

# Our Beloved PHS

*Written By The Students  
From First To Tenth Grade*



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Writings About Our Beloved School**

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# OUR BELOVED PRINCE HAMZAH SCHOOL



"prepare your children for a time different to your own". It is our duty to provide our children with an education that encourages them to think freely, creatively and constructively to be confident in themselves proud of their values and heritage and always willing to challenge the status quo, and to be determined to contribute positively to the future of mankind through their achievements and a mastery of skillful, respectful, intelligent communication.

  
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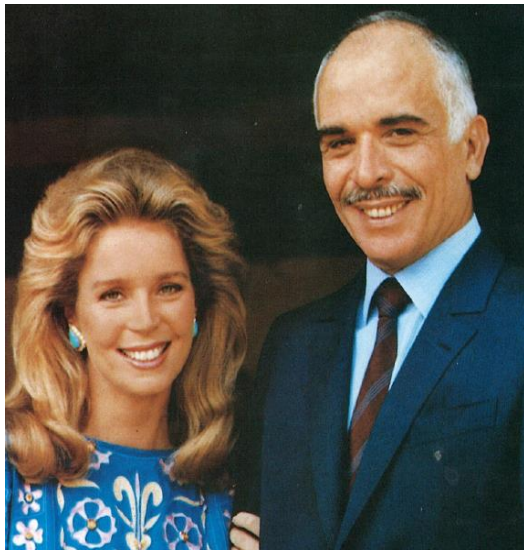


The beloved home of the students, a place where we can feel comfortable and happy to be in, the school of our dear fathers and mothers, it is Prince Hamzah School! This school might seem like any other school but it's actually the story of a group of women who spent countless hours thinking of establishing a school. Prince Hamzah School is considered to be the very first and the only Circassian school in Jordan and in the Middle East. It is a non-profit educational institution where the fees are affordable. The idea of constructing a school belonged to the minds of five hardworking women- Badee'a Qoursha, Jehan Shoqum, Lara Al-Khateeb, Wedad Safar, and Nazmea Abaza, with the support of Mr. Ahmad Tarawneh.



Prince Hamzah School was built by the administrative committee of the women branch of the Circassian association through charity work with the help and support of the Circassian volunteers. It began in 1974 in a rented building for kindergarten that was located in Abdoun where it was called "The Circassian Charitable Association". It was more of a nursery in a small apartment than a school in a large building. Some of our parents still remember how they finished the kindergarten and spent their first three elementary grades there. More and more children started enrolling in the small kindergarten. It wasn't a bad thing at first but the more and more children enrolled, the more and more the apartment

seemed smaller and smaller and didn't fit all of them. So the founders thought that they should transfer to another larger place. They got help from Ahmad Al Tarawneh which asked the king to give them a land to build the school on. After that, in 1979 King Al Hussain Bin Talal (May his soul rest in peace) donated a piece of land in Thuhair to build a new school. From that stage, the first building of our school was built, and Prince Hamzah School started to grow. It began with a very small number of students and then year by year this number escalated. The school was under the patronage and care of her majesty Princess Alia. Our beloved school is named after a great person- Prince Hamzah Bin Hussein. On July 12, 1980 Princess Nour Al Hussien named it Prince Hamzah School, when she visited it under the name of her son, and since then, Prince Hamzah takes care of our school.



As the years passed, that one PHS building got larger and larger. The same goes for the students that our school taught. And it was the right time to build another building and to expand our small school again. In the scholastic year 1984/1985 the second building was built. It was one floor but they were working on the second floor and a basement. They built a tunnel that connected the first building to the second one, not allowing the drops of rain wetting students in winter. PHS students spent several years of their education there, having the most memorable moments of their lives. The second floor and basement were finished in 1999. The grades from fourth to tenth were there. The same old tunnel was still there acting like a knight in shining armor during winter, protecting PHS students. In 2000 the big sandy yard was turned into an asphalt yard.



In 2007 the third building was built. It was exciting but they had to take down the tunnel. The third building consisted of the principal's office and the classrooms for the juniors and seniors. Later on, a half floor on the second building's roof was built and now we have a construction site to build the fourth building. It is quite breathtaking, watching our beloved school grow and flourish over the years.

Prince Hamzah School isn't just a school for us to learn in, it is a place for us to preserve our Circassian roots by learning our language and traditions as we grow up. The school never stopped preserving to have the best teaching staff. They've always chosen the best candidates that applied for the job. That's why we receive the best education and the most wonderful environment for us to grow up as people learning skills and lessons that would mold us to become better and more influential people in our society.

The first PHS graduation was in 1987 and it consisted of 12 students. Some of them are our parents. They were the first PHS students. We're proud of them! Watching the first graduates dressed in the Circassian traditional costumes was one of the things that made people wow! As if they have seen princes and princesses. It was just natural for many Adiga people to enroll their children in the same school to let them graduate in the Circassian traditional costumes. PHS graduates are always dressed in Circassian clothing, and Prince Hamzah graduates and congratulates them.



The members of the womens' charity in 1983 were Nabeeha Al Hasan, Soad Tash, Montaha Barto, Fathia Ghokbash, Lara Al- Khateeb, Badee'a Qardan, Jehan Shoqum, Wedad Khalifa, Nathmia Al Tarawneh, and Janet Merza. The first Circassian language teacher was Jawdat Khateeb. The library was opened at the beginning of the 1980s. The school anthem was composed by the poet Haidar Morad. The principals of PHS over the years were Ms. Huda Abida, Ms. Nadia Harbi, and Ms. Norma Batt.

The current General Manager of our school is highly respected  
Miss Sirsa Sholakh.



Year after year and day after day everything changes. Price Hamza School has changed to the best over the years, decade by decade. PHS is always under development. Ten years ago, there were less numbers of teachers and students in the school. Also, some teachers and students have come and left. But every year, those teachers and students surprise us with their sweet personalities. However, there are more teachers and students now. PHS has become modern with technology which makes it easier to study. There are projectors, computers, and Active Boards in our classrooms. There are many more differences that the

school has witnessed during the last years. The main building has not changed much except for the computer lab that is now located on the last floor. In fact, both of the basketball court and the small canteen have been demolished for constructing a new building that will include a gym, a cafeteria, a car parking, and even a stage which will hold all our events.



When PHS was founded, it was just like any other school with normal classes, short breaks, and a small playground. But now it is one of the schools that are known for their constant development. We're proud that one day we will graduate from this school! We're sure that our beloved school will also change in the coming years. It will always be a pleasure being a part of this amazing school.

PHS includes three main departments. The first one is the kindergarten. We have lots of wonderful memories about our Prince Hamzah Kindergarten. We'll always have the images of our beloved KG in our minds! We graduated from the KG, but we still have the same warm feelings as the old days.



The second department includes the grades from first to tenth. The last one is the high school department. In addition, there are other facilities. For example, our school has a library where we can read and borrow good books. It has a big

number of books that talk about different topics, cultures, and sciences.

Furthermore, PHS has four computer labs and one science lab.

People say that a school is their second home. But to many of us, PHS is our mother home. PHS is not an ordinary school. It is our precious school. It is where our friends are like our siblings and our teachers are like our parents. It is where we can find our best friends who are like stars shining in the sky. Prince Hamzah School is our home. We spend most of our daytime there. To be more specific, we spend quarter of our life, quarter of our age, and three quarters of our memories there. The knowledge we have gained there is like a light in our lives. All of this is only because of our wonderful administration and teachers. The flowers of the school that always treat us as their own sons and daughters. Every single teacher has a special place in our hearts. What makes it even more unique is the teacher- student relationship. PHS really puts a lot of emphasis on this aspect. It cares about the mutual respect among the students and the teachers and among the students themselves. PHS is also a unique place because it teaches us our mother tongue- the Circassian language, the Circassian history, and traditions. It is very interesting to learn how to read and write in Circassian, though it's not easy at all. Now our Circassian classes are divided into three levels to match each student's level, skills, and abilities, also to make sure that every student will get the best education. We also learn the skills of good behaviors towards our teachers, friends, elderly, and all of other people. Those students who have graduated from this school have spent a great time there. They must be missing this school more than anything else in the world. Similarly, the same will happen to us. One day, all of us will have to leave PHS. It is a destiny. However, we will never forget it. It will stay in our hearts forever.

We love our school for so many reasons. Who taught us writing? Who taught us reading? Who taught us to love and respect each other and defend our country? Our school taught us everything. Our school symbolizes all the finest things imaginable. The sound of the national anthem and Quran make us always feel attached to our country and our religion. It's a special place where culture and education meet each other. It's a place where you give and receive and have lots of fun. Our school is our second home. It is a famous educational institution in our Adiga society. We love PHS because it has a Circassian atmosphere and the majority of people in it are Adiga. Our teachers teach us so many things. They teach us, advise us, and guide us when we make mistakes. They teach us how to face life difficulties in the future. Our teachers are professionals; they do care about improving our skills, developing our talents. They also try their best to



teach us how to be polite, organized, clean and neat. In addition, they teach us manners and communication skills. We are always motivated to study well and to get great grades. We love our school because of the appreciation and recognition our lovely administration and teachers show for the talented students that are motivated through the school's various awards and programs. We love our administration and teachers very much; they are extremely kind with us. They treat us as though we are their own children. They are unique, loving, caring, and faithful. They teach us how to behave well, how to respect elders and each other. They will always do anything for us to succeed. We learn everywhere- inside and outside the classrooms. We learn many interesting subjects and things at school. That's why we can work anywhere we want in the future. Our school is the most enjoyable place for us. It is located very near to our homes. We like its location; it is located on a hill- far away from the city noise and pollution. Our school is beautiful. It is surrounded with trees and colorful flowers. Birds always sing beautifully and fly from tree to tree. Our school life is full of joy and laughter- something that cannot be found so easily in our life nowadays. Our PHS provides us with a wonderful environment to grow in. PHS always arranges entertainment events with our families. That's why we have lots of fun in our beloved school. We can't imagine what our lives will be like after we leave it.

We have many new students in our school every year. Our PHS becomes their all-time favorite place at once. They start loving our school because teaching in it is really unique. We also have the students which are not Jordanians who moved here from Russia, from the republic of Kabardino-Balkaria, Nalchik. They always thank Allah that they study in Prince Hamzah School. They don't live in their own homelands but they're very happy to study in PHS and to spend most of their time with Adiga people. They really feel like they are at home in our beloved PHS. Our amazing kind teachers and friends became their loving family!

We love everything that is related to our school. We have many friends, we spend great moments together. We do fun activities with our friends. We learn new things together. We study, play, talk, and enjoy every minute and every second in our beloved PHS. We're very excited because our school is getting bigger now. We love our school because it has big buildings. The classrooms are wide and cozy. We love the white color of the classrooms as well as the walls of the school. It makes the school brighter. The school yard is huge. We have big computer labs and a beautiful science lab. There is a skeleton in it. We named it Ticktack, because it makes funny noises when we move it. Our school is very

safe, clean, and organized. It is the cleanest and the neatest school we've ever heard about or seen. We meet nice people there; all of them are very friendly. PHS makes us eager to learn. That's why our students are very smart. We buy food from the canteen. Everything we buy there is very delicious. We enjoy eating our food under big and beautiful trees. We have two long breaks, so we can eat and play. We play many games during our brakes. Most of us like to play "Hide and Seek". Our brothers, sisters, and other relatives study with us at PHS which makes us even happier. In Addition, PHS has its Elbrus Circassian Dance Troupe. We love to dance after school. It makes us really happy and excited. Elbrus performs in the graduation ceremony every year along with many other occasions.



Our school is very well known in Jordan. It is famous for its educational system and very good results. Its values, achievements, facilities, and school life are great. We like everything in our school; the school management, our teachers, our friends, school activities, and teaching methods. We always have different competitions and activities at school such as Spelling Bee, Reading Quran, and many others. We love to take part in them because our PHS always rewards the winners in nice and beautiful ceremonies. PHS is teaching us how to be creative, smart, and how to be useful members in our community. We love the interactive teaching classrooms. We love our art sessions, school trips, and practical sessions which help us understand subject concepts.

Our school year is about to end. Our summer vacation is almost here but after each summer, we happily come back to our beloved PHS with a lot of passion to see our teachers, friends, and new classrooms. We are very proud of our PHS and its educational environment. We love our school because it is the best place in the whole world. Our school is our big family. It is a place that gives us so much happiness. We are a big family in our school. We love PHS because we feel very happy with our teachers and friends. We learn, have fun, and meet our

dear friends every day at school. Our school is very close to our hearts because most of our friends and memories are in this school. PHS is like our best friend, it is the house of thoughts, and it is the best step to start building our future and our homeland with. We wish not to leave our PHS one day. Our beloved school will always continue to thrive and expand, embracing more excited children and cradling them in its warmth, like it is doing to us! We're proud students who love our Prince Hamzah School. Being students in Prince Hamzah School makes us feel satisfied as well because we feel belonging to something great where we're always welcomed. We love everyone here. We're very grateful that we're the members of this big caring and hardworking family. We know and believe that our school will help us build our future in a very bright way, because most of its graduates have specialized in important fields of business, medicine, education, etc. We want to work hard and get the highest degrees to raise the name of our Prince Hamzah School higher and higher in our beloved Jordan. We, as students in Prince Hamzah School, will protect this school and hold it dear to our hearts. We love you, PHS, because you're really cool! Go, go, go, PHS! Thank you, PHS, for helping spread our wings and teaching us to fly! We love you, PHS, may Allah forever bless you!



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