



LEVON & HASMIK TAVLIAN PRESCHOOL

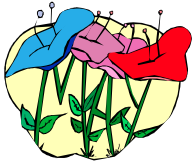
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GARGACH Newsletter



May 2012

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.



Zumba for Kids

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



Hatz Banir Night

This traditional story reading and "hatz banir" evening was held last month. It was organized by Oryort Helen and the teachers. They introduced the audience to old Armenian games.



Grandmothers' Celebration/Seed Planting

This is a day to honor the special bond between grandparents and their grandchildren. Tavlian Preschool invites 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:

Tuesday the 1st - Kindergarten class at 10 a.m.

Tuesday the 8th - Purple class at 9:30 a.m.

Wednesday the 9th - Red class at 9:30 a.m.

Friday the 11th - Pre-Kindergarten at 10 a.m.



Visit to Chamlian

On the 10th, 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.



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 dinner will take place on Friday the 11th at the Khayalian Residence (Hagop-KG and Talar-Purple) in Pasadena. We thank our beloved teachers for the lasting contributions they make to our lives. And a special thanks to Sylva Khayalian for hosting the dinner at her home!!



Ascension Folk Tradition "Hampartsoom"

On Thursday the 17th, Tavlian Preschool will celebrate Hampartsoom with a visit from an Armenian Folk Band.

In the Armenian folk tradition, the feast of the Ascension 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 an older woman 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 "Vijag." 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 as well!



Special Dolma Lunch

On Friday the 18th, our students will partake in a delicious lunch donated by Godmother Vartuhi Sahakian. Our school's Godmothers will make cabbage dolma for our kids to enjoy. Special thanks to all Godmothers who assist in this intricate process.



Suzan & Kids

Our school's beloved adopted grandmother and volunteer, Ms. Suzan, is set to read to our students on Monday the 21st. As always, Ms. Suzan will donate the books to our school and provide snacks for our kids.



Bubblemania

Our young learners had a dynamic educational treat on Friday the 25th. Bubblemania is a science-based in-house field trip which fascinated our students with the fun and colorful world of bubbles.



Summer School Registration

Tavlian Preschool is enrolling and registering students for our upcoming 2012 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 25th.

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:

- Khayalian Family (parents of Kareen-Red) for sponsoring the April bake sale for the whole school
- Nenejian Family (Joseph-Pre K) Lunch for Pre K
- Minassian Family (Alwand-Red) Lunch for Red class plus ice cream for the whole school
- Khayalian Family (parents of Hagop-KG and Talar-Purple) Lunch for KG
- Tatoulian Family (Alexia-Pre K) Lunch for Pre K
- Baghoomian Family (Sophia-Purple) Lunch for Purple



SAVE THE DATE:

June 1st - Kindergarten graduation rehearsal at 3:30 p.m.

June 2nd - Kindergarten graduation. The event will take place beginning at 4 p.m. at The Westminster Presbyterian Church 1757 North Lake Avenue Pasadena, CA



MAY DATES TO REMEMBER:



Our 20th Anniversary Banquet

-Friday May 4th

Tickets are available in the school office. Please support the school and buy one or more raffle tickets. The cost is \$20 per ticket. The prizes are amazing, 1st prize, \$3000 or 1 year tuition, 2nd prize, Heritage Cruise for two, 3rd prize, a new iPad 3.



Parent Support Committee

-Thursday the 17th and Thursday the 31st

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 24th

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 28th - School will be closed for Armenian Independence Day & Memorial 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

Happy Spring!

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

Parent Support Committee