



Hamasdegh PTA Weekly Newsletter

November 7, 2019

Dear Hamasdegh Parent,

Gratitude tree is up! The month of November is the appropriate time to take a few minutes, pause, and reflect on the people and things we love and cherish and the opportunities we are afforded in life. Hamasdegh students did just that! Over the past two weeks students decorated their leaves of gratitude. Please take a moment to stop by our colorful gratitude tree near the stairs and read all the people and things that Hamasdegh students are grateful for this season.

Thank you, Parents! A big thank you to our lunch duty volunteers *Ani Aroush* and *Vartouhi Mehrabian* who signed up online/in-person. [Sign up](#) to be a lunch duty volunteer this Sunday! If your family would like to donate a healthy snack (e.g., fruit, Gogurt or any other nut free, allergy free treats) for November Pizza Day (November 24), please email us at hamasdeghpta@gmail.com.



Volunteer teacher needed for Little Sprouts this Sunday, November 10, 10am-12pm. If available and interested, please email Digin Janet at hyejanet@yahoo.com or the PTA at hamasdeghpta@gmail.com.

Much awaited Grades 6-8 Field Trip is finally here! Our inaugural [Armenian DC Field Trip](#) will take place this Sunday, November 10, during school hours. Children will leave for the field trip promptly at 10am, with the first stop at the Embassy of Armenia where they will tour the building and meet with Embassy staff. Then they will visit the American Red Cross statue donated by Armenia as a gift of gratitude for aid received after the 1988 earthquake, and finally the ANCA office where they will meet Yeghisapet Chouldjian to discuss the work of Hai Tad office and enjoy lunch. Lunch is included so no need to pack lunch. **Only children with submitted permission slips will be permitted to attend the field trip.** Please fill out and submit the [electronic permission slip](#) by **tomorrow, Friday, November 8, noon** (even if you don't plan on sending your child on the field trip, please fill out the form to let us know they will not attend). **Given the historic vote this past week, this is a field trip not to be missed!**



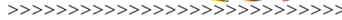
Are you getting excited? Slightly over a week until Hamasdegh School Christmas Bazaar brought to you by Hamasdegh PTA. **November 17, 12:00-3:00PM.** We have a great lineup of vendors. Our recent additions include dried fruits and handmade clothing from Armenia, face painting, and bake sale (see below).

There are many ways you can help:

- **Spread the word** by email, [Facebook](#) and other social media. The Bazaar is also posted on [Washington Parent](#), [Visit Montgomery](#), and [Bethesda Magazine](#). The Bazaar flyer is copied below for your convenience. Print a few copies and distribute to colleagues at work. You can also help distribute Bazaar flyers in the Church neighborhood this Sunday. Email us if available and interested.
- **Declutter and donate to Attic Treasures:** We are looking for gently used items such as books, jewelry, kitchenware, toys, decorations, etc for the Attic Treasures table. You can declutter your home and help the PTA with fundraising; it's a win-win! Please bring your donations to the church by Saturday, November 16. You can give them to Emma Soghomonian or any PTA Board member or leave them in the church hall with a note "For PTA Attic Treasures".
- **Bake for bake sale:** If you or your kids love to bake, it's a chance to show your talent and help raise money for the PTA! [Sign up](#) to bake and bring delicious cookies, cupcakes or brownies to Hamasdegh School Christmas Bazaar on November 17. Drop them off with a PTA member that morning, then stop by after school to watch the PTA sell your treats, and enjoy treats made by your fellow classmates!
- **Come join your fellow parents and friends for a fun relaxing shopping experience!** Shop for a variety of gifts, including fun reading/activity books for kids from [Armenian Kids Club](#), beautiful handmade jewelry, clothing, dried fruits and ornaments from Armenia, greeting cards, bath and body products, Arpi Krikorian kitchenware, travel mugs with trchnakir alphabet ([pre-order yours here](#)), and much more. There will be a gift wrapping station, face painting, raffle prizes and delicious food.
- **Lend a hand** to set up, serve food, or clean up after the Bazaar. Email us if interested.



Meet Your TEACHER



2nd Grade

About Me

Hello! My name is Lena Kiledjian Garabet and this is my fifth year of teaching 2nd Grade at Hamasdegh School. I was born in Syria as a youngest child after four boys. I went to Zavarian Elementary then Karen Jeppe Secondary School. I moved to the United States in 2009. I have two kids: Ani (8) and Anto (4). I enjoy spending time with my kids doing arts and crafts and reading books to each other.



A few of my favorite things

Color: Purple, Blue

Hobby: Arts and Crafts

Season: Spring, Fall

Armenian dish: Dolma

Animal: Picture of them

Armenian movie: The Promise

Restaurant: Cheesecake Factory

Armenian book: Samuel

Store: Amazon

Room Parents: We still need a room parent for 5th grade. If interested, please email us at hamasdeghpta@gmail.com or reach out to one of the PTA board members. Learn more about room parent program [here](#).



#1 holiday hack:
When you buy your gifts at smile.amazon.com, Amazon donates.

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Hamasdegh School Christmas Bazaar

Organized by Hamasdegh PTA

Soorp Khatch Church Hall

4906 Flint Dr, Bethesda, MD 20816

Sunday, November 17

12 to 3 P.M.

Jewelry, Clothing, Housewares, Children's Books, Christmas Ornaments from Armenia, Raffle Prizes, and much more
Delicious Food Eat In/Carry Out
Gift wrapping station

Proceeds from Christmas Bazaar benefit the Hamasdegh PTA. Support Hamasdegh School PTA AND get a head start on Holiday shopping!

Interested vendors:
Email hamasdeghpta@gmail.com by November 20, 2019.



Armenian DC Field Trip (Grades 6-8)



When: November 10, 2019, 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Where: Embassy of Armenia, National Red Cross Headquarters and ANCA Office

What to wear: Hamasdegh uniform, jackets, and comfortable shoes

PTA EVENTS - SAVE THE DATE!!

November 10, 10:00am-2:00pm	Armenian DC Field Trip (Grades 6-8 and the 2018 Graduates)
November 17, 12:00-3:00pm	Hamasdegh School Christmas Bazaar
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)
January 26, 1:00-2:30pm	Cookie Decorating Party

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

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