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## Dear Friends,

Here is our very first newsletter! We hope you will enjoy these stories that we have written for you. Read, read, and keep on reading!



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## A Night to Remember!

**By Lock Yi Xuan**

The Mid-Autumn Fiesta cum P5 Children's Market on 30 August 2014 was a great success. All the stalls were lavishly decorated based on different themes. For example, one stall with a "CAN" theme was decorated with cans. Each class conducted lively games at the fun fair. It was an excellent opportunity for the P5s to showcase their creativity, put to test their entrepreneurship, and most importantly, to have fun and work as a team. Class 5D won the "Best Decorated Stall" award. Money raised from the sale of items at the Children's Market will be used for the Batam Camp trip in 2015.

One of the highlights of the fiesta was the "The Haunted House" which was conceptualised by the PVPS Alumni Association. It was an excellent opportunity for alumni and current students to work as a team whilst fulfilling the objectives of raising funds for the school and providing a platform for promoting the Alumni Association. Children who entered "The Haunted House" were spooked by a creepy short clip followed by "live" monsters scaring them out of their skins throughout their 5-minute stay in the house. All tickets were snapped up within half an hour of sale and there were repeated requests to extend the time.

The icing on the cake was entertaining performances by *guzheng* musicians, international and Malay dancers, the choir and *wushu* members. Said Ms Tabitha Chew, concert director, "Everyone put in their best effort to make the event an unforgettable success. It was a job well done as the teachers-in-charge and pupils put their heart and soul into their performances!" There was also scrumptious food! Oh, what a night to remember!



# Apple's First Smart Watch

By Lim Zhen Xun

Apple's first ever smart watch, named the Apple Watch, is a miniature computer which can be strapped around one's wrist. The Apple Watch will come in three editions: The Apple Watch, Apple Watch Sport, and Apple Watch Edition. Pricing will start at US\$350 (S\$438).

In order to use the Apple Watch, the owner needs to own an iPhone 5, 5s or 5c or an iPhone 6 or 6 Plus. It will not work with any other mobile phone.

The face of the watch is a rectangular screen with a flexible display and it comes in two sizes: 38 and 42 millimetres—about 1.5 and 1.65 inches, respectively. A crown on the side acts as a digital dial. It allows one to zoom in and return to the main menu when turned.

The Apple Watch can be attached to six strap styles which can be mixed and matched. For working out, the sweat resistant Apple Watch Sport band comes in black, white, pink, blue and lime green. Owners of the Apple Watch and Apple Watch Edition get three leather straps and two stainless steel straps to choose from.

The smart watch can run various apps, like a calendar, map navigation and a music player. It is also designed with health-related features. The wearer can track his heartbeat rate when he exercises!

The Apple Watch will be available for sale only at the beginning of 2015. Despite its attractiveness, smartphones are still more popular than smartwatches. It is estimated that 19 million smartwatches will be sold in 2014 compared to 1.2 billion smartphones.



The Apple Watch, Apple Watch Sport, and the Apple Watch Edition



The Apple Watch can run a variety of apps



Introducing the wide range of Apple Watches which will be available in 2015.

# Getting to Know Our Principal

**By Daryl Tai**



Mdm Diane Goh, Principal of  
Park View Primary School

In this spotlight on a special person at Park View Primary School, our newspaper team chose to feature Mdm Diane Goh, the Principal of our school.

Mdm Goh shared with us that she was awarded the outstanding Youth in Education Award in 2001 and in 2004. She was also awarded an MOE Overseas Post-Graduate Scholarship. She pursued her Master of Arts in Education at Stanford University which enabled her to acquire knowledge of better teaching and learning, as well as curriculum design skills.

Mdm Goh began her teaching career in 1996, as a teacher at Radin Mas Primary School. She was soon promoted to be the Head of Department for Pupil Development and later, she became the Head of Department for Mathematics in the same school. Subsequently, she joined the Curriculum Planning and Development Division at the Ministry of Education as a curriculum planning officer.

When Mdm Goh was first informed in a letter that she was posted to Park View Primary School, she realised that she was not familiar with schools in the East. So, she checked the Park View Primary School website and was able to obtain a detailed overview of the school. Mdm Goh was the Vice-Principal of Radin Mas Primary School and the Vice-Principal of Mayflower Primary School before being appointed Principal of our school on 15 December 2009.

Over the weekends, Mdm Goh and her husband love to play outdoor games as both of them like exercising.



**The Park View Primary  
School Logo**

# A Genius Programme Entrepreneur

By Siti Aisyah

Mdm Noormah Arshat, a housewife and first-time entrepreneur, has started a programme called “Supersonik Kids”. The aim of the programme is to awaken the genius in children by stimulating their mid-brain. She received rave reviews from parents who sent their children to it.

Mdm Noormah got her inspiration when her 5-year-old son attended an enrichment class and was introduced to activities that activated his mid-brain. She observed that after the programme, he could focus better, solve mathematic problems faster and became more creative, especially in the arts.

“In my programme, I have included Islamic values which are important as a Muslim. There is no programme like mine,” said Mdm Noormah.

In her first “Supersonik Kids” programme, seats were snapped up within a week. “How will your students benefit from this programme?” I asked.

She replied, “My students will show great improvement in their academic abilities and creativity. Their memorization skills will be enhanced and their ability to solve problems will improve.” She added, “It takes only two days to learn the strategies and the price is very reasonable.”



Mdm Noormah Arshat  
and her son

In the process of starting her business, Mdm Noormah encountered many challenges. For example, the cost of renting a place to conduct her programme was very high. She had to convince experts to partner her and search for staff to support the daily running of her business with a limited budget.

“What is your advice for aspiring business owners?” I asked.

“They should start small and progress slowly. Just don’t give up. Believe in your product, as it is extremely crucial,” she replied.