys & Girls Badminton Club In-School Tournaments Week of April 27, 2026

Our boys' and girls' badminton clubs competed with each other in the in-school tournaments in the last week of April.

Congratulations to Zakariya Yousuf and Raif Imam and to Jenna Hamoda and Nour Manfoukh on winning the Grades 7-8 boys and girls doubles tournaments!

Congratulations to Raif Imam for winning the Grades 7-8 boys singles tournament!

Congratulations to Zakariya Abdel-Latif and Ibrahim Jassim and to Lanah Hammoud and Aairah Iftikhar on winning the Grades 5-6 boys and girls doubles tournaments!





# April's Highlights



**Sr. Shaima's Cooking Class**  
Grades 2-5  
April 27-30, 2026



The junior chefs prepared caramel chocolate cake and spring-inspired crackers.



**Student of the Month Assembly**  
April 30, 2026



The April month assembly began with Grade 8 students explaining the theme "Respect for the Environment." Then, the Grade 1 students sang "Ana Al-Qur'an Rabbani."



# Spotlight On

## GRADE 6

Grade 6 students bridged the gap between classroom theory and real-world applications in science by going on fun and educational field trips.

We had a pleasant walk at the **Point Pelee Field Trip**. They traversed a one-kilometre floating loop through one of the largest remaining marshes in the Great Lakes system at Point Pelee. They explored the marsh boardwalk where students observed painted turtles, frogs, and various bird species. As nature detectives, students learned about animal adaptations and the importance of wetlands, and species at risk. Then we went onto the Tip Tower climb (about 150 steps) and enjoyed a 360-degree panoramic view of Lake Erie and the southern tip of Canada.

At the **Aviation Museum**, the class participated in hands-on activities that brought the four forces of flight—lift, weight, thrust, and drag—to life. A highlight of the museum tour was sitting in the cockpit of a jet to see real-world flight controls firsthand.

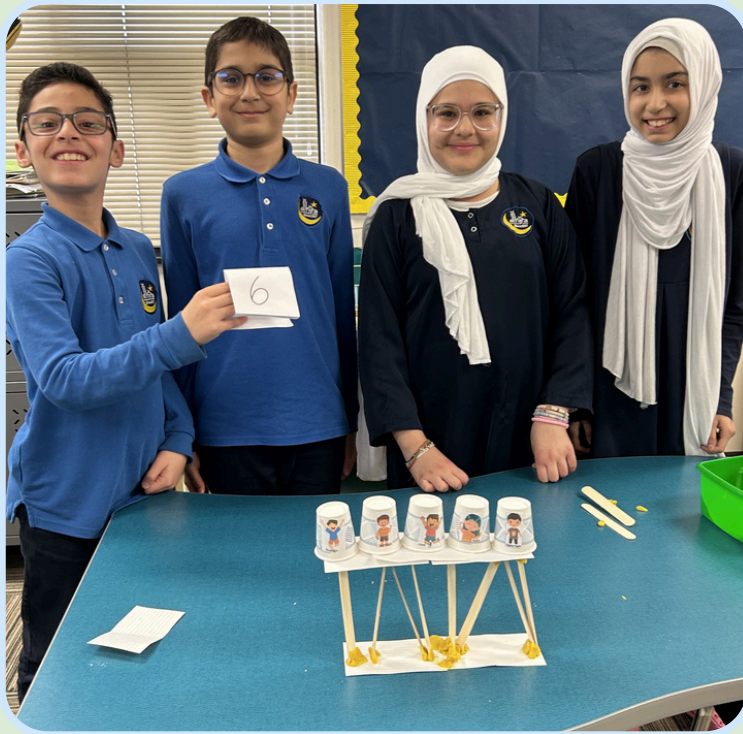
The students have been engaged in science activities, such as testing paper planes and parachutes for glide and flight. We are excited for even more activities.

—Sr. Mumtaz





# LIBRARY CORNER



Students were challenged to build a bridge to hold the characters from our story "The Little Blue Bridge."

After our read-aloud of "I am a Great Friend," we watched a real capybara making friends with various animals.



Bringing "A Very Hungry Caterpillar" to life was fun with a giant, stuffed caterpillar.



Students painted Earth Day cards for a school-wide art collaboration.

Students created thaumatropes that tell a story in an entertaining way.



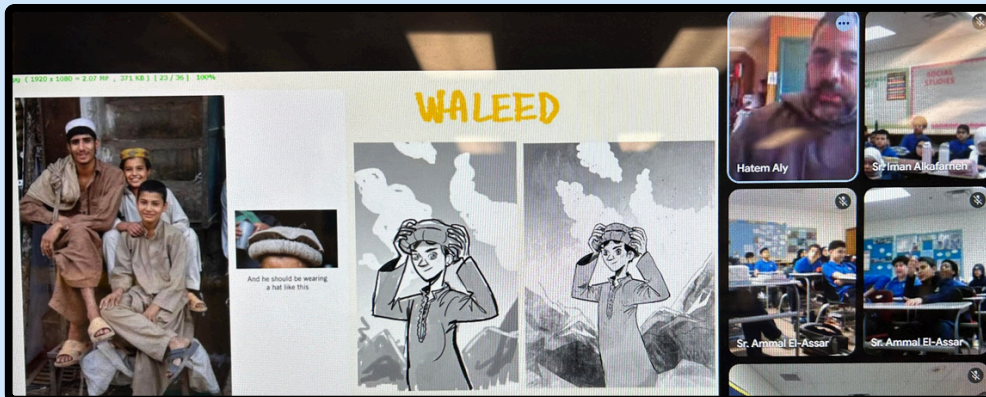
# Canadian Children's Book Week

Canadian Children's Book Week connects Canadian authors and illustrators with children across Canada to foster a love of reading. Students participated in a **Book Character Duck Contest**. We hosted author **Nadine Presley** and illustrator **Hatem Aly** virtually. We ended the week with the **Sabiqoun Book Fair**.



Author Nadine Presley read "The City of Jasmine" and shared her journey on becoming an author. She advised the students that reading is the foundation of a great writer.

Over 100 rubber ducks were entered in the Book Character Duck Contest. Staff and students voted for their favourites.



Illustrator Hatem Aly ensures that his illustrations are realistic by studying pictures of people, animals, and landscapes. He also showed us how he added Palestinian elements in "The Book that Almost Rhymed" as a nod to the Palestinian author.



Families enjoyed shopping for Islamic books at the Sabiqoun Book Fair.



The rubber ducks were transformed into book characters, like Pigeon, Superman, and Nancy Drew.



# Coming Up in May...



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
Student of the Month Theme: <b>HELPFULNESS</b>					1	2	
3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
10	11 CAT Testing Week	12	13	14	15	16	
17	18 Public Holiday- Victoria Day - NO SCHOOL	19	20	21	22	23 FUN DAY!	
24	25 Student of the Month Assembly	26 Eid Ul-Adha*	EID HOLIDAY BREAK!			29	30 Sun 31

\*Eid Ul-Adha is subject to moonsighting.

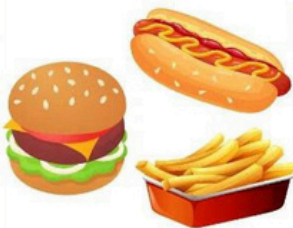
Al-Hijra Academy Presents

# FUN DAY

at Al-Hijra Academy

2:00 - 6:00 PM

Saturday, May 23, 2026



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