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COGNIA RE-ACCREDITATION

Towards the end of February, the Cognia review team visited our school for our re-accreditation process.

After a long and rigorous process, we are happy and proud to say that we have been granted re-accreditation by Cognia.

We are overjoyed with the results, and even more so, we are so appreciative of our hardworking staff and faculty. They worked tirelessly during the week and on weekends without complaint while they still covered all of their regular duties.

We could not have asked for more from any of our faculty and staff. We owe them deep gratitude. Thank you all for your efforts.

Multicultural Day



Multicultural day was celebrated in mid-February to spread cultural awareness. Every class was assigned a country. Students were encouraged to dress up in clothing that represented the country. With the help of the teachers and parents, the event was a great success. Classrooms were decorated in the theme of the country as well food representing the native cuisine of that country was brought into share with the class. Both the boys and girls section participated in this event.



Sports Tournaments



Sports plays a vital role in building students relationships and connections. It is also a great way to get children moving and exercising. As of the month of February, there have been several on-going sports tournaments every week. Every Sunday, Tuesday, and Thursday students gather at the playground during the break and play soccer. Students have been really enjoying this activity.

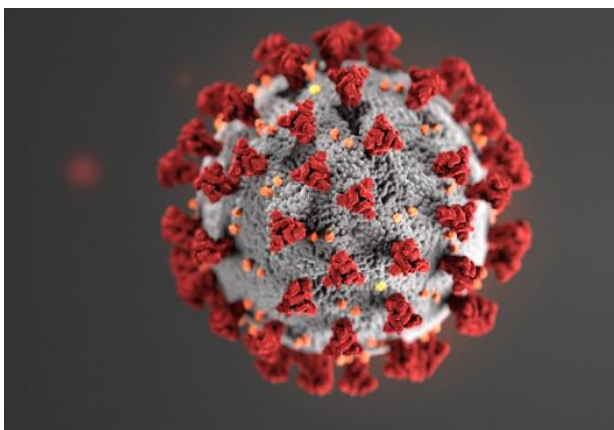
In an effort to keep provide more activities to our younger students, we have painted the walls of the third floor

playground with chalkboard paint. Students responded very well to this addition to the playground. They have been using it to play tic-tac-toe, hang man, and other games. It is available to the students every Monday and Wednesday at the second break. By adding this to the playground, students enjoy their break time in a more productive manner.

Chalk Wall



Corona Virus Precaution

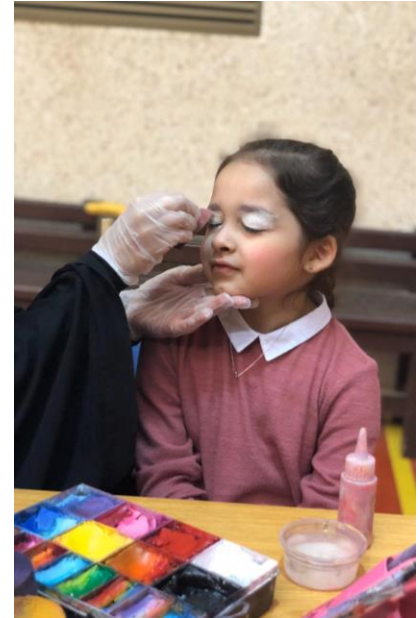


Concerns with the recent outbreaks of the Corona Virus in the region, it is important for us to remind our students and ourselves of some simple habits that are excellent hygiene, not just now, but every day.

1. Wash hands often following the 20 second rule.
2. Sneeze or cough into your elbow.

These simple reminders can go a long way in protecting our health and in preventing the spread of germs.

Carnival In the beginning of the semester, the school held its annual carnival. Many activities were held for the students to enjoy. Face painting, henna decorating, a play house and many more activities were provided on that day. In conjunction with the carnival, students received their report cards. Parents were also invited and were encouraged to attend the event in order to speak with the class teachers if needed.



KG: Pajama Day In the KG section, students had a “Pajama Day” KG students enjoyed wearing their pajamas to school and using the time to read and have stories read to them. Students were given instruction regarding bedtime routines, such as brushing their teeth. Pajama day is a great activity for students to help students learn that reading can be fun.



February's Outstanding Leaders

Our Exceptional Leaders for the month of February are the outstanding faculty and staff whom served on the Cognia teams.

We appreciate the leadership they have shown over the past four arduous months. Without their dedication and commitment, our re-accreditation could not have been as successful.

Domain 1: Leaders, Mrs. Syeda Shaista and Mrs. Hanan Radwan as well as team members- Mrs. Humera Khan, Mrs. Asra Nausheen, Mrs. Ayeswariya Ganesan and Mrs. Tasneem Ameer.

Domain 2: Leader, Mrs. Sehar Ejaz and team members- Mrs. Nahla ElRafay, Mrs. Nitharsana Gopinath, Mrs. Shazia Bano, Mrs. Zulekha Begum, and Mr. John Ray.

Domain 3: Leader, Mr. Arif Hanif and team members- Mr. Tabraz Basha, Mr. Ahmed Sayeed, Mr. Mohammad Sagheer, Mr. Dennis Farhan and Mr. Maria Thayal Benjamin.

In addition to our domain leaders and members, there are several school leaders who contributed outside their regular duties or contributed additional help other than their domain.

They are: Mrs. Srividhya, Mr. Yuvaraja, Mrs. Sheba Khan, Mrs. Rasha Bahjat, Mrs. Heba AlNasser, and Mr. Mohammad Sagheer, Mrs. Saira Banu, Mrs. Khateeja Khanum.

A special thanks goes to our Boys' Section Academic Director Mr. Tabraz Basha.

Finally, we sincerely want to give the appreciation and the acknowledgement to the person who lead all teams and insured that we received our re-accreditation, Mrs. Abida Nayaz, without her heart-felt devotion, sincere efforts and her knowledge and skills; our success would not have been possible.

Letter from the School Director

Dear All,

As the school year slowly winds down; we reflect upon the year as we plan for the next. Reflection is important for growth. Therefore, as a school leader, I need to reflect and focus on the areas that need more attention.

Our number one priority continues to be student safety. We have taught our students the importance of obeying school rules for the safety of all.

We have given a voice to our parents and our students. We have done this through our Parents Advisory Committee and our Student Council respectively. We look forward to the next year, and we hope that we can continue with this year's success. At the same time, we hope that our Student Council and our Parents Advisory Committee will assist us with our reflections

Yes, the year is winding down; but we are not. We are focused on the remaining days, weeks and months. We are focused on the next academic year, and we know that we need to continue to reflect on where we have been, so we can know which direction we need to take for the future.

