

The Bear Essentials

Principal's Monthly Bulletin

March 2010

"March comes in like a lamb and goes out like a lion!"

I look out at a sunny blue sky and do wonder if the old adage will prove true this year! The fuzzy caterpillars are everywhere already, so please help us by reminding your child not to touch them as they can trigger allergic reactions in youngsters. However, if you know your child has an allergy to caterpillars, please send us the prescribed medication with a doctor's note.

- **Last week I met with Ms Toula Lorandos, who has been appointed as full time school nurse for our main campus.** She will be available to us for nursing duties when needed and will be involved in curriculum work where appropriate. Ms Teresa Exarchou continues as our Kgn nurse.
- **What a wonderful example of cooperation we had on the 100th Day of School,** when our volunteers did a great job of supporting our Early Years teachers and students as they celebrated what for them is a very significant number! Thanks go to Mrs Livadas, Mrs Vazeos, Mrs Rentze, Mrs Magoutas and Mrs Mabley-Vagenas.
- **Thanks are also due to Ms Ellie Demopoulos for organizing the tickets for our "Sunday at the Megaron"** outing for families. Twenty five of us are looking forward to a special musical morning on the 7th March. Please meet at 11.00 a.m. in the foyer.
- **Hearing Dogs for Deaf People** is the charity in England to whom I forward all the used stamps that families drop off in our reception area. So please don't throw those envelopes out without cutting round the stamp area, and giving the stamps to your child. Perhaps you can ask your work colleagues to do the same? Please continue to send in any used batteries also. Thank you!
- **Parents will shortly be receiving an invitation to a special meeting on Friday 16th April where the grade 5 exhibition will be explained and discussed.** We will be asking for parent mentors to support the grade 5 students through the process of preparing for their exhibition.

Finally, all parents are invited to attend the next Parent Coffee Meeting on Tuesday 8th March, when the new topic, "How to play Nice" will be introduced. "Teaching children how to communicate and collaborate with others and how to be assertive, not aggressive," is of great importance from the early years on, and we look forward to working with parents on how best to help and support their children.

Diary Dates for March 2010

- **“We Believe” is one of the units that opens the eyes and minds of our grade 5 students, as they become aware of the many different belief systems in the world.**
- On **March 4th** our grade 5 classes will visit the Catholic Church and the Greek Orthodox Church.
- On **March 5th**, we will give special thanks to Mrs Iyengar, for her visit as guest speaker on Hinduism.
- On **March 11th**, students will visit the Jewish Museum. Unfortunately, the trip to the Byzantine Museum has been cancelled by the museum authorities.
- On **March 16th**, Ms Ellie Demopoulos and I will be attending a lecture by Professor Antonella Sorace of Edinburgh University, at St Catherine’s School, on “Why Bilingualism is good for the child’s brain.” This event is open to parents. Please contact St Catherine’s School directly if you wish to book a place.
Email: diane.cleary@stcatherines.gr
- **March 19th: grades 1, 2 and 3 will visit the Technopolis Center.**
- **March 23rd at 2.30 p.m.: Ms Sophia and her students are preparing** for a short assembly to honor the national heroes who led Greece to independence in 1821. Please join us in the ISA Theater for this program.
- **March 24th: Parent-teacher conferences for 2nd trimester reports.** There are no classes for students on this day. Letters with your appointment times will be sent home next week.
- **March 25th: no classes. Greek National Day.**

**Easter holiday begins on March 25th.
ISA Primary School re-opens on Monday April 12th.**

**NB: Melina’s Jnr and Melina’s Kindergarten
follow a different calendar.
Be sure to check dates
with Ms Vanessa Vassiliou or Mrs Barry for details.**