

The WEEKLY

February 10, 2021

DATES TO REMEMBER

Feb. 11	Virtual PTO Meeting at 7pm, see the link provided in the email.
Feb. 12	Valentine's Day Dress Down
Feb. 12	Pizza Lunch
Feb. 15-19	Midwinter Break – School Closed

FROM THE OFFICE

- ♦ Monday, February 22 – Teachers Professional Development Day – School Closed.
- ♦ Tuesday, February 23 – School re-opens! Welcome back!
- ♦ February 24 – Grades K-4 Virtual Town Hall – 7pm.
- ♦ February 25 – Grades 5-8 Virtual Town Hall – 7pm.
- ♦ Friday, February 26 – Dress Down Day - \$1
- ♦ The After School phone number (646) 340-9667
- ♦ The After School e-mail address gaiafterschool@gai-edu.org
- ♦ The Nurse's phone number is 347-810-7810

FROM THE PTO

- ♦ Thank you parents for your ongoing support.
- ♦ Please remit PTO dues to the office if you have not done so already.
- ♦ We will be distributing chocolates on April 14th. Remote learners, please arrange for a pick up.
- ♦ Virtual Book Fair – February 24 through March 9. Please see the flyer attached and the link provided in the email.
- ♦ We are working on scheduling a date for graduation pictures for Kindergarten and 8th Grade students.
- ♦ Happy Valentine's Day!
- ♦ And enjoy the winter break!

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I have read this week's edition of "The WEEKLY"

Student's Name

Parent's signature



A TRADITION OF EXCELLENCE

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Principal

Cynthia Dafnis
Assistant Principal

Yiota Papagrigoriou
Director of Greek Department

Joanne Kyriacou
Dean of Students

Dear Parents,

Midwinter break is almost here! So is snow, ice, and sharp winds. Last year's winter was one of the driest in recent memory. This year we might break some records for snow fall. Overall, I prefer last year's dry winter. Nevertheless, we must deal with the weather that comes our way, shovels in our hands, hats firmly on our heads.

One warm holiday that takes place during the cold month of February is Valentine's Day. This year we are having a Dress Down Day with a request to wear red and pink. There will also be real pizza served for lunch. Not so bad to lead into a week off.

Valentine's Day is about love. What matters more in life? I have often deluded myself into thinking that accomplishments, awards, and recognition are of the utmost importance to my existence. Luckily, when I am in such a mindset, something happens that brings me back to my senses. Accomplishments are great; I will not dismiss them. However, love relationships, whether with friends, family, and spouses always matter more. Plaques, prizes, letters of praise – they are nice to possess. But they are not there for us when we need comfort. Only people can provide that comfort. Only people can give us hope in the darkest of moments.

So this Valentine's Day, let us celebrate love, and let us honor our loved ones. They have the power to touch our hearts and warm our souls.

John Attanas

Newsflash by Ms. Dafnis

- National Pizza Day is today! On Friday we will celebrate it with pizza for lunch. It is also Valentine's Dress Down Day. Wear your red and pink.
- We want to thank Mr. and Mrs. Spiros Argyros for sending roses to our teachers for Valentine's Day. In fact, they send a rose to each teacher every first of the month. Thank you!!!
- Congratulations to eighth grader, Ioannis Papastefanou, for his participation in the celebrations of the Greek letters on January 30th. He presented an essay explaining his experience of learning Greek, attending the Greek American Institute, and retaining the Greek heritage and culture. Please look for the link to the article about Celebration of Three Hierarchs and Greek Letters Day organized by Archdiocese on January 30th, 2021 provided in the email.
- 3K/PKA Virtual Open House is Tuesday, February 23rd at 6:00 p.m. If you or anyone you know has a child born in 2017 and 2018 may attend the open house. Please email secretary@gai-edu.org to reserve a spot. Registration information will be discussed.
- Kindergarten spots are limited for the 2021-2022 school year. If you or anyone you know is interested in registering for Kindergarten may email secretary@gai-edu.org for more information.
- Our teachers will be take part in a Professional Development on Monday, February 22. School will be closed on that day. It will be geared towards two topics: bullying & curriculum. *Who dares to teach must never cease to learn.* – **John Cotton Dana**
- After School Chorus will began on Thursday, January 14th at 3:30-4:30. Students may log into:
<https://zoom.us/j/2643017014?pwd=cFV1T29neU5ERjJ4TGlmT1oydWl3UT09>
Meeting ID: 264 301 7014
Passcode: df7Xu3

Let's all continue to have a productive, safe and healthy school year in
2021!!!



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Principal

February 8, 2021

Cynthia Dafnis
Assistant Principal

Dear Families,

Yiota Papagrigoriou
Director of Greek Department

Joanne Kyriacou
Dean of Students

The Greek American Institute will be hosting a 3K/Pre-K for All Virtual Open House on Tuesday, February 23, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. If you or anyone you know is interested in obtaining more information regarding the program for the 2021-2022 school year, kindly reach out by emailing, secretary@gai-edu.org for a reservation. Provide your name, child's name, email, and the name you will use to log in. Once you have reserved a spot, we will forward log-in instructions.

During the Virtual Open House you will meet the 3K/PKA teachers, obtain curriculum information, have a Q & A, and view a presentation. We look forward to meeting you that night.

*Best Regards,
Ms. Dafnis
3K/PKA Director*

WE'RE HAVING A BOOK FAIR!

Dear Parents and Families:

We are working hard to keep kids reading and raise critical funds for our school with our Scholastic Online-Only Book Fair from February 24, 2021-March 9, 2021.

The Fair will connect your kids to notable books and inspiring characters — helping them become lifelong readers. And you'll love the new option to shop for Book Fair exclusives — directly from the interactive booklist.

Plus, enjoy these special online shopping features:

- Access to over 6,000 products
- All orders ship direct to home
- FREE shipping on book-only orders over \$25*
- All purchases support our school and earn 25% in rewards

Visit our Book Fair homepage to learn more and get started with online shopping:

<https://bookfairs.scholastic.com/bookfairs/cptoolkit/homepage.do?method=homepage&url=greekamericaninstitute.ny>

Thank you for continuing to support our school.

Happy reading,

John Attanas
Principal
Greek American Institute

SAVE THE
DATE!

Greek American Institute's Book Fair

Book Fair dates: February 24, 2021- March 9, 2021

Shopping hours: Online at any time

*Free standard shipping is available on book-only orders of \$25 or more, after all discounts are applied. Free standard shipping (books) must be selected during checkout. Orders containing products other than books are not eligible for this shipping promotion.