



## **7<sup>th</sup> GRADE NEWSLETTER** **SEPTEMBER 2010**

### **Dear Parents or Guardians:**

Welcome to Peace Terrace Academy. My name is Abdulhadi Rafie. I am excited about the wonderful possibilities for learning that await my class this year. We will be spending considerable time this year working to build on science and math skills. In addition, we will be exploring scientific lab experiments. My goal is for each of my students this year to prompt students to explore their individual interests in these areas while improving their skills in all areas of the curriculum. Each month I plan a short newsletter describing what we are doing in our class. Furthermore, you may receive notes about important events or activities throughout the year, as well as information from me about what you can do at home to help your child have the best possible experience this year. I want to encourage you to contact me whenever you have any questions or concerns about your child in my class.

### **7<sup>th</sup> GRADE ENGLISH**

This month in English students will be reading short stories from the Literature reader. Students will be reading aloud with the class. Students will then discuss the story, and do critical thinking questions. Students will also be writing a few short essays. We will be focusing on narrative essay this month.

### **7<sup>th</sup> GRADE HISTORY**

This month students will be learning about how scientists find artifacts. Students will learn how this is used to uncover the lives of those who lived before us. Students will read about some of the most famous excavations of our time, and what valuable information we gained from it. Students will be writing a short essay on one of these excavations.

### **7<sup>th</sup> GRADE MATH**

In this month, students will learn to use the distributive property to simplify expressions with integers and will also understand how to solve equations by adding or subtracting using inverse operations. In addition, students will also learn how to solve equations by multiplying or dividing using inverse operations as well as graph inequalities that compare quantities.

### **7<sup>th</sup> GRADE SCIENCE**

In this chapter, students will be introduced to the life sciences. Students discover that the first step in learning about the living world around us is to ask plenty of questions. Students also learn about various areas of study of life sciences and meet several scientists who are conducting important studies in their fields.

### **ISLAMIC STUDIES**

As we begin the school year in Ramadan, we will discuss Ramadan and Eid, its merits and the practical examples we can adopt. After break, we will begin Unit A in our textbooks and do chapters 1, 2, and 3 on Allah's messengers, their character, their importance and their message.

### ***MONTHLY HIGHLIGHTS:***

- Monday, Sep 6th to Friday, Sep 10th  
Eid Break; **No School**
- Monday, Sep 13th - School resumes,  
normal school hours.
- Friday, Sep 17th - Eid Party