



**Welcome Back**  
 Zoheb Mohammed  
 7<sup>th</sup> Grade

Welcome back students of Meraj Academy. Insha'Allah this will be yet another great, fun, educational year. Insha'Allah our new teachers and continuing teachers will be respected. Let us continuing students welcome the new ones into our student community. Once again welcome back.



**Ibrahim and the Fire**

Hamza Sheikh  
 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

“They said: Prepare for him a furnace and cast into the blaze. They devised a plot against him, but we made them the one most humiliated.”

They turned from argument and debate when they found themselves overwhelmed and in order that they could win for their gods and help them. But Allah had another plan for them. “They said: burn him, and avenge your gods, if you are going to do anything. We said: O fire be cool and safe for Abraham. Then they looked for a way to outwit him, so We made them the worst of losers.”

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They started gathering firewood from every possible place for a long time. It was so huge a furnace that whenever any woman got ill, she would make a vow that if she was healed, she would gather firewood for the furnace to burn Abraham. Then they prepared a huge solid land where they brought all firewood and, set the fire. It started into flame and a huge blaze and its sparks a seemed to be touching the sky.

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*(Ibrahim continued)*

Then they placed Abraham onto catapult which was made by a Kurdish man, called Hezan, and he was first to invent catapult. Allah caused him to be swallowed by the earth, and he will be sinking in it till the Day of Judgment.

They started shackling Abraham in chain, and he remembered Allah with these words: "There is no God but You, You are glorified! Oh Lord of the worlds! You deserve praise, and the power is for You. You have no partner." When Abraham was placed on the catapult, shackled in chain and then thrown in the fire, he said: "Allah is Sufficient for us, and how good a protector He is!" As Imam Bukhari has narrated from Ibn Abbas, who said: Allah is Sufficient for us, and how good a protector he is! Abraham said it when he was thrown in the fire, and Prophet Muhammed said it when it was said to him.

*(Excerpted from The Prophets)*

## **Teachers At Meraj Academy**

Feroze Sio & Class  
7<sup>th</sup> Grade

There are a lot of teachers in Meraj Academy. One of the teachers is Mr. Boodanian aka Mr.B. Mr. B is one of my favorite teachers. He is my favorite because he has a great smile, is funny and because he is a great teacher.

Another teacher is named Mr. Godfrey. Mr. Godfrey is a good teacher that knows a lot of information. Ms. Linda is a new teacher in this school. She teaches math. Ms. Maria is the new pre school teacher. She is excellent with children. Ms. Magda is a wonderful teacher. Ms. Huda has a lot of patience and is very knowledgeable. Ms. Ayesha is the principal. She is very fair and kind. Masha'Allah, we have very good hard-working teachers.

## **Olympics**

Eman Hamed  
8<sup>th</sup> Grade

The Olympics are a great event that happen once every four years. This year, the U.S. women's basketball team beat Australia 73 to 63. That was a great game.

There were two champions in swimming. The male champion of U.S.A. was Michael Phelps. He has a world record in swimming. He also won this years gold medal in swimming. The female champion, Amanda Beard, won the female 100 meter swimming competition.

The U.S. also had a winner in gymnastics. His name was Paul Hamm. For the men's 100meter final in running our winner was Justin Gatlin. This year U.S.A. won 103 medals. We wish to win many more medals in the next Olympics, which will take place in Beijing, China in the year 2008.



Future Olympians train during morning P.E.

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**Welcome New Students of Meraj  
Academy**  
Fatima Fofana  
8<sup>th</sup> Grade

Masha'Allah, our student population has grown quite a bit this year. Let us welcome them to our wonderful school!

Pre School

Yosra Fayyaz  
Amoal Mussalam  
Mariam Mussalaw  
Amer Attar  
Diala Chiha

Kindergarten

Kashmala Khan  
Yumna Fayyaz  
Nabeel Syed  
Moshsin Khan  
Faariyah Baig

2<sup>nd</sup> Grade

Leena Ali

4<sup>th</sup> Grade

Shariq Khan

7<sup>th</sup> Grade

Feroze Sio

Pre K

Irfan Syed  
Sidney Matta  
Salma Zahid  
Rimsha Ambreen

1<sup>st</sup> Grade

Meral Khan  
Aakif Hussaini  
Mira Chiha  
Mawish Rahman  
Ali Chiha

3<sup>rd</sup> Grade

Nabiha Khan.  
Fehmi Chiha

6<sup>th</sup> Grade

Yara Chiha

There have also been new additions to school families Mash'Allah.

Baby girl to Mrs. Bholah  
Baby boy to Mrs. Elyamani  
Baby boy to Mrs. Khan



**Summer Vacation**

Shaira Subhan  
7<sup>th</sup> Grade

Part of summer vacation is to have fun. This summer vacation the students went to different places. Many of them went out of the country. There are three people who went to London. They are Zamir, Millad and Buniad. They went to their relative's house. Eman, Mohammed, and Omar went to Egypt. Omar, Ali, and Yasin went to Pakistan. There are few people that went to Las Vegas. They are Ridhwan, Abdullah, and Meral. Some of the student just stayed at their house. Instead, they went to theme park or just played with their friends. Some of the student's relatives came over. Looks like many did have lots of fun during the summer.

**Class Is Now in Session**



**Birthdays in  
September & October**

Ali Sherwani  
8<sup>th</sup> Grade

Leena 1<sup>st</sup> Grade  
September 11<sup>th</sup>

Raynad 1<sup>st</sup> Grade  
September 11<sup>th</sup>

Shamima 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade  
September 19<sup>th</sup>

Kamra 6<sup>th</sup> Grade  
September 21<sup>st</sup>

Saloa 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade  
September 21<sup>st</sup>

Heba 5<sup>th</sup> Grade  
September 25<sup>th</sup>

Zoheb 7<sup>th</sup> Grade  
October 8<sup>th</sup>

Mohammed 1<sup>st</sup> Grade  
October 8<sup>th</sup>

Shariq 5<sup>th</sup> Grade  
October 24<sup>th</sup>

Make sure to wish these students a happy birthday.

**Painting Is Art**

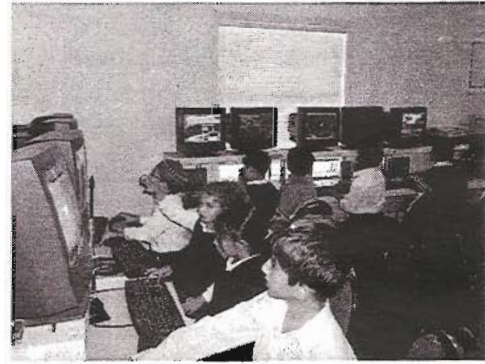
Nazir Khouja  
2<sup>nd</sup> grade

I like to paint. Art comes in many shapes and colors. You can see art at the museum. You can make art at home. Artists sign their artwork.

**I Work on a Farm**

Waheed Hashmi  
1<sup>st</sup> Grade

My name is farmer Waheed. I work on a farm. I feed the sheep every morning. I take a ride on the horses. I take milk from the cows. But I have to give the muddy pigs a bath. There is also hay for the horses to eat. I also feed the chickens. There are many things to do on the farm. I like to be a farm worker.



Students enjoying computer class.

**Winds Hit Florida**

Zamir Rahmany  
7<sup>th</sup> Grade

The hurricanes or the tropical storms caused a lot of destruction in Florida recently.

As you know the tropical storm Ivan, made a trail of disaster and destruction. It ripped apart Florida and caused 2-10 billion dollars damage left for repairing. It killed 7 people and caused to free some of the zoo's animals from Alabama. One of its animal is an alligator named Chunky. Because of Ivan, over millions of homes don't have power. Now it is slowing its winds down to 60 miles per hour. Before it was 130 miles per hour. The other tropical storms were Jean, Karl and Frances.