



Hamasdegh PTA Weekly Newsletter

February 13, 2020

Dear Hamasdegh Parent,

We would like to thank *Linda Najarian* for signing up and lending a hand at lunch last Sunday. Thank you to the *Kechichian* family for donating orange juice for students to enjoy during lunch. Please note the special sign up for this Sunday's Poon Paregentan Party below.

What a great tradition we have created in our school community! The Valentine's-Day-themed bake sale was a huge success! We had a huge variety of treats, ranging from cake pops to medovik (Russian honey cake). A big thank you to all the bakers and purchasers who made this fundraising effort possible. All the proceeds from the bake sale (over \$500) will be used toward the cost of the dance costumes for the year-end hantes.





Update on costumes: The deposit of \$2,000 has been made to start the work on Armenian dance costumes, for students in the 2nd through 8th grade for their year-end hantes dance performance (vests and sash for 18 boys (\$55) and full costumes for 27 girls (\$110)). We would like to sincerely thank those who already donated to help Hamasdegh School and the PTA with the cost of the costumes. Any parent or community member who would like to help financially, please donate directly to the school.

At the Parent Coffee last Sunday, Taline concert committee was formed (thank you all for volunteering!). In the coming months, the committee will be working hard to make the concert an unforgettable experience for the broader community children. Concert and ticket info coming soon!

Our last parent coffee of the year along with the General Meeting will be in June when we will also vote for the new PTA Executive Board members. If you are interested in being a part of a dynamic group of parents (dads are welcome!) who enrich Hamasdegh students' Armenian school experience with various activities and events, please email us to be considered for a PTA Executive Board position!



It's that time of the year again! The PTA will host a Poon Paregentan Party – an Armenian style Mardi Gras – this Sunday for all Hamasdegh Students before the Great Lenten season begins. Pizza lunch and refreshments will be provided. There will be music, games and festivities. The festivities will take place during school hours from 10:30am to 12:00pm. The

success of this event depends on parent volunteers! Please [sign up](#) to be part of the fun and plan to meet with PTA organizers at 10 am!

Of interest



On March 15th, 2020 at 2:30PM at Soorp Khatch, Hamazkayin DC will be starting its first dance class for the **Hamazkayin Ethnographic Dance Group** - preferably for ages in 4th grade and up (adults included and encouraged).

Ethnographic dance is not one that is choreographed, but pulls dances from villages in Armenia that have kept and passed on their traditions. The group will be taught and lead by

current Hamasdegh Dance Instructor, **Alex Avaneszadeh**. On the first day of class, the group will meet for a lesson, but will also use the time to evaluate people's interests, age and to determine the amount of classes needed to accommodate each age group. If interested, please reach out to Alex at alex.avaneszadeh@gmail.com!

Community News

Armenian Festival

A festival dedicated to the Armenian culture, music and films named "Armenian Odyssey" will be held from February 29 to March 14 in Washington DC. The festival is organized by the National Gallery of Art in Washington, the Armenian Embassy to the US and the National Cinema Center of Armenia. For more information or to get tickets, refer to the following links:

<https://www.nga.gov/calendar/film-programs/armenian-odyssey.html>

<https://cathedral.org/event/an-armenian-odyssey/>

Narek Hakhnazaryan Concert



2020 marks the centennial of the establishment of diplomatic relations between the US and the Armenian Republic. A concert dedicated to the momentous occasion in the shared history between American and Armenian people and featuring one of the world's most acclaimed cellists, Narek Hakhnazaryan, will be held on March 6, 2020, 7:30 pm at the National Press

Club. Follow [this link](#) for more details and tickets.

HAMASDEGH SCHOOL PTA



*Day of Good Living
Poon Paregentan Party*

on
Sunday, February 16, 2020
10:30am
(during Armenian School)

Soorp Khatch Church Hall

Lunch and refreshments for all students

Music, games and festivities
before Lent begins on February 24th.

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Hamazkayin Armenian Educational and Cultural Society
Washington D.C. Chapter

Introduces newly formed dance classes of the

**HAMAZKAYIN
ETHNOGRAPHIC
DANCE GROUP**



Photo: "Սասնա ճոճի" ազգայնական հանդիս

Start Date: March 15, 2020 | 2:30 - 4:30 PM
SOORP KHATCH ARMENIAN CHURCH
4906 Flint Dr, Bethesda, MD, 20816

Dance Instructor: **Alex Avaneszadeh**
For questions and/or to enroll:
email alex.avaneszadeh@gmail.com
Or Garbo Afarian at garbotravel@gmail.com

Important Links

- [Join the PTA](#)
- [Get Involved! Join a committee](#)
- [Complete the parent survey](#)
- [Amazon Smile](#)

PTA EVENTS - SAVE THE DATE!!

February 16, 10:30-12:00pm	Poon Paregentan Party (do not pack lunch)
February 23 - March 31	Food Drive

[Full Calendar of Events \(pdf\)](#)

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