



Hamasdegh PTA Weekly Newsletter

February 6, 2020

Dear Hamasdegh Parent,

We are always grateful for our wonderful group of dedicated parents and volunteers for lunch duty. A big thank you to *Rita Deurdulian* and *Vana Ghazarian* who signed up online and helped with lunch duty last Sunday. Please [sign up](#) to be a lunch duty volunteer this Sunday.

Speaking of dedicated parents, we want to extend our sincere gratitude and appreciation to *Tsoghig Hekimian* and *Alice Krikorian* for their tremendous efforts to take the measurements of all Hamasdegh students last Sunday. This effort was in preparation of ordering Armenian dance costumes for students in the 2nd through 8th grade for their year-end hantes dance performance. We are happy to inform you that the order for dance costumes has been placed to be made in Armenia. As noted in last week's newsletter, this is a tremendous and expensive endeavor (vests for 19 boys and full costumes for 28 girls, each at ~\$100 cost) and for any parent or community member who would like to help financially, please contact the school. We would like to sincerely thank those who already donated to help Hamasdegh School and the PTA with the cost of the costumes.

Hamasdegh PTA hosted an Alex & Ani Fundraiser on Saturday, February 1, at their Tysons Corner location. 15 percent of all purchases made between 3-6 pm went to Hamasdegh School. If you missed this opportunity to support our school, we plan another such fundraiser in late April or early May. So stay tuned.



PTA Annual Bake Sale is here! CALLING ALL STUDENTS!!! If you can bake, it's a chance to show your talent and help raise funds for the PTA! [Sign up](#) to bake and bring delicious treats to school on **February 9**. Drop them off with a PTA member in the morning, then stop by after school to watch the PTA sell your treats, and enjoy treats made by your fellow classmates! Dear parents, please place a label with your child's name and grade on the donated treat and indicate whether it is nut-free.



PTA Parent Coffee on February 9, 9:30-10:30am. Join us for our third parent coffee of the year to meet other parents, hear about upcoming events & learn how to get involved in the PTA. We will discuss the logistics of the upcoming Taline's concert. If you are interested or know someone who would be interested in volunteering their time to organize this popular event for our children, please stop by or drop us an email.

Save the date!

Poon Paregantan Party on February 16, during school hours. The PTA will host a Paregantan Party – an Armenian style Mardi Gras – 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 success of this event depends on parent volunteers! Please [sign up](#) to be part of the fun!



Did you know?

Hamasdegh School offered beginner chess lessons over lunch last Sunday teaching basic strategy and rules to students, while others, more experienced players, competed on their own. Chess lessons will continue in the coming weeks, and any help from parents or grandparents is welcome.

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!

Meet Your TEACHER



4th Grade

About Me

Hello! My name is Anni Sherikjian. This is my 20th year teaching at Hamasdegh School, and it is fun teaching 4th grade students.

I was born in Aleppo, Syria as the youngest of three daughters. I attended Grtasirats Elementary School, then Karen Jeppe Secondary School. I received a nursing degree from a University of Aleppo.

I moved to the United States in 2000, married my husband Levon the same year. We have two handsome boys: George (19) and John (15). They play ice hockey and keep me busy with their practices and traveling to tournaments and games.



A few of my favorite things

Color:	White	Armenian dish:	Manti
Season:	Summer	Armenian movie:	The Promise
Animal:	Colorful fish	Armenian book:	Zartonk
Restaurant:	Lebanese Taverna	Armenian author:	Hovanness Toumanyan
Store:	Michaels	Hobby:	Knitting, sewing, crocheting

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.



Bake Sale

9th of February
Support Hamasdegh PTA
Tasty treats. Valentine sweets and more!

CALLING ALL STUDENTS! Sign up to bring a treat of your choice (signup genius via email). Bake or buy. Drop off goods with a PTA member in the morning. Thank you for helping raise money for the PTA.



PLEASE JOIN THE PTA OF
HAMASDEGH SCHOOL

FOR A
PARENT COFFEE

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9TH AT 9:30-10:30 AM
COFFEE AND PASTRIES WILL BE SERVED.

MEET OTHER PARENTS, HEAR ABOUT THE UPCOMING
EVENTS & LEARN HOW TO GET INVOLVED IN THE PTA.



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**

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 9, 9:30-10:30am	Parent Coffee
February 9, 12:30-2:30pm	Bake Sale
February 16, 10:30-12:00pm	Poon Paregentan Party
February 23 - March 31	Food Drive

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

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[Hamasdegh School Facebook Page](#)



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