FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK

Assalamu Alaikum Wa Rahmatuallahi Wa Barakatuhu.

I hope this newsletter finds you happy and healthy.

As we approach the end of the current school year, I would like to take the opportunity to highlight some of our accomplishments, the biggest being our move to the Islamic Centre. I would like to thank the kind people, the parents, and the students, who made this possible. We have talented and dedicated staffs who work to bring their talents into the school. Our Phys Ed and Art Programs are expanding and developing due to the purchase of necessary supplies. We will have a functioning Library in September, again, due to the selection and purchase of Library books. The use of Technology by students and teachers is now becoming a reality because of the addition of 20 Net Books, which are connected to the Saskatoon Public School Network. Our sports teams are creating a presence in the city, and from what I hear, the word is out that WE ARE GOOD!

Come September, with the help of parents, we will form our first School Community Council. Our Closing Ceremony is fast approaching, and we are happy to announce a new School Award based on Manners and Respect. This is the end of my first year as Principal, I have learned a great deal, and I have tried to promote the school as Academically Responsible and Environmentally Islamic.

Margaret Thomas

WORD FROM THE SCHOOL BOARD

As we wind down towards the end of another year at SMS, we can look back at all the achievements by the students, staff and school as a whole and confidently conclude that it has been another awesome year that we will all remember fondly. Relocating the school to our current address was a major but very positive change for the school and community as a whole. As well, since becoming an Associate School with Saskatoon Public Schools, we've been hard at work to incorporate a lot of enhancements from staffing to infrastructure.

We appreciate the patience parents have shown as SMS tackles a tremendous workload, partially comprised of the feedback we received from them. Looking ahead, the SMS Board has a lot of work to do and will be very busy throughout the summer months. We'll be working on things like financial planning, staffing needs and classroom planning just to name a few. It seems there is no shortage of work when we're always aiming to achieve a higher standard coupled with the fact that we're experiencing an enormous demand from more students wanting to attend our school.

We look forward to seeing you all next academic year!

- SMS Board
OUR MISSION

Saskatoon Misbah School shall be guided by the Quran and Sunnah according to the methods of the Sunnah and Jama’ah. The school shall, through the teaching of Islamic and academic courses, prepare students to:

- Succeed in this life and the hereafter.
- Exceed the goals and requirements of the Saskatchewan Education Standard Program of Study and the Provincial Educational Goals.

In order to achieve these goals, Saskatoon Misbah School shall:

- Strive to achieve excellence in education while maintaining its status as a recognized independent/associate school.
- Provide an Islamic learning environment in order to develop an Islamic personality and foster good will among students. SMS aims to provide high quality education to students. This education incorporates the values, attributes, and behavior of Islam. SMS will respond to the desire of the parents to provide their children with an education without the loss of their Islamic identity.

We follow the provincial curriculum as set out by Saskatchewan Education. In addition to the required areas of study, students also take part in Islamic, Arabic Language and Quran studies. Two of our students have completed the entire Holy Quran.

READING TIPS

Where Do Good Readers Read?

- In their rooms
- At home
- At the library
- Outside
- On the couch
- At a book club
- At their desk
- On the plane
- At a Family member’s houses
- In the car/SUV/truck
- In quiet places

What Do Good Readers Do When They Read?

- If they don’t understand, re-read or ask for help
- Read slowly so they don’t miss anything
- Read the whole book
- Make pictures/movies in their head (visualize)
- Use expression when reading out loud
- Read lots of books
- Read different genres of books
- Don’t get distracted when reading
- Tell others about books they’ve read
- Sound out words they don’t know
- If they don’t know a word, look for it at home/school/dictionary
- books at their level
- Lend their books to others
- Use a bookmark
**PRESCHOOL**

May this letter fine you in the remembrance of Allah and in the best physical condition. Alhamdolillah, every thing is going on well. We have been very busy with pre-school and well deserving break is on the way. I would encourage all the parents to keep on working with their children during the summer break so that they don’t forget what they have learned.

Sister Maimuna

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**KG**

The Kindergarten class is going to be bustling this month as we move forward in our unit on weather, and begin a series of “Summer Fun” take-home art projects to encourage the kids to get outside and play! Our subtracting in math is going very well, with some children already using double digits! In reading we have read 70 books out of our 1000. Please remember any books read at home count for the goal, and you need to send the record sheet in at least once a week. In total we have read 264 books so far – great job, keep it up!

Mrs. Bakker

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**GRADE ONE**

Hello everyone,

I sure hope every one is enjoying our beautiful weather. It feels like summer is coming, I know the end of school is drawing near with the grade 1’s finishing workbooks, and finishing units in science and math. The grades 1’s are such a great group of students that they decided they wanted to finish their spelling even earlier, than I had hoped. What a lucky teacher I am to have such eager students. I will miss this group of kids next year, they have all improved immensely. I especially will miss teaching them math; this is a group of young mathematicians in the making. Keep up the love of math kids.

The grades kindergarten thru to grade 2 will be going to the Children’s Festival on June 9th (WE ARE STILL LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS) Wendy MacLeod

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**GRADE TWO**

The grade two students had lots of fun on their field trip to the University of Saskatchewan’s Forestry Farm. They learned a lot about milking cows, sheep and animal research at the university. We even got to hold baby chickens! We can’t wait for our next field trip on June 8 where we will be going to the Children’s Festival. We are learning so much about the temperate forest! Did you know that Bald Eagles are not actually bald? Their name actually comes from an old English word, “balde” which means “white head”. We have just finished our unit on the temperate forest and we are now learning about plants. The grade two class will have the opportunity to grow plants and observe plant growth. How exciting! In our Language Arts unit, we are learning about bugs through picture books written by Eric Carle. So far, we have created our own versions of the book, “The Very Hungry Caterpillar”. Our teacher has surprised us with live caterpillars. Now we have the opportunity to observe the life cycle of a butterfly. Come visit our classroom to watch our caterpillars grow! Charlene Kenny

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**GRADE THREE**

Dear Parents,

Our Grade Three Class is busy preparing for The Second Annual Public Speaking Competition. Public speaking encourages students to prepare their speeches and deliver them in front of audience. It helps build self confidence in them.

It will be held on Friday, June 4th at 7:00 p.m. at Evan Hardy Collegiate. The students are excited and have been practicing each day in class. We hope that all the parents will come out, and enjoy the evening.

Final exams are happening soon. That schedule was sent home last week.

We have planted Sunflowers and Beans in the classroom, for Science and the plan is for the students to take their plants home and put them in the garden.

Mrs. Thomas

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**GRADE FOUR/FIVE/SIX**

We have been studying the Principles of Flight and students have been having fun testing ideas in the classroom using paper and balloons. In art we have looked at creating collages in the style of artist Henri Matisse (keep a look out for our art work in the school hallway).

Miss Cassandra

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**Resource Teacher**

Dear Parents,

Reading is a crucial skill for all students to be successful in and out of school. Attached you will find some ideas about where good readers read and what good readers do when they read. Please go over this with your children and encourage them to read whenever and wherever possible. By instilling a love of reading in your child it will help them continue to be successful!

Happy Reading!!

Arin Turner
Hello,
The school year is about to end, the students enjoyed this year a lot. As a final study tour, we will be visiting the Batoche historical site in June.

Mr. Reimer

Alhamdulillah, all the students are doing very well in Quranic studies. InshaAllah all the Islamic text books will be completed before the end of the academic year and even a new level may be started before the end of this academic year.

-Br. Mohamed Hajinoor

Alhamdulilah, SUMMER IS HERE AND THAT MEANS ONE THING, SCHOOL IS OVER! I can say all the students I’ve worked with they all like and enjoy the Arabic language and this shows from their performance and improvement in reading, writing and spelling tests. The students worked very hard in my class this year so they defiantly deserve a vacation. Thank you for having me as your teacher, I really enjoyed that. Have a happy and safe summer. See you in September.

Sister Hala

**ISLAMIC FAIR WINNERS**

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