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Socrates Hellenic American Day School

Weekly Newsletter

March 5th, 2010

CONGRATULATIONS ARE IN ORDER!

Congratulations to Christina Sellountos (5th Grade), Bobby Roumeliotis (6th Grade), and George Panagopoulos (6th Grade), for being selected as finalists in the 2010 Illinois Environmental Protection Agency's Poster, Poetry and Writing contest.

Students in grades 5 & 6 were invited to participate in the annual Environmental Pathways statewide poster and poetry/prose competition. The theme of the 2010 contest was "Conserving and Protecting the Land of Lincoln!" focusing on the importance of conserving and protecting our land resources.

Students in 5th and 6th grade spent time investigating pollution issues in Illinois; then were given an opportunity to express and share, on a deeper and more personal level, what they have learned by creating posters and written works.

Christina, Bobby and George will be recognized on Saturday, April 10th, in Springfield, Illinois and their projects will appear in the "Conserving and Protecting the Land of Lincoln!" exhibit in Springfield, Illinois.



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.

WALK-A-THON

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 place on Friday, March 26th. Pledge sheets will be distributed next week with various classroom incentives will be offered.



Easter Reminder!! LAMBADES AND EASTER BASKETS

Are being hand-made as we speak. Remember, Easter is 40 days away and your God child is anxiously awaiting their lambada. The lovely ladies from the PTO will be selling lambades and Easter baskets as a school fundraiser beginning in mid March. Additional information will soon follow.



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

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

Students and their parents are invited to join us for a magical evening of endless fun with storytelling and exciting activities. Activities include storytelling, role playing songs, crafts, coloring, tattoos, pizza and ice cream. Pizza, ice cream and refreshments for everyone!

WHEN: Saturday, March 6, 2010, 5:00 - 7:00 PM

WHERE: HAA Auditorium

TERRA NOVA TESTING WEEK

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

Don't forget the Socrates Hellenic Day School program for the celebration of the Greek Independence Day will take place at 6:00 p.m., in our school auditorium. 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!!



TEACHER PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROMOTES STUDENTS AS CHANGE AGENTS

On Monday, March 1st, teachers in grades 1-8 had an opportunity to learn about how students at Socrates Day School could be agents of change. Teachers participated in a seminar titled "We the People: Project Citizen" which is a curricular program for students, youth organizations, and adult groups that promotes competent and responsible participation in local and state government. The program helps students learn how to monitor and influence public policy. In the process, they develop support for democratic values and principles, tolerance, and feelings of political efficacy.

In this seminar curriculum consultant, Ann Krosnjari, explained how students can work cooperatively to identify a public policy problem in their community. They then research the problem, evaluate alternative solutions, develop their own solutions in the form of a public policy and create a political action plan to enlist local or state authorities to adopt their proposed policy. Students then develop a portfolio of their work and present their project in a public hearing showcase before a panel of civic-minded community members. Our student council has already decided on a problem that they would like to investigate within our own school and are discussing possible solutions.

JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENTS PARTNERS WITH SOCRATES DAY SCHOOL:

Elias Tabakis (Dad of Maria, 6th grade) and Peter Maroutsos (Dad of "Petie", PreK 3/4) have teamed with Junior Achievements in a partnership between the business community, educators and volunteers – all working together to inspire young people to dream big and reach their potential. JA's hands-on, experiential programs teach the key concepts of work readiness, entrepreneurship and financial literacy to young people all over the world.

Elias Tobakis and Peter Maroutsos along with a team of fellow Hellenes will instruct students in grades 1 thru 8 in the basic concepts of business and economics and how education is relevant to the workplace. The sequential activities build on studies from each preceding grade and prepare students for secondary school and lifelong learning.

Thank you Mr. Tabakis and Mr. Maroutsos for sharing your message which inspires and empowers students to believe in themselves, showing them they can make a difference in the world.

Dates to remember

- Saturday, Mar.6 – Pre-school-2nd Grade Mixer
- Friday, March 12th –Field trip to Robert Crown for Health Education
- Thursday, Mar.25 – Church Service in the morning School Program at 6:00 p.m.
- Friday, March 26th- Walk-a-thon

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

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 on March 12th.

THE CONSULATE GENERAL OF GREECE in Chicago along with the Consul for Educational Affairs will be hosting its annual EXAMINATION FOR THE OFFICIAL CERTIFICATE OF ATTAINMENT IN MODERN GREEK, "Ellinomatheia".

We strongly encourage all 6th-8th grade students to take their Greek Language Studies a step further and participate in the Ellinomatheia Certificate examination. Please be advised that this exam is available to ALL community members including adults. Minimum age requirement for applicants is 12 years of age.

Application forms are available at the school office. Should you have questions or need help, you may contact Mrs. Voula Sellountos in person or at 847-317-1063.

PTO MEETING

Meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 12 at 4:45 p.m. in Room 102.. Hope you can make it...

