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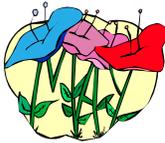


# GARGACH Newsletter



May 2013

**Happy Mother's Day!!  
Teacher's Appreciation Month**



The month of May is filled with special days and events. May is also when we honor special people: mothers, grandmothers, and teachers. We appreciate all that these special people do for us all throughout the year.



**Storytelling, Grandma Tina**

Grandma Tina Alexanians (Daron-Pre-K and Dion-Red ), the story teller was a unique and wonderful treat. Along with the story telling, she generously donated 85 hats and some toys for the kids. Special thanks to Grandma Tina!



### Celebration

In recognition of Cinco de Mayo, Tavlian is hosting a Mariachi Band for the children to enjoy. The school will serve tacos for lunch on this day.



### Teachers' Appreciation Dinner

May is Teachers' Appreciation Month! Teaching is often a thankless job that has implications far into the future. In recognition of the impact teachers have on all of us, the PTSC will honor our teachers for the invaluable work they do each day. The appreciation brunch will take place on Saturday the 4<sup>th</sup> at the Panossian Residence (Sophia-Pre-K). We thank our beloved teachers for the lasting contributions they make to our lives. And a special thanks to Tanya Panossian for hosting the brunch at her home!!

It is important for our parents and the community to know how multitalented the faculty at Tavlian really is. So here are a few tid bits of information you may or may not know about each of our wonderful teachers...

*Lilit* - a master in puppetry

*Nayiri* - can calm down the worst tantrum

*Karineh* - newcomer, already excellent

*Ashkhen* - a painter and extremely creative

*Aida* - the kids huggy bear and does outside shopping for school

*Seta* - expert in arranging & coordinating, keeping the school organized

*Sandy* - teaches children about their history, culture, tapestry & checkers

*Mary* - a decorator, a carpenter, a seamstress & a designer

*Caroline* - has magic dust for teaching children & helps other teachers a lot

*Suzy* - collects the best songs & lyrics for music class

*Marineh* - a ballerina & choreographer

*Lena* - a storyteller & poem writer

*Alice* - our nutritionist

*Lucy* - our Mary Poppins

*Karineh* - our devoted cook

*Helen* - our fearless leader



### Zumba for Kids

Special thanks to Mrs. Pezeshkian McHaney for graciously coaching our children each Tuesday morning.



### **Mothers & Grandmothers Celebration/Seed Planting**

This is a day to honor the special bond between mothers & grandmothers along with their children & grandchildren. Tavlian Preschool invites both mothers and grandmothers to our campus to spend a morning enjoying student musical performances and classroom activities. Below are the dates and times for this cherished annual event:

Wednesday the 1<sup>st</sup>-

Purple class at 9:30 a.m..

Thursday the 2<sup>nd</sup>-

Red class at 9:30 a.m.

Wednesday the 8<sup>th</sup>-

Kindergarten class at 10 a.m

Friday the 10<sup>th</sup>-

Pre-Kindergarten at 10 a.m.



### **Restaurant Fundraiser Night**

Come join us for a fun, flavorful evening with families from Tavlian! We are hosting a restaurant night at the Pasadena El Torito restaurant on Thursday May 9. El Torito will donate 15% of the sales from our group to benefit Tavlian Preschool & Kindergarten. We encourage family and friends to attend the restaurant night. You may dine-in or take out; please be sure to submit your flyer to the restaurant upon payment.



### **Ascension Folk Tradition "Hampartsoom"**

On Thursday the 9<sup>th</sup>, Tavlian Preschool will celebrate Hampartsoom/Ascension with a visit from an Armenian Folk Band.

In the Armenian folk tradition, the feast of the Ascension (the rising of Christ) was a festive day particularly cherished by young girls. Small amounts of water were fetched from seven springs and pebbles from seven hills and these were placed in a large container. Each girl would place a small personal item in a covered container. As the virgin young girl sitting by the container pulled an item at random, she would make a wish for the owner of the item. Young girls believed that their fortune would come true during the course of the year. The process was called "Vijaghanoutioun" meaning lottery. Traditionally, the wish came ready-made in the form of folk songs and folk poems, of which hundreds have survived and put to print. Our students will learn these songs and poems from Anush Opera!



### Visit to Chamlian

On the 24<sup>th</sup>, students who are registered to attend Chamlian will visit the school and depart Tavlian at 8:45 a.m. Those students who are not registered will stay at school with one Kindergarten teacher.



### Summer School Registration

Tavlian Preschool is enrolling and registering students for our upcoming 2013 summer program. To help the school determine class size and staffing needs, the school asks that parents complete the registration process and promptly return the forms. The first day of summer school is Monday June 10<sup>th</sup>.

### 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. In addition, please continue to collect box tops over the summer and submit them in August at the start of school.



### Donations - Received...

We would like to extend our gratitude for the following recent donations to:

- Director Helen Manoucherians (grandmother of Raffi & Nshan-Red) for sponsoring the April bake sale for the whole school
- Baghoomian Family (Sophia-Red) Lunch for Red
- Minassian Family (Alwand-Pre-K) Lunch for Pre-K plus ice cream for the whole school
- Jebian Family (Chloe-Purple) Lunch in memory of Or. Nayiri's late father
- Tatoulia Family (Lia-Purple & Alexia-KG) Lunch for Purple and KG
- DerArtinian Family (Cynthia-Red) Breakfast for Red
- Terzyan Family (Michael-Red) Lunch for Red
- Pilibosian Family (Anush-KG) Breakfast for KG

Teachers are extremely grateful for the donations that helped to accomplish their classroom wish lists. We greatly appreciate parent's support!



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!

Michelle was drawing and painting. All of a sudden, the teacher saw that she was scribbling the face of the person so that the face was now darkened. Knowing Michelle, the teacher understood that she didn't like the drawing and asked, "it was a nice face, why did you scribble on it?" Michelle answered, "now the person is wearing a mask". They both laughed!



### **SAVE THE DATE:**

**May 30<sup>th</sup>** - Kindergarten graduation rehearsal from 12-3 p.m.

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



### **MAY DATES TO REMEMBER:**



#### **Parent Support Committee**

-Thursday the 2<sup>nd</sup> and Thursday the 30<sup>th</sup>

The PSC meeting will take place 8:30 p.m. in the school's office. We encourage all parents to join and bring ideas and suggestions.



#### **Birthday Celebrations**

- Thursday the 23<sup>rd</sup>

Students with a birthday in May 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.



### School Closed

Monday the 27<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday the 28<sup>th</sup> - School will be closed for Memorial Day & Armenian Independence Day



### 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](mailto:Director@TavlianPreschool.org)



For updates on Tavlian events, activities and announcements!

Happy Spring!

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

Parent Support Committee