

THE OMAR OBSERVER



Many amazing questions were explored at the Science Fair!
Story by
Zainab



OBK Science Fair a Great Success!

The Science Fair was held on February 3rd and was a great success. Students from Kindergarten, Grade 5, 6, and Tahfeez participated, and all grades from K-4 came to see the wonderful exhibits. There were many different projects on display. For example, there were projects about food, space, animals, weather, and the environment. There were many teachers who volunteered to judge - thanks for your help - and the winners were Iqra and Ferdos (6A), Mutasim (5A), Aimen (9), and Kawther (6). Congratulations to all the winners and to everyone who participated in this exciting and informative event.

Important Dates in March:

- 2 - Parent Info. Night - Gender Ed.
- 3 & 4 - KG Field Trip - Telus Spark
- 11 - Term 2 Report Cards Go Home
- 13 - Daylight Savings Time Begins
- 15 - Gr. 2 Field Trip - Telus Spark
- 16 - Pizza with the Principal
- 17 - Last Day of Classes - Early Dismissal (1:50)
- 17 & 18 - Parent-Teacher Interviews
- 18-28 Spring Break
- 29 - Classes Resume
- 30 - Gr. 3 Field Trip - Glenbow Museum
- 31 - Virtue Assembly - Cooperation



OBK Hosts Its Hardest Quran Competition Ceremony

Story by Rida

Students who participated in the Quran Competition on February 23rd faced the hardest competition yet. Teacher Ghada led a team of teachers who hosted an assembly to honour the hard work and dedication of students from all grades to memorize the Quran. A beautiful poster of all the winners was put outside the gym. Honourable mention students got certificates, 3rd and 2nd place winners got medals, 1st place grade-level winners got trophies and 1st place advance winners got trophies too. Fatema C. received an impressive watch for participating in 5 Juz, and Ayman M. won an iPad for participating in 10 Juz.

Congratulations to all of the winners! Next year's Quran Competition will have a lot to live up to.



Grade 5
Compassion
Assembly



Comedy Corner

by Hamza

One day a man goes to a pet shop to buy a parrot. The assistant takes the man to the parrot section and asks the man to choose one. The man asks, "How much is the yellow one?"

The assistant says, "\$2000." The man is shocked and asks the assistant why it's so expensive. The assistant explains, "This parrot is a very special one. He knows typewriting and can type really fast."

"What about the green one?" the man asks.

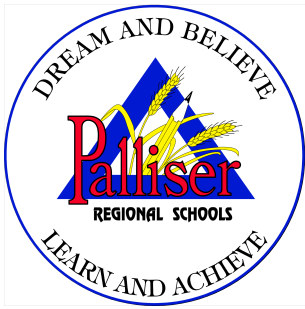
The assistant says, "He costs \$5000 because he knows typewriting and can answer incoming telephone calls and takes notes."

"What about the red one?" the man asks.

The assistant says, "That one's \$10,000."

The man says, "What does HE do?"

The assistant says, "I don't know, but the other two call him boss."



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Literacy work starts early and never stops

Hello everyone,

Spring seems to have arrived early and with it, we're already looking forward to the 2016-2017 school year.

Our elementary schools will soon be hosting developmental check-ups for three- to five-year-olds who are entering early learning or kindergarten programs this fall. These check-ups are a fantastic service to parents, providing access to experts in early childhood development, including speech and language pathologists, right in their own communities. These free, one-hour sessions are a great way for parents/guardians to confirm which skills their children are well on their way to mastering and which areas require more support.

These check-ups help determine the support and resources incoming early learning and kindergarten students will need this fall. They also give children an opportunity to visit the school they'll be attending, have a positive hour of fun activity, and likely alleviate some of the anxiety that might come when school starts.

Our early learning and kindergarten staff help children establish a foundation for vital skills to ensure readiness for Grade 1.

The programs continue to offer children a fun environment, but daily activities are purposeful. Through play, children will be learning everything from letter sounds, co-ordination and muscle control for writing, and the connection between letters, words, sounds and pictures.

If we get these early years right, we will be well on our way to our three-year goal, that by March 2019, 95 per cent of our Grade 3 students will be reading at expected level. Once we achieve that goal, imagine the difference we can make to student learning in every grade that follows. Instead of spending time and energy trying to catch up students who have fallen behind their peers, we'll be able to focus on learning in all of the subject areas, and our students will have the comprehension abilities to begin mastering math, science and social studies.

The early years are an investment in success at all grades. Our literacy program is an investment in success in school and in life. It's spring, and we're sowing seeds that promise a lifelong harvest.

Kevin Gietz, Superintendent
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Literacy
Month
Winners

1st Place:
Grade 6

2nd Place:
Grade 2C

