

The WEEKLY

November 12, 2020

DATES TO REMEMBER

Nov. 20	Dress Down Day - \$1
Nov. 25	Thanksgiving Celebration: 11:15 Dismissal Bus Service No afterschool
Nov. 26 - 29	Thanksgiving Break - School Closed
Nov. 30	School re-opens – 1 st Trimester ends

FROM THE OFFICE

- ◆ Friday, November 30th - Dress Down Day - \$1
- ◆ Please bring in canned and dry food for our annual Thanksgiving Food Pantry donation.
No Clothes Donations Please!
- ◆ 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

- ◆ Our Boon Fall Fundraiser is coming to an end; the last day is this Friday, November 13th. This is a mandatory fundraiser, we kindly ask that each family spends at least \$30. Catalogs have been sent home; orders can be placed online at boonsupply.com. Our specific fundraiser can be found by searching Greek American Institute, school code 1121538.
- ◆ We still need class Moms/Dads for grades 6 and 7. Additionally, we need 1 more class parent for Kindergarten and 1 grade. It's the perfect time to volunteer as many are home these days. Please consider signing up as class Mom. Responsibilities would be light due to the current situation we are all experiencing. Kindly email Piera Marciano if interested (see attached form).
 - ◆ Thank you for your support!

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

Student's Name

Parent's signature

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JOHN ATTANAS
Principal

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Dear Parents,

This Weekly is one day late, but just as informative as always. We had a day off for Veteran's Day, one of the most important days of the year. The holiday was once called Armistice Day, in honor of the end of World War I. When the Great War ended, the world was struggling with the Spanish Flu epidemic. This year the world is struggling with the Covid-19 epidemic. And yet, we must not forget that the soldiers who fought in the Great War spent over four years in the trenches of Europe. American soldiers fought for only eighteen months. How sad that as the fighting came to a close, the Spanish Flu continued to take hundreds of thousands of lives.

As I reported earlier, the NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene has issued a directive requiring masks be worn at all times. Many of our students wear cloth masks. These masks can be problematic when worn for extended periods. We recommend that you consider buying disposable masks for your children, as these masks can be easier to breathe through. The health and safety of every member of the GAI family is paramount, but we want our students to be as comfortable as possible throughout the school day.

Finally, as of now we cannot say what new guidelines will be forwarded to us from New York State and New York City. It is our goal to stay open. However, our fate is not in our hands. If our district becomes a yellow zone, twenty percent of the school population (students and teachers) will need to be tested for Covid-19. If our district becomes either an orange or a red zone, we will be forced to close our school building and go wholly remote. We will only do this if directed by either New York City or New York State. Until then, we are here for your children five days per week.

Thank you,
John Attanas

CLASS PARENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Welcome to a new school year during these trying times. To comply with our schools COVID guidelines and have a sense of normalcy for our children, we are still in need of class parents. We need two volunteers for each grade. Being a class parent is a wonderful opportunity to work closely with your child's teacher and the PTO in support of our school. As parents, it is important to be involved in our children's lives; therefore, we are asking parents that have not volunteered in the past, to get involved. Being a class parent is not only rewarding for you, but to your child as well. As class parent coordinator, I look forward to working with you. Please feel free to contact me at pieragai@aol.com or (646) 361-8289 if you have any questions or concerns. All correspondence for the time being will be electronically/virtually.

Please email this form as soon as possible to me. Upon being notified of being selected as class parent, you will receive a set of guidelines outlining your responsibilities.

Thank you in advance,

Piera Marciano
Class Parent Coordinator

If you would like to be Class Parent, email the following information to me at pieragai@aol.com

Child's Name: _____ Grade: _____

Parent Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Love Kitchen Donations Needed



The Love Kitchen

For G.A.T's Annual Love Kitchen we are all getting together and helping people in need. Please help and make the holidays for them just as good as ours. If you want to help, please bring the following:

***Non-perishable foods (canned goods)
Toiletries such as toothpaste, toothbrushes,
deodorants, shampoos,
conditioners, body wash, etc.***



One small can could make a huge difference!

Thank You! -Student Council