



Hamasdegh PTA Weekly Newsletter

October 17, 2019

Dear Hamasdegh Parent,

Last Sunday our youngest students started their journeys at Hamasdegh School. Little Sprouts class creates a unique environment that promotes learning and exploration in a fun and safe way and where the little ones truly feel loved and supported. It was a delight to see the smiles on the faces of our Little Sprouts as they enjoyed age appropriate activities. Join us in welcoming the Little Sprouts families to our Hamasdegh community.



Thank you, Lunch Volunteers! Thank you to our volunteers who helped during lunch last Sunday. Every week we have dedicated parents who either pitch in on the spot or sign up to volunteer [online](#) and Sunday was no exception. We love our volunteers and appreciate their support! Please [sign up](#) to be a lunch duty volunteer this Sunday!



Just a couple of weeks ago we bid a fond farewell to summer as a community with a fun ice cream social that the kids loved. As the weather gets cooler and the leaves start changing colors, we want to take a moment to greet and celebrate the beauty of fall and the warmth and caring spirit of our community! Get ready for the **Gratitude tree project**. Hamasdegh students will help build our gratitude tree on the back patio window in preparation for Thanksgiving. Each student will decorate a leaf and write on it what they are thankful for to express their appreciation for what they have in their lives. Grades Pre-K to 1st will complete their leaves during the lunch hour this Sunday, while the upper classes will bring their leaves home to decorate and return to school next Sunday. Watch out for those leaves in backpacks with instructions!



Have you ever wondered what your children learn in Armenian History class at Hamasdegh School? Last Sunday, the lower grades explored the Armenian story-telling tradition, with a focus on how narrative folk tales - in a time before widespread literacy - were so central to conveying culture, wisdom, and much more from generation to generation. Last Sunday's children's tale was "A Weave of Words," the Armenian story of an idle prince, the village girl who set him straight, and the victory they won together against a mean monster. The upper grades started last Sunday's class with a discussion of recent Artsakh developments, including Congressional visits, ANCA-backed legislative priorities, and the ProArtsakh conference that just finished in Stepanakert. The class ended with a sober review of past week's troubles in Syria, touching on the roots of the conflict in the past and the concerns about its future impact on Armenians and others.

A big thank you to *Aram Hamparian* for sharing this.

Did You Know?

Our amazing room parents are actively engaged in organizing grade gatherings (shout out to *Ani Aroush* for organizing a Halloween Party for 1st Grade) and planning Christmas gifts (shout out to *Talar Vartanian* for reaching out to room parents with terrific ideas for teacher gifts). Be part of all the excitement! We are still looking for room parents for 5th and 7th grades. 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](#).

Important Links

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



*Hamasdegh Armenian School PTA
invites all Pre-K, Kindergarten, and 1st Graders
to an after school
FREE Fall Field Trip*

*Enjoy pumpkin painting, crafts, a walk through the Jurassic Park house,
viewing Halloween display, eating popcorn, and drinking apple cider*

Sunday, October 27, 2019
1:15 pm and 2:15 pm
(for those with older school kids with dismissal at 2:00 pm)

American Plant Pumpkin Patch
5258 River Rd, Bethesda, MD 20816
(there are 2 locations, this one is nearest our church, ~1.2 miles)

Notes:

- Parents are responsible to drive to American Plant
- All community children welcome
- One group at a time will paint pumpkin
- Free admission; pumpkins are for purchase
- Weather permitting, no rain date
- Overflow parking at Whole Foods across the street

PTA EVENTS - SAVE THE DATE!!

October 20, 11:00-11:30am	Gratitude Tree
October 27, 11:00-12:00pm	Pizza Day sponsored by PTA (do not pack lunch)
October 27, after school	Students receive Halloween treat bags
October 27, 1:15-3:00pm	American Plant Pumpkin Patch
November 10, 9:30-10:30am	Parent Coffee and General Meeting
November 17, 1:00-2:30pm	Cookie Decorating Party

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

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