



*Chess Wizards
have arrived!!*



*Art Classes are
coming...*

Don't forget to sign-up!!



Hellenic American Academy

Academic Achievement, Cultural Awareness and Pride, Spiritual Enrichment

Socrates Hellenic American Day School

Weekly Newsletter

January 15, 2010

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Students and staff of Socrates Hellenic American Day School had the opportunity to raise funds on Thursday, January 14th for a very special young man named Yano. Yano is battling neuroblastoma, a disease which malignant (cancer) cells form in nerve tissue of the adrenal gland, neck, chest or spinal cord.

Students from preschool - 8th grade chose to donate money to spray their hair with a variety of bright colors to benefit the Yano Pournaras Fund. They dyed; they teased & skillfully attached a variety of accessories ranging from: spiders, frogs, lollipops, umbrellas, balloons and feathers to their hair. The results were spectacular. Our wonderful teachers also joined in the fun.



This "CRAZY HAIR Day" not only raised approx. **\$1,900** for Yono's treatment, but it was a unique opportunity for students to hear about a child who is less fortunate than they are and become agents of change.

Thank you to our Student Council and their teacher advisors Seth Larson and Julie Sher for organizing this charitable event. The Student Council representatives spent several weeks preparing for this fun and memorable day and they have all shown an interest in helping their community this year.

Angie Maglaris, *Principal*

OPEN HOUSE/FUN FAIR - JANUARY 22, 6 - 8:30 P.M.

We will be hosting an Open House and Fun Fair to introduce new families to our Day School. We kindly ask all parents to support this event by spreading the word about the Open House and inviting their friends and relatives to visit our school.

GREEK LETTERS CELEBRATION - PAN-SCHOLIKI YIORTI

We writing to inform you that our 2nd through 8th grade students have a wonderful to opportunity to perform and participate in the Greek Letters Celebration (*Panscholiki Yiorti*) organized by the Metropolis of Chicago on Saturday, January 23, at 3:30 p.m. St. Nectarios Church.

Please respond to the attached letter by Tuesday, January, 19 if you child (*ren*) will be participating.



SATURDAY, JAN. 16 - 8 P.M.

Taverna style Greek music night. Meet old friends make new ones, sing and dance to quality songs and music by Dimitris Marinos, Andrew Georgas & Nick Lambrinatos.

Appetizers: 8 p.m.
Live Greek Music: 8:30 p.m.
Donation: \$10

SATURDAY, JAN. 23, 6:30 - 9 P.M.

Please join us for a night of fun and laughs as the HAA Youth Club presents "Greek Movie Night" here at the Academy.

- HAA students only (5th - 12th grade)
- Admission: \$5 (at the door)

Kindly RSVP by Jan. 16 - pennydres@hotmail.com

Hope to see you there!!!

ART CLASSES **Don't miss out!!!**

Beginning Thursday, Jan. 21, students in grades 1st thru 8th will have the opportunity to participate in a 9 week Art afterschool enrichment class. Registration forms were already sent home, if you didn't receive registration information please stop by the office to register your child (*ren*).

Note: There will be an Art Class Enrichment program available for Kindergarten students in the spring.

GREEK ESSAY COMPETITION - "TO AGRAFON"

Congratulations the Day School winners of the Fotios Litsas "To Agrafon" Essay Competition: Bobby Roumeliotis, 6th grade & Chris Tselepatioits, 7th grade.

Our students will receive their Awards at the Greek Letters Luncheon, at the Chateau Ritz Banquet Hall on Sunday, January 31.

INCLEMENT WEATHER

WEBSITE - HellenicAmericanAcademy.org (*Emergency Closing Link*) or www.emergencyclosingcenter.com

TEACHER CALL - *Your child's teacher will call your home between the hours of 6:45 - 7:15 a.m.*

NEWS/RADIO - *We typically follow the district closure announcement (i.e. Deerfield, Glenview or Northbrook schools).*

If our school remains open and you feel driving conditions are not favorable, please use your best judgment in deciding whether or not to bring your child to school.





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SUBJECT: Greek Letters Celebration–Panscholiki Yiorti–Πανσχολική Γιορτή

Dear Parents,

We writing to inform you that our 2nd through 8th grade students have a wonderful to opportunity to perform and participate in the Greek Letters Celebration (*Panscholiki Yiorti*) organized by the Metropolis of Chicago on:

DATE: Saturday, January 23

TIME: 3:30 p.m. (*Need to arrive no later than 3:15 p.m.*)

WHERE: St. Nectarios Church
133 S. Roselle Road, Palatine

DRESS CODE: **Girls** - Official school uniform (*white shirt with Academy logo, uniform skirt black shoes and white tights*)
Boys - Official school uniform (*white shirt with Academy logo, navy blue pants and black shoes*)

We strongly urge all students to participate at this event. It will be a very nice and rewarding experience for your child to be part of the HAA children's choir which will perform at the Greek Letters Celebration under the direction of the HAA music teachers, Mr. Nikos Papathanasiou, and Mr. Pandelis Pandis. Mandatory rehearsal is scheduled for next Thursday, January 21, at 4:30 p.m at the HAA Auditorium.

Please respond by ***Tuesday, January 19***, whether your child will be able to participate at this event by completing the bottom of this letter and dropping it off at the Front Office or by email to: connie.karadjias@haamail.net

Sincerely,

Voula Sellountos
Head of Schools

Student: _____

Will participate Will not participate