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From the Principal's Desk:

By: Wesam Salem

The school is off to an amazing start, alhamdulillah. We are pleased that this year's enrollment increased significantly where more parents are choosing PVS for their children's middle school education.

In an effort to promote students' involvement in the decision making process at the school, PVS Student Government Association (SGA) was established in 2007-2008. The SGA nominees for this year delivered speeches to the student body on September 10 and the elections took place on September 11. The faculty and I are very pleased with the leadership qualities that our students displayed across all grades. Congrats to all the elected officers and may Allah (SWT) guide them in this endeavor.

Moreover, the Character Education Program at PVS took a different approach this year. In addition to the stories from the life of Prophet Muhammad (PBUH), the program utilized picture books and children's literature to discuss issues related to character. The teachers read to their students selected books and discussed the moral of the stories in class. We believe through literature and Islamic resources, our students will gain real-life experiences necessary to make good choices.

Lastly, please join me in welcoming Mrs. Stacy Rockwell who joined our faculty on September 10. She is replacing Br. Siddiq as the Reading/Language Arts teacher for grades six thru eight. She has a B.Sc. in Education from the University of Ohio with K-8 endorsement. We also thank Br. Siddiq for his services to PVS and we wish him the best in his future endeavors.

Eid Mubarak to you and to your family!

MCC Board of Directors Elections:

MCC Board of Directors election was held on September 11-12 for three positions. Br. Khan Iftekharuddin received the most electoral votes followed by Br. Imad Abdullah. However, the election resulted in a tie between Br. Umer Farooq and Br. Mehmet Kocak who were nominated for the one-year term. Tie breaker election will be held on Friday, September 18, 7:30-9:00 am (parents only) and Saturday, September 19, 10:00-11:30 am (parents and donors).

Medical Corner: Flu Season

By: Ghalib Mannan, M.D.

The flu season this year is particularly challenging since there are two different flu viruses in circulation, the regular seasonal flu virus and the H1N1 flu virus (swine flu). Vaccines are the best tool we have to prevent influenza. The seasonal flu vaccine is unlikely to provide protection against novel H1N1 influenza. However a novel H1N1 vaccine is currently in production and should be ready for the public in October of this year which is intended to be used alongside seasonal flu vaccine. There-

fore a total of two vaccination shots will be needed to protect against both viruses. CDC's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP), have recommended the following high risk groups to receive the novel H1N1 influenza vaccine as a priority when it becomes available:

- Pregnant women at higher risk of complications and can potentially provide protection to infants who cannot be vaccinated

- Household contacts and caregivers for children younger than 6 months of age: younger infants are at higher risk of influenza-related complications and cannot be vaccinated. This might help protect infants from the virus
- Healthcare and emergency medical services personnel: infections among healthcare workers have been reported and this can be a potential source of infection for vulnerable patients.

PVS Close Up: By Fathima Darboe



Mrs. Natalie Bradley
KG II Homeroom
Teacher

Meet Mrs. Natalie Bradley

Mrs. Bradley is Kindergarten II Homeroom teacher. Mrs. Bradley has a B.Sc. degree in Elementary Education from the University of Memphis. I sat with Ms. Bradley for an interview and this is what she had to say:

Q: How do you like working in this school so far?

A. I love working at PVS.!

Q. What do you like best about teaching?

A. I am learning something new everyday.

Q. What is your favorite teaching subject and why?

A. Reading, because we always discuss stories and brainstorm ideas.

Q. What inspired you to become a teacher?

A. I wanted to help people as much as I can and I thought this was the best way possible.

Q. What is your best way to connect students with what they are learning?

A. I think the best way to

connect them to learning is to create real-life experiences in the classroom.

Q. What is your favorite food?

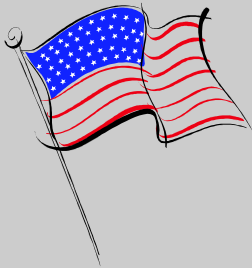
A. I really like fruits and Italian food too!

Q. If you could have any thing in the world, what would it be?

A. I guess I would really like my family to be together and happy.

President's Speech to Students: "take responsibility for your

On September 8, 2009, President Barack Obama delivered a national address to the students of America. During this special address, the president spoke directly to the nation's children and youth about persisting and succeeding in school. The president challenged students to work hard, set educational goals, and take responsibility for their learning. PVS students were given the opportunity to watch the address in the school's gym. Grades 5-8 students responded to the speech by writing their own remarks as if they were to deliver the speech. After the speech, they discussed the contents and the main ideas of the speech in class. Grades K-4 watched the speech in the gymnasium after prayers.



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- All people 6 months through 24 years of age
- Children 6 months through 18 years of age: we have seen many cases of novel H1N1 influenza in children and they are in close contact with each other in school and day care settings, which increases the likelihood of disease spread
- Young adults 19 through 24 years of age: we have seen many cases of novel H1N1 influenza in these healthy young adults and they often live, work, and study in close proximity, and they are a frequently mobile population; and,
- Persons 25 through 64 years of

age who have health conditions associated with higher risk of medical complications from influenza e.g. asthma. The risk for infection with the H1N1 virus and severity of illness from this virus among persons age 65 or older is less than the risk to younger age groups, probably due to exposure to similar viruses in the past.

In contrast, with regular seasonal flu the risks are reversed- people over 65 years are at higher risk of developing severe complications and death compared to younger

people. Therefore, older people over 65 are in the priority group for seasonal flu vaccination.



H1N1 Virus

2009 PVS Elections

PTO Elections

Many congratulations to our 2009-2010 PTO Officers: Fanta Abdullah, Humera Kazmi, Ozgenc Kocak and Tasha Muhaimin.

During the PTO nomination process the PVS office received few nominations. However, only four nominees accepted their nomination.

Congratulation and we look forward for a great, productive year.

SGA Elections

Student Government Association, SGA, Elections for class officers was held Friday, September 11, 2009. There were 4 candidates running for the President position and 3 running for the Vice President and one candidate for each of the other positions. To be eligible to run as Class Officer candidate, students must demonstrate good behavior, maintain grade average of 80% or above and must be a 6th-8th grade student. Here are the results:

SGA Officers 2009-2010:

- President—Fathima Darboe
- Vice President—Rand Alqirem
- Secretary—Sarah Aldosh
- Treasurer—Fatina Masoud

Class Representatives are:

- KG I: Naisha Chowdhury
- KG II Laila Sharif
- 1st Grade: Farris Abutineh
- 2nd Grade: Ahmed Abutineh
- 3rd Grade: Marawan El-Dahan
- 4th Grade: Sayeeda Islam
- 5th Grade: Taqwa Ayesh.

Project Smile: Bring a Smile to a disadvantage Family this Eid

A man once said to the Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him): "I have plenty of property, a large family, a great deal of money, and I am a gracious host to my guests. Tell me how to conduct my life and how to spend (my money)." The Prophet replied: "Give (regular charity) out of your property, for truly it is a purifier, and be kind to your relatives and acknowledge the rights of the poor, neighbors and (those in need who seek your

*help)." - Fiqh-us-Sunnah, Volume 3, Number 3 . We are proud to announce the initiation of our First Annual **Project Smile**. Project Smile is a competition to raise food and money for needy families in the community. With the blessing of Allah (swt) and your generous donations, we were able to make this year's project a great success. Classes Pre-K*

through 8th grade worked effortlessly for two weeks and collected enough non-perishable food items to feed at least 11 Muslim families in the Memphis Metro Area. In addition, cash donations were collected which were transformed into grocery gift certificates for needy families. May Allah (swt) bless and reward everyone participated in this project.

**Bring A Smile
to a
disadvantage
family this
Eid**



Attention Parents: School's policies

This is just a friendly reminder about some of the school's policies:

Classroom Visitors: According to our school's policy, all visitors and parents are required to sign-in at the office and to state the purpose of their visits prior to going to the classroom. If a parent wishes to visit their child's classroom, they must arrange in advance with the child's homeroom teacher. The principal must approve the visit based on the school's schedule and the homeroom teacher's approval. Parents are not allowed to stop by classrooms without checking in at the office. To drop off any forgotten items (such as

lunch boxes, homework, etc.). These items should be brought to the office where the child can pick it up.

Tardiness

Punctuality is an essential part of Islamic education. The morning assembly starts at 7:50 am and classes begin at 8:00 am sharp. Students are expected to be at school by 7:45 am. Any student arriving after 7:50 am will be noted tardy unless excused by the office. Student who is tardy more than 4 (four) times during a reporting period will not be eligible for "honor roll" nor for "principal's list" for that reporting period provided the tardiness is excused.

Early Dismissal

If a child needs to be picked up early, parents must first come to the office to sign the child out. Parents should not go directly to the classroom to pick up the child. Only parents or other designated persons mentioned on the emergency contact form will be allowed to pick up a child. **NO Early Dismissal after 1:30pm**



Did you Know? By Faten Hassounch

Narrated Abu Huraira: Allah's Messenger said, "A man bought a piece of land from another man, and the buyer found an earthenware jar filled with gold in the land. The buyer said to the seller. 'Take your gold, as I have bought only bought the land from you, but I have not bought the gold from you.' The (former) owner of the land said, "I have sold you the land with everything in it.' So both of them took their case before a wise man who asked, 'Do you have children?' One of them said, "I have a boy.' The other said, "I have a girl.' The man said, 'Marry the girl to the boy and spend the money on both of them and give the rest of it in charity.'"



The Production Houses of the Middle East produced a charming movie with lovable characters and stunning animation based on this Hadith of the Prophet (pbuh). The movie "The Jar" is set in an Eastern village, and the story of the jar begins when a poor yet virtuous family unearths a lost treasure buried in a jar under their new home. They attempt to return the jar to its rightful owner but are hindered by a jealous and greedy neighbor who has his eye on the jar. This fascinating adventure ensues as the townsfolk try to solve the mystery of the jar. The movie is 63 minutes and recommended for children 4 and up. Did you know that this movie is now available at PVS library. Check it out today!

Pleasant View School Presents...

The 2009 Annual Eid Carnival

Inflatables
Halal Food
Face Painting

Popcorn
Cotton Candy
Games

When: Friday, September 25th from 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Where: PVS Land

Cost: \$6 per person

*Everyone welcome including non-pvs parents and students.
*\$6 includes grilled lunch (hamburgers, hotdogs, and/or chicken).

Calendar of Events

September 21-23

- Eid Holiday (No School)

October 12

- Progress Reports Issued

October 16

- Abbreviated Day (8- 12)
- Parent-Teacher Conf. (6-8pm)

Quote of the Day

"Excellence can be attained if you Care more than others think is wise, Risk more than others think is safe, Dream more than others think is practical, and Expect more than others think is possible."

- Author Unknown

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School Phunnies

