

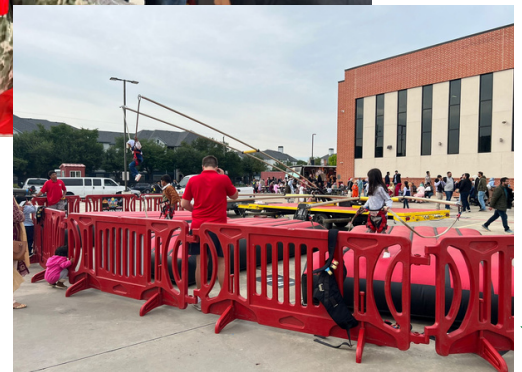
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Belated Eid Mubarak!

We hope and pray that this blessed month of Ramadan showers upon us blessings and that our fasts and worship during the holy month and its sacred nights are accepted! Tune in for an engaging read and exciting school events!



Nadith of the Month

By Zahra Naqvi

Amir al-Mu'minin, peace be upon him, said:

"Incapability is a catastrophe; endurance is bravery; abstinence is riches; self-restraint is a shield (against sin); and the best companion is submission (to Allah's will)."

Amir al-Mu'minin, peace be upon him, said:

"If you are met with a greeting, give better greetings in return. If a hand of help is extended to you, do a better favor in return, although the credit would remain with the one who was first."

Important Dates

- ▶ 1st Shawwal: Eid- al-Fitr
- ▶ 7th Shawwal: Battle of Uhud
- ▶ 25th Shawwal: Shahadat of Imam Jafar al-Sadiq (AS)

On April 30th...

By Marziya Jaffry

Source: britannica.com



Columbus's Commission:

In 1492 (531 years ago), Columbus was given a royal commission to set out on his journey, which led to the discovery of the Americas. His journey encouraged more European settlers to set out and colonize the land.

Source: nationalgeographic.com



The Louisiana Purchase:

In 1803 (220 years ago), bought 828,000 square miles of land west of the Mississippi River for \$15 million. For roughly 4 cents an acre, the United States doubled its size, expanding the nation westward.



Source: nerdist.com



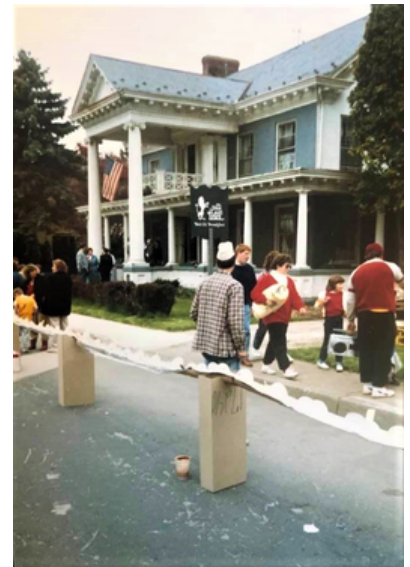
The First Inauguration:

Source: wikipedia.org

In 1789 (234 years ago), George Washington was officially inaugurated as the first president of the United States on the balcony of the Federal Hall of New York. He was inaugurated two months into his four-year term.

Banana Split World Record:

In 1988 (35 years ago), residents of Selinsgrove, Pennsylvania won a Guinness World Record for building a banana split just over 1.5 miles long.



Source: susquehannavalley.blogspot.com

1st toy commercial:

In 1946 (77 years ago), Mr. Potato Head was the first toy ever advertised on television. The original toy was only the facial features, and children poked them into an actual potato, which eventually got moldy. Needless to say, sales were not very successful.

How to be a Fugitive

By Murtaza Jaffry

This piece is strictly for entertainment purposes. The Roaring Report is not educating, instructing, or encouraging; this is simply a difficult theoretical.

How to be a fugitive? Running from the law is not an easy task. In fact, the most challenging part of this problem may be escaping prison itself. Due to the variability of prison configurations, surrounding geographic and municipal areas, and varying degrees of help from the outside, escaping prison remains outside the scope of this conversation. We will instead focus on how not to get caught as a fugitive. However, to create some parameters, we will assume a successful premeditated prison-wall-jump escape into a foot race against the corrections officers and guards, where a getaway vehicle is ready on the interstate a few miles down.

Assuming this has all happened successfully, the real challenge begins from the minute you enter the getaway vehicle. The odds are against you, with data citing as high as a 90% chance you will be recaptured, and that too you are more than likely to be caught within two weeks of your escape, at which point you are likely to have an increased sentence and possibly never see light again. The most challenging time will be these first two weeks, and if successfully undetected, you have drastically increased your chances of freedom.

Within the first hour of your escape, law enforcement will be simultaneously chasing, tracking, and confining you. The law knows which way down the interstate you are headed, and after contacting local authorities, cops will litter roads searching for the vehicle you are in. Again, there is variability in road size and direction, not to mention whether the area is urban or rural. But one thing is for sure; you must ditch the vehicle. The vehicle's job was to increase the distance between you and the prison, provide you with a change of clothes, and supply you with cash, which has done so successfully.

Your next goal will be to cross state lines via public transport, and depending on geographical location, this task may be very difficult or incredibly easy. Buses and trains are your best friends. Crossing state lines provides the benefits of jurisdiction.

You will not be hunted by the same authorities in this new state, giving you valuable time as they must figure out you have entered a new state and begin communication protocol with the respective authorities. This poses the risk of unfamiliarity, and the law has an advantage regarding the lay of the land, but you had plenty of time to study roads, highways, and freight lines thoroughly.

Next, you will need a change of appearance, and the simplest way to do so is by getting face tattoos. Full-face tattoos, like the depiction of El Diablo of DC Comics in the movie *Suicide Squad*, supplemented with arm sleeves or related to complete the persona and make you indistinguishable. Depending on what your hair looked like before, shaved, mohawk, braided, or dreadlocked looks may be the finishing touch.

Now things have become less plannable and more improvised, but the key objectives and concerns from here are as follows. You must get a vehicle and leave the state of your appearance change as the law has still not gotten off your tail. Buses will no longer do the job, and you need a car of your own, ideally a pickup truck. You will search for work on a cash-only basis doing anything from gardening to plumbing. You are working towards a new identity and a fake ID and passport. Once you have received these documents, you are almost safe. You can flee to a non-extradition country (the Maldives sounds nice) and work toward securing papers there, or simply settle in the States. From here, there is only one key to survival: living your new identity. Live and breathe who you now are and practice every key detail of your childhood, adolescence, and young adulthood every night, perfecting your story. Create false stories of small events to support small talk, and develop a set of hobbies and interests aligned to your story. Do not associate with your past life; it will get you caught. The only remnant of whom the authorities are searching for should be your memory. No loose ends.

March Madness Finals

By Aashib Zaidi

On April 3rd, UConn and SDSU clashed in the NCAA tournament finals. If you were to predict this finals matchup at the start of the tournament, you'd probably be admitted to a mental hospital. Besides me, not many expected UConn to make it to the finals. Literally, nobody living outside the city limits of San Diego thought that SDSU had a shot at making the finals, but anything could happen in March. Out of 20 million brackets created, only 6 predicted the teams in the Final Four. Needless to say, this was a wild one.

The finals game itself mainly was UConn dominating SDSU. UConn won the contest 76-59. When walking into the stadium to watch the game, I said that UConn's margin of victory would be 14+ points. The person I was with said that the game would be close. This same person also said that Miami would not beat UH. This guy also said that there was no chance UConn would win the finals when I said they would. Safe to say The Roaring Report chose the correct sports



writer. Anyways, UConn's guard play was simply too much for the SDSU defense to handle, and the Huskies were able to pull away in the waning stages of the game. UConn's Adama Sonogo, who was fasting the day of the finals, dominated in the paint. He recorded 17 points with 10 rebounds and was a defensive presence in the paint. Tristen Newton led the Huskies in scoring with 19 points.

The atmosphere of the game was electric from the start to the end. UConn fans were cheering as confetti rained on the court. Adama Sonogo was crowned Most Outstanding Player during the championship ceremony. Overall, the championship game was weird, but the weirder part was the fact that the stadium DJ started playing Super Gremlin as SDSU players were crying. The SDSU fans were also weird—even the sober ones. I honestly think the fan interactions were more entertaining than the game.



The Importance of Eid-ul-Fitr:

A Day of Happiness and Celebration for the Muslims

Student Featured

By Mahdi Abbas Rizvi

Eid-ul-Fitr is a worldwide Muslim celebration on the first day of Shawwal (at the end of Holy Month of Ramadhan). Eid-ul-Fitr itself means “the feast of opening the fast,” and fasting is prohibited. On this day, Muslims wear their best attire, gather with one another, perform prayers, and spend time with their fellow Muslims celebrating through their different respective cultures’ such as visiting one another and eating food together. Muslims also exchange gifts with one another. One of the common examples in our community is giving “Eidi” to fellow Moimineen.

On Eid-ul-Fitr, Muslims gather to pray *Salatul-Eid*, a two *rakat* prayer. This prayer, coupled with two sermons is recommended to perform from the time between sunrise to noon.

Fun Fact: *Salatul-Eid* was *wajib* until Imam Mahdi (ATFS) went into occupation. Inshallah when our Imam (ATFS) returns, this prayer will become *wajib*.

It is also highly recommended that we give charity, and more specifically, a day where we give the *wajib* charity, known as *Zakaat-e-Fitra*. The recommended amount to give by the head of household is \$15 per person in the family.

Eid-ul-Fitr is also a day when we thank Allah (SWT) for granting us the opportunity to fast and reflect on our struggles while fasting and where we can improve. Eid-ul-Fitr itself is not related to any historical event or seasonal changes but rather is a day of celebration, not for the end of the blessed month of Ramadan, but rather the completion of our fasts in obedience to Allah (SWT).

Please recite a *Salawaat* for the well-being of all our Muslim brothers and sisters, especially those struggling during the joyous day!

Source: history.com



Eid Carnival

Alhamdulillah, we had the Al-Hadi Eid Carnival, organized by AlHadi's CCEC this last weekend. Many families came to enjoy the food, games, and activities provided by Al-Hadi, families in the community, halal food trucks, and student businesses!



Poetry

By Sakinah Sheikh

When they come to us, with malice, pride, curiosity or wonder
 And say we have read, the noble Quran from cover to cover
 We have searched every chapter, every sentence, and every page
 But we are unable to find any mention, of this Ali, whom you praise
 You call him Ameerul Momineen, the commander of the faithful
 Yet he is nowhere to be found in the scripture, isn't this quite disgraceful?
 You give him a high status, you idolize his name
 But God couldn't reference him, isn't this quite a shame?

And as far as Ali is concerned, for my answer, they aren't prepared
 They say he isn't present, yet I see him everywhere
 For the Quran and Ali are a single existence, reflected in two different states
 Expressed in its script, are all his unparalleled traits
 And when I open the holy book, it's as if Haider has come to life
 His remembrance engraved throughout the verses, intricate and precise

I see Ali in every fat'ha, kasra, dhammah, sukoon, and tanween
 From Al-Fatiha to An-Naas and every surah in between
 For if Yaseen is the heart, then Ali is the beat
 The mysterious and disjointed letters, he makes this secret complete
 He is the breath and the pulse, the quintessence of As-Sajdah
 The one who carried forward, the message of Al-Anbiya
 This is a man who is A'la, who mirrored the attributes of god
 From the power of Al-Hadid, to the thunder of Ar-Ra'ad
 The diction of Ash-Shu'ara, the eloquence of Al-Galam
 For his family was created Al-Mulk, God's vast and majestic kingdom
 Like the sturdy web of Ankaboot, the lingering of Ad-Dukhan
 Ali is that heavyweight, that perfection of Al-Insaan
 Like the breaking of Al-Falaq, all idols he breaks
 His bravery and courage, like Az-Zilzal erupts and quakes
 His name sparkles like An-Najm and is mighty like At-Tur
 Keeping vigil during Al-Layl, his face illuminating with An-Nur
 Brimming with the wisdom of, Yusuf, Hud and Luqman
 An extension of God's mercy, seen in Surah Ar-Rahman
 And he is As-Sakhi, he grants more than what you ask
 He is the one who loves Ikhlas, and the one who Ikhlas loves back
 And we also have the verse of Wilayah, the ayah of Tattheer
 The ayah of Mawaddah, indirectly pointing to ghadeer

And he safeguards his followers, like the protection of Ayatul Kursi
 He is Shifa and Haq, Sida, Huda, Hikmah and Azeem
 Thus when Ali walks and speaks, it's as if the Quran is doing the same
 So they can put paper and ink on spears, but Ali's rank it doesn't change
 For they say we raise Ali too high, while to other companions we're unjust
 But even if we lower Ali, he is still the father of the dust

So perhaps now you will realize, all the things we've discussed
 This is none other than Ali, Al-Murtaza, the king of Najaf
 This is Ali, the beloved of Allah, the one who to the Almighty is dear
 His authority like Al-Bayyinah, it couldn't be more crystal clear
 But if for you it's still foggy, if of my words you are uncertain
 If you feel this poem exaggerates, that I am a biased person
 Just look at Shahr Ramadan, the balance and equality
 Allah sent down the Quran and in return, He took back His Ali

Crossword Puzzle

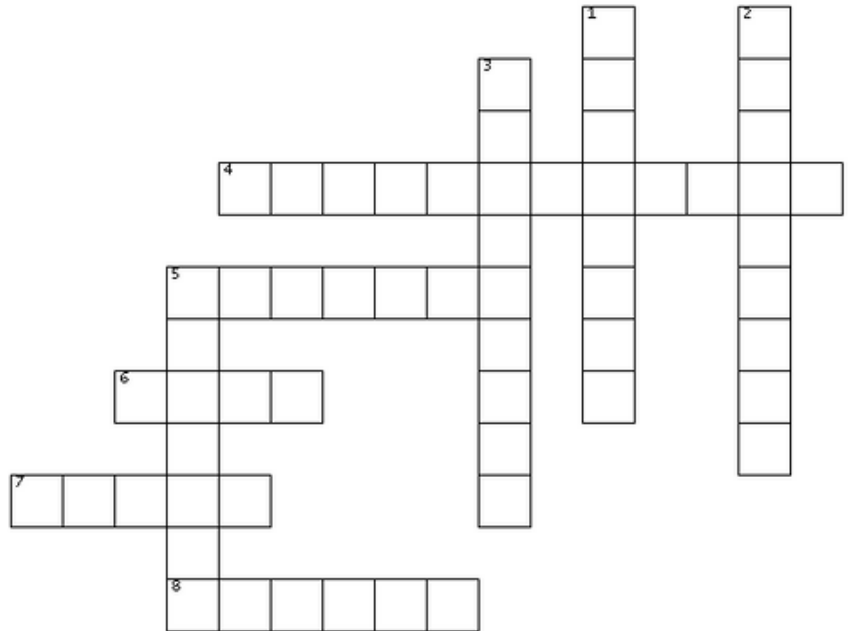
By Sukaina Salim

ACROSS

4. It's secret; synonym
5. The tenth month in the Islamic calendar
6. What you do when you elect a new president/leader
7. Accessory you put on your feet
8. Season with rain and shine

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1. Event with food, games, and activities; happened recently
2. Test that checks what you've learned over the year
3. Event celebrated after the month of Ramadan
5. April ____, May flowers



Fun Facts

By Aashib Zaidi

1. The longest time a person has ever gone without sleep is 11 days. Randy Gardner, a high school student from California, stayed awake for 264 hours in 1964 as part of a science fair project. Despite experiencing hallucinations and mood swings, he suffered no long-term ill effects from the experiment.
2. The year 2023 is closer to the Roman Empire than the Roman Empire is to Ancient Egypt. What's even crazier is that the end of Ancient Egypt is closer to the Roman Empire than the end of Ancient Egypt is to the beginning of Ancient Egypt. This means that the pyramids were considered ancient by the Ancient Egyptians.
3. Here's another crazy timeframe fact: The amount of time that has passed between the Stegosaurus and the Tyrannosaurus rex is actually more significant than the amount of time that has passed between the T. rex and humans. The stegosaurus lived about 150 million years ago, while the T. rex lived about 68 million years ago. Humans have only been around for about 300,000 years.
4. There are more possible iterations of a game of chess than there are atoms in the observable universe. The number of possible chess games is estimated to be around 10^{120} , while the number of atoms in the observable universe is estimated to be around 10^{80} .

Restaurant Review / Movie Review

Coco Crepes: By Zehra Rizvi

One of the only halal options of its kind, Coco Crepes in Sugar Land, serves sweet and savory crepes, paninis, smoothies, and coffee. From their customizable lattes to smoky pesto chicken paninis, menu items are made with care and attention to detail. We visited Coco's for suhoor, where they were open every weekend in Ramadan till 4 AM. The restaurant was not as busy as popular suhoor hotspots, resulting in a peaceful atmosphere with little wait time. We tried the Apple Crisp smoothie and the Moroccan Chicken and Chocolate crepes. While the sweet crepe had no outstanding qualities, the savory items and drinks stole the spotlight. The smoothie—a blended mixture of cooked cinnamon apples, almond milk, bananas, and vanilla gelato—curated the perfect drink form of an apple pie without being overly sweet or fatiguing. The Moroccan chicken crepe combined

Farha: By Kinza Fatima

Farha is a true story about a young 14-year-old girl named Farha who lives in a village in Palestine. Farha was the daughter of the village mayor and had always wanted to move to the city to pursue a higher education. She begged her father relentlessly, and eventually he accepted. The next day the village is attacked by Zionists, and they kill many of the villagers. Her father locks her in a pantry and promises to return. She stays in the pantry for weeks before some unknown man, and his family come to the house for the mother, who is about to give birth. Once the baby is born they hear the Israeli military approaching the house. The man quickly tells his wife's newborn son and two daughters to hide. The Israeli military questions the man and asks if he's hiding any guns. The man says he was only stopping for a bit in the house to eat and rest and that he doesn't live here. The Israeli commander asks for the house to be searched, and they find the wife and kids. The Zionists line them against a wall and shoot them without any mercy. The newborn, not even a day-old baby survives, and the commander asks one of the soldiers to kill the baby. The soldier isn't able to and just covers the baby with a cloth. After all the Israeli soldiers leave the baby starts crying and Farha who is still in the pantry and had watched all of the events that had occurred, tries to break the pantry door to get to the baby. After a few more days Farha finds a gun

marinated chicken with feta, vegetables, and homemade hot sauce (which I would advise to be ordered on the side) and contrasted beautifully with the subtly sweet crepe batter.

If you are in the Sugar Land area and looking for a unique halal option utilizing flavors everyone in the family can enjoy, Coco Crepes is the perfect fit! Please keep in mind that only the Sugar Land location is completely halal.



and can break the door. Once she is out Farha sees the dead body of the family. The newborn baby's carcass is laying on the ground with flies all around it. The movie ends with Farha walking away from the destroyed village.

The movie takes place before the Nakba in 1948. The movie was absolutely heartbreaking. In the beginning, everyone is happy, and one of Farha's friends just got married. Farha had gotten her wish and was about to leave for the city for higher education. When she is locked in the pantry for weeks we can really see and understand her frustration. She has no water, no place to go to the bathroom and she doesn't know if her father is still alive. Farha can only hear and see from a tiny hole what is happening to the village. The man and his family's death shows the cruelty of the Zionists, especially when they leave a newborn baby to die. In my opinion, the movie is worth watching. It shows the struggle and pain the natives of Palestine had to go through.

Trump Faces Trial

By Parinaz Dargahi

Former President Donald J. Trump has been the face of many news articles regarding his past businesses and relations coming to question by the law. In order to support his 2016 presidential campaign, it was reported that Trump arranged a plan in which he paid hush money to several people in order to have many accusations against him dropped. Regarding this situation, he gave a not guilty plea to 34 felony charges, denied any wrongdoing, and raised defenses against the allegations. "I never thought anything like this could happen in America," he said in his live Manhattan court hearing. The 34 counts in the indictment refer to allegations of 11 falsified invoices, 12 falsified general ledger entries, and 11 checks falsely recording hush money repayments as retainers. The arraignment represented a watershed moment in American politics, as it was the first time a former president had been charged and detained for a crime. To make matters more complicated, the hearings are expected to take place as Trump is trying with the idea of campaigning for a second term in office. Additionally, the indictment came after more than six years of almost nonstop investigations against Trump and his allies by federal, state, and congressional authorities. Prosecutors planned to ask for a trial to begin in January 2024, 10 months before the general election and right as the Republican presidential primary will be commencing. Assistant District Attorney Catherine McCaw confirmed this. If found guilty, Trump, 76, is not likely to spend any time in prison. The

maximum term for the first-degree Class E (lowest level) felony charge of fabricating a Donald J. Trump's indictment is four years in prison. Still, initial offenders often get much less time. Manhattan prosecutors painted a picture of Trump as a candidate willing to put down negative comments but unwilling to pay with his own money to do so. Since then, numerous tapes and documents detailing Donald Trump's suspected illegal behavior have leaked, and numerous others will be asked to take the floor. Trump, however, has denied most of these allegations and asserted that the majority of his actions and money dealings throughout the campaigns were legal and done in support of assisting others. Trump since then, has sued and taken action towards people regarding this NY case, seeking almost 500 million dollars and is even winning some endorsements from some senate republicans. Over all, there are several details and parties engaged in this issue, and news is updated daily regarding Trump's case as well as his ambitions to wage a return campaign for the White House against opposition from legislators.



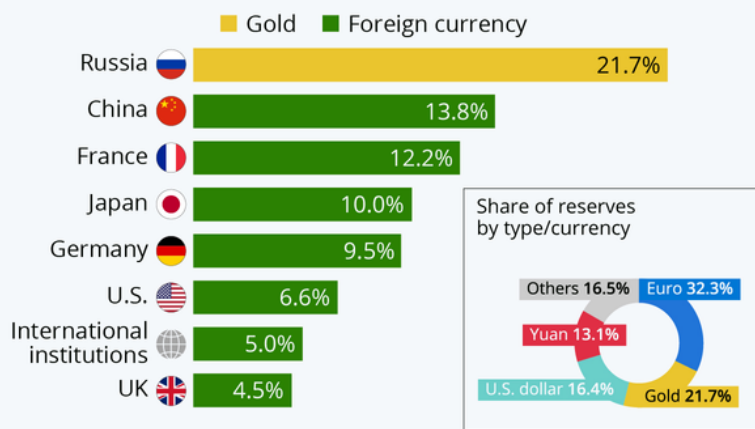
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Countries Ditch the Dollar

By Zahra Ali

Who Holds Russia's Central Bank Reserves?

Largest holders of Russian central bank foreign currency and gold reserves, by location*

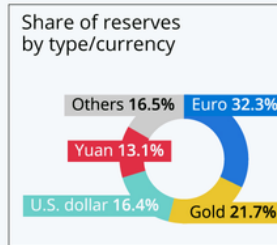


* as of Jun 30, 2021

Source: Central Bank of Russia



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The global trend of abandoning the U.S. dollar in favor of national currencies for international trade is increasing. This is due to countries' concern for the financial stability of America's economy, a desire to be financially independent and not rely entirely on the U.S. financial system, and the emergence of powerful economies.

China is one of the countries that has shifted away from using the U.S. currency. As the world's largest exporter and holder of foreign exchange reserves, China has been consistently advocating for the use of yuan in international trade. Furthermore, China has agreed with Brazil, Saudi Arabia, Russia, and other nations to trade directly with yuan rather than converting their national currency into dollars.

Russia started working towards minimizing its dependence on the dollar in 2014 due to U.S. imposed sanctions. By 2018, the sanctions on Russia increased, so the country promoted its national currency, the ruble, for international trade. Last year, the trend of de-dollarization in Russia increased rapidly leading to Russia expanding its assets in currencies such as the euros and the Chinese yuan.

India is another country that moved away from the U.S. dollar and will conduct their future international trade using rupees along with Malaysia.

This trend of countries ditching the U.S. dollar for their national currencies will continue and more nations will follow. This results in the rise of more economies, the power dynamics shifting, and strengthening groups such as BRICS. It calls into question whether the value of U.S. currency is diminishing and whether the country can still be referred to as a superpower if it is not fiscally stable.

Student Council Elections

This last week, we had our student council elections! The positions are as follows (left to right):

President: Saahil Abbas

Vice President: Mahdi Abbas Rizvi

Secretary: Aoun Rizvi

Public Relations: Parinaz Dargahi

Treasurer: Eliza Jafri

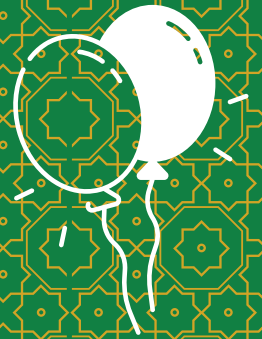
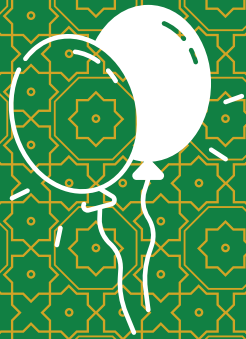
Yearbook Representative: Sukaina Salim

Academic Representative: Zahra Ali

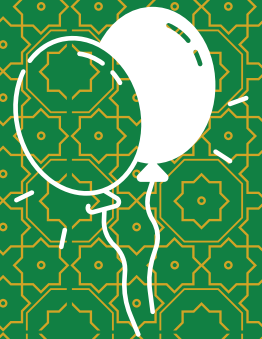
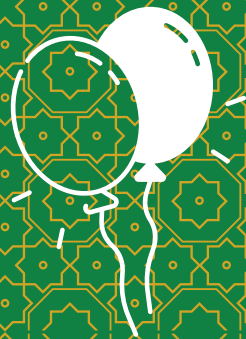
Be on the lookout for more events to come by this creative bunch!



April Birthdays!



Amena Sakina Ali
Marziya Zaidi
Muhammad M. Krayem
Hossna Najar
Hasan Haider Syed Naqvi
Aliza Fatima Naqvi
Hasan Askari Ali
Fatima Abbas Vazir
Haider Mehdi Mirza
Hadi Abbas Ali
Syed Mehdi Ali Razvi
Syed Abraar Ali Razvi
Abbas Mehdi Hassan.
Maryam Raji
Kamar Al'olabi
Sana Batool,
Ammar Al'olabi
Humza Yaseen
Ahmad Muhammad Tejani
Mohamed Aahad Hasan Soonasra
Zahra Batool Rizvi
Noor Zahra Contractor
Zunaira Fatima
Ali Aidibi
Sukaina F. Rizvi
Ali Reza Zaveri
Kian Jafari
Parinaz Dargahi
Fatima Zahra Bhaiyani
Zaynab Ali Raza
Fatima Abdullah
Sukayna Abbas
Amal Zehra
Maryam M. Eghtidos
Syed Aliyaan Hussain Naqvi
Fatima Zahra Pirani
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