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Լեւոն եւ Յասմիկ Թաւլեան Ազգային Մանկամտօր եւ Մանկապարտեզ  
St. Sarkis Armenian Apostolic Church of Pasadena  
Levon & Hasmig Tavlian Armenian Pre-School & Kindergarten



# GARGACH Newsletter



## March 2013



### Registration Packet Distribution

Registration for the 2013-2014 school year will begin in March. Distribution of the packets will be the first week of March. Most of our planning for next year will depend on student enrollment figures that are determined by the registration process. Registration for Purple going to Red is due March 12<sup>th</sup>. Registration for Red going to Pre-K is due March 13<sup>th</sup>. Registration for Pre-K going to KG is due March 14<sup>th</sup>. Therefore, the school urges parents to be attentive to this important matter and **promptly return the forms & fees on or before the assigned date.**



### Kindergarten Report Cards & Open House for all classes

**PIP**

On Friday the 1<sup>st</sup> 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.



### Dr. Seuss' Birthday

Special activities will take place on Friday the 1<sup>st</sup> in celebration of Dr. Seuss' birthday. Dr. Seuss has provided children with the opportunity to use their imagination while learning a moral lesson.



### Bake Sale/Michink Food Sale



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*).

For the month of March, we will celebrate "Michink" or the middle of the Lenten season with traditional Lenten foods. The kata will have a foil-wrapped coin hidden inside the pastry; whoever gets the slice with the coin in it is said to receive good luck! The bake sale will be held on March 6 for the Michink.

The PTSC will be selling kata on Tuesday the 5<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday the 6<sup>th</sup>.



### Community Tea Party

Tavlian Preschool will host its 16<sup>th</sup> annual Community Tea Party on Thursday the 7<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 p.m. The focus of the event is to offer an annual social event; it provides an opportunity for committee members, board members, the PTSC, parishioners, community members, faculty and staff to share a lovely evening.



### Kindergarten students shopping trip & community walk



On Friday the 8<sup>th</sup>, our kindergarten students will visit Vons supermarket for a shopping trip. Our little consumers will have \$5 on hand to spend on their items of choice. The purpose of this field trip is to teach our students about math and making nutritious choices. Teachers will also distribute flyers/cards drawn by their students about the Earth and recycling.



### **Spring Forward...Daylight Savings**

Don't forget to put your clocks ahead 1 hour on the evening of the 9<sup>th</sup> so that on Sunday the 10<sup>th</sup> in the morning, you wake up to the correct time. Let's get ready for Spring, which begins on March 20!



### **Mad Science**

On Tuesday the 12<sup>th</sup>, our Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten students will participate in an in-house enrichment program. The Mad Science program is an interactive, hands-on learning experience whereby the students enjoy demonstrations and perform simple experiments.



### **College Funding Seminar**

On Wednesday the 13<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30 p.m. Tavlian will host a college funding seminar to help give parents a leg up on funding their child's college education. More information will be sent home with students.



### **Visit to Western Prelacy**

On Wednesday the 13<sup>th</sup>, Pre-K and KG will take a trip to the Western Prelacy. They will tour the various rooms, go to the chapel and pray, as well as sing for the Serpazan. This is a wonderful opportunity for the kids to be exposed to an element of the Armenian culture and religion.



### **Career Presentation**

On the 15<sup>th</sup>, Dr. Stepan Kasimian (Aiden-KG class) will come to the school to discuss his profession as a spine surgeon.



### **"Good Food" Market Shopping Excursion**

Our Pre-K students will take a trip to "Good Food" Market on Tuesday the 19<sup>th</sup>. Our little consumers will have \$5 on hand to spend on their items of choice. The purpose of this field trip is to teach our students about math and making nutritious choices.



### **Lunch Box Day**

On Wednesday the 20<sup>th</sup>, please pack and send a nutritious lunch for your child in his/her favorite lunch box. Please keep in mind to avoid items with berries and nuts, as they pose a serious health risk to some students.



### **Egg Painting**

On Wednesday the 20<sup>th</sup> and Thursday the 21<sup>st</sup>, our entire student body will participate in coloring Easter eggs. Our students will turn regular hard-boiled eggs into colorful Easter decorations. Decorating Easter eggs is not only a tradition and creative outlet, but also an activity that will build your child's fine motor skills. We would like to thank Janet Derderian (Grandmother of Krikor & Lori Derderian-KG and Ani Arouchian-KG class) for her generous donation of 400 hundred of eggs.



### **Holy Mass**

Rev. Father Khoren Babochian will visit our school on Friday the 22<sup>nd</sup>. Our students will participate in Holy Mass.



### Easter Egg Hunting

PIP

This event is celebrated at school on the last day before Easter vacation, March 22, where children will hunt for eggs strategically placed around the school grounds. The school will be closed at 11:45 a.m. SHARP.



### Volunteer Appreciation Dinner

Tavlian Preschool will recognize and honor our Parent Support Committee members, parent volunteers, and Godmothers at a special annual appreciation dinner on March 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 p.m. at the school. Our volunteers serve as an important part of our school's team, providing young people valuable role models and offering many benefits to the students and the school.



Each day the teachers interact with each of our children in a very unique way. As we all know, *kids say and do the darnedest things!* The teachers thought it would be fun to share a funny story each month with the parents. Enjoy!

This month in red class, during free play time, the school's fire alarm sounded. One of the kids, thinking it was drill practice said, "Oryort!!! Ms. Helen is playing hide and seek again."



### Donations - Received...

Thank you for your thoughtful contributions; your generosity is greatly appreciated. If anyone would like to sponsor a bake sale, kindly inform the school's office. We would like to extend our gratitude for the following recent donations to:

- Stepanian Family (Shant KG class) for sponsoring the bake sale for February
- Alexanians Family (Dion Red) Lunch for class
- Alexanians Family (Daron Pre-K) Lunch for class
- Poladian Family (Silia Pre-K) Lunch for class
- Barseghian Family (Vahan Purple) Breakfast for class
- Jebian Family (Chloe Purple) Lunch for class

## 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.



## Parent Involvement Reminder

Don't forget to complete your family's PIP requirement of 20 hours before the end of the school year. For questions about the program, you can contact the PIP Coordinator Maral Arslanian (Lucine's mom-Red) at [pip@tavlianpreschool.org](mailto:pip@tavlianpreschool.org). Each month's tuition invoice will reflect your current PIP balance.



## MARCH DATES TO REMEMBER:



## Parent Support Committee

-Thursday the 14th

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!



## Birthday Celebrations

- Thursday the 14<sup>th</sup>

Students with a birthday in March 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.



**Happy St. Patrick's Day**  
-Sunday the 17<sup>th</sup>



**School Closed**

Friday March 22

11:45 a.m. Easter Vacation Begins

Monday March 25-Monday April 1 Easter Vacation (return to school Tuesday April 2)



**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.



**Happy Easter**

-Sunday the 31<sup>st</sup>



**SAVE THE DATE:**

**June 2<sup>nd</sup>**- Kindergarten graduation. The event will take place at Lake Ave. Church in Pasadena at 4 p.m.

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](mailto:Director@TavlianPreschool.org)



Happy Spring & Happy Easter!

Courtney Maglio-Boyadjian (mother of Nicholas-Pre-K)

Parent Support Committee