



## Hamasdegh PTA Weekly Newsletter

October 3, 2019

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Dear Hamasdegh Parent,

What an amazing community of parents! We were blown away by the enormous support you have shown. You all came together last Sunday to support the PTA and show your children that our community gets things done by standing together. Not only did we have a successful first pizza day and ice cream social, courtesy of PTA and parent donations, but as a community we have colored 67 [whales for a cause](#) to support No Kid Hungry campaign. We would like to especially thank our volunteers *Alex Khachaturian, Aleen Markarian, Ida Tossounian and Vivian Kerjilian* who signed up to volunteer [online](#) or in person. We deeply appreciate everyone's engagement and support. Enjoy some snapshots of wonderful smiling faces from last Sunday on the [Hamasdegh School Facebook page](#).

A giant thank you goes to Ice Cream Social Committee co-chairs *Predita Rostomian* and *Talar Vartanian* who orchestrated the event this year. They made it look effortless and easy, but we all know that only happens when a lot happens behind the scenes. Thank you Predita and Talar for managing a great farewell to summer! If you'd like to be a part of the Ice Cream Social team or any other event committee (Cookie Decorating Party, anyone?), please sign up [here](#).

Thank you to *Linda Najarian* and *Lorig Kevorkian* for volunteering to be room parents for 6th and 8th Grade, respectively! All our room parents are committed to working with teachers in their respective classrooms by serving as liaisons between the teacher and parents. They stand ready to help facilitate communication with parents, help organize volunteers for classroom social and educational events, field trips, and other classroom activities. We are still looking for room parents for 4th, 5th and 7th grade. If interested, please sign up [here](#) or email us at [hamasdeghpta@gmail.com](mailto:hamasdeghpta@gmail.com).

Happy October! Here is a preview of things coming up this month.

- **Cold weather will be here next week...** have you stocked up on long sleeve shirts and sweat jackets with Hamasdegh logo? You can order [online](#) and pick up at church on Sunday. While online, check out other items on sale such as HDIF keytags, trchnakir letters, rearview mirror alphabet cubes and purses, Mangan interactive posters, tri-color soap, children prayer book and Armenian flag. Email us if you have questions.
- **Gratitude Tree Project** (October 20): It is always a blessing to stop and take a moment to remember what we are grateful for. This year, PTA will once again lead a project where Hamasdegh students will be asked to write what they are grateful for on

colorful leaves to help build our gratitude tree on the back patio window in preparation for Thanksgiving. Grades Pre-K to 1st will complete their leaves during the lunch hour on October 20, while the upper classes will bring their leaves home to decorate. Watch out for those leaves in backpacks with instructions!

- **Tigers and lions and bears, oh my!** Ok, nothing to be afraid of. We're just getting close to Halloween, which means it's time to fill Halloween treat bags for Hamasdegh students! If you would like to help the PTA to fill the treat bags, email us at [hamasdeghpta@gmail.com](mailto:hamasdeghpta@gmail.com) or simply stop by the church hall on October 20.
- **Pumpkin Patch at American Plant** (October 27) is a popular Fall field trip that Hamasdegh School has been scheduling for years. Families of Pre-K to 1st grade students are invited to visit the Bethesda location where kids can have fun decorating pumpkins, doing crafts and walking through the Monster's House.

### Did you know?

- In celebration of Armenia's Independence Day, Prime Minister Nigol Pashinyan bestowed "Hero Of Our Times" awards at several HDIF producer partners. Hamasdegh PTA is proud to sell HDIF products in our community. Look out for [Christmas ornaments](#) by awardees coming in November.

### 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 1<sup>st</sup> Graders  
to an after school  
**FREE Fall Field Trip***

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

**Sunday, October 27, 2019**  
**1:30 pm and 2:30 pm**  
(for those with older school kids with dismissal at 2:00 pm)

**American Plant Pumpkin Patch**  
**7405 River Road, Bethesda, MD 20817**  
(there are 2 locations, this one is near beltway exit, 4 miles from church)

**Note:**

- 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



**PTA EVENTS - SAVE THE DATE!!**

October 20, 11-11:30am	Gratitude Tree
October 27, after school	Students receive Halloween treat bags
October 27, 1:30-3:00	American Plant Pumpkin Patch

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

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