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Bright Horizon Academy Welcomes New Principal

By Sarah Youssef

Bright Horizon Academy is honored to have Brother Muhammad Diwan as principal this year. He comes with a lot of experience and a passion for education. Br. Diwan became principal at an Islamic school because he thought there was a need for professional Muslim educators in his community.

He entered the field of education in 1996 as a teacher. He was a teacher for ten years in California. He then got a job as a principal and a superintendent in Texas. He then moved back to San Diego and is now principal at Bright Horizon Academy. His favorite things about being principal is interacting with students and being around them.

This year we had many accomplishments under Br. Diwan, alhamdulillah. Some of the accomplishments that he is pleased by this year are obtaining our school's accreditation on two levels, the renewal from WASC and having 9th grade accredited. The largest was our new campus at Allied Gardens and adding high school.

Br. Diwan's fondest memory so far is how impressed the WASC team members, outsiders, were with the school.

When he's not at school, some of the hobbies that Br. Diwan enjoys are racquetball, movies, spending time with family, and being in nature.

Secretary Brightens School Office

By Sereen Mostafa and Jenan Muzaini

Ms. Claudia Reyes is our secretary at Bright Horizon Academy, seated in the front office. She is the first person anyone visiting the campus encounters.

Ms. Claudia has many responsibilities such as answering phone calls, ordering supplies, registering students. In addition, whenever a student is injured, she becomes the school nurse. She enjoys her job very much, especially helping students with any questions or suggestions they have about our school.

Before working at BHA, Ms. Claudia had a job teaching Spanish classes for Muslim adults at masjids and at a charter school, MACC.

Besides being in the front office, Ms. Claudia can be found on the basketball or volleyball court, the field, or the gym room as the girls' PE teacher. She is very athletic herself and enjoys all sports.

Ms. Claudia has three girls who are named Luna, Frida, and Ana. Luna is 7 years old, Frida 8 years, and Ana, the youngest one out of all, is 6. All three daughters attend Crescent Learning Program. Luna's favorite food is spaghetti and her favorite hobby is gymnastics. Frida's favorite foods are spaghetti and tacos. Her hobby is reading! A fun fact is that Frida read over 4,000 books. Ana's favorite food is pizza, and her hobby is playing with dolls.

Ms. Claudia's hobbies are basketball, volleyball, and sleeping. She loves traditional foods and likes traveling. Her favorite places would be amusement parks such as Disneyland, Legoland, Sea World, and Universal Studios.

Excellent Cook Caters to BHA Students' Taste Buds

By Mariam Eldegwy

Ms. Ola is one of the greatest cooks BHA has ever had! She's been doing hot lunch for three years now. She doesn't just make food for BHA, but also has a catering business!

It might be hard to know what food to make for about 70 students, so Ms. Ola sells the best selling foods. Some of those foods are pizza and tacos.

Ms. Ola admits "it is a little stressful," but she manages her time, and makes sure she can make our food.

Since hot lunch is in the middle of the day, when does Ms. Ola have time to make the food? Well, she starts to cook the food after she prays Fajr. Then, during the day, she keeps it on the stove until she leaves the house. That is when she puts it in warmers.

Without a doubt, Ms. Ola is one the greatest cooks ever! Ayat Alwazir in 8th grade also said, "I feel very satisfied, but I'm upset we don't have it since it is Ramadan." Mashallah, Ms. Ola is an amazing cook. May Allah (SWT) reward her for all of her hard work.
