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From the Principal's Desk:

By: Wesam Salem

Dear graduates, parents, guests, and faculty,

It gives me a great pleasure to welcome you to this very special occasion which celebrates and punctuates the achievements of PVS graduating class of 2010. While it marks a new beginning of our graduates' academic life, it also underscores another milestone in the growth and advancement of our school with more students graduating from Kindergarten and 8th grade this year. On a personal note, I am experiencing mixed emotions of a Principal's excitement and a parent's pride and satisfaction. To see my daughter graduating from the school I consider my second home is well worth all the hard work and sleepless nights we've spent the past 10 years.

Dear 8th grade graduates:

We will always remember you, your laughs, your time-outs, and your silly jokes that only you laugh at!! Graduating from middle school is the major step into your educational and professional life. The choices you make will have lasting effect on your future goals and aspirations. If you make the Qur'an and the Sunah your guidance in life you will never go wrong. Reach for the sky and keep the fear of Allah (swt) in your heart. Choose your friends wisely as Prophet Mohammad (pbuh) said: "The example of a good companion and a bad companion is like that of the seller of musk, and the one who blows the blacksmith's bellows. So as for the seller of musk then either he will grant you some, or you buy some from him, or at least you enjoy a pleasant smell from him. As for the one who blows the bellows then either he will burn your clothes or you will get an offensive smell from him."

Dear KG- 2030 PhD Candidates

Your remarks, inventions, and queries have fascinated us for the past 2 years. When we thought that subtraction is a higher skill you were able to compute problems to negative numbers. You always extended a helping hand to your fellow classmates even when your help resulted in the loss of all the grapes in the container but one. You never hesitated giving instructions to your fellow classmates on your teacher's behalf (sit down, do you work, pay attention, etc.). Of course, when the teacher was sick, you offered delivering the lesson because you know it all. For all of you, excel in your life and work as hard as you can as Prophet Muhammad (Pbuh) said: "Conduct yourself in this world, as if you are here to stay forever; prepare for eternity as if you have to die tomorrow." (Bukhari). Last but not least, my heartfelt gratitude and admiration to all the teachers, staff, parents, and special dear friends. Your efforts and dedication will continue shape our new worlds.

2010 Graduation Keynote Speech – 'Defining a Purpose in Life'

By: Prof. M A Mannan

At the outset, I must express my personal thanks to the President and the Principal of Pleasant View School for inviting me to deliver a **keynote address** on the occasion of the Graduation Ceremony of the school. I am going to say a few words on **Defining A Purpose of Life**, which is distinctly different from **Defining A Career Goal** for making a living. In this context, I will point out the role of teachers and parents as well. In our schooling system, we normally tend to emphasize fixing a career goal which appears to be individualistic, materialistic and selfish in character. This is in line with the American system of education which ap-

pears to be pragmatic, individualistic, materialistic and secular in nature. It appears that, PVS schooling goes beyond the secular and pragmatic American system of education, because it tends to put emphasis on the moral, ethical, spiritual growth and development of human potentialities of the students in line with the life philosophy of Islam as a code of life. This PVS approach to schooling has no conflict with the mainstream American education and schooling. A good Muslim by its authentic definition must be a good American citizen too. Viewed from this perspective, **defining a purpose in life, larger than one's life**, is a

relatively easy task within the framework of PVS schooling, having direct connection with the concept of "Aakhirah". **In this context, the role of the teachers as well as the parents are very crucial in blending this twin goal and purpose.**

The role of the teacher and of the student whom he or she is teaching are familiar to all of us. But less is known about what is actually happening during the "teaching process" in the mind of the students. The same teaching of a teacher may create a like, as well as a dislike of a teacher at the same time,

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2009 - 2010 School Year Students Awards

Science Fair Winners

First Place:

Naisha Chowdhury (KG1) Emir Celikok (1st Grade)
 Samer Hussain (2nd Grade)
 Tareq Alyousef & Faizan Jalal (3rd Grade)
 Osman Celikok & Malika Kounkourou (4th Grade)
 Aisha Darboe & Taqwa Ayesh (5th Grade)
 Lamis Hassan (6th Grade)
 Rasmia Abdelghani & Rasmia Ibrahim (7th/8th Grade)

Second Place

Yusuf Mannan (KG1)	Sondus Hamadneh (4th Grade)
Zakariyah Hussain (KG1)	Sayeda Islam (4th Grade)
Khaled Alqirem (1st Grade)	Aseel Alqirem (5th Grade)
Sarah Ahmed (2nd Grade)	Erfon Pourhashemi (6th Grade)
Tasneem Hassouneh (3rd Grade)	Cina Pourhashemi (6th Grade)
Isra Ahmed (4th Grade)	De-Abri Abdul-Wakil (7th /8th Grade)

Third Place

Hilal Kocak (KG)
 Jalal Altal (1st Grade)
 Mua'z Khan (2nd Grade)
 Sarah Shotwel & Taliah Muhammed (3rd Grade)
 Albara Hassouneh & Surah Muhammad (4th Grade)
 Omar Dedovic & Yasin Muhammed (5th Grade)
 Farris Ibrahim (6th Grade) Fathima Darboe (7th/8th Grade)

Reading Fair Winners

Grand Champion KG—3rd Grade: Yusuf Manna
Grand Champion 4th—8th Grade: Anisa Dedovic
2010 Auteur Award: Farris Ibrahim

First Place

Laila Amziane (KG1)	Mansour Hamadneh (KGII)
Emir Celikok (1st Grade)	Samer Hussain (2nd Grade)
Hadiyah Qureshi (3rd Grade)	Sayeda Islam (4th Grade)
Aisha Darboe (5th Grade)	Yousef Taysir (6th Grade)
Rasmia Ibrahim (7th Grade)	Sarah Aldosh (8th Grade)

Second Place

Hilal Kocak (KG1)	Aisha Ahmed (KG II)
Jalal Altal (1st Grade)	Ahmed Abutineh (2nd Grade)
Faizan Jalal (3rd Grade)	Osman Celikok (4th Grade)
Malik Tuffaha (5th Grade)	Nemet Selman (6th Grade)
De-Abri Abdul Wakil (7th Grade)	Adam Munshi (8th Grade)

Third Place

Zahra Chowdhury (KG1)	Hamna Tameez (KGII)
Deenat Yusuf (1st Grade)	Sarah Ahmed (2nd Grade)
Tasneem Hassouneh (3rd Grade)	Albara Hassouneh (4th Grade)
Hend Khدير (5th Grade)	Erfon Pourhashemi (6th Grade)
Fathima Darboe (7th Grade)	Rand Alqirem (8th Grade)

Qur'an Competition Winners

First Place

Atifa A-Saadi/Zainab Malik (PreK I)	Nia Yusuf (PreK II)
Naisha Chowdhury & Zahara Chowdhury (KG1)	
Ahmad Kahtib & Ali Sultan (KGII)	
Deenat Yusuf & Noor Khatib (1st Grade)	
Hamza Al-Saadi & Said Khatib (2nd Grade)	
Tasneem Hassouneh (3rd Grade)	Sayeda Islam (4th Grade)
Aisha Darboe (5th Grade)	Nemet Selman (6th Grade)
Fathima Darboe (7th Grade)	Adam Munshi (8th Grade)

Second Place

Ziad Gnedy (PreK I)	Tasneem Khatib (PreK II)
Yusuf Mannan (KG1)	Zainah Maree (KGII)
Zaynab Fall (1st Grade)	Samar Hussain (2nd Grade)
Roiha Iqbal (3rd Grade)	Albara Hassouneh (4th Grade)
Omar Shalakhti (5th Grade)	Jihad Awad (6th Grade)
Rasmia Abdelghani (7th Grade)	Anisa Dedovic (8th Grade)

Third Place

Aryaan Ahmed (PreK I)	Rastam Mohammad & Teetrea Hassan (PreK II)
Zakariyah Hussain (KG1)	Mansour Hamadneh (KG II)
Wisal Boudaoud (1st Grade)	Mohamad Fall (2nd Grade)
Faizan Jalal (3rd Grade)	Sondos Hamadneh (4th Grade)
Malik Tuffaha (5th Grade)	Hamza Wright (6th Grade)
Sarah Aldosh (8th Grade)	

Spelling Bee Competition

Fathima Darboe: Spelling Bee Champion **Samar Hussain:** 2nd Grade Winner **Bennett Jibril:** 1st Grade Winner

2009 - 2010 School Year Students Awards

President's Award : Golden(all A's)

Aryaan Ahmed (Prek I)	Laila Sharif (KGII)
Nedda Aflaki (Prek II)	Farris Abutineh (1st Grade)
Nima Aflaki (Prek II)	Atira Aidarous (1st Grade)
Laila Amzian (KGI)	Khalid Alqirem (1st Grade)
Naisha Chowdhury (KGI)	Jalal Altal (1st Grade)
Zahra Chowdhury (KGI)	Bennett Jibril (1st Grade)
Zakariyah Hussain (KGI)	Wissal Boudaoud (1st Grade)
Hilal Kocak (KGI)	Lena Dernaika (1st Grade)
Yusuf Mannan (KGI)	Salma Hashmi (1st Grade)
Manal Shala (KGI)	Samahir Salman (1st Grade)
Mohammad Taysir (KGI)	Deenat Yusuf (1st Grade)
Dean Youssouf (KGI)	Ahmed Abutineh (2nd Grade)
Deanir Youssouf (KGI)	Samar Hussain (2nd Grade)
Eman Youssouf (KGI)	Malika Kounkourou (4rd Grade)
Aisha Ahmed (KGII)	Sayeda Islam (4th Grade)
Nadin Kahok (KGII)	Tariq Usmani (4th Grade)
Ahmed Khatib (KGII)	Aisha Darboe (5th Grade)
Zainah Maree (KGII)	

President's Award : Silver (A's & B's)

Faris Atic (Prek I)	Sissa Khebou (2nd Grade)
Abdullah Elahi (Prek I)	Ahmed Ali (3rd Grade)
Ziad Gnedi (Prek I)	Tareq Al- Yousef (3rd Grade)
Khadija Ndoye (Prek I)	Marawan El-dahan (3rd Grade)
Ahnia Aflaki (Prek II)	Tasneem Hassouneh (3rd Grade)
Teetrea Hassan (Prek II)	Roiha Iqbal (3rd Grade)
Haniyah Ismail (KGI)	Faizan Jalal (3rd Grade)
Arhema Khan (KGI)	Mohammad Hassan (3rd Grade)
Talal Siddiq (KGI)	Sarah Shotwell (3rd Grade)
Seham Kedr (KGII)	Abdullahi Youssouf (3rd Grade)
Emir Celikok (1st Grade)	Isra Ahmed (3rd Grade)
Waleed Iqbal (1st Grade)	Zaid Al-Yousef (4th Grade)
Haneef Usmani (1st Grade)	Osman Celikok (4th Grade)
Sarah Ahmed (2nd Grade)	Sondos Hamdneh (4th Grade)
Said Khatib (2nd Grade)	Ammad Khan (5th Grade)
Ayah Mohammad (2nd Grade)	
Hayat Sharif (2nd Grade)	

Usmani Foundation: Academic Excellence Award

First Grade

Bennett Jibril	1st Place
Deenat Yusuf	2nd Place
Farris Abutineh	3rd Place

Second Grade

Ahmed Abutineh	1st Place
Samar Hussain	2nd Place
Said Khatib	3rd Place

Third Grade

Marawan El-Dahan	1st Place
Roiha Iqbal	2nd Place
Faizan Jalal	3rd Place

Fourth Grade

Sayeda Islam	1st Place
Tariq Usmani	2nd Place
Malika Kounkourou	3rd Place

Fifth Grade

Hajja-Aishah Darboe	1st Place
Ammad Khan	2nd Place
Hend Khdir	3rd Place

Sixth Grade

Nemet Selman	1st Place
Lamis Hasan	2nd Place
Hadia Awwad	3rd Place

Seventh Grade

Fathima Darboe	1st Place
Rasmia Abdelghani	2nd Place
Rasmia Ibrahim	3rd Place

Eighth Grade

Anisa Dedovic	1st Place
Rand Alqirem	2nd Place
Sarah Aldosh	3rd Place

Usmani Foundation: Leadership Excellence Award

1st Place: DeAbri Abdul-Wakil

2nd Place: Anisa Dedovic

3rd Place: Rand Alqirem

Hadith Competition Winners

First Place

Samar Hussain (2nd Grade)
Said Khatib (2nd Grade)
Tasneem Hassouneh (3rd Grade)
Sayeda Islam (4th Grade)
Aisha Darboe (4th Grade)
Kamila Mohammad (5th Grade)
Fathima Darboe (7th Grade)
Sary Mansour (8th Grade)

Second Place

Ahmed Abutineh (2nd Grade)
Roiha Iqbal (3rd Grade)
Malika Kounkourou (4th Grade)
Ammad Khan (5th Grade)
Papa Diouf (7th Grade)
Omar Altabbaa (8th Grade)

Third Place

Hamza Al-Saadi (2nd Grade)
Marawan El-Dahan (3rd Grade)
Albara Hassouneh (4th Grade)
Maryam Khayata (4th Grade)
Hend Khdir (5th Grade)
Hajar Binini (7th Grade)
Adam Munshi (8th Grade)

Muslim Community Summer Camp

Join a co-sponsored Muslim Camp

June 1st - July 9th

Pleasant View School

Monday - Friday

9:00am - 2:00pm

\$240 per child. \$40 discount 2 or more children.

Ages: 5 years & up



Activities:

- Sports
- Qur'an Recitation
- Islamic Studies by: Imam Malik
- Computer Classes
- Daily Lunch
- Field Trips (Cost not included)

For more information, please call

Ansumana Darboe @ 901-849-0440 or Ibrahim Bell @ 901-690-5015

Calendar of Events

June 1 - July 9

Summer Camp

July 26 - July 30

Teachers-In-Service

August 2

First Day of Classes

Office Hours During

Summer Break

Monday– Thursday

8:00am - 2:00pm

Friday

9:00am - 2:00pm

PVS office & Child Care Center
will be closed

May 31 & July 5th.

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although nursing a dislike of the teacher is not perhaps in any teacher’s lesson plan. Therefore, a teacher needs to be a **“creative artist”** and should be sensitive to the child’s needs. In any plan for teaching a lesson, the teacher must cover the co-lateral points so that he or she can take advantage of unexpected questions. The teacher should be able to inspire the child with fresh insights and new thinking. Generally, academic studies leave the heart untouched. So far, I have talked about the role of the teachers in molding the minds of the students. The role of the parents, particularly, the mothers, are extremely important in this regard. Schooling begins from the lap of the mother. Parents are great teachers. It is extremely important that, parents should play a very supportive role in the intellectual, moral, spiritual and emotional growth of their kids. The parents can play a great role in developing an understanding of the concept of sharing, tolerance, fellow-feeling, compassion and care for the poor, respect for the elders, obedience to authority and a host of other inter-connected basic Islamic and human values, helpful for growth of total human potentialities of the child. Here it is worth quoting a well known Hadith of Prophet (PBUH) which says: **“A man’s work ends upon his death except for three things: (a) contribution to knowledge (b) on-going charity and (c) a faithful child”**. Herein lies the basic role of the parents who are expected to inspire their children, listen to them, give them time and support them for their emotional growth in an environment of love, compassion and care. Therefore, teachers in close co-operation with parents should be able to inspire the students to attain a higher level of awareness, human concern, and tolerance for people of all religious backgrounds coupled with compassion and fellow-feelings. These basic values of life need to be operationalized through various activities and programs of PVS approach to schooling.

Finally, I must congratulate all the graduating students . May Allah reward them all with great success in the future. May Allah help us all to serve the cause of His ‘Deen’. **Ameen**