



LEVON & HASMIK TAVLIAN PRESCHOOL

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GARGACH Newsletter



February 2012

This month is African American History Month.



Special Announcements

Tavlian will host Open House for all classes on the 24th. KG report cards will be distributed at this time. Please make arrangements to be there.

Pilot Captain Grozian will come to the school on the 17th and share about his interesting job as a pilot.



School Picture Day

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The school picture day will be held on Wednesday, February 1st. On this day, individual and class group pictures will be taken. The portrait order forms have been distributed; please make your selection and submit it to the classroom teacher, along with your check.

Room mothers will be needed to assist while the teachers take their group picture, and also to help make sure our students look perfect for their pictures. If you are available, please contact the school office or PSC President Sylva Khayalan. Your assistance is requested from 9:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.



Visual Screening

Dr. Ani Halabi (aunt of Gabrielle Fraser in the Pre-K class) will perform visual screenings for the Kindergarten and Pre-K students on Thursday the 2nd. The importance of preschool vision screenings for young children cannot be overstated. If a child is not seeing properly, that child's capacity to learn can be impaired. We would also like to thank Dr. Halabi for her valuable time!



Valentine's Day Boutique

PIP

Please join us on Friday the 3rd from 2:30 - 4:30 p.m. for the school's Valentine's Day Boutique featuring Boutique Ludique. Beautiful clothing and accessories for children 0-6 years of age will be offered. 15% of all sales will be donated back to the school. You can visit the website www.ludiquebebe.com to preview their collection.



Storyteller Michael McCarty

Pre-K and Kindergarten classes are in for a treat! On the 8th at 10 a.m. Michael McCarty, a famous multi-cultural storyteller who has traveled around the world sharing stories about everything from folk tales to spiritual stories, will come to the school and tell stories and folk tales relating to African American history. His stories inform, educate, inspire and amuse!



Surprise Marionette Performance

A famous marionettes' group is coming from Armenia and they will perform on the 8th at 11:30 a.m. They are only here in the U.S. for 10 days and we are very lucky they were able to fit us into their busy schedule.



Chamlian 1st Grade Orientation

Chamlian will host an orientation on Sunday the 12th from 10 a.m. - 12 noon for parents of KG students who will be entering the first grade in August. Please attend if you plan on sending your child to Chamlian next year.



Suzan & Kids

Our school's beloved adopted grandmother and volunteer, Ms. Suzan, is set to read to our students on Monday the 13th. As always, Ms. Suzan will donate the books to our school and provide snacks for our kids.



Diarendarach, Valentine's Day and Parekentan, the Great Eve of Lent

The school will celebrate these special days on the 15th. Teachers will discuss the importance of these days in Armenian history and students will eat a very cultural food, Harissa for lunch. Harissa and Gatnabour will be sold on this day as well.



Storytelling in Armenian

Our wonderful volunteer, Grandma Anahid Halabi (grandmother of Gabrielle Fraser-Pre-K class) will be storytelling to KG, Pre-K and Red classes on the 21st. She will be telling the story of Parekentan, the Eve of Great Lent.



Kindergarten Report Cards & Open House for all classes



On Friday the 24th at 6:30 p.m., Kindergarten class, and the Preschool will have an Open House & Orientation. At this time, report cards of KG students will be distributed. This is the time for parents of all students to touch base with their

child's teachers, to tour next year's classroom and to meet next year's teachers. Your attendance is extremely important as your child's current teachers will give a 30-45 minute presentation and then parents will go to their child's next year classroom to meet the teachers and receive a 30-45 minute presentation about what you should expect and how you can help your child prepare for the upcoming school year. Parents of Kindergarteners are strongly encouraged to attend as future plans and curriculum for the remainder of the year will be discussed.



Community Awareness Walk...Discovering Our Community

Our Pre-K and Kindergarten students will visit local stores and businesses on Tuesday the 28th. This field trip is meant to enhance our students' awareness of the community and of the people and places neighboring our school. They will visit a local pharmacy, jewelry store, nail salon, and more. Children will be taking pictures of the visit themselves to document the trip.



School Raffle

This month raffle tickets will be available for purchase. This is a great opportunity to win one of four terrific prizes such as one month free tuition (or \$500 cash), a family 4-pack to Disneyland Theme Park, 2 tickets to the 20th Anniversary Gala on May 4th and the last prize is to be announced. Information & tickets will be distributed in the student mailboxes. See flyer for details. Winners will be drawn March 1st at the annual Tea Party.



REMINDER: Sanitizing & Hand Washing Procedure

Parents are urged to use the liquid hand sanitizer every morning **before** signing in their child. And continue to wash your child's hands before entering the classroom. This will continue to help us all stay healthy throughout the flu season.



Exercise

Each morning, our teachers and students exercise to develop better motor and movement skills. The fitness activities include stretching, aerobics, and dance. Parents are more than welcome to participate!



Bake Sale & School Sponsorship

We would like to extend our gratitude to the Muradian Family (parents of Alex-Pre-K) for their sponsorship of January's bake sale, breakfast for the whole school. In addition, we'd like to thank the Shekerdeman Family (parents of Nicole- Red) for their sponsorship of February's bake sale, breakfast for the whole school.

We are seeking sponsors for our monthly Bake Sales. If you are interested in contributing, kindly inform the school's office.

Monthly Donations- Thank you to all families that donated food to the school. Your contribution is greatly appreciated.

- Derderian Family (Vauna- KG and Lori & Krikor- Pre-K) lunch for KG
- Tutunjian Family (Nanar- Pre-K) lunch for Pre-K
- Moran Family (Daniel & Emily- KG) breakfast for KG
- Urfalyan Family (Alex- Pre-K) lunch for Pre-K

Wish List Sponsors- Thank you to the families that donated to the classrooms wish list. The children benefit so much from your thoughtful and generous donation.

- Dr. & Mrs. Alexanians (Daron- Red) \$200 donation
- Mr. & Mrs. Saghdejian (Arthur- Red) Flat screen TV and stand

Box Tops For Education



We sincerely thank all of the parents and students who submit box tops!!! Please continue to collect and turn them in to your child's teacher at the end of every month.



Parents' Visiting Day & Workshop

Thank you to all of the parents who attended the visiting day/workshop on January 20th.



School Donation

We would like to extend our gratitude and appreciation to Mr. Yeremian (Alumni of the school) from Mark Allen Cleaners. He graciously cleaned the clothing used for the Christmas Hantes. In addition, thank you to Mr. Stepanian (father of Shant-Pre-K) and Express Dry Cleaners for cleaning the dramatic area dresses. Thank you for your thoughtful contribution! Your generosity and kindness is greatly appreciated.



FEBRUARY DATES TO REMEMBER:



Parent Support Committee

-Thursday the 23rd

Meetings are held in the school's office at 8:30 p.m. We encourage all parents to join and bring ideas and suggestions. We will begin planning for the school's year end carnival. Your participation is appreciated!



Bake Sale

- Wednesday the 1st

The first Wednesday of every month we have a "Bake Sale" for the students. Each student purchases his/her breakfast for \$1.00 a piece (*please remember to send the money with your child*).



School Closed

Thursday the 16th - Vartanantz

Monday the 20th - President's Day



Birthday Celebrations

- Wednesday the 22nd

Students with a birthday in February will collectively celebrate their birthdays with their classmates. Parents are encouraged to view the festivities as the children sing "Happy Birthday" and eat their own cake made from scratch. Please ask your child's teacher for details.



Sharing Days

Students are allowed to bring a book to school on the first Friday of the month. The following Fridays they are allowed to bring either a book or a toy to share with their classmates. Please label your child's items.

You can read the "Gargach Newsletter" online on our school's website:

<http://www.tavlianpreschool.org/>

We welcome your suggestions, feedback and questions.

You may send emails to Director@TavlianPreschool.org

Best wishes for a happy and healthy 2012!

Courtney Maglio-Boyadjian (mother of Rocco - KG & Nicholas - Red)

Parent Support Committee