



MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

December 2002

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I would like to take the opportunity to wish you all a Happy Holiday Season and to share an update of our activities.

Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held on Wednesday, December 18th between 2pm - 6pm.

Faculty members are once again joining me in describing some of their activities.

Happy New Year to you all, and do not hesitate to communicate with me on any Middle School issues.

*Lucy Corsi
Middle School Principal*

SPORTS NEWS

The Athletics Department is pleased to announce that the Under 13's Boys Soccer team, participated in many friendly games against other international schools in Athens. Our Under 13's team performed very well and always showed excellent school spirit. The Under 13's Girls Soccer team has also begun practicing every Friday during lunch. Both Boys and girls teams are looking forward to the Annual Under 13's Soccer Tournament that will take place Friday December 6th and Saturday, December 7th, 2002.

Athletics Department



ENVIRONMENTAL CLUB NEWS

The *Environmental Club* has been involved in several activities so far. Newly decorated recycling boxes have been placed in most of the classrooms of the school as well as offices.

The first collection of paper has already taken place and will continue on a regular basis.

The Club plans a visit to a flower garden in Melissa, and then to decorate the little garden area in front of the main campus in Kefalari.

The Club members are also considering the adoption of a small bear from the Arktouros Centre in Thessaloniki.

The members have also come up with various slogans to increase environmental awareness, which will be posted around the school. They also plan a re-cycling day, in which students will bring in any re-cycable materials (cans, paper, batteries etc.). This material will then be handed in to the re-cycling organisation of the Kifissia Municipality.

HEALTH and SOCIAL EDUCATION

During the month of November, in *Health and Social Education* we focused on health issues and, more specifically on addictions, substance abuse, nutrition and healthy diet, and AIDS.

During their advisor-advisee period, students touched upon issues through discussions and activities. In addition, we acknowledged World AIDS day with presentations from members of the Science Department and a collection of money will be donated for the support of AIDS/HIV patients. Red ribbons were worn as a symbol of AIDS awareness.

In *Community Service*, the students continue to work enthusiastically in creating a pleasant environment for their fellow students and in assisting individual teachers and departments.

Maria Protopapa - Area Leader

HOMO FABER

In the first term, Middle School students have been very active in the area of *Homo Faber*. Students created poems, produced informative posters, designed book report pamphlets and drafted creative writing pieces in their language art classes.

Art appreciation was also introduced through research projects and field trips. This term Grade 7 visited the Spanish exhibit at the National Art Gallery and Grade 6 will visit the Cycladic Museum to view Salvador Dali's works. These visits will better prepare the art students in their Olympic project in relation to their earlier visit to the Glory of Sports exhibit.

It is most exciting to see the students actively participating in preparation for the school's Talent Show and the Middle School musical '*Gel*'. The Student Council is already organising events for their fellow classmates by having a Tag Day and will be preparing for a Birthday Celebration Bash! The Newspaper group is also working towards their first publication.

Maria Voulgaris - Area Leader

GRADE 6

During the first trimester, Grade 6 was busy with many different activities. We began the first Advisory day changing our monthly calendar. This prepared us for the busy months ahead. We discussed *bullying and conflicts, school rules and responsibilities* and ran an emergency fire drill. The highlight of the month of October was carving a pumpkin for Halloween.

Ms C. Venieris - Grade 6 Advisor



