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GARGACH

AUGUST 2019

AUGUST HIGHLIGHTS

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DIRECTOR'S GREETING

Dear parents,

It is my great honor and pleasure to welcome all of you to the 2019-2020 academic school year. It is truly a privilege to be a part of a community where parents, teachers, and students care for each other and aim to build positive relationships that support academic and social growth. It is important for us to keep open lines of communication between home and school. Our goal is the unity; together we can make a difference and build a brighter future for our children. Our mission is to create a pleasant and nurturing early childhood play-based learning environment where children can grow and develop their social, emotional, and cognitive skills. We believe that a strong sense of Armenian culture and history should be set at a young age in order for our youth to grow up to be successful and active members of our community and outstanding Armenian-American citizens.

L. & H. Tavlian Preschool and Kindergarten is an exceptional place for your children. At Tavlian each child is an individual who deserves to be respected and appreciated for his/her unique character and abilities.

As the school director, I can ensure that we have an open door policy and we are always ready for any suggestions or constructive feedback.

I look forward to working with you and your children.



Sincerely,

Garine Joukadarian

Program Director

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

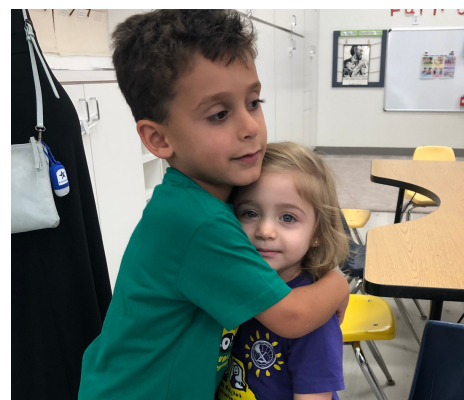
On the first day of school Mrs. Garine Joukadarian visited the classrooms to welcome the students and wish them a happy and a productive year!

KG & PRE-K

August 20, 2019

RED & PURPLE

August 21, 2019



WORDS FROM PSC PRESIDENT

It is an absolute honor to be President of PSC this year, and it is a privilege I will not take lightly. When my daughter first started at Tavlian three years ago, I was wildly impressed and in love with the school – so much that I wanted to be as involved as possible. I joined the first PSC meeting not exactly sure what I would be walking into and it ended up being a group of bright, helpful moms ready to do whatever necessary to make the school even more distinguished. I quickly realized that whether you were the president, treasurer or a member, the work was divided equally, and the credit and praise were also celebrated equally. I have two daughters at Tavlian now, Pre-K and Purple, so I plan to exert double the energy!



PSC is made up of a group of dedicated parents who want to devote their time, energy and ideas to enhancing Tavlian. We all know how Tavlian teachers and staff treat our children, like their own; so this is a small way for us to say thank-you for taking such excellent care of our children. With PSC's support, we can help the school thrive and continue providing superior education and care for our children. What we invest in our children during their earliest years will ensure a brighter, more prosperous future – and your help is significant and necessary to achieve this noteworthy goal.

Please join us for this month's meeting on Wednesday, September 11th, and the first Wednesday of each month thereafter at 7:30 pm in the school office. We look forward to getting all the members together to bounce ideas off each other on how to invest in the future of our little Tavlianties, our most valuable resources.

"There can be no keener revelation of a society's soul than the way in which it treats its children."

— NELSON MANDELA,
FORMER PRESIDENT OF SOUTH AFRICA

Sincerely,

Nareh Avanesian

PSC President

OPENING CEREMONY

On Friday, August 23rd, our official "Opening Ceremony" was held. The celebratory ceremony was kept short with an introduction to the school and a blessing from Rev. Father Boghos Baltayan. Also present were St. Sarkis Church Board of Trustees and Women's Auxiliary, Tavlian board members, along with the parents, guests, teachers and students. Following the official ceremony, the guests were hosted to a reception.





BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT

We had a great turnout of parents at the “Back to School Night” on Friday the 23rd. Parents were informed about the curriculum, classroom policies, drop off and pick up procedures, justification for fundraising, parent’s PIP and PSC activities. Parents’ presence was encouraging and was proof of their interest. Parents who attended the “Back to School Night” will receive 1 PIP hour. The PIP verification form must be submitted within one week.





BUBBLEMANIA



On Tuesday, August 27th, Bubblemania, presented an educational & entertaining program using soap bubbles. The children had such a great time watching and interacting with the bubbles!



RENOVATIONS

Over the summer, our school installed new flooring all over!



DONATIONS AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

We are truly blessed with the generosity of many special people. This spirit of generosity reflects the community support that is so critical to our school. We give great thanks to those who graciously donate their time and money to help improve the school. We truly appreciate **OUR DONARS** who are always willing to help without any hesitation. We thank you all for your kindness and generosity!

Food Sponsors

We'd like to thank **Old Sasoon Bakery** for donating breakfast for the School Opening Ceremony



K.G. ALLEN BALYAN /Lunch

KHATCHIK BABADJANIAN /Lunch

VAHAN MATOSSIAN /Whole school ice cream

PRE-K HAYK ARAKELIAN /Lunch

RED CHRISTIAN ANANIAN /Lunch

PURPLE NOAH MORALES /Lunch

We would like to extend our gratitude and appreciation to Mr. Koko Bachian (Ava's uncle/ **Red**) from Magic Cleaners for cleaning our dramatic play costumes and toys.

Thank you, Mr. & Mrs. Simon and Lucy Jebian, (Simon's parents / **Red**) for donating a Smart TV to the Red classroom.

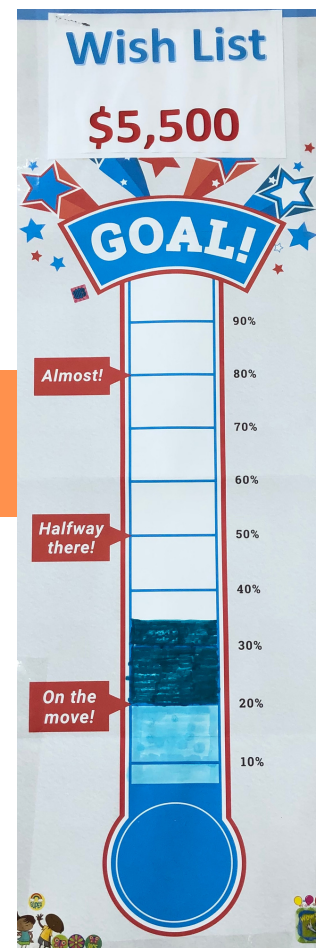
Thank you, Mr. & Mrs. Vahe & Christine Ebrahimi (Stephan & Alexander's parents / **Red** and **Pre-K**) for donating educational indoor and outdoor games for our students.

Please accept our heartfelt thank you for your donations!

WISH LIST

As we announced during our Back to School Night, this year our goal is to have outdoor and indoor materials, furniture, and games. We needed to raise \$5,500. So far, we were able to collect \$1,900. We still need \$3,600 to reach our goal and to make our young children's dream become true.

We will announce the names of the donors in our next monthly newsletter, Gargach.



BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

August Birthdays

Celebrated on Thursday, August 29th!

The birthday kids made special hats to celebrate their birthdays. 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.



KG Khatchik Babadjanian
Allen Balyan
Vahan Matossian

PRE K Hayk Arakelyan

RED Christian Ananian

PURPLE Noah Morales



AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS

Dance

After School
Armenian Dance is
every Tuesday from
3:00 p.m. to 4:00
p.m.



Music

After School Music Program is every Wednesday from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.



Chess

**After School Chess
program Every
Thursday 3:00 – 4:00
pm. Only K.G. student
may participate.**



PARENT INVOLVEMENT

Volunteering at events will help maintain and improve the environment where our children spend many of their waking hours learning the academic and social skills that will be the foundation of their future.

VOLUNTEER

all that's missing is U!

We would like to encourage parents to participate in their children's activities. Each family is asked to volunteer 25 hours of their time. Sign-up sheets with specific time slots are posted outside for those of you that would like to participate. We highly encourage you to please take the time to sign up and support our school. Make sure to record your hours with the school by requesting and completing a PIP credit form. The administration will record and maintain all service hours.

PIP

It is the parent's responsibility to obtain a PIP form from the school office. Please fill it out and return to the school office **within 7 days** of the volunteering event. It is not the teachers, administrative staff or PSC member's responsibility to remember when parents volunteer or for how long. Thank you so much for your cooperation!



The Tavlian PSC is excited to let you know about our participation in the “**Box Tops for Education**” fundraising program. Box Tops is a program that allows consumers to clip small coupons off of hundreds of food products and donate them to a school. Please start clipping and saving the box top coupons today! Flyers with additional information will be sent home soon.



Amazon smile can give back to Tavlian Preschool

- STEP 1** Go to smile.amazon.com
- STEP 2** sign in or sign up with an amazon account
- STEP 3** Indicate your support for **Armenian Apostolic Church of Pasadena**
- STEP 4** Go to smile.amazon.com instead of amazon.com whenever you shop on amazon

UPCOMING EVENTS



- SEP 2 Labor Day- school closed
- SEP 3 Dinosaurs Rock
- SEP 4 Bake sale
- SEP 5 Red breakfast with grandparents
Purple snack with grandparents
- SEP 6 KG breakfast with grandparents
Pre-K snack with grandparents
- SEP 9 Chocolate sale begins
- SEP 11 Patriot Day- Talk about 
- SEP 12 Police presentation about safety/
KG fingerprints
- SEP 17 KG goes to Kidspace museum
- SEP 19 Armenian T-shirt day 
- SEP 20 Armenian Independence Day- School closed
- SEP 23 Purple group meeting forum
- SEP 24 Red group meeting forum
- SEP 25 Pre-K group meeting forum
- SEP 26 KG group meeting forum
- SEP 27 Chocolate sale due



SAVE THE DATE

- OCT 20 School Carnival 
- DEC 15 Christmas Program 
- MAR 12 Community Tea party
- MAY 8 Mother's Day Celebration 
- JUNE 12 Kindergarten Graduation 

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We welcome your suggestions, feedback and questions. You may send emails to
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BROUGHT TO YOU BY
Talyn Simonian
Michael's mom from **Green Class**
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