

# The Bear Essentia Is

## Principal's Monthly Bulletin

March 2002

*"What a wonderful evening, Mrs Bear. Please thank your teachers for showing us what our children do!"*

*"Such wonderful displays – every parent should see these."*

*" We appreciated meeting the Middle School teachers."*

*"This a great way to get to know each other better . . . and the food was delicious."*

These are just some of the remarks I heard on Wednesday evening at our **first TASIS social evening where the work of the Primary and Middle School was on show**. Each display board not only featured some aspect of the TASIS curriculum but also illustrated the creative diversity of our teachers in grades PreK – grade 8. Before supper was served parents admired artwork, birthday cakes, skeletons and sculptures while mingling with faculty and administration. Parents and friends had the opportunity to see examples of the units of inquiry taught in the Primary Years Program and lesson plans and assessment rubrics helped explain how understanding is designed at our Primary School. Our video showing students "at work" was a great hit also!

**The Middle School team leaders displayed student work** related to the topics listed on their matrix, which showed the areas of study and related topics taught in grades 6 – 8. **The displays will remain in place until Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March so please come in at any time during the day to admire the wonderful exhibition.**

I send a sincere thank you to everyone associated in any way with what proved to be an informative and enjoyable evening at the Auberge.

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**Greek notes:** There will be no Greek classes this week while I interview new candidates to replace Ms Chilakou who is on maternity leave. Students will follow their regular classroom schedule until a substitute teacher is approved. I have, therefore, changed our schedule as follows: **A short assembly to honor the national heroes who led Greece to independence in 1821 will be held at 9.30 a.m. on Friday March 22, not at 2.00 p.m. as previously indicated.**

For the first time, **TASIS Primary students will join the parade in Kifissia on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March**, thanks to the positive response we received from 19 families. Rehearsals begin on Monday for the signed up students, but please let us know by Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March if your child should be added to the list. Ms Vavoulas will keep you informed of practices, etc.

### Reminder

**There are 2 holidays this month:**

**School will be closed on Clean Monday, March 18th  
and on Monday, March 25<sup>th</sup>, Greece's Independence Day**

## Diary Dates for March

- **March 4<sup>th</sup> and March 8<sup>th</sup>: second grade field trips**, to the new Athens Airport and to the Airport Museum in Varimbombi as part of unit on Airport systems.
- **Monday, March 11<sup>th</sup>** at 9. 30 a.m.: Austrian Airlines will **present "The Joy of Flying"** to 2<sup>nd</sup> graders. You are most welcome to attend this presentation in the Multi Purpose area.
- **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March:** Special surprise by Delta Yogurt!
- **Tuesday, March 12<sup>th</sup>: Healthy Brunch** by 3<sup>rd</sup> graders to end their unit, "Nutritious is Delicious."
- **Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> March: Carnival Day:** students in all grades can wear costumes – but no guns or violent toys, please.
- **Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March: no classes for Clean Monday**
- **Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March: Karagiozis Puppet Show. Details to follow**
- **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March: Parent/teacher conferences.** No classes for students. Letters with your appointment times will be sent home this week.
- **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> at 9.30 a.m.: short program for 25<sup>th</sup> March celebration**
- **Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March: no classes. Greek National Day**
- **Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March: Tag Day and IB ART** Show at the Auberge

NO News from the Classrooms this month . . .  
it's all on display in the Dining Room!

Please come and visit!