Here’s what has happened in the last year and what’s to come!

Salam o alaikum,

As the year comes to an end, PTO would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge and express our heartfelt thanks to each and everyone of you for your unwavering support and dedication to the cause of PTO and to our school community at large.

This past year has been filled with numerous achievements and successful feats, thanks to the collective efforts of our volunteers and supporters. We were able to bring you some new and exciting events this year like our grand Ramadan Souq, Islamic Book fair and Eid store. From our fundraisers to our community building activities, each event has contributed to enhancing the educational experience of our students.

Looking ahead, we have even more exciting plans for the upcoming year. We aim to focus on our athletics department and help enhance our sports facilities. Our all-time goal is to bring you more educational and meaningful parent workshops/speaker series to help strengthen the fabric of our BHA community.

With your continued support and involvement, we are confident that we can achieve even greater things.

As always, if you have any questions, suggestions or would like to get involved, please don’t hesitate to reach out @ptobhaprep.org.
Building a School Family

“This year, the participation from both students and parents has been phenomenal. Whether it was attending school events, volunteering, or supporting our initiatives, the energy and enthusiasm have been truly great seeing everyone come together has made our school feel like a big one family.”

RULA HAMMOUD - PTO VICE PRESIDENT

Sponsored teacher’s breakfast at the start of the school year

Purchased 183 items from teacher’s wishlists

Sponsored a week of catered meals during Teacher Appreciation Week

Purchased 100 laptops as part of technology upgrades

$25,000+ raised

“2023-2024 has been a very productive year for the PTO. Our team has worked relentlessly to run more than 9 fundraising events along with biweekly bake sales to raise over $25K.”

ZUNAIRA HIJAZI - BHA TREASURER
BHA EVENTS & FUNDRAISING UPDATES

Celebrating our Landmark Event!

“Our biggest event of the year was the Ramadan Souq. We had over 40 vendors and an estimated 2500 attendees. I really loved how much support we received from sponsors, parents, students, and staff and with that were able to raise $17000 Alhamduallah. It was a lot of work to bring together, but everyone enjoyed it and we received multiple requests to hold another next year.”

Hadeel Alaqtash - BHA Events

Fundraising for a Greater Cause!

“The Penny Drive was fun to witness the friendly competition between the students and teachers trying to win. What I really enjoyed is the feedback from students on where they would like their donations to go. Most students wanted it go to the less fortunate overseas. Alhamduallah we raised over $1600. A portion was donated as the students requested.”

Yasmin Sharif - Fundraiser Chair

Spreading Smiles with Bake Sales

“One of our school’s successful fundraising events is the bake sale. Although the bake sale was every other Friday, students from both campuses arrived ready with their money each time! Alhamduillilah, we had the support and assistance of our incredible parent volunteers, without whom we could not have managed to hold 16 bake sales over the course of the whole year. With that, we were able to raise almost $10,000! Next year, inshallah, I aim to create an attractive, well-organized display to draw customers and make the bake sale a memorable, effective fundraiser.”

Neveen Saleem - BHA Sales
A Year of Impact!

We had an exciting year as the inaugural LHA PTO board. Here are some of our contributions, by the grace of Allah:

1. Stocked classrooms with books and resources from their wish lists.
2. Replenished the teachers' lounge multiple times.
3. Raised over $11,000 through bake sales and other events.
4. Provided 9 educational tablets and air purifiers for the school.
5. Added a coffee machine to the teachers' lounge.
6. Held a mid-year restock for essential items based on the school's wishlist.
7. Organized staff lunches throughout the year.
8. Celebrated principal appreciation day and teachers appreciation week.
9. Created reading corners with seating and decor in each classroom.

Fun-filled Fundraising Events

“The LHA team had a fantastic time organizing a series of fundraising events throughout the year. We hosted bi-monthly bake sales for the kids, featuring treats and items such as popsicles, popcorn, lemonade, juice, goldfish, crackers, hot chocolate, cozy socks, and strawberries with marshmallows. Additionally, we arranged a meet-and-greet fundraiser at Chuck E. Cheese, a movie day fundraiser, and a national strawberry day fundraiser, all of which contributed to fun and successful fundraising efforts.”

Looking Ahead: Exciting Plans for the Future!

“Next year, we look forward to collaborating with ISF to purchase a new LED sign for the front of the school. We will be organizing a school-wide fundraiser for this, with more details to come. We are incredibly grateful for this opportunity and owe our success this year to the support of the parents and school administrators. Thank you for helping us achieve so much, and we are excited about the continued progress we can make together!”
Empowering Our Community

“The proudest moment I had being part of PTO was when I heard parents saying thank you for the various events we held this year that they hadn’t seen before. The most comments I received were during the Islamic Book Fair and how essential it is for our community to bring Muslim authors that align with our values that benefit our children, while also benefiting our own Ummah’s creative authors. Yes, these books are available online for purchase but when students come and experience it similar to the Scholastic book fair, they understand their Ummah is not short of anything they see in other places. I hope we continue to highlight the accomplishments of our ummah, our community, and particularly of our local community. There is so much talent and drive among us, we should use every opportunity we have and every platform we have to push them front and center!”

FATEMA QASIMI - SECRETARY

“Jazakum Allahu Khairan PTO for making this year so special for our staff and students! We appreciate all the small and big actions you have done for us. May Allah bless you all” - BHA ECE Teacher

Teacher-PTO Partnership: Celebrating Collaboration

“It has been an honor working with PTO as a teacher representative. The PTO has always been ready to listen and help with new ideas. I loved how open they were to new ideas like bringing a coffee cart for Teacher Appreciation!

The wishlist was also the highlight of our year, so many ECE teachers were grateful for receiving so many items off their wishlist. It really helped being able to get those items in such a timely manner as well.”

ABRAR AHMAD - ECE STAFF REPRESENTATIVE
Parent Power: Fueling Community Spirit at BHA

“As Room Parent coordinator, I was delighted to meet so many caring parents. It has been a year full of growth, learning, and community spirit, and none of this would have been possible without the dedication and enthusiasm of our wonderful BHA parents. From volunteering at bake sales, book fair and Ramadan Souq to participating in fundraisers, their contributions have significantly enriched our school environment. I'm grateful for the amazing home room parents for all their hard work and commitment, we had some of the best parents this year Alhamdullilah! I'm looking forward to another successful and fulfilling year with our BHA family inshallah!”

MARYAM SAHAK - HR PARENT COORDINATOR

“I've loved working with these ladies! Their enthusiasm and determination have been infectious. I am looking forward to another successful year!” - BHA Main Campus Teacher

Empowering Students and Celebrating Culture

“I was thrilled with how the PTO put together an impactful anti-bullying night and an enchanting Ramadan souq. The souq was exceptionally well-organized, featuring fantastic vendors and creating a fun, memorable event that brought our school community together in a wonderful way. The anti-bullying night highlighted the PTO's understanding of the issues students face, actively participating in educating and empowering them to advocate for themselves and speak up. Their dedication to supporting students and fostering a strong, united community is truly commendable.”

SANA YUSUF - MAIN CAMPUS STAFF REPRESENTATIVE
Volunteer Spotlight

How long have you been volunteering with the PTO?
I have been volunteering for 3 years.

What is your favorite volunteering memory from this year?
My favorite volunteer memory from this year was the popcorn and lemonade day. Just being involved in the entire process from making, bagging and selling was a lot of fun. It’s always nice to see the kids happy.

What is your biggest motivation for volunteering at PTO events?
My biggest motivation for volunteering with PTO is the opportunity to contribute to my community and my children’s school. It’s fulfilling to be part of something that directly impacts the lives of students and helps create a fun school environment and something for the children and teachers to look forward to. It’s also a plus that I get to explain/show my children that volunteering is an act of kindness in Islam.

What is your message to parents who are considering volunteering in the future?
Volunteering is a fantastic way to contribute to your community while setting a positive example for your children. It’s a chance to teach empathy, responsibility, and the value of giving back. Plus, it can be a lot of fun to interact with all of the kids. So, if you’re considering volunteering, go for it! You won’t regret the impact it can have on both your family and your community.

“As a volunteer coordinator, I have had the opportunity to witness the remarkable talent and dedication within our Muslim community, mashaAllah. Their willingness to exceed expectations in ensuring the success of our events is truly commendable. I would like to express my sincere gratitude to approximately 150 parents and 65 students for their unwavering commitment and dedication. I am looking forward to the opportunity to continue our collaborative efforts in the future. Thank you!”

Rabia Saleem - Volunteer Coordinator

“My best PTO volunteering event was the Ramadan Souq. I enjoyed arranging the Ramadan Souq it felt good, it’s like Ramadan spirit just came over us with happiness, it was so lively and great! I hope that I’ll be able to volunteer again with PTO in the future inshallah!”

- Yassmin Mohamed, Grade 10 Student

Amanda Dahab - Parent Volunteer
MARKETING & SOCIAL MEDIA UPDATES

Reflecting on a Year of Design!

“As we wrap up the school year, I find myself reflecting on the many projects and events that have brought us together. Designing for the PTO has been incredibly fulfilling, as each poster, flyer, and newsletter has played a part in highlighting our vibrant school spirit and community involvement. Thank you for the opportunity to contribute to our school in this way. Have a wonderful and restful summer break!”

SAMIA ANAS - MARKETING COORDINATOR

300 flyers
68% engagement increase

brand new logo

Remarkable Community Engagement

“What a remarkable year it has been! From initiating a logo revamp at the beginning of the year to strategizing parent involvement on social media, this year has been an exciting journey filled with learning opportunities. Alhamdulillah, we have experienced a greater response than ever on Social Media, with consistent interactions on our posts and stories. Parents and staff have expressed their heartfelt appreciation on social media during various appreciation weeks, demonstrating their dedication to our community. Our goal is to maintain and strengthen this sense of community and continue to support the BHA family in every way possible.”

DEeba Azmath - social media representative
Building Towards Success: A Vision for the Upcoming Year

Moving forward, we’re eagerly anticipating our upcoming plans. In the next year, our objectives include implementing new initiatives to enrich student learning and development and fostering deeper community engagement and involvement. We sincerely appreciate your participation in our journey. Together, we can ensure the upcoming year is even more successful and rewarding.

As we look ahead to the future, one of our primary focuses is on the continued collaboration between the PTO and the Athletic Department. This partnership has been a cornerstone of our school community, showcasing our strong sense of unity and support for our student-athletes.

Throughout the past year, this collaboration has significantly bolstered our school spirit and provided invaluable support to our student-athletes. The outstanding attendance at our games and events is a testament to the enthusiasm and backing from our PTO members, parents, and community, highlighting our unwavering belief in our students.

As we move forward, we are excited to build upon this partnership. Our future plans include further enhancing our facilities and organizing additional events that bring our community together to celebrate our students’ achievements.

We extend heartfelt thanks to everyone who has contributed to the success of this partnership. Your support deeply impacts our students, coaches, and the entire school community. Together, we’re nurturing a stronger sense of school spirit.

As we embark on the summer break, we also extend warm wishes to everyone for a joyful and rejuvenating break, and we eagerly anticipate seeing you all next academic school year, InshaAllah.

Enjoy your break!

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