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Hellenic American Academy

Academic Achievement, Cultural Awareness and Pride, Spiritual Enrichment

Socrates Hellenic American Day School

Weekly Newsletter

March 12th, 2010

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.

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.

PTO MEETING

Calling all parents... Please join us on Friday, March 19th at 9:00am in the school library for our monthly PTO meeting. Many important events will |



LAMBADES AND EASTER BASKETS

The PTO has started the sale of Lambades & Easter Baskets see below for the times & dates that they are selling:

Day School

3/11 Thursday	3pm-5pm
3/12 Friday	12:30pm - 4:30pm
3/13 Saturday	1pm- 2:30 pm
3/17 Wednesday	3pm- 4:30pm
3/18 Thursday	3pm-5pm
3/19 Friday	12:30pm - 4:30pm
3/20 Saturday	1pm- 2:30 pm



3/24 Wednesday	3pm- 4:30pm
3/25 Thursday	3pm-5pm
3/25 Thursday	6pm-8pm
3/26 Friday	12:30pm - 4:30pm
3/27 Saturday	1pm- 2:30 pm

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.



THE LEPRECHAUNS ARE COMING... Wednesday, March 17th Out of Uniform!

WEAR GREEN!



MORNING CARE DROP OFF TIME

Please be advised the earliest that children can be dropped is 7:30 a.m. for morning care.

GREEK INDEPENDENCE DAY PROGRAM

There is no school for students on Thursday, March 25. However students, parents and teachers are invited to attend the Divine Liturgy with the Doxology commencing at 9:30 am. at the Hellenic American Academy Auditorium. You also invited to attend our Day School program celebrating the Greek Independence Day at 6:00 p.m.

We are looking forward to seeing everyone there!!

**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.

**INCREASING YOUR CHILD'S VOCABULARY**

Vocabulary is a very important part of your child's education. Experts agree that reading is the main way children enrich their vocabulary inside and outside of the classroom. Therefore you should make reading a priority at home as well. The structure and the example parents provide at home is the biggest factor for success in school. In addition to reading at home, here are some other helpful tips from the Learning Resource Center, www.learningresourcecenter.net to increase your child's vocabulary:

1. Talk to your child about many different things using new words.
2. Take your child to different places, and then talk about what you see.
3. Explain everyday activities using the special vocabulary specifically associated with such activities.
4. Play games involving vocabulary, such as Scrabble, Boggle, Charades, and Crosswords. Ignore the rules on the game's box - keep a dictionary on hand for looking up new words before and during play.
5. Play word games everywhere, including naming and rhyming games.

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

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.

Dates to remember

- Friday, Mar. 19 -PTO meeting
- Thursday, Mar. 25 – Church Service in the morning
School Program at 6:00 p.m.
- Friday, Mar. 26- Walk-a-thon
- Friday, Mar. 26 – Zion Passion Play—7:30 pm.