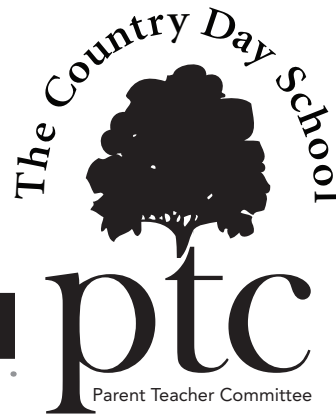


For PTC information check out the website:

[www.TheCountryDaySchool.com/ptcstuff/ptcnews.html](http://www.TheCountryDaySchool.com/ptcstuff/ptcnews.html)

or contact Jen Rolston at [jen@edendesignco.com](mailto:jen@edendesignco.com) or 304-728-2508

(Thanks to webmaster Julie Wasielak for posting our info!)



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## HALLOWEEN UPDATE

Thanks to everyone who helped make this year's Halloween Party one of the best ever! PTC had a fantastic group of volunteers who didn't hesitate to help hang donuts, run games, contribute food, setup and cleanup and help the teachers chaperone the kids as they paraded in their costumes and participated in all the fun activities. These volunteers included: Candee Chadwick, Megan Clevenger, Tabaitha Dayley, Melissa Falcone, Misty & Paul Frank, Sheilah Goodman, Julie Gough, Robert Aguado, Jill Guempel, Virginia Hoffman, Norma Hough, Jill Korn, Cheshet Kue, Amy Linares, Kim Lowry, Bill Neufeld, Lacey Reichert, Sarah Schottler, Mary Silveous, Patti Stern, Kri Watson, Eric White, Laura Carter, Bryan Gray, Suzi Crowder, Colleen Happy, Barbara Tobery-Hack, Mary Longerbeam, Bobbi Waldner, Anne Monson, and of course the entire CDS Staff. I think the kids and adults had a blast!

Also thank you to all the kids who decorated and carved pumpkins for our Jack-O-Lantern Showcase. Each child received a halloween flashlight courtesy of the Lowry-Neufelds. They are also due an ice cream certificate but in all the chaos we do not have a full list of all the kids who participated. If your child submitted a pumpkin, please have them stop in the office to collect their certificate.

## THANKSGIVING LUNCHEON

Our annual CDS Thanksgiving Luncheon will be on Tuesday, **NOVEMBER 24TH** at Oakland Church/Paul's Restaurant in Charles Town. Chef Iwayan Rata (who also caters some of the CDS lunches) has graciously offered to prepare this year's meal. The menu will include traditional Thanksgiving items and be served within Oakland's sanctuary/event area. The PTC is well aware and proud that our school families share many diverse religious backgrounds and we hope to include everyone in this event. The sanctuary at Oakland is a very beautiful and secular space that we think everyone could be comfortable in. If you have any questions or concerns, please email Jen Rolston at [jen@edendesignco.com](mailto:jen@edendesignco.com).

A form will be sent home requesting drivers. We will also be sending home an RSVP form (with exact times, directions, etc) early next week as soon as some details are finalized.

## Don't miss the first annual HOLIDAY BAZAAR!

Be sure to join us **NOVEMBER 21st** in Founder's Hall from 10am to 3pm for our first ever Holiday Bazaar and Bake Sale. More than 20 local businesses will be on hand selling a variety of items including custom jewelry, hand knit and crocheted items, skin care products, personalized gifts, gourmet foods, handmade cards, quilts and much more!

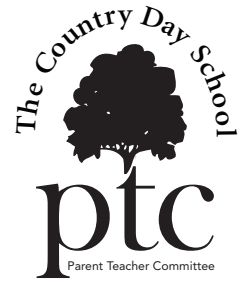
PTC will be selling country ham biscuits, pepperoni rolls and other homemade delicacies. Additionally, a representative from Schwan's will hold a truck sale. Admission is FREE and supports the PTC. Stop by to shop local for early holiday gifts.

### CALLING ALL BAKERS . . .

We are in desperate need of delicious, homemade goodies to sell at the PTC table. A variety of goods are sought, including whole cakes, fruit pies, cookies, Rice Krispie treats, quick breads, candies, muffins, etc. We only ask that you not bring in egg or custard pies as we will not be able to refrigerate the items the day of the sale. Cookies that are two inches in diameter should be packaged three in a baggie, larger cookies can be packaged one per baggie. If you are donating Rice Krispie treats or brownies, please wrap individual portions in cling wrap or place in baggies. Quick breads may be sold in disposable mini-loaf pans or packaged by slice in cling wrap. Whole cakes or pies should be packaged in disposable containers and covered in cling wrap. If you have the baking or candy making gene in your family and would like to donate goods for the Bake Sale, **PLEASE BRING YOUR ITEMS TO FOUNDER'S HALL PRIOR TO DISMISSAL ON FRIDAY, NOV. 20.** Thank you, in advance, for your hard work and generosity!

# Teacher Feature with Mrs. Ahmed

by Bryan Gray



PTC: Mrs. Ahmed, you are widely known as the champion of all kindergarten teachers. How long have you been teaching kindergarten in general, and how long have you been teaching at CDS?

Mrs. A.: I've been here at CDS since 1985 and everyday has been a learning experience for me. I love working for a school that has such a dynamic team of teachers and an atmosphere that encourages teachers to not only learn from each other but from the students as well.

PTC: Do you have free time? What do you do for fun?

Mrs. A.: In my free time, I usually travel, visiting family and friends. I love to travel and enjoy other countries.

PTC: You bring a wonderful international flair to CDS. Can you tell us a bit about the different places you've lived?

Mrs. A.: My father worked for an embassy in India and Pakistan and was very well traveled. I have lived in a number of countries. I was raised in London, England and have lived in Canada, Saudi Arabia, Panama, and here. I have also traveled to Egypt, India, and Pakistan. I have family and friends from all over the world. I enjoy experiencing different cultures and I feel it is very important that the children share in that experience also.

PTC: You have children who have graduated from CDS. What are they doing now? How did CDS help prepare them for life in the great big world?

Mrs. A.: I have three sons – a cardiologist, a pulmonologist, and a human resources analyst. CDS prepared them immensely well by giving them the skill set for professional and personal success.

PTC: Thank so much for your time! Any parting words?

Mrs. A.: In addition to being a teacher, I have been part of the CDS family for the past twenty-four years and have enjoyed watching not only my children but hundreds of other children go on to bright futures after getting a bright start here at CDS.

PTC: As always, Mrs. Ahmed, we are in awe of you!

In this column, PTC will interview a different teacher each month. Have someone in mind for us to interview? Let us know!

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