

The WEEKLY

June 9, 2021

DATES TO REMEMBER

June 10	Second Grade only - Dress Down Day
June 10	PKA Stepping Up Ceremony – 9am
June 11	Kindergarten Graduation – 9:30 am
June 11	11:15 Dismissal, Bus Service, Afterschool till 4:45 only
June 11	8 th Grade Graduation – 7pm
June 14	Free Sports Jersey Dress Down for all
June 14	Volleyball game - faculty vs. 8 th Grade
June 15	School Picnic – Gym Uniform for all grades
June 16	Last Day of School 10:30am dismissal, Bus Service, Afterschool till 5pm only

FROM THE OFFICE

- ◆ Due to COVID all Graduations are by invitations only.
- ◆ **Afterschool will run only until 5pm on Wednesday, June 16. Sandwiches from the school kitchen will be served.**
- ◆ Festival bracelets are now being sold at the office, please see the flyer.
- ◆ The nurse’s phone number (347) 8107810
- ◆ **Message from the school nurse:** Don’t forget to pick up your child’s medication from the medical office; uncollected medication will have to be disposed.
- ◆ The After School phone number (646) 340-9667
- ◆ The After School e-mail address gaiafterschool@gai-edu.org

FROM THE PTO

- ◆ The results are in-Congratulations to our 2021 walkathon winners!
1st Place – Audrey Beach
2nd Place – Ethan Argyros
3rd Place – Eleni Karounos & Bella Brown
- ◆ **Top 3 Classes:**
1st Place – 3rd Grade
2nd Place – 5th Grade
3rd Place – 2nd Grade
- ◆ See details attached from Ms. Whitney.
- ◆ The fashion show was a hit. Thank you for tuning in and for your support. The Class of 2021 had a much deserved and memorable evening, with lots of love, smiles and happiness circulating the room. It was an amazing event!
- ◆ Thank you to Mrs. Sophie Zarvos, Mr. Spyro Dimitratos, Our Principal Mr. John Attanas , Vice Principal Mrs. Cynthia Dafnis, The School Board, The Parish Council, Father Vasilios Louros and the wonderful faculty and staff of GAI. The Spyros Argyros Family, Maria Argyros, The Balbona Family, The Catania Family, The Daskalakis Family, Dorothy Hellenic Gifts, The Greenwood Family, Maria Davino Photography, The Gatsios Family, The Iermonachos family, The Katehis Family, The Marciano Family, The Papageorgiou family, Patty Pops of Pelham, Roula Papanos, The Papastefanou Family, The Petraglia Family, The Ramirez family, Mrs. Sasha, The Sellas Family, and the 5th Grade class of 2020. A Big Thank you to our Chair People, Mrs. Geanine Petraglia and Mrs. Tara Peduto, as well as to the entire Eighth grade graduating class and their parents for making this all possible.
Please accept our apologies if anyone was left out. It was not intentional. It takes a Village!
- ◆ Wishing everyone a happy and healthy summer.
Looking forward to a new year and new beginnings.

June 9, 2021

I have read this week’s edition of “The WEEKLY”

Student’s Name

Parent’s signature



A TRADITION OF EXCELLENCE

June 9, 2021

John Attanas
Principal

Dear Parents,

Cynthia Dafnis
Assistant Principal

Yiota Papagrigoriou
Director of Greek Department

Joanne Kyriacou
Dean of Students

What a year it has been! When we reopened in September, the world was terrified over the Covid pandemic. As we are about to close for the summer, the world is semi-terrified over the Covid pandemic. Well, semi-terrified is better than wholly terrified. And there are reasons to feel confident. In September there were no vaccines. Today a good chunk of our country's population is vaccinated. In September the economy was at a standstill. Today the economy is picking up. But the best reason to feel confident is because GAI was open, and our students received a great education, whether in class or on-line.

I have many people to thank. So many that I would need to write a short book of thank-yous if I were going to be fair. So I will not mention any names. But thank you to a great faculty and staff. Thank you to an impeccable student body. Thank you to their parents for trusting them in our care. Thank you to the school board and parish council. Thank you to father Vasili for joining us this year. And to anyone I missed – and I'm sure I missed someone – thank you too.

There will be some changes set for the autumn. We will lose some old faces and gain a few new ones. Most importantly, I believe we will lose a lot of the fear that has gripped us for so long. There was a lot to be fearful of, but looking into the future I truly see blue skies. I hope you do too.

Friday, June 11, we have Kindergarten graduation at 9:30 am and Eighth Grade graduation at 7 p.m. Both ceremonies are invitation only, but I hope that every GAI student and parent sends out good vibrations to our wonderful graduates. They are great kids. It has been a pleasure to teach them.

So for now, a tentative good bye. I will be in the office throughout the summer, so I am easily found. Let's enjoy these last few days, and celebrate where we have been and where we are all going. To a safe, happy, and brilliant future for us all!

John Attanas

Newsflash by Ms. Dafnis

- What an amazing Fashion Show! Our models were the absolute STARS of the night. It was on a smaller scale yet it felt cozier in the community center and of course the dancing was on going.
- Today was the 3K Stepping-Up Ceremony. It was the cutest Stepping-Up Ceremony I have ever seen. Congratulations to Ms. Foteini and Ms. Theresa and to all the 3K students. They are ready for Pre-K!
- Pre-K Graduation will be tomorrow, Kindergarten on Friday morning and 8th grade Friday evening. They are busy, busy, busy preparing for their special moment.
- Our annual school picnic is on Tuesday, June 15th. Please do not forget to send in your child's permission slip. It will be just as amazing as the Walk-a-Thon.
- School Tool Box flyer is attached. Please follow the instructions to order your child's school supplies for next year. You may also use the class list to purchase the items elsewhere.



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John Attanas
Principal

Dear Parents,

Cynthia Dafnis
Assistant Principal

Hope you and your families are doing well.

Yiota Papagrigoriou
Director of Greek Department

On behalf of the School Board and Parish Council, I want to first thank

Joanne Kyriacou
Dean of Students

Mrs. Kathy Argyros for all her hard work and devotion to the PTO and our school. Even though Kathy is 'graduating', she will always be connected to the PTO as official adviser to the Executive Board.

Many thanks also to the remaining Executive Board members. It was a pleasure working with all of you.

It has been a tough and strange time for all of us and the PTO has suffered just as much as everyone else. Parents were not able to connect and meet one another especially our K parents and others who came into our school for the first time.

At our last school board meeting in May, it was agreed that we need time to open up in September and to have a proper PTO meeting before having elections for a newly executive board. Therefore, until such time we can conduct proper elections to fill the 5 positions, the following three executive board members will be elevated for an interim period of time:

Tina Catania as interim President
Kali Daskalakis as interim Vice President
Darlene Michialis as interim Treasurer

The positions of Recording and Corresponding Secretary will remain vacant until elections.

I wish you a happy and healthy summer. Hope to see you at the festival.

Thank you and best regards, Sophie Zarvos, School Board President

2021 WALKATHON

WINNERS

Top 3 Students:

- 1st Place – Audrey Beach - \$450
- 2nd Place – Ethan Argyros - \$350
- 3rd Place – Eleni Karounos & Bella Brown - \$200

Top 3 Classes:

- 1st Place – 3rd Grade – \$968
- 2nd Place – 5th Grade - \$820
- 3rd Place – 2nd Grade - \$751

Congratulations to our Top 3 Students & Classes!!
Thank you to all the students, parents, families, friends, and staff members who helped raise money and donated to this year's Walkathon. I am proud to announce that this year, our students raised:
\$4,523!!!!

- Ms. Whitney

Individual Prizes:

- 1st Place - \$100 Gift Card
- 2nd Place- \$50 Gift Card
- 3rd Place - \$25 Gift Card

Class Prizes:

- 1st Place – Class pizza party → Monday 6/14
- 2nd Place – Extra recess & ice cream → Monday 6/14
- 3rd Place: Free dress down → Thursday 6/10

**Free Sports Jersey Dress Down
Day!
Monday, June 14!**



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