



Green Valley School Prep Stage Newsletter

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A Word From Prep Stage Leader

*While discussing a book titled **How to Win Friends and Influence People** with staff members, we ran into "Father Forgets" by W. Livingston Larned, which we would like to share with you (happy reading!)*

Listen, son: I am saying this as you lie asleep, one little paw crumpled under your cheek and the blond curls sticky wet on your damp forehead. I have stolen into your room alone. Just a few minutes ago, as I sat reading my paper in the library, a stifling wave of remorse swept over me. Guiltily I came to your bedside. There are the things I was thinking, son: I had been cross to you. I scolded you as you were dressing for school because you gave your face merely a dab with a towel. I took you to task for not cleaning your shoes. I called out angrily when you threw some of your things on the floor.

At breakfast I found fault, too. You spilled things. You gulped down your food. You put your elbows on the table. You spread butter too thick on your bread. And as you started off to play and I made for my train, you turned and waved a hand and called, "Goodbye, Daddy!" and I frowned, and said in reply, "Hold your shoulders back!"

Then it began all over again in the late afternoon. As I came up the road I spied you, down on your knees, playing marbles. There were holes in your stockings. I humiliated you before your boyfriends by marching you ahead of me to the house. Stockings were expensive-and if you had to buy them you would be more careful! Imagine that, son, from a father!

Do you remember, later, when I was reading in the library, how you came in timidly, with a sort of hurt look in your eyes? When I glanced up over my paper, impatient at the interruption, you hesitated at the door. "What is it you want?" I snapped. You said nothing, but ran across in one tempestuous plunge, and threw your arms around my neck and kissed me, and your small arms tightended with an affection that God had set blooming in your heart and which even neglect could not wither. And then you were gone, pattering up the stairs.

Well, son, it was shortly afterwards that my paper slipped from my hands and a terrible sickening fear came over me. What has habit been doing to me? The habit of finding fault, of reprimanding-this was my reward to you for being a boy. It was not that I did not love you; it was that I expected too much of youth. I was measuring you by the yardstick of my own years.

And there was so much that was good and fine and true in your character. The little heart of you was as big as the dawn itself over the wide hills. This was shown by your spontaneous impulse to rush in and kiss me good night. Nothing else matters to-night, son. I have come to your bedside in the darkness, and I have knelt there, ashamed!

It is feeble atonement; I know you would not understand these things if I told them to you during your waking hours. But tomorrow I will be a real daddy! I will chum with you, and suffer when you suffer, and laugh when you laugh. I will bite my tongue when impatient words come. I will keep saying as if it were a ritual: "He is nothing but a boy-a little boy!"

I am afraid I have visualized you as a man. Yet as I see you now, son, crumpled and weary in your cot, I see that you are still a baby. Yesterday you were in your mother's arms, your head on her shoulder. I have asked too much, too much.

Mrs Heba ElSherbiny

Preparatory Stage Leader

Activities Highlights

New clubs are beginning next week. The following chart highlights the categories and the teachers in charge of each club. Act fast, make up your mind and inform Ms. Rania of the club you would like to join. Hurry, places are limited!!

Teacher name	Club	Place of gathering	Name of students (you can add)
Mr. Hani	Photography	Any empty class and outdoors	
Mr. Maged	Mental Math	Any empty class	
Ms. Heba	Cooking	Kitchen	
Mrs. Enji	Book Adventure Club	Library	
Ms. Rania	Recycling	Art room	

Attention: Any student interested in initiating his own club can do so. By next Sunday, I will need the club title, the members and the materials needed to be provided.

Notice: any club will contain a maximum of 5 students.

Ms. Rania El-Ghannam

Important Announcements

Honour Level Trip to Goethe Institute

A couple of weeks ago, students who earned Honour Level One were rewarded with tickets to the German University in Cairo to see Mohamed Mounir perform. It was a pleasant surprise to our obedient students and the school's way of thanking them for their hard work and effort in following school policies.

This time around, GVS is rewarding its Honour Level One students with an even more spectacular surprise. On Thursday, November 13, all of the lucky students, about 20 GVSians, will be skipping a half day of school and attending a party which the Institute of Goethe will be hosting. The rest of the students will be at school learning the curriculum. Enjoy students because you earned it! Like they say, it pays to be good!

Prayer Time

Earlier this week, we have received a great recommendation from some of the prep students. They suggested that some time be taken out of their schedule to make time for Zuhr prayers before they go home. What a great idea! Thus, to accommodate for prayer time, the first session has been shortened to 50 minutes, instead of the original 55 minutes and break time has been cut 5 minutes. The deducted time is 10 min in total, which has been dedicated to Zuhr prayers.

Speak in English Campaign

Students, please be advised that the English Campaign is still in progress. Students are urged to speak English all the time. Anyone who is caught speaking Arabic may be fined and it will take away from his/her chance of earning Honour Level One.

HW and Preparation Frequency Tables

Prep I

Teachers	Weed days					Weed end
	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	
Mr. Hani						
Mr. Maged		√	√			
Mr. Ahmed	√			√	√	
Mr. Nabil	√			√		
Ms. Heba	√	√			√	
Mrs.Enji	√		√		√	
Frau. Marwa		√			√	
Frau. Magda			Deutsche Geschichte			

Prep II

Teachers	Weed days					Weed end
	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	
Mr. Hani		√	Preparation		√ Preparation	
Mr. Maged			√			
Mr. Ahmed		√	√		√	
Mr. Nabil	√			√		
Ms. Heba						
Mrs.Enji	√		√		√	
Frau. Marwa	√		√			
Frau. Magda			Deutsche			

Prep III

Teachers	Weed days					Weed end
	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	
Mr. Hani	√		Preparation	Preparation	√	
Mr. Maged			√			
Mr. Ahmed						
Mr. Nabil		√			√	
Ms. Heba						
Mrs.Enji	√	√		√		
Frau. Marwa	√		√			
Frau. Magda			Deutsche Geschichte			

Laterne Preparation

Lately, GVS has been preparing for the annual Laterne festival. A dance trainer has already been taking a part of the prep students' schedule. We wish to see all parents that night enjoying the evening with their children.

Vaccination and General Check-up

Dear Parents,

Please note that we are waiting for the Ministry of Health crew to set a time for the measles/ German measles vaccination. During the coming period, students of prep 1 will be having a complete medical check-up at the school.

Morning Broadcast Quran:

Some students have requested that Quran not be assigned in morning line because of the intimidation it causes them. We have taken their request into consideration, but we ask students to review the Koran curriculum on a regular basis. It is to their

Alexandria Trip

Students feedback

We went to Alexandria and we had a lot of fun because we sang on the bus. We visited a lot of places like a castle, mosque, and a bookstore. We ate fish, but it wasn't very delicious. We returned to the bus and sang again and we stopped at Waha Omar where we bought snacks and a music tape. This was the best trip in my life. I hope we can repeat it again.

--Farah Wagdy

This trip was a nice way of refreshing the relationship between the teachers and students. It was fun and both the students and teachers were badly in need for such a trip. Everyone enjoyed the trip and returned fresh and ready to go on. The trip was both recreational and educational, so the students got useful information from visiting the Alex library, the citadel, and El-Abbas Mosque.

--Mr Hany

Teachers' feedback

Before the show began, I heard one of the ushers address a few students about speaking as the show was presented. Mostafa and Prep 3 boys were the ones who were warned frequently. It was evident that they were not interested. It came to the point that the attendant told them they'd have to leave if they weren't quiet. So many of them slept during the show and got up after the show was over. I sat at the top row to keep an eye on all the students around me and whenever I spotted someone whispering, I signaled him/her to stop. It was very disappointing to see how uninterested our students are about our country's history.

--Mrs. Enji

On the way back, I had a conversation with the students about how satisfied they were with the trip and almost all of them answered that they were really happy and very satisfied, but the food issue was the only thing that made them unhappy. The bus ride back to Cairo was a very good chance for the students to have an open discussion with Mr. Mohamed Abu El-Azm about different religions and Leena El-Deeb was really interested in it.

--Ms. Rania

Academic Highlights

Science Department Update

At GVS these days, students in their science classes are working hard getting ready for their second cycle exams and their science fair projects, which they've been introduced to previously. Prep 1, 2, and 3 have been told about the first annual fair since September and some of them have started to bring in ideas about what they want to experiment with or research about. I am especially proud of Prep 1 students who always show enthusiasm and zeal for anything that is asked of them.

Students will soon be receiving paperwork with guidelines on how to perform and present their experiments or research projects and when the due dates are for the preliminary viewing and final judging. I am hoping to see the great minds of our novice scientists take action and am looking forward to some awesome displays. Good luck to one and all and let's make this a yearly GVS tradition.

English Updates English Updates

For prep I students

concerning our English course, we have been working in all the sections; starting our interesting *Prisoner of Zenda* by Anthony Hope, checking out how Prospero is ruling his island in *Tales from Shakespeare*, examining the poetic forms & techniques in the poetry section and of course we are still going on in the *Skills in English* book. Hopefully we can move faster in our syllabus in order to be able to catch up!!

As for the self-study text, I really wish you are all working on it because *The Little Prince* is really a very interesting story full of morals.

Finally, I would like to thank all of you for your high achievements and cooperation in the "positive behavior track sheets".



December Cycle Exams

	Prep I	Prep II	Prep III
Sun 23 th Nov	Science Art	German	English Religion
Mon 24 th Nov	German Religion	Algebra	Social
Tue 25 th Nov	Geometry Comp	Science Comp	Arabic Comp
Wed 26 th Nov	Social	Geometry Religion	Science
Thur 27 th Nov	English	Arabic Art	Geometry Art
Sun 30 th Nov	Arabic	Social	German
Mon 1 st Dec	Algebra	English	Algebra

Parents, Sorry for the Inconvenience

Profile & Parents meeting are both scheduled for December 4. Students will be sent home with their profiles and on the same day from 3:00 – 5:00 pm, the parents meeting will take place. We are sorry for the inconvenience, but we want to take care of practicalities before we begin enjoying the Adha Holiday, which will take place from Sunday December 7th thru Thursday December 11th. We wish to see all parents on that day. However, if it is an inconvenience and you would like to schedule a separate meeting with the teachers on a different day, please don't hesitate to contact the Prep Administration or send an email to prep@gvschool.net indicating YOUR preferred time and we will do our best to accommodate your request. Happy Adha Festival to All!

Administrative Highlights

- Mrs. Dina El-Kouedy, Prep I maths teacher, is on maternity leave. She has delivered a baby boy named Ezz El-Din. Mabrouk Mrs. Dina! We wish her a speedy recovery and may God bless her and her family with health and prosperity. She will be joining us for the second term. In the meantime, Mr. Maged has taken over her prep I maths class and the transition has been quite smooth. We wish prep I a quick adjustment as we are sure that Mr. Maged is working hard in order to continue from where Mrs. Dina has left off to ensure that the curriculum is finished by the end of the term.
- Mrs. Fatma Saber, high school secretary, is on sick leave. We wish her a speedy recovery. Currently, Mrs. Neeven is replacing her.

ISP Progress

So far in ISP class, we have covered Habit 3: Put First Things First, which has helped students to organize their time better so that they don't feel overburdened with school work. They have learned about the four quadrants that all people spend time in: the Prioritizer, the Yes-Man, the Procrastinator, and the Slacker. Students, as well as teachers, can be a prioritizer, a procrastinator, a yes-man, or a slacker at different parts of the year. However, the goal of the chapter, to which the students have agreed, is that everyone must try to spend as much time in the prioritizer quadrant as possible by setting a weekly plan on Saturday night. By doing this, we will limit the amount of stress that we will have to endure and we will achieve many of our intended goals.

Since all of the students have been participating and taking this class seriously, they will be rewarded! Beginning next week, the GVS administration has decided to add various clubs to the students' schedule. The clubs will be meeting at the session designated for assembly, three times monthly. The fourth week will continue to be ISP discussion. Students will be assigned a certain habit to read and analyse before the meeting and they must be up to their part of the deal and come to class ready for discussion. Together, with their teachers, they will continue to examine the messages Sean Covey has been trying to expose to them.

**Stay tuned to find out which clubs will be initiated and
how you can join!**