

The Bear Essentials

Principal's Bulletin

May – June 2009

"Summer's just around the corner!" With all the sunny smiles that welcomed us back from our vacation, I am sure that students and teachers are refreshed and ready to work hard through the remaining five weeks of school. These weeks will be particularly busy with planning celebrations, special events and end of year shows.

Much of my time will be spent meeting prospective parents and their children. To help our planning for next academic year, please let us know if your family is moving, so we can begin to prepare your child's exit papers and portfolio. Third trimester report cards will be mailed to home addresses at the end of June, so be sure to let us know if reports should be mailed to a summer address.

- Grade 6 have really been working overtime during these past few weeks: they did a great job of raising funds to help with the costs of their trip to Aegina and the Pizza Lunch and Bake Sales were very successful, thanks to your cooperation and support. Do check out the bulletin board outside their classroom that describes the special work done at the Bird Park.
- "Most interesting choice." "Surprising results!" "Excellent presentation of the experiment and good cooperation with her partner." These were just some of the Parent's comments after the Grade 6 Science Fair. Well done, grade 6!
- Our fifth graders have embarked on preparations for their Exhibition which will be shared with the community. Students are hard at work on the projects which could include examples of written work, art work, research and oral or video presentations. Subjects include how diet can affect participation in sports, the effects of smoking, and the plight of gorillas. To all the parents and teachers who have offered their services as mentors we say "Thank you!"
- Next week you will receive information about your child's personal portfolio presentation which will take place in June. Students share their reflections on their growth as learners, through the contents of their personal portfolio. You see samples of your child's weekly work in their Friday folders: now the final selections, which show their growth over one school year, are being compiled in preparation for the student led conferences. These conferences enable students to display their talents and achievements in all areas of the curriculum; we are looking forward eagerly to witnessing those proud moments.
- The library is even busier than usual right now with students participating in the annual Readathon. The 2nd Annual Read-In on the evening of 22nd May will no doubt be fun! More details from Mrs Demopoulos soon. We also want to thank everyone who purchased Baker Books this year – once again we have added considerably to our reference section with free books from our commission. A very special thank you, of course, to Mrs Demopoulos, who runs our Primary School Book Club so efficiently!

Because I know that summer will be upon us "in the blink of an eye," I am giving you all our diary dates now through to June. Hopefully this will help you arrange to be at the events in which your child is involved.

Diary Dates for May and June

MAY

- Friday 15th** Sports Day at Zirinion till noon
- Saturday 14th /
Sunday 15th** Poros Water Sports Weekend – Grades 6 - 12
- Tuesday 19th** Grade 1 to Train Museum
- Friday 22nd** Grade 2 and 3 to the Zoo
2nd Annual Read-In for Grades 4 – 6 from 7.00pm - midnight
- Tuesday 26th** Miss Maria's Music Recital 11:00am and 2:00pm
- Thursday 28th** Meeting for parents of prospective grade 7 students.
- Friday 29th** Tags Day – Grade 1
Drama Club Show "The Emperor's New Clothes" at 7:00pm in ISA Theater
- Sunday 31st** ISA Swimming Gala at 10:30 a.m. at Olympic Pool
Melina's Gala at 11:30am

JUNE

- Thursday 4th** Drama Showcase at 11.00 a.m. and 2.00 p.m.
Classical Evening with Parent Choir
- Friday 5th** NO CLASSES All schools closed for Euro elections
- Monday 8th** Pentecost – NO School
- Tuesday 9th** Walkathon for Helping Hands fundraising
- Wednesday 10th** Greek BBQ lunch
- Friday 12th** Grade 5 Exhibition
- Friday 19th** Talent Show at 2:00pm
Last day of school

For the academic year 2009 201:
September 7th Orientation for grades 1-3
September 8th Orientation for grades 4 – 6
Classes begin on September 9th 2009.