



# MDQ Dronicles!

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## me To Our First Newspaper!

Assalamu Alaikum, and welcome to MDQ Academy! Here at our beloved school, we're here to help you learn, as well as grow. Our students learn by doing hands-on projects, interactive assignments, and much more! Recently, one of the staff members and our students decided that our school should start a newspaper!



That idea was greatly welcomed, and much effort was put into this newspaper, whether it was the photographers, the editors, the writers, or the staff! We believe that this newspaper will help the future leaders of our world expand their curriculum and stretch their brains, so they can find their skills and weaknesses, then build on them.

In your hands, you hold the first edition of our school's newspaper. We have many people to thank for this masterpiece, too many, in fact, to list here. So what are you waiting for?! Hurry up and read our newspaper!

By: Hayaa Beig/ 6th Grade

## Art Column



Hand Drawing of Light, the 7th grade class pet

By: Hafsah Nadim/7th Grade



Photo of Student Jamila Khanfri '17

## Seniors:

### Jamila Khanfri

Jamila Khanfri is a smart and ready-to-learn student. She is a 12<sup>th</sup> grader at MDQ Academy along with her four younger siblings. She is 16 years old, studies hard, and strives to do her best at anything she does. This 2016-2017 school year, Jamila Khanfri is taking the following classes: AP biology, AP calculus, AP government and economics, AP English and language arts, Quran, and Arabic. When she graduates, she hopes to go to Stony Brook University, INSHALLAH!

She hopes to attend Stony Brook because of their good science programs. She is interested in studying biology and engineering. When she finishes college she hopes to become an entrepreneur in engineering, or in her own business, INSHALLAH! She had some advice for people going into their senior year. She said, "Don't stress about it too much, and take your senior vaccines. Also, don't worry too much about intermission, it's not as bad as it seems, and enjoy the time you have left." Now those are some words of wisdom for all you soon-to-be-seniors. She also had some more advice about

## Party With The School!



By: Aaliyah Ahmad/8th Grade

On Friday, September 23rd, the whole school had an Eid party after the Eid break. We all went outside, and everything was set up very nicely. There was a cookie making station, an emoji making station, a henna station, face painting, volleyball, and a snowcone and cotton candy table. In my opinion, it was one of the most exciting Eid parties I've ever been to. The previous Eid parties were only class parties, in which every class had their own party, which was fun, but quiet. In this party, the whole school was involved, so it was a really nice experience. Everywhere you turned, you would see kids running around, laughing, smiling, and playing. Overall, it was a fun and interesting experience, and I'm pretty sure everyone else enjoyed it too!

By: Bisma Naeem/11th Grade

Prophet Musa and his companions, the Israelites, ran from the approaching Firaun and his followers, only stopping when they reached the Red Sea. As the army of Firaun drew nearer, Allah (swt) commanded Musa to strike the sea with

# RIP Gary



## “Why Gary, the 7th Grade Class Pet Has Died”

Gary the snail was a great class pet for about a month. Gary was the best snail, and the first snail I’ve ever seen in my life. Gary lived in an aquarium with Mr. Light, the class pet fish. Gary loved eating algae and he loved sleeping on the glass walls of the fish tank.

But very recently, our dear friend Mr. Gary died suddenly. Sr. Olga the 7th Grade homeroom teacher saw him, but didn’t see anything wrong so she thought it was okay. But day after day she had been checking the same spot in the tank where the snail was, but it wouldn’t even move an inch. Then she realized something was wrong, and Sr. Olga picked up the snail from the tank realizing it had died. Eventually news broke out about Gary’s death.

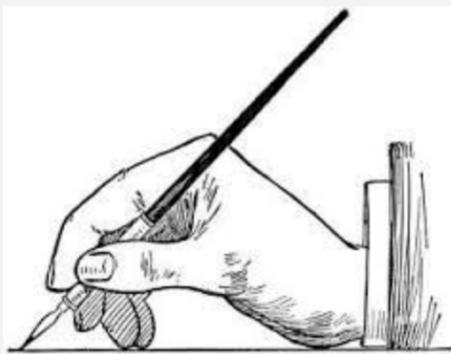
On Tuesday October 13th, Gary’s funeral was held. But we still had to proceed on with the regular math schedule. Everyone still got to see a lifeless Gary sunk at the bottom of a styrofoam cup. I never knew how he died, but I knew I had to find out. Then I remembered there was poison in his tank: a plastic toy cricket. I had seen it in the tank with the fish and snail. And they were breathing in a very unhealthy environment.

Plastic is poisonous because when the chemicals of the plastic dissolve into the water, all the small molecules go into the water as well, and all the small fish die due to that cause. I figured this out because in many oceans of Earth, pollution affects the lives of many fish, and a variety of other sea creatures. That’s why polluting water is a very degraded method of disposing waste since it affects many marine ecosystems and habitats. This is my theory of how Gary had died.

**By: Musa Khan/7th Grade**

ways to be prepared for the religions or the SATs. She said, “Don’t study the night before, buy the review books, and don’t panic-, that will only make things worse.” **INSHALLAH**, for all of you who are taking the SATs or religions, these tips will help you do well.

**By: Mariam Khanfri/7th Grade**



## Fading Dream

Darkness falls over  
Stars shine bright  
Trees cover the vast sky  
Making the lamp-post my only  
light

Snow falls thick  
My breath is visible  
I’m feeling quite sick  
But I can’t reach out.

I’m dizzy, spinning, falling  
The snow beneath me crunches  
The light of the lamp-post fading  
Like someone is throwing me  
punches.

I get up and gasp  
My breathing is hard and shallow  
I try to talk but it comes in a rasp  
Just a dream, I tell myself

Laying back down  
I can only think  
Of my fading dream.  
I decide to put it down on ink.

**By: Sabrena Khan/10th Grade**

his staff. As the staff hit the ground, the sea split into two massive halves, encasing Musa on both sides. The waves rose as high as the mountains, creating a path in between to walk through. Musa and his followers walked across the seabed, quickly reaching the other side. Firaun, who had now caught up, began to cross the parted sea. However, once the caravan reached the middle, Allah (swt) caused the great walls of water to fall and drown Firaun and his troops.



Allah (swt) saved Musa and the believers on this day, allowing them to be victorious over Firaun.

To commemorate this successful day, the 10th of Muharram, the Children of Israel began to fast.

Years later, when Rasulullah came to Madinah, he observed that the Jews would fast on this particular day. When he asked them why, the Jews replied that “Allah (swt) had caused Musa to have victory over Firaun, so we fast on this day as a sign of glorifying it.” Rasulullah then said that “We are closer to Musa than you,” and he also began to fast on the 10th of Muharram along with either the 9th or 11th day.

And now, even in this era, we also honor this victory and fast on this day.

Rasulullah has also said that whoever fasts on this day will have their sins forgiven for the past year. No one in this world is perfect and we all, knowingly or unknowingly, commit acts of displeasure. We should take advantage of this opportunity and fast on the Day of Ashura, for it is a great way to have our sins forgiven. It also helps us to remember Allah, His miracles, and most of all, His mercy.





