

## Student of the Month Middle School Maximus Hales

Grade 7

By Olivia Nilsen

**Where are you from?**

England

**What do you like to do on your free time?**

I love reading, and I read all the time. My favorite book is "The Heroes of Olympus".

**Is there anything that makes you feel proud?**

When I finish a long book, and just reading.

**What is your favorite subject?**

History, I find it funny how history repeats itself. I also like learning about history because it shows how stupid humans are.

**Who is your favorite teacher?**

Mrs. Maria is my favorite teacher because she teaches history, and she is very kind.

**What would you like to become when you grow up?**

Historian, I would love to discover history and reveal what has happened in the past.



The junior and senior high school are pictured a military jet at the Air Force Base

## Students Visit Air Force Base

By Monika Gartzke

This past month the middle and high school students had the opportunity to visit the Crete Naval Base which is home to the Hellenic Air Force's 115th Combat Wing. Due to its strategic location, Crete Naval Base serves as an important naval facility for both NATO and the Hellenic Navy. Given that the island of Crete lies as a crossroad between Europe, the Mediterranean Sea, and the Middle East, it offers unique geographic advantages.

Pilots handed out posters featuring beautiful shots of different fighter jets flying over Crete. An air force pilot as well as a mechanic answered numerous questions posed by students about their experience working for the military and flying such advanced machinery. We had the privilege of receiving a tour inside the bunker where various aviation artifacts were displayed, such as a parachute, missiles, and planes.

Students listening to a mechanic and a pilot discuss how the planes operates.



Join the Friday Fun!

Theater  
Robotic Club  
Chess Club

Tae Kwon Do  
Cretan Dance  
Art Club



## An Echo Carried by the Wind

By Lourin De Kock



Allied War Cemetery Souda Bay, Crete

### Armistice Day 2023

Silence.

On the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month, Armistice Day, also known as Remembrance Day, commemorates The Armistice - an agreement to put an end to all the fighting of the First World War on the western front after four years.

During WWI, much of the fighting took place in Western Europe. The countryside was blasted, bombed and fought over repeatedly. However, through the bleakness a striking resilience flourished - bright, blooming, red Flanders poppies.

The probity of the poppies spread, and today is marked as a symbol of remembrance and respect as well as a tribute to all veterans.

These serve as remembrance for not only the mark left on the world but also those taken from it and their loved ones. They are to honor those who served never to return and those who returned but were never the same - to remember their sacrifice.

For Armistice day, students crafted make-shift poppies and traversed to the Allied War Cemetery in Souda Bay - a military cemetery that contains burials from both WWI and WWII. They laid the poppies alongside the soldiers at rest and learned about the meaning behind them, as well as some of the events that took place from a plaque along one of the buildings walls.

## Staff of the Month: Aphrodite Girvalaki

By Olivia Nilsen

**What do you do in school?**

I clean outside and inside.

**What do you like and dislike about your job?**

I love the atmosphere and climate that the children make around the school. I don't really like cleaning, but because of the children it makes it worth it.

**What do you like to do when you are not working?**

I like walking and hiking, and playing with kittens. Every Saturday I go out with my family to a restaurant. I also love fashion and decorating.

**What is your favorite book or movie?**

It is called "To Nησι" (The Island)

**When did you start working in Theodoropoulos?**

Five years ago.



**What motivates you to come to work everyday?**

Some years ago I changed my way of life. I thought to myself that if I was happy, and everything was good with my physical and mental health, I would work. My husband and children are the most important part of my life, so I will do anything for them to be happy.

**What was your occupation before you came here?**

I worked in a clothing shop when I was younger, but when I had my first baby I had to change jobs. I started working in a hotel that was only open during summer, so I had the whole winter to take care of my child.



Philip Gartzke read the memorial plaque that included the history of Armistice Day.



The poppy flowers planted by the students



## Greek November Holidays

By Noah Girgis

Recently, Greece has had multiple holidays in the past month, each with historical significance. However, the stories of these holidays are mostly unknown to anyone not native to Greece. These holidays have extreme importance and meaning behind them, and it's important to know why.

### Nov 17 - Athens Polytechnic uprising/ Polytechnic Day

As a backstory, Greece at this time period was in extreme civil unrest. A ton of protests against the Greek military junta have been created, causing chaos throughout. However, one day, it all came to a peak. At night, students at the Technical University in Athens were protesting on campus grounds, when all of a sudden, military tanks stormed the grounds. Unfortunately 40 students died and over 2000 people were injured. To commemorate this great loss, this day is now a national holiday for the country of Greece.

**Nov 21 - Name Day of Saint Mary** November 21st marks the Name Day of Saint Mary. If you haven't heard of them, name days are an annual celebration dedicated to a certain name. If you were assigned that name at birth, you get essentially a second birthday. November 21st is the Name Day for Mary, and since St. Mary is the patron saint of Chania, the entire town gets a day off of school. How neat!

## Sports Day

On November 17th, 2023 during the last two periods of the day the students enjoyed playing team relay games. Ms. Athina organized the relay games. The first game consisted of tossing a ball and moving a hula hoop over the next person. The second



game was a basket ball toss with a moving board piece. The third game involved throwing balls at bowling pins. Everyone had good time and had to work together.



Top photo: First game with a ball toss and hula hoop. Middle photo: Second game with shooting basketballs. Bottom photo: Knocking down bowling pins game.



**What is your favorite subject?**

Art

**What would you like to become when you grow up?**

I want to be an artist, model or an actress.

**Who is someone you look up to?**

Alexia and Kryssa, my best friends!

## Student of the month Elementary school Victoria Kovalczyk Grade 3

By Olivia Nilsen

**Where are you from?**

I was born in Germany and moved to Poland when I was younger. I speak Polish, German, English and a tiny bit of Japanese.

**What is your favorite food?**

Steak is my favorite.

**What do you enjoy doing after school?**

I like playing games, especially Roblox. And I like drawing.



## Thanksgiving Holiday

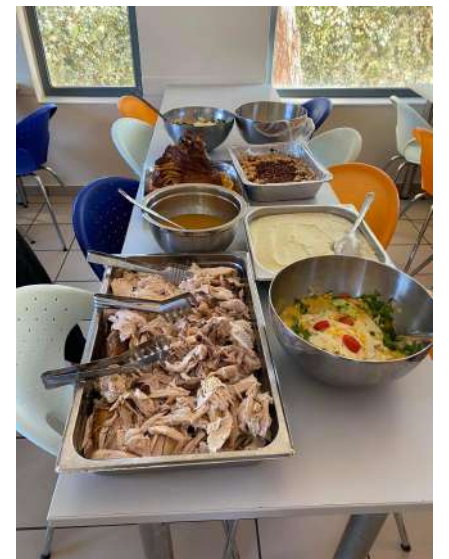
By Lourin De Kock

At last, the season of thanks has graced us.

Thanksgiving is a day that celebrates gratitude and family. Originally formed in 1621, when a member of the Pawtuxet tribe taught Plymouth colonists from England that were already weakened from malnutrition and illness how to cultivate produce among other skills.

At the end of the season after the colonists harvest proved successful, they organised a celebratory feast and invited the fledgling colony's Native American allies, including the Wampanoag chief which helped the settlers form an alliance with the Local tribe which endured for more than 50 years.

To commemorate Thanksgiving, students created "hand-turkeys", writing on them all the things they are grateful for this season, then sharing a home cooked traditional Thanksgiving meal.



## Warm Welcome!

The elementary and high school would like to give a warm welcome to our new students who joined us in November:

- Ryker McFarlin: 1st grade
- Lucy Anne McFarlin: 4th grade
- Ava McFarlin: 7th grade

## Science Corner

The 7th and 8th Grade entered an international contest hosted by Klaipėda Martynas Mazvydas, entitled "The Second Life of Things. I think and construct." The goal was to make art from recycled material. We took this opportunity to do a unit about Earth's resources.

Congratulations to all the students who participated!



Hobit House



Hogwarts Castle



Washing Machine



Skate Park



Tree



Bird Feeder



Lorax



Spaceship wrecking a building



Fighter Jet



Scene from "Five Nights at Freddy's"

### Letter to the editor

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# ELEMENTARY EDITION

## Miloi Kritis Bread Factory

By Vicky Barney



On November 29th, the elementary school got to go to Miloi Kritis bread factory to see how bread was made. They also got to make their own dough



## Celebrating Thanksgiving

By Vicky Barney



The international side got to eat Thanksgiving lunch to celebrate Thanksgiving.

## Veterans Day

By Vicky Barney

The international side went to the Souda Bay War Cemetery to put Poppies on the graves for Veterans Day.



## Science Corner

By Vicky Barney

3rd and 4th grade did a science project with germs and bread. They didn't wash their hands after recess and touched bread and let it sit for a week. Germs and mold grew and they did the same with better and cleaner results to compare them.





# ELEMENTARY EDITION

## Fisika Soap Factory

By Eleanna Manolesakis

On November 1st, the elementary school went to Fisika soap factory and got to see the equipment and how to make soap.



## Cuneiform Writing

By Eleanna Manolesakis



6th grade wrote in Cuneiform on clay tablets to see what their names would look like.

## Birthday Celebrations

By Eleanna Manolesakis

On the 7th of November Leo brought cupcakes for his class on his birthday and his class sang "Happy Birthday" to him.



## Elementary Students Visit Air Force Base

By Eleanna Manolesakis

The international side went to see the Air Force and how the planes were. They also go to see a lot of equipment.

