

Good evening!

It gives me great pleasure to welcome you all to our 3rdCanarians' Fest.

Your presence gives us immense happiness.

This event gives a great opportunity to highlight the achievements accomplished by the school in this session. To begin with, let me take you all through the mission statement of the school.

Mission statement: To prepare committed, responsible young citizens by instilling advanced skills through inquiry and rigorous assessments who are culturally rooted with a global perspective, are in harmony with self, community and nature; have the courage to take risks with integrity and academic honesty, apply what they have learned for a purpose and make appropriate decisions and choices bringing in positive change in themselves and the community.

With every step we take, we work towards this mission.

Students from our school participated in the 'Literary Fest – Kathazz' conducted by the Meridian School – Banjara Hills, 'Drishticon – Visual Art Fest' conducted by the Meridian school, Madhapur and 'Drama Fest conducted by the Glendale Academy. It was a very enriching experience for our students and teachers alike.

To infuse a healthy competitive spirit through reward based assessment our students compete with their classmates regularly through programs like Spell-Bee, Orators and Radical Math. These competitions are embedded in the Time-table.

This year too our students have continued to make their mark in the Olympiads and the NSF Bee competitions by getting selected for the next levels. Congratulations and way to go Canarians.

We believe in constantly honing our skills and equipping our teachers with the latest methodologies of teaching learning. In the month of November our teachers Ms. Pooja, Ms. Amrita and Ms. Deepshikha attended a seminar on 'Multiple Intelligences' conducted by the Glendale Academy.

In today's time of awareness, it is important for us to teach our children about safety. With awareness and prevention as our top priorities, we conducted a workshop in the school for all our students to teach them about Good and Bad touch. It was conducted by Ms. Pooja Agrawal who is associated with Young Indian, an initiative of the Confederation of Indian Industry and has conducted these workshops in many schools across India. We are trying to get her again to conduct a session on the same to our parents.

Our students learn appreciation of art in their art and craft classes. To take art appreciation further, we had a workshop on Ikebana, a Japanese style of flower arrangement. Our students of Grade 4, 5, 6 and 7 attended the workshop. Our Canarians of Grade 4, 5, 6 and 7, also took part in painting murals on pillars of Metro railway station Miyapur Junction, thus leaving their mark on posterity.

All our canarians showcased their learning independently in a Student Led Conference. An opportunity to students to showcase their scientific temperament, creativity and talent was presented by organizing Curiosity, a Science Exhibition, for the students of Grade I to VII. It goes without saying that it was a grand success as depicted by the huge turnout at the event.

Our Canarians are aware of how privileged they are to have wonderful parents like you. The school conducts various programs of outreach to teach the students empathy and sharing. In April, during the last PTM of academic session 2017 – 18, a fund-raising activity was conducted by selling the takeaways. The money raised along with equal amount contributed by the management of the school was utilized in purchasing school bags, stationery and books for the children of all our sub-staff. Every year for Diwali, our Canarians have taken the pledge of 'Brightening someone else's Diwali', by hand-painting the Diyas, which are put up for sale. The fund raised by sale of Diyas was contributed to the Desire society which works for the betterment of HIV infected children. All this wouldn't have been possible without your support. Thank you for teaching children the virtue of sharing and empathy.

Our students this year made mark in every opportunity that came their way. They continued to make their mark in Rangotsav, a national level Art Competition. We bagged 12 gold medals and one trophy nationally. In Radiant

Rhapsody, competition conducted by the Oakridge, Einstein branch, our students won in almost all the categories in which we participated. Ridhima of Grade 6 won the first prize in solo western dance competition. We bagged the first prize in group dance- folk and third prize in group song competition. And all this by competing it out with 40 schools of Hyderabad! Our students make us proud and confident about the fact that we are heading in the right path.

As a three year school, we continue to make our presence felt in the city. This year too we were adjudged as the 4th best emerging school of Western Hyderabad.

Before I conclude I would once again like to thank Ms. Hari Chandana for taking out her valuable time for us. Today children need real superheroes who are trying in their own ways to save and conserve the environment by putting into action what they already have learnt and know. Thank you Ms. Hari Chandana for being our Canarians' Eco-Hero! All the kids look up to the stars and aim to be scientists, astronomers or join NASA. Thank you, Mr. Vasudevan Gandhi for taking your time to spend it with us and being our Canarians' superhero!

Our vision is to nurture a generation of young people who are self-motivated, who have creative thinking, good communication skills, a strong sense of commitment and a solid foundation for lifelong learning.

We, Canarians, take pride in our success and are motivated to work tirelessly to touch the sky. At the same time we wish to correct the shortcomings of the past and try to fare better in the future. Today we look forward with a sense of hope towards greater growth and progress.