



Hamasdegh PTA Weekly Newsletter

January 23, 2020

Dear Hamasdegh Parent,

We continue to be amazed by the generosity of our community, week in, week out. A big thank you to a wonderful group of dedicated parents -- *Perdita Rostomian, Lorig Kevorkian and Emma Soghomonian* -- for volunteering during lunch hour last Sunday. Please [sign up](#) to be a lunch duty volunteer and serve pizza to students this Sunday, or [sign up](#) to help with a fun cookie decorating party the same day (see below)!

Our community is growing! We would like to extend a warm welcome to the *Poochikian* family who joined our school community recently. We are very excited to meet you and hope you get the chance to attend many of our events throughout the year.



January Pizza Day is here! Hamasdegh PTA will offer a complimentary lunch on January 26, which will include two slices of Domino's cheese pizza and Honest organic juice box. Please DO NOT PACK LUNCH for your children that day. *A big thank you to the Kechichian family for donating mini cupcakes and mini cinnamon rolls to be served to our students along with the pizza!* If your family would like to donate a healthy snack (e.g., fruit, Gogurt or any other nut free, allergy free treats) for February Pizza Day (February 16), please email us at hamasdeghpta@gmail.com.

Cookie Decorating and Hot Cocoa Party! Beat the winter blues with hot cocoa and cookie decorating party on January 26, 1-2:30pm. Frosting, sprinkles and sugar galore, join us to decorate some cookies and more! Suggested donation: \$5/child. To make this a successful and fun event, we need your help! Please [sign up](#) to help before, during or after the event. Thank you as always.

Meet Your TEACHER

5th Grade

About Me

My name is Araz Kazanjian Shahabian and this is my second year teaching 5th grade at Hamasdegh School. I moved to DC in 2015 from Lebanon. I'm married and have a three-year-old son, Garo, and a nine month old daughter, Areen.

I attended Melankton and Haig Arslanian Djemaran in Beirut, and obtained a Business Administration Certificate from London Chamber of Commerce and Industry and a Risk Management Certificate from Haigazian University in Beirut.

I was an active member of HMEM for 25 years, 20 of them as a scout and a scout leader, and five as a scouting committee member. I love scouting and the positive values that it imparts in kids. I also love teaching and advocating for new generations.

I have 15 years of insurance industry experience in Lebanon and internationally. I'm now a stay at home mom taking care of my babies. My goal is to return to the workforce soon in a capacity that provides for work and family life balance.



A few of my favorite things

Color: Green

Season: Spring

Restaurant: Le Diplomate

Store: Zara

Armenian book: Zartonk

Armenian dish: Manteh, keufteh, zeytov sarma

Armenian movie: Ararat, Gikor, Mayrig

Armenian poet: Hovanness Toumanyann

Musical style: Ashoughagan

Hobbies: Traveling and exploring world cultures

Community News: 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/>

Important Links

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



PTA EVENTS - SAVE THE DATE!!

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| January 26, 11:00-12:00pm | Pizza Day sponsored by PTA (do not pack lunch) |
| January 26, 1:00pm - 2:30pm | Cookie Decorating and Hot Cocoa Party |
| 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 |

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

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