

Hamasdegh PTA Weekly Newsletter

November 21, 2019

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Message from the PTA Chairwoman

Dear Hamasdegh Families,

The Hamasdegh PTA is privileged and humbled to be able to continue to serve Hamasdegh School community. Over the past two Sundays, we successfully executed two new initiatives: Field trip for upper grades and Christmas Bazaar. Both initiatives were met with remarkable enthusiasm, excitement and tremendous support from both within and outside of our community. The feedback we received so far has been astounding and somewhat overwhelming!

As we approach this Thanksgiving season, I would like to take this opportunity to express how thankful I am to the PTA Board members and other PTA members who volunteer in so many different capacities. All this would not have been possible without their dedication and commitment. Your time, effort, patience and creativity are priceless, and have not gone unnoticed.

I would also like to thank the local businesses that have partnered with the PTA to help us realize our goals for our children. Most importantly, I am grateful to Der Hayr, the Board of Trustees, the school administration, teachers and other support staff for affording us the opportunity to be so integrally involved in enriching the curriculum and fostering the well-being of our children.

Last but not least, I would like to thank the PTA Board for their dedication to our students and our school. They have gladly and unwaveringly given their time and efforts to bring our community closer, and support our educators as they do one of the most important and difficult jobs in our community.

The Hamasdegh PTA wishes you and your loved ones a blessed and Happy Thanksgiving!

Sincerely,

Shushan Hakobyan

Hamasdegh School Christmas Bazaar: If you had the chance to take part in PTA's inaugural Christmas Bazaar last Sunday, you would have seen all the hustle and bustle of the day. We had a successful and fun day, everyone already feeling the Christmas cheer with all the amazing vendors and products up for grabs. Maybe you took a selfie in front of the Christmas

wall backdrop with funny glasses and hats, maybe you enjoyed a delicious kebab sandwich from Sasuns Cafe, or indulged in delicious homemade desserts, or perhaps you shortened your Christmas list by getting a head start on your shopping from the large selection of gifts including handmade jewelry, clothing and Christmas ornaments from Armenia, children's books, kitchenware, greeting cards, bath and body products, and so much more. All we know is we couldn't have done it without you. Thank you for all your support and thank you to all our amazing volunteers who worked so hard to make this event a success! Visit the school's Facebook page for more pictures.













If you missed the Christmas Bazaar... you can still get great Christmas gifts from the PTA store, including a wide selection of HDIF Christmas ornaments, an autographed copy of Lavash recipe book (only one copy left!), travel mug with trchnakir alphabet, Arpi Krikorian espresso cups, mugs, dessert plates, aprons, pot holders, tote bags and many other items. Order online and pick up this Sunday. If you pre-ordered books from Armenian Kids Club or coffee bags from Henry's House of Coffee, your order has arrived and will be available for pickup this Sunday as well.



Our community is growing! We would like to extend a warm welcome to *Anbarian-Stevick*, *Kechichian*, and *Ramadan* families 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.

November Pizza Day is here! Hamasdegh PTA will offer a complimentary lunch on November 24, 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. If your family would like to donate a healthy snack (e.g., fruit, Gogurt or any other nut free, allergy free treats), please email us at hamasdeghpta@gmail.com. Please sign up to be a lunch duty volunteer and serve pizza to students this Sunday. Note that students will have lunch in their classrooms due to the ARS Thanksgiving Luncheon.

Parent Coffee and the first PTA General Meeting of the year is this Sunday, November 24, 9:30-10:30am. We'd love to see you there! At the General Meeting, PTA Board members will give an overview of planned activities and present a budget proposal for the 2019-20 school year. They will also be available to answer questions about various activities and how to get involved.

Why come to the PTA General Meeting?

• Connect with other parents.

- Be the first to hear about important news and upcoming events at school.
- Have a voice in the activities and programs the PTA supports.
- Learn how Hamasdegh students and teachers benefit from the work of the PTA.
- Volunteer your time, at school or at home, to make a difference in our school community.

Reminder: There will be no school on Sunday, December 1, for the Thanksgiving Holiday. Due to the holiday, there will be no newsletter next week.



6th Grade

About Me

Hello, my name is Elo Tanashian, and this is my 18th year teaching at Hamasdegh School. I am very excited for the year ahead with sixth grade students. I was born in Aleppo, Syria and moved to the US in 2000 with my family. I have two children, Galin and Hrag, who both attended and graduated from Hamasdegh School. In Aleppo, I attended Lazar Najarian Kalouste Gulbenkian Armenian College as well as Aleppo University where I got a degree in Agriculture. I am a member of the Armenian Relief Society Washington DC Satenig chapter and currently serve as the treasurer.



A few of my favorite things

Color: Green Season: Summer Restaurant: Zeituna Restaurant in

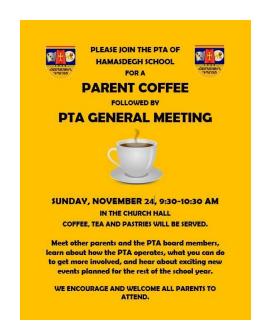
Armenia

Store: Vernissage

Armenian dish: Sarma Armenian movie: Mayrig Armenian authors:Hovhannes

> Toumanian, Raffi, Barouyr Sevag





PTA EVENTS AND IMPORTANT DATES

November 24, 9:30-10:30am Parent Coffee and PTA General Meeting

November 24, 11:00-12:00pm Pizza Day sponsored by PTA (do not pack lunch)

December 1 No School

December 15, 1:00 pm School Christmas Hantes & Party

Full Calendar of Events (pdf)

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