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From the Principal's Desk:

By: Wesam Salem

As-Salaamu Alaikum,

The focus of education, today, is taking another direction. In addition to academics, educators around the globe are focusing on leadership, tolerance, and interconnection. Consequently, it is important to offer our students with concrete experiences on the global level to instill these qualities.

Our eighth graders participated in the 6th Annual King-Gandhi Peace Jam on October 23 sponsored by BRIDGES. They attended the program and took part in family group discussions on racism, tolerance, and non-violence.

As we were returning to school after this eventful day, I was pleasantly surprised by the discussion that took place in the car. They critiqued the speakers, program, and the group activities in positive and constructive manner. Moreover, they shared with me the stage fright they had at the beginning of the program and how they were able to overcome it. They all expressed their desire to attend similar conferences in the future. To this end, the school will continue planning activities and programs to address students' needs in this area, insha'Allah.

In addition to providing students with networking opportunities, more attention has been given to students' public speaking and debate skills. During the morning assembly, Sister Jill Muhammad and I prepared and performed skits before students to highlight the eight false arguments and persuasive devices. By igniting students' interest and curiosity, our goal is to initiate a debate club at the school for grades 4-8 by January 2010, Insha'Allah..

At every step along the way, our goal remains to offer excellence in education with Islam in all walks of life, insha'Allah.

Warmest regards.

Medical Corner: Pink Eye

By: Ghalib Mannan, M.D.

- Pink eye is the common term for conjunctivitis and is an inflammation of a membrane called the conjunctiva, the clear covering over the white part of the eye. Pink eye can be caused by bacteria or viruses and it can have environmental causes. It is fairly common and should not result in any vision loss or long term damage.

- Types of pink eye:
 - Bacterial conjunctivitis- usually affects one eye but can spread later to the other eye. It usually causes abundant purulent (pus like) discharge from the eyes causing the eyelids to stick together. Often the eyelids seem 'glued' together in the morning because of this.

- Viral conjunctivitis- Redness usually affects both eyes together. The eyes may itch. It is highly contagious.

- Allergic- Allergic pink eye can be triggered by the same allergens that cause other allergy symptoms e.g pollen, dust mites. Often other allergic symptoms are present such as sneezing, nasal congestion, itchy eyes and throat and swollen, watery eyes.

- Environmental- Pink eye can also be caused by irritation from an environmental substance such as smoke, air pollution, or chemicals.

Contagiousness - Pink eye that

has a bacterial or viral cause is contagious, and can spread rapidly. Pink eye can spread by touching the infected eye directly and can then be spread to other objects such as tissues, bath towels, light switches, telephones and computers. It can also spread through the air if the infected person sneezes or coughs. Children with contagious pink eye should be isolated until the doctor states that they are no longer contagious.

Reduce the risk of passing it to others or catching



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PVS Close Up: By: Shaquil Muhammad



Meet Mrs. Chandra Smith:

Mrs. Chandra Smith joined PVS in 2009. She graduated from the University of Memphis with a Bachelors of

Science degree in Education with the status of Suma cum Laude. She completed her clinical experience at Germantown Elementary as well as Egypt Elementary. She was nominated by her university supervisor for Outstanding Student Teacher Award. She received the ETS Award of Excellence for scoring in the top 15% of test participants in the country.

When she was asked about her teaching job at PVS, she said, "I am having a great time teaching at PVS. I am teaching my favorite subject and working

with wonderful kids along side an excellent staff."

She also love teaching very much. She said, "I love to be a part of a "light bulb" moment. It is so much fun to help someone understand a new concept. I love teaching science because it affords a lot of these opportunities to surprise and shock student with scientific facts and ignite their curiosity. The world of science is amazing, challenging, and exciting, and I am glad to be the one who gets to enlighten student and opens the world of science to them."

Science Cycle - Fifth Grade

Mrs. Chandra Smith, Science Teacher

In fifth grade science, we discussed the cycles that occur in nature and how important they are to our lives. The cycles we learned about were the Water Cycle, the Nitrogen Cycle and the Carbon-Oxygen Cycle. We also discussed the good and bad effects people can have on these cycles. As a part of this study, we completed an artistic assignment that demonstrated the elements of the water cycles. Each of the students took pride in their work, and did a great job.

Here are some of the things we learned: The water cycle is made of evaporation & transpiration, condensation, precipitation, and collection. We also learned that humans affect the quality and quantity of water by using harmful chemicals such as pesticides and fertilizers. These chemicals are washed off the ground when it rains and then seep into the ground water supply. We also consume massive amounts of water each day washing, cooking, and drinking. Here are some ways the students thought we could do to conserve water.

- Turn off the water when you are brushing your teeth, take shorter showers, and run the washer when it is full
 - Be careful not to pollute fresh water because it is a limited resource.
 - Water your lawn and garden in the morning or evening when temperatures are cooler to minimize evaporation
- For other ways you and your family can conserve water you can check out this website: www.wateruseitwisely.com



Water Cycle Diagram

Medical Corner- Pink Eye

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it yourself by washing your hands after treating the patient and promptly disposing of any towels or gauze that you used. Prevention - To prevent the risk of your child catching pink eye, make sure that they are washing their hands often in warm, soapy water. Also teach them not to share personal items such as eye drops, tissues, eye makeup, towels, pillowcases and washcloths with other people. Cases of allergic conjunctivitis can be lessened by keeping the doors and windows closed and your child indoors when pollen counts are

heavy. Vacuum and dust your home often to reduce the number of allergens in your home.

Treatment - All cases of pink eye should be seen by a doctor to determine the cause and to receive treatment if appropriate. Viral conjunctivitis should clear by itself in time, but bacterial conjunctivitis should be treated with antibiotic eye drops. Cases of pink eye that are caused by allergies may be treated with allergy medicine such as anti-histamines.

Home care - To comfort a child that has pink eye, administer Tylenol if they are particularly uncomfortable and apply clean, warm washcloths to the affected eye. Gently wipe away any dried crust after the compress has been on for awhile and loosened it.

Anyone with a red eye, accompanied by eye pain and impaired vision requires emergency referral to an eye specialist, as it is likely due to a different more serious vision threatening disease.

After-School Tutoring Program

PVS will offer Math and Reading Tutoring classes after school from 3:00-4:00 pm as follows:

Mondays & Wednesdays:

- Reading for grades 1-3
Mrs. Lindsey Berry
- Math for grades 4-6
Mrs. Stephanie Brown

Tuesdays & Thursdays

- Reading for grades 4-6
Mrs. Lindsey Berry
- Math for grades 1-3

Mrs. Stephanie Brown
The program consists of 20 classes. The fee for the entire program will be \$175, non-refundable and due at the time of registration.

Due to class size, the space is limited. Please contact the school office to register your child no later than November 5, 2009. Classes will begin on Monday, November 9, 2009.

If you need further information, please contact the school office.

PTO Officers

PTO had their first meeting on October 16. The members elected the President who appointed other officers. The PTO members for this year are:

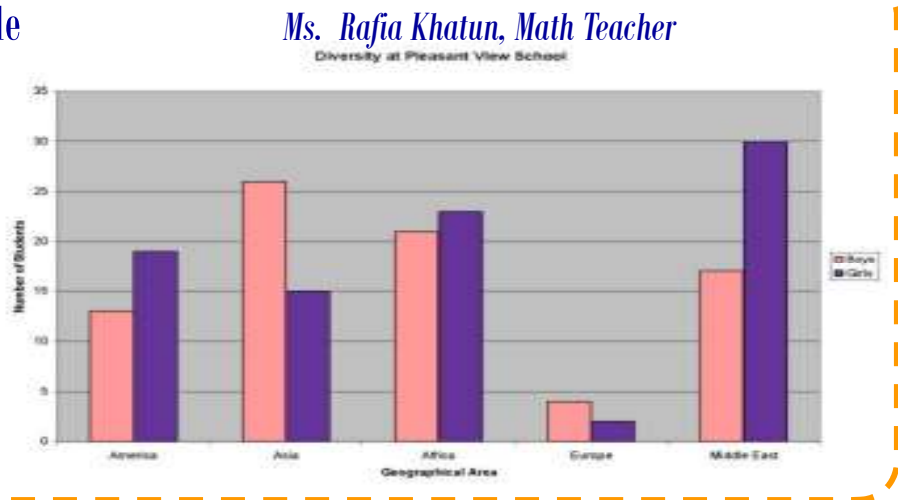
Fatma Celikok - President
Farhana Chowdhury - Vice President
Ozgenç Aktas - Treasurer
Humeira Kazmi - Secretary
Hadir Osman - Historian
Mary Lou Gutierrez - Event Coordinator
Fawn Galvan - Event Coordinator.

Please be reminded to join the PTO on November 11, 2009 for their first

Diversity at PVS - Fifth Grade

In math class, 5th grade students have learned how to make graphs to represent data. Students applied their graph skills to show the results of a school census project that focused on the national origin of the student population at PVS. They conducted a survey of PVS students from Pre-K thru 8th grade to find the diversity at the school. The students displayed their survey findings using double bar graphs (see the graph on the right).

Bar graph was created by Aseel Alqirem and Huda Salem



Young Poets - Fourth Grade

A Little Garden

By Sayeda Islam

A little garden in my yard,
Planting it was very hard,
Lots of flowers and lots of plants,
Sprinkling water is so much fun,
Zinnia, Rose, and Marigold
Cannot survive in chilly cold,
Laurel, Sunflower, Wild Rose
Gives me delight when the wind
blows.

A Boy from China

By Albara Hassouneh

I knew a boy that came from China.
He wore silk shirts and purple pants.
And if you gave him just a glance,
He'd jump right up and start to dance.

Friends

By Zari Muhammad

Friends are always kind
Sometimes they know what is on your
mind.
True friends are always there for you
And when you are upset they know what to
do.
Sometimes friends fight
But they make up and say it is all right.
Friends laugh and play
Sometimes through the whole day.
When you do not understand.
Friends give you a hand.
When they laugh and play together.
Friends know they will be friends forever.

Ms. Rubina Noor, Homeroom Teacher

Nature

By: Maryam Taysir

I love nature
I think about it all the time
I like the trees all around
And the flowers on the ground
If you love nature,
Nature loves you, too
Now I am done
Are you, too?



Who is Muslim ibn al-Hajjaj

Scholar and author of one of the six collections of hadith broadly recognized as authentic and canonical, known as *Sahih Muslim*, which, along with *Sahih al-Bukhari*, is considered the most authoritative hadith collection. He helped to establish the Islamic science of authentication of hadith transmission (ilm al-rajal).

Among his students were [al-Tirmidhi](#), Ibn Abi Hatim al-Razi, and [Ibn Khuzaymah](#), each of which wrote works on [hadith](#) as well. After many studies throughout the [Arabian Peninsula](#), [Egypt](#), [Iraq](#) and [Syria](#), he settled down in his hometown of Nishapur where he first met Bukhari, with whom he would have a friendship until his death. He died in 875 CE in Nishapur, where he was also buried.

Sahih Muslim is one of six canonical collections of hadith. With Sahih al-Bukhari. Compiled and codified in the ninth century by Muslim (Ibn al-Hajjaj). Consists of forty-two books arranged by topic, covering faith, purification, prayer, almsgiving, personal hygiene, fasting, pilgrimage, marriage and divorce, business transactions, inheritance, gifts, bequests, oaths, punishments, judicial decisions, jihad, travel, government, sacrifices, food and drink, clothing, adab, greetings, qualities of Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) and his companions, destiny, dhikr, repentance, knowledge, hell, paradise, Judgment Day, piety, and tafsir. It divides hadith into three categories according to the knowledge and character of the transmitter and the degree to which the hadith is free from contradictions, falsehoods, or misrepresentations.

Oxford Islamic Studies Online

King-Gandhi PeaceJam

On October 23, 2009, our Eighth Graders joined many high school students in the King-Gandhi Peace Jam annual conference. The day-long event offered a great networking and leadership building experience. The conference was hosted by the National Civil Rights Museum, Metta Center, BRIDGES-PeaceJam, and the M. K. Gandhi Institute. This year's theme was "Awakening the Power of Nonviolence." Our students were inspired by the speakers: Rudy Balles, PeaceJam Foundation leader and Chicano/American Indian activist and Mubarak Award, a Palestinian-American psychologist and advocate of nonviolent resistant. The day also included optional workshops designed to build young people's skills and knowledge of teambuilding, tolerance, peaceful dialogue, and social justice while introducing them to challenges and solutions that affect the local Memphis community.

Anisa Dedovic, 8th Grade Student wrote her reflections on this event:

"Before the event, I had this thought that this field trip is going to be boring and dull. However, after I listened to Rudy Balles story, I got excited and felt more motivated. The family groups taught me how it is unfair to pass judgment on others. It also taught me how not to judge an entire race by the actions of one person. I learned many things at the PeaceJam and I am looking forward to going back next year, insha'Allah."

Calendar of Events

November 11

Coffee with the Principal and
PTO Potluck Breakfast

November 16-20

School Spirit Week

November 20

Sports Pep Rally

Coffee with the Principal and PTO Pot- luck Breakfast

**Wednesday, November 11,
2009**

8:00-9:30 am

at

PVS Gymnasium

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School Phunnies

