





Spring/Summer 2022 Issue 8

### In Touch

Your guide to the school news, information and events



### Important Dates

August 15th:

Deadline to Register for the 2022 - 2023 **School Year** 

**Register here:** 

https://forms.gle/aaN2Y2eMPXfVay9V9

#### First day of classes:

Monday, Sept. 19th:

THELO (Post Graduate Program) Online 5:30pm - 7:30pm

Wednesday, Sept. 21st:

K - 2nd In Person 4:30pm - 6:30pm

Thursday, Sept. 22nd:

3rd - 6th In Person 4:30pm - 6:30pm

# We're hiring!

We are seeking a motivated and qualified teacher for our established and growing afternoon language and enrichment program for the school year 2022-2023. Visit our website for more details

**Greek school teacher** 

We are so happy and excited that we spent this school year with our students in classrooms as we returned to in-person learning! We had a great re-opening year with many extra-curricular events, art and theatrical workshops, special speakers, and philanthropic activities. All of the above would have been impossible without the help and guidance from our Faculty Advisor, Elaine Kakamboura, the amazing Board of Directors, our great team of teachers and our parents, family members and volunteers who made sure to support us week in and week out. GGT also completed its fifth, successful year and launched its new website in 2022, thanks to our parent/board member and graphic designer, Alexandra Iliopoulos Katechis. Thank you, Alexandra!

### January -**Pomegranate Contest**

Ξεκινήσαμε την νεα χρονιά με το έθιμο "Το σπάσιμο του ροδιού Οι μαθητές διδάχτηκαν την σημασία του εθιμου και μετα συμμετείχαν σε διαγωνισμο όπου επρεπε να μαντέψουν πόσα σποράκια έχει το ρόδι. Απο τον διαγωνισμο αναδειτηκαν δυο νικητές. Ο Νόα Μπλεικ και ο Μιχάλης Χαγκουι.

We kicked off 2022 with our Pomegranate contest! Students were taught the tradition and meaning of the "Spasimo tou Rothiou" wishing good luck, health, and wealth to all for the new year, and then participated in a pomegranate seed guessing contest! Our two winners, Noah Blake and Mihalis Haghgooie enjoyed a special prize from GGT! Congratulations!



#### March -

### 25 Η Μαρτίου – 200+ 1 Year Celebration of the Greek Revolution

Each class chose a quote by a Greek Hero/Heroine/Philhellene, and learned about their life and contribution to the Greek Revolution of 1821. As a school, we celebrated by performing the Greek National Anthem, and prepared a special memorable video of all students reciting the quotes. Check our website for the video! Many thanks to parent, Angelo Kottas for providing the equipment and videotaping our children!



#### April -

### Theatrical Workshops! The Sunflower Celebration | Η γιορτή του Ηλιοτρόπιου

Students in Kindergarten through 2nd grade experienced the beauty and meaning of the sunflower under the direction of Cindi Trent Triantos, BFA, Theater and Dance Teacher. They assumed the roles of the seed, soil, rain and sun and danced and recited lines about the sunflower (Helianthus, "helios" meaning sun and "anthos" meaning flower) and created their own sunflowers that were used as props. The workshop concluded with a hands-on activity where our children planted sunflower seeds, and are waiting to watch them grow!



## The Story of Persephone Rebirth and Regeneration of Earth | Ο μύθος της Περσεφόνης

Cindi Trent Triantos guided students in grades 3 -6 through the Story of Persephone, the goddess of spring and the queen of the underworld through theater, music, and movement. Our sixth graders shared the origins of the four seasons as they played the roles of Athena, Sofia Pezaris; Demetra, Maria Kontogianni, Persephone, Eleni Kontogianni; Zeus, Nikolaos Vastis and Hades, Michalis Haghgooie. Our 3rd, 4th and 5th graders played the role of the Earth and acted out the rebirth of Spring.





### **Protomagia**

We celebrated Protomagia, nature's rebirth and Greek Labor Day by making beautiful stefania/wreaths under the instruction of Nicole Boulas Jaffe, director and owner of Petalouda Flowers https://www.petaloudaflowers.com/Special thanks to our Board Member, Thea Eliopoulos for organizing this event!



### **Planting Activity**

Our Wednesday students, wrapped up their Sunflower Workshop by planting lliotropia/Sunflower seeds to complement our April theme of Spring as we learned new vocabulary and the meaning of the seasons.



### May —— Greek Independence Day Parade

After three years, we proudly celebrated 25η Μαρτίου by marching in the Greek Independence Day Parade in Boston! A large turn-out of students, faculty, board members, GGT families and friends represented our wonderful school!





Check our website for updates and news!

https://www.ggtutoring.com/

### Congratulations to our 2022 graduates!

Συγχαρητηρια στους αποφοιτους μας!!



Eleni Kontogianni Maria Kontogianni Mihalis Haghgooie Nikolaos Vastis Sofia Pezaris



### Σας Ευχαριστούμε

Our heartfelt thanks to all, our teachers κα Ποπη, κα Ελένη, κα Δήμητρα, κα Νιτσα, κα Κριστυ and board members Τανια, Ελενη, Βασιλική, Εφη, Χριστινα, Θεα, Στεισυ, Σπυριδουλα, Αλεξάνδρα for this amazing and successful year!!

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I wish you all a restful and joyful summer! See you in September!

Με τις καλύτερες ευχές για ένα όμορφο και ξέγνοιαστό καλόκαίρι αποχαιρετουμε την φετινή σχολική χρονιά!

Με το καλο να ανταμώσουμε τον Σεπτέμβρη με έμπνευση, δημιουργικότητα υγεία κι δύναμη!



Your Director of Education, **Marika Groussis**