

RAWDAT EL -ZUHUR JERUSALEM

Quarterly Report 2009



We are grateful to all friends of Rawdat El Zuhur who supported the project of the separate entrance for the Nursery and kindergarten and for making safety renovations possible.

A big thank you to all of you! Young toddlers have now a colorful door to pass through every morning to their classes.

Rawdat El Zuhur believes in active learning where the children are the main actors in the learning process.

French Teacher applying active learning, here introducing grade six to French bakery (a lesson from their French books)



Children at Nursery work with their hands in picking and pickling olives.

Nursery and kindergarten children learning from the carpenter himself about the different tools he uses



Mother's Day is a always a joyous occasion for the mothers and children to celebrate with music, shorts skits and folklore dancing.



Children perform short skits highlighting the importance of team work and unification in achieving our goals.

The children enjoying outdoor action training that focuses on games and puzzles that promote leadership, self confidence, problem solving and creative thinking within the group.



Graduates stay connected and come often to visit the school principal and staff at Rawdat. Their loyalty knows no boundaries. For this reason Rawdat El Zuhur dreams to expand and add more classes so that our children will not have to leave the school at an early age.



Last year graduates visiting the school on Mother's day

Mrs. Samia Khoury Rawdat El Zuhur former president of Rawdat for seventeen years and an outstanding Women Leader within the Palestinian Community received a merit award from the Alumni Association Southwestern University in America. Her joie de vivre and dedication is an inspiration to all of us.



Nutrition program sponsored by BibleLands where children receive a nutritious meal of vegetables and fruits.



End of a series of training sessions for mothers on “psychological counseling” to reinforce their relationship with their children

Rawdat El Zuhur has always realized the importance of music, art and drama in shaping up the children's learning experiences.. Moreover, creating opportunities for self expression through various forms of art helps the children acquire a stronger sense of identity as well as confidence.



On April 2nd school children participated in a Dabkeh festival in Frères' school in Jerusalem. Amongst fifteen competing groups Rawdat El Zuhur received first prize.

The children also participated in a similar Dabkeh festival in the Ministry of Education on April 6th where they also won first prize for their outstanding performance .



Visits of our dear friends always brings pleasure to our hearts and to the children's.



Friends from Anera
Headquarters



Friends from Pal-craft aid



Jennie Bond and friends



Rev. Richard Higginbottom
& group



Muna and Basem Hishmeh
Foundation

Innovative fundraising

On the occasion of Valentine's day and in a personal Endeavour Mrs. Ranya Baramki deputy of School principal baked chocolate chip cookies, cupcakes and homemade chocolates for Friends Boy's school in Ramallah for Valentine. The money raised will be added to the library renovation fund.

The success parameter of such an activity is highlighted through the team effort between two local schools that join up in a fundraising imitative .

In April 2008 a very successful fundraising event was held in support of Rawdat El Zuhur in Bouldor, Colorado, USA. Fifty people came to the home of Penelope Harley and Dennis Ahlburg for what was billed as an elegant dinner accompanied by Palestinian music and poetry. The evening also included a silent auction and sale of Palestinian handicrafts. Organization of the evening was a wonderful team effort—seven Middle Eastern restaurants within a thirty miles radius donated food, kind neighbors provided tables, chairs, cutlery and plates, travelers to the west Bank returned with items—ranging from embroidered hangings and cushion covers to Christmas decoration- for the auction and handicraft sale. Dinner was wonderfully enhanced by the performance of Ghada Kanafani—who read examples from her own exquisite collection of poetry," A Life in Pencil", poems by her uncle Ghassan Kanafani, and wove in anecdotes of her family's story of exile. The sum raised was bolstered by the extremely generous donation of three magnificent oil paintings for the silent auction.

At Rawdat we want to develop reading skills and create an environment to encourage students to read at school and on their own while also linking active learning and drama to reading.

Key to this effort is creating a safe, pleasant space where our students can gather to read, write, study and explore the endless opportunities offered by the world of books.

To meet this goal the Library at Rawdat will be totally renovated with colorful cushions, paintings and shelves.

Since the early beginnings of the school, Mrs. Elizabeth Nasir has encouraged reading at Rawdat and we continuously work on developing pertaining that matter .



Grade six enjoying reading...