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From the Principal's Desk

In an effort to teach our students decision making skills, and develop their leadership qualities, the school established its first Student Government SG. It is comprised of the main officers from middle school (grades 6-8) in addition to class representatives from all grades. They have developed their agenda for this year and they are working diligently to accomplish each item with Ms. Nura Elmagbari overseeing and coordinating their activities.

One of their initiatives was this issue of our Pleasantviewer newsletter. In this issue you will come across their collaborative effort and coordination of assignments which is evident in all newsletter segments.

However, parents and teachers support is pivotal to their success. Therefore, I urge all of you to provide them with your moral and financial support. Please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Nura Elmagbari nura@pleasantviewschool.com in that regards.

I pray to Allah (SWT) to guide our children and grant them the knowledge they need to be our future leaders, insha'Allah.

Warmest Regards,
Wesam Salem,
Principal



Ramadan Mubarak!!!!

The Blessed Month of Ramadan is the ninth month of the Muslim calendar and when the Holy Qur'an was revealed to the prophet Mohammed (pbuh). The Qur'an was sent down from heaven as a guidance for humanity, a declaration of direction, and a means of salvation. The name "Ramadan" is an Arabic word for intense heat, scorched ground, and shortness of rations. It is considered the most venerated and blessed month of the Islamic year. Prayers, saum (fasting), charity, and self-accountability are especially

stressed at this time. During Ramadan, Muslims are also expected to put more effort into following the teachings of Islam as well as refraining from anger, envy, greed, lust, backbiting, and gossip; traits which should be avoided all year around. Muslims are also encouraged to read the Qur'an more frequently, and to concentrate on purity of both thought and action. The fast is intended to be an act of deep personal worship in which Muslims seek a raised level of closeness to Allah. It also allows Muslims to practice self-discipline, sacrifice, as well as sympathy

for those who are less fortunate, intending to make Muslims more generous and charitable. For Muslims around the world, Ramadan marks a new beginning, a time when families and friends can come together in the spirit of Islam; uniting this Ummah as one Insha'Allah.



Special points of interest:

- Elections: Students, parents and members of the community voted for their choice of who they wanted to represent them at PVS. Read more on this topic on page 1
- Learn more about your teachers and students at PVS on page 2 through "Profiles of PVS"
- Help encourage PVS students by supporting their efforts to improve our school. See how you can help on page 3.
- We are proud to introduce you to PVS's newest student "Sarah." She is the character in our very own cartoon strip created by PVS Student Jameelah Wright . Enjoy!
- Check out the weather and the fun and games contests on page 4.

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Extra Extra... Pleasant View School Holds Elections

By: Merisa Dedovic

The voters came out in droves to have their voices heard. On Friday September 8th and Saturday September 9th, voting took place at Pleasant View to elect new members to the PVS board. Congratulations to Dr. Ghalib Mannan, Sr. Na'ela Mohammad and Br. Ali Wright for winning. Insha'Allah with continued support from the community PVS will only continue to improve.

A special thank you goes out to all of the nominees for their efforts and dedication to PVS and the PVS Election Committee: Mrs. Jill, Mrs. Amra, Mrs. Karen, and Mrs. Nevine who worked tirelessly to make this years election process a successful one.

Jazakum Allahu Khair!



Profiles of PVS:

By Mariam Salem

Meet Mrs. Rubina

I had the great pleasure of interviewing Mrs. Rubina, fourth grade teacher at PVS. Mrs. Rubina has been teaching at PVS since 2001. She is originally from Bangladesh but has lived in America for over 10 years. Mrs. Rubina loves to spend time with her three beautiful daughters and also loves to cook. When I asked her what she liked best about teaching she said, "the challenge of teaching and watching my kids grow as students and people." She also stated that the thing she loves to see the most in her students is when they develop a love for learning and learning to respect others. Both very important traits to have in order to be a successful Muslim! Mrs. Rubina also expressed her love and dedication to this school which can be easily seen when one walks into her classroom. It is no wonder that Mrs. Rubina is loved by all of her students and has had a high success rate within her class. We all thank you Mrs. Rubina



Mrs. Rubina assisting her student Ayanna Owens during project time in her class.

Meet Al Bara:

Al Bara is a 2nd Grader at PVS. He loves soccer and to play board games. I recently sat down with him and this is what he had to say.

Q: What do you like about being a student at PVS?

A: Getting to learn fun stuff.

Q: How do you think homework benefits students?

A: To help us get smarter and understand things

Q: What do you like most about your teachers?

A: They are all nice.

Q: What was your best experience at PVS and what is your most prized possession?

A: When I tied with someone and won on field day and my most prized possession is my Play Station ®

Q: What would you like people to know about you?

A: I am smart, active and I love to play.



What's Under Your Sink?

By: Selma Dedovic

In many American homes throughout the country, you will probably see all kinds of cleaning products, from bleach to carpet freshener. The sad truth behind all of this is that the products you use to make your home clean and smell better may also cause all kinds of damage to you or a loved one. According to the AAPC (American Association of Poison Control), the highest number of cases of poisoning, every year, are all caused by cleaning products, most of these products were bleach and other common cleaning agents. Antibacterial cleaners, such as hand sanitizers (every teachers' best friend) Clorox wipes, contain a harmful

chemical called Triclosan, which is absorbed through the skin. This can cause damage to your liver and other organs. Bleach, is a very strong corrosive, and, in some cases, if you come in contact with bleach this can irritate and possibly burn your skin, eyes and respiratory tract. It may also cause pulmonary edema or vomiting, and coma if swallowed. Think once again, if you assume that whatever is sold in the grocery store is safe, and there is no possible way it can be at all harmful, some 80,000 synthetic chemicals have been invented since World War 2, most of which have been petroleum and coal tar for the purposes of chemical

warfare. The cleaning companies, who produce these chemicals, make over 1,000 new cleaning products every year and there are about 18,000 companies all over the world. With that many chemicals floating around it is no wonder that so many people get sick or die from them every year. To keep yourself safe, contact your local poison control center about tips on how to store and use your household cleaners. Remember to keep all cleaning supplies out of the reach of your children. Keep yourselves and your children safe.

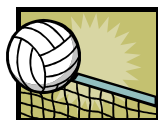


Sports and Events

By: Aquil Mohammed

Over the past few weeks the PVS Panthers have been hard at play on the girl's volleyball team and the boy's soccer team. Both teams are off to a fast start winning most of their games. Insha'Allah they will continue to be successful and roll all the way to the championships. Please continue to support our PVS teams. If you would like more information about game times or registering for the teams please send an e-mail to:

aquil@pleasantviewschool.com



Student Government is here!

By: Selma Dedovic

PVS students have recently selected the students who will be part of our student government. On behalf of the student council I would like to thank you all who voted for us and made our dream come true. I must say that the race getting here was not at all easy, we had to give all we had, but also, and most importantly, we had to gain your trust because without your trust, this whole thing would be right next to impossible. I must also say that gaining your trust was, I think, the most challenging obstacle in the race. Officers and representatives will meet every two weeks, during which time they think of ideas about how to help the school. Some of the government activities include a recycling project along with a school store and several fundraisers to help collect money for the school

Once again many thanks to you all who voted for us, and we want to say that this year will be one of the best years you have seen in PVS Insha'Allah. We are proud that we could make this happen. May Allah help us all to succeed. The following students will represent PVS in the Student Government:

President: Mariam Salem

Vice President: Merisa Dedovic

Secretary: Selma Dedovic

Treasurer: Aquil Muhammad

6th Grade: Anisa Dedovic

5th Grade: Shaquail Muhammad

4th Grade: Abed Nahhas

3rd Grade: Aisha Darboe

2nd Grade: Zari Muhammad

1st Grade: Khalid Muhaimin





Blessed Ramadan

شَهْرُ رَمَضَانَ الَّذِي أُنزِلَ فِيهِ الْقُرْآنُ هُدًى لِّلنَّاسِ وَبَيِّنَاتٍ مِّنَ الْهُدَى
وَالْفُرْقَانِ فَمَن شَهِدَ مِنْكُمُ الشَّهْرَ فَلْيَصُمْهُ وَمَن كَانَ مَرِيضًا أَوْ عَلَى سَفَرٍ
فَعِدَّةٌ مِّنْ أَيَّامٍ أُخَرَ يُرِيدُ اللَّهُ بِكُمُ الْيُسْرَ وَلَا يُرِيدُ بِكُمُ الْعُسْرَ
وَلِتُكْمِلُوا الْعِدَّةَ وَلِتُكَبِّرُوا اللَّهَ عَلَى مَا هَدَاكُمْ وَلَعَلَّكُمْ تَشْكُرُونَ



Shahru ramadana allathee onzila feehi alquranu hudan lilnnasi wabayyinatin mina alhuda waalfurqani faman shahida minkumu alshshahra falyasumhu waman kana mareedan aw AAala safarin faAAiddatun min ayyamin okhara yureedu Allahu bikumu alyusra wala yureedu bikumu alAAusra walitukmiloo alAAiddata walitukabbiroo Allaha AAala ma hadakum walaAAallakum tashkuroona

2:185 The month of Ramadan in which was revealed the Qur'an, a guidance for mankind and clear proofs for the guidance and the criterion (between right and wrong). So whoever of you sights (the crescent on the first night of) the month (of Ramadan i.e. is present at his home), he must observe Saum (fasts) that month, and whoever is ill or on a journey, the same number [of days which one did not observe Saum (fasts) must be made up] from other days. Allah intends for you ease, and he does not want to make things difficult for you (he wants that you) must complete the same number (of days), and that you must magnify Allah [i.e. to say *Takbir* (*Allahu Akbar*; Allah is the Most Great] for having guided you so that you may be grateful to Him.

Student Government Sponsors Eid Classroom Decoration Contest

The PVS Student Government will sponsor a classroom competition to see who can decorate their classrooms the best for Eid. The competition will be held in two different sections; first floor classrooms (daycare-1st) and second floor classrooms (2nd-8th). The winners of the competition will receive a gift for their class. If you would like to stop by and share you opinion of who you would like to see win, please feel free to do so. The competition will begin on Wednesday September 19, 2007 and end on Friday October 5th. Good luck to all!

Please Help!!!!

Please help support PVS Student Government by helping the recycling project get underway. The earth belongs to all of us and as Muslims it is our duty to protect it. We will need large plastic garbage cans along with volunteers to pick up and deliver recyclable material. Any help would be appreciated.

In other news, the student government will also be opening a school store to help fundraise. We will sell everything from school supplies to drinks. If you have anything that you would like to donate please e-mail SGA@pleasantviewschool.com

Simply Sarah

by: Jameelah Wright





DEAR MUSLIMAH.....

Dear Muslimah: I am 9 years old and my parents tell me that I have to wear the hijab when I turn 13. I do not understand why I have to do this. Please help.

Confused

Dear Confused,

Allah SWT says in the Qur'an: "And say to the believing women that they should lower their gaze and guard their modesty; that they should not display their beauty and ornaments except what must ordinarily appear thereof; that they should draw their veils over their bosoms and not display their beauty except to their husbands, their fathers, their husbands' fathers, their sons, their husbands' sons, their brothers, or their brothers' sons or their sisters' sons, or their women or the servants whom their right hands possess, or male servants free of physical needs, or small children, and that they should not strike their feet in order to draw attention to their hidden ornaments. And O you Believers, turn you all together towards Allah, that you may attain Bliss." (Quran 24:31).

Wearing the hijab is required (faraz) and a gift from Allah for all women. Being covered is not going to change who you are. It's just going to change the way you dress and the way people see you. Instead of being judged for what you look like on the outside, the hijab forces people to see you for who you are on the inside. Being covered is very rewarding, you might not notice it but, it will make you a better Muslim and a better human being overall. If all of us followed what Allah SWT says and the Sunnah of the Prophet Mohammed (PBUH) this world would be a perfect place. May Allah give us all the strength to follow him justly. I hope that I was able to help you and I would be happy to explain further if you need more help.

Until next time,

-Muslimah

Dear Muslimah tries to give Islamic and real-world advice to young people looking for guidance. If you need advice please send your questions to dearmuslimah@pleasantviewschool.com or place your questions in her mailbox located at the school.

Pre-K-8th Grade: Can you find the words on this list plus some others that are not on the list?

Allah	A	T	K	B	I	A	L	L	A	H	P	O	T	B	R
Eidaladha	J	J	I	S	L	A	M	K	D	R	E	W	B	T	U
Fast	T	Q	Y	U	Y	J	U	K	I	U	B	V	E	C	W
Haj	G	U	L	A	M	I	S	A	W	G	A	H	S	A	T
Heaven	H	R	F	A	L	L	U	N	E	P	T	I	E	R	
Iftar	K	A	B	E	L	L	I	P	H	O	K	I	L	O	F
Islam	M	N	N	A	D	A	M	A	R	V	M	N	O	T	A
Mecca	N	D	S	U	H	A	I	P	B	U	H	A	S	Z	S
Muslim	M	E	C	C	A	H	R	Q	I	N	N	A	J	P	T
PBUH	Y	V	R	A	F	I	A	J	I	N	I	Y	J	A	S
Prophet	T	O	S	A	L	A	T	L	F	A	S	P	L	L	J
Quran	E	L	R	U	B	I	N	A	T	J	A	U	E	B	G
Ramadan	R	I	L	E	I	D	A	L	A	D	H	A	B	A	T
Salat	L	F	A	T	E	N	F	E	R	Q	A	M	E	R	J
	I	H	E	A	V	E	N	Q	O	Z	M	Z	R	A	U



**7-Day Forecast for the Memphis Area
By: Maryam Owens**

Day	7-day Forecast	% Precipitation	High/Low
Wed.	Mostly Sunny	10%	87°/62°
Thu	Sunny	10%	88°/65°
Fri	Sunny	10%	87°/69°
Sat	Partly Cloudy	10%	89°/69°
Sun	Isolated T-Storms	30%	86°/68°
Mon	Partly Cloudy	20%	87°/66°
Tue	Mostly Sunny	20%	86°/65°

Calendar of Events

September 22

PVS Fundraiser Dinner
Marriott Hotel East
at 6:30 pm
Tickets: Adults \$15.00
Kids(5-12) \$10.00

Tickets available through Masjid As-Salam and PVS

October 12 & 15-16

Eid El Fitr Holidays
No school

October 27

PVS Auction
6:00-9:00 p.m. at Pleasant View School
Lots of fun for a great cause. Mark your calendar!

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ADDRESS COMMENTS TO:
SGA@pleasantviewschool.com

PVS Contests: By: Jordan Allen & Reem Khdeir

PVS Quiz Contests: Answer the following questions per your age group and win a prize! Please submit all answers via e-mail to: PVS411@pleasantviewschool.com or via snail-mail (Attention PVS411, 1888 N. Bartlett Road, Memphis, TN 38134) to the school. The first to enter with the correct answer wins. Please include you name and contact information.

PreK-2nd Grade: How many rakaas are in the Maghrib prayer?

3-5th Grade: Who was the first wife of the Prophet Mohammed (PBUH)

6-8th Grade: What was the name of the woman who framed Prophet Yusef then later became his wife?

Adult Group: Parents and Teachers:(2 questions)

- All of the chapters in the Qur'an were brought down to the Prophet Mohammed (PBUH) by the Angle Gabriel, except for one. What is the name of the chapter (Sura) in the Qur'an in which 70,000 angles had to carry it down from heaven?
- In which Sura of the Qur'an is Allah's name mentioned in every verse (Ayah)?