

The WEEKLY

January 6, 2021

DATES TO REMEMBER

Jan. 14	Kindergarten Virtual Open House
Jan. 18	Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday – School closed

FROM THE OFFICE

- ◆ Professional Development Day – Friday, January 29. Grades K-8 are not in session. 3K and PKA classes are in session.
- ◆ Midterm Exams – Grades 6 and 7 – February 2–8. 11:15 Dismissal for grades 6 and 7 only
- ◆ 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

- ◆ Happy and healthy New Year to all GAI families!
- ◆ **Coming up:**
 - Virtual Book Fair – date TBA
 - Distribution of Chocolates – date TBA
- ◆ We are also working on setting up a Zoom PTO meeting – date TBA.

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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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Dear Parents,

Welcome back! I hope your vacation was a calm one. It is hard to use the word “calm” during these strange and anxiety-provoking times. But our time off was cold and rainy – perfect indoor weather. So perhaps you found solace inside your homes, staring out at the winter landscape.

January is a busy month at GAI. Today was Epiphany. Next week we have a virtual Kindergarten Open House scheduled for Thursday, January 17. If you have any friends, relatives, or co-workers looking to send their children to a truly amazing Kindergarten, please tell them our Open House is upcoming. (Please see the bright banner on our fence. It is quite striking.) School is closed on Monday, January 18 in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr.’s birthday. One new bit of information: GAI (grade K-8) will be **closed on Friday, January 29th for a professional development day**. This is not on our calendar because the date was only recently set. Only 3K and PKA classes will be in session. Finally, midterms for 6th and 7th grades will take place during the week of February 1. At that point, the school year will be half over. Amazing!

To close, let me say thank you for all the good cheer that took place in the week leading up to Christmas. Although we could not perform the traditional Christmas play and hold our traditional Christmas brunch, our students still had fun. As always, GAI families were very generous in extending gifts to the faculty. We all truly appreciate this. I also want to thank the School Board and the PTO for their positivity. You are always there when we need you. So let’s look at January, which is normally a cold and dreary month, as a time for new beginnings and a better year.

John Attanas

Newsflash by Ms. Dafnis

Happy New Year and Welcome Back!

- On Monday, Father Vasilios, did the honors of cutting the Vasilopita with the children. Pictures of the occasion are uploaded on the website. Congratulations to the following students for receiving the hidden coin:

-Vasilios Michialis

-Emilia Michialis

-Katerina Panayotou

-Daniela Marciano

-Gianna Peduto

- Open house for Kindergarten 2021-2022 registration will be on Thursday, January 14th. Information is attached to the weekly. Kindly spread the word to family and friends. Open house for all grades will be at a later time.
- After School Chorus will begin on Thursday, January 14th at 3:30-4:30. Students interested may log into:

<https://zoom.us/j/2643017014?pwd=cFV1T29neU5ERjJ4TGlmT1oydWlzUT09>

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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John Attanas
Principal

December 15, 2020

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 Kindergarten Virtual Open House on Thursday, January 14th, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. If you or anyone you know is interested in obtaining more information regarding Kindergarten, kindly reach out by emailing, secretary@gai-edu.org for a reservation. Once you have reserved a spot, we will forward log-in instructions.

During the Virtual Open House you will meet the Kindergarten teachers, obtain curriculum information, have a Q & A, and get a tour of the classroom. We look forward to meeting you that night.

Best Regards,

Ms. Dafnis