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Hellenic American Academy

Academic Achievement, Cultural Awareness and Pride, Spiritual Enrichment

Socrates Hellenic American Day School

Weekly Newsletter

February 26, 2010

NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS - MONDAY, MARCH 1ST

Students will not have school on Monday, March 1st. Teachers will spend the day attending professional development seminars.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

What an amazing week this has been. Thanks to our dedicated teachers & staff the week went off without a hitch.

Students in grades 3rd - 8th are buzzing with excitement for their upcoming trip to Washington D.C. and are ambitious about raising funds. One of the major fundraisers the students are planning to hold in order to raise funds is a walk-a-thon. The purpose of this event is threefold - to raise money for the Agape fund, which provides assistance for families in need; to help offset the cost of the school trip to Washington D.C. and also to raise awareness about the benefits of exercise and healthy living.

Mark your calendars...Our walk-a-thon will take March 26th. Pledge sheets will be distributed next week with various classroom incentives will be offered.



TARGET

The Academy typically receives donations from Target based on purchases from customers that have designated the HAA as their preferred school - a special Thank You goes out to the those individuals for participating in this program.

If you have a Target card and wish to participate in this program just mention the school's ID #: 6184 when you make a purchase.

CONGRATULATIONS MARIA TABAKIS & ZOE MAGLARIS

The Optimist Club of Deerfield contacted all schools and organizations in Deerfield for nominations of those middle school and high school students that contribute more volunteer hours of community service than is normally required of them. This year Maria Tabakis and Zoe Maglaris were nominated by their teachers for their contributions and service to our community. Both girls will be honored at an awards ceremony on Wednesday March 24th held at the Deerfield High school auditorium, where at least 200 students are individually presented with an award certificate. The ceremony is followed by a dessert reception.

ROBERT CROWN CENTER FIELD TRIP

As part of our Family Life Unit, students in grades 1 through 8 will have an opportunity to attend an educational field trip to the Robert Crown Center for Health Education. Field trip forms were sent home Thursday. Remember to return your child's field trip form no later than Tuesday.

Easter Reminder!!



The lovely ladies of the PTO will soon be busy making gorgeous hand-made Lambades and Easter baskets. Godparents, Easter will soon be here and your God child is anxiously awaiting their Lambada.

See below for the times & dates that they are making:

Thursday, March 4th -4:30 p.m.

Friday, March 5th -9:00 a.m.

Monday, March 8th -4:30 p.m.

PRE-REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN

Pre-registration is very important because it helps our school make informed decisions on staff allocation, class scheduling, and ordering of educational materials. When you register your child by April 15, 2010, you save \$ 250.00, credited to his/her tuition. Pre-registration also secures your child's admission to our school especially in Pre-K and Kindergarten where classes are filled quickly. Please complete the registration form that you have received for the 2010-2011 school year and return it to the school office with your registration fee of \$250.00 per student. Thank you for your support and cooperation.

PRE-SCHOOL-2ND GRADE MIXER

Preschool through 2nd grade students and their families are invited to an evening of fun, storytelling, pizza and ice-cream.

Date: Saturday, March 6th

Time: 5-7 p.m.

Place: HAA

TERRA NOVA TESTING WEEK

Students in 1st thru 8th grades will be taking the Terra Nova Multiple Assessment beginnin

Monday, April 19, and continuing through

Tuesday, April 27. Make-up testing will take place on Monday, April 26, and Tuesday, April 27.



GREEK INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATING FREEDOM!!!

Greek Independence Day School Program will be on Thursday March 25th, at 6:00p.m. Greek Independence Day Parade will be on Sunday, April 25 on Halsted St.

In order for your child to march in the parade they must wear their HAA jacket. You can order a jacket if you do not have one. Just stop by the office for an order form.

HOLD THE DATE!!



**SOCRATES DAY SCHOOL ANNOUNCES THIS YEAR'S
2010 SUMMER JUNIOR CAMP!!**



Are you looking for a way to give your young children a great summer filled with learning, fun and friendship? Look no further!!

The Socrates Day School is pleased to offer our 2010 Summer Junior Camp led by our dynamic Ka. Vickey Kazamias. Our Junior Camp is specifically designed for children ages 2½ through 7. This year's Junior Camp is part of the Socrates Day School Summer Enrichment Program and will focus even more on educational themes in both Greek and English while offering plenty of time for sports (*such as soccer*) and play!

The Junior Camp is a 7-week program and will run from June 14 - July 30 with a variety of options to suit your family's summer schedule. You can register your children for a regular day (*i.e. 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.*) or extended day (*i.e. 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.*) on a weekly or even daily basis. Enclosed is a brochure detailing our fantastic Junior Camp program. The registration deadline is May 3, so start planning your youngster's summer NOW!!

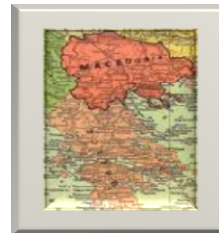
WAIT!! What about kids ages 7 - 14? Socrates Day School is also pleased to announce that this year's Summer Enrichment Program will include a pilot program of interactive classes to keep our older children stimulated and learning in a fun environment that promotes friendship. Stay tuned... details coming soon!

IMPORTANT NOTE TO PARENTS

Our Junior Camp was extremely popular last summer. We will do our utmost to accommodate every family who wishes to participate but please understand that, in order to ensure a safe and engaging summer for all campers, the School reserves the right to limit the number of campers if demand exceeds our staffing. In such case, we will apply a first-come, first serve basis (*i.e. based on fully paid registrations*) in determining participation. Thank you for your understanding and REGISTER NOW to ensure your child's participation!!

Dates to remember

Saturday, Feb.27 - The Macedonian Issue
Monday, Mar.1st - Teacher Professional Day No school
Saturday, Mar.6 - Pre-school-2nd Grade Mixer
Thursday, Mar.25 - Church Service in the morning
School Program at 6:00 p.m.



THE MACEDONIAN ISSUE

When: Saturday, February 27

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Where: at the HAA's auditorium

Miltiades Bolaris, a well known History connoisseur, will speak on the history of the Macedonian issue and will examine its genesis at the end of 19th Century and its development to date.

LOST & FOUND

Our Lost & Found has exploded with items that are looking for their owners. Please stop by and look to see if anything belongs to your child.

You have until Monday March 1, otherwise all unclaimed items will be donated.



FAMILY SYNAXIS LENTEN RETREAT

On Saturday, March 6th, our Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Chicago will once again be hosting a retreat for the entire family. The theme this year is: "The Church in the home; Inspiration from the Saints for Today's Families." The retreat will be held at SS. Peter & Paul Greek Orthodox Church in Glenview, IL. For more information and to register, please go to www.gocfamilysynaxis.org or call Vanessa Clohessy at 630-988-9533.

METROPOLIS ORATORICAL AND FINE ARTS FESTIVAL

The St. John Chrysostom Oratorical and Fine Arts Festival will be hosted this year by Holy Trinity and will be held on Bright Saturday, April 10, 2010. All students from grades 7th - 12th can participate. Please contact or see Fr. Sotiri for more information no later than Monday, March 8, 2010, as the deadline is rapidly approaching.

PREPARE FOR HOLY WEEK & PASCHA

Come and see the famous Zion Passion Play.

The Passion play is a dramatic presentation depicting the life of Jesus. It also includes the trial, suffering, death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ

Date: March 26, 2010

Place: Zion II.

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Adults: \$20*

Children: \$15*

*Includes admission into the Play and transportation.

For further information please contact Fr. Sotiri Malamis or Mrs. Angie Maglaris