



Old Harbor Chania

## Visit to Churches and Folklore Museum

By Monika Gartzke

The Junior and Senior High school went to the Harbor on February 5th. We visited the Trimartyri Church of Chania, the Catholic Church and the Cretan House Folklore Museum in Chania. The folklore museum includes traditional exhibits that allow the visitor to picture how life was for the habitants of the island during the 18th and 19th century. After visiting the museum, everyone enjoyed exploring the city.



## Student of the Month High School Eleni Vasiliki Williams, Grade 10

By Olivia Nilsen



**Where are you from?**

I am from Maryland, USA.

**What is your favorite subject in school?**

History, because I like learning about the past and the aspects of other countries' history and culture.

**What is your favorite thing to do outside of school?**

I like reading and playing video games on my phone.

**What is your favorite movie?**

I love "The Equalizer". I could watch it every day.

**Where do you see yourself in ten years?**

I see myself with a degree in psychology and business. And I would love to have a company that sells natural cosmetic products.

**What would it be if you could only eat one thing for the rest of your life?**

It would be schnitzel with ketchup and a big glass of fresh orange juice.

**What makes you proud?**

My heritage and my passion for natural remedies make me proud.

Join the Friday Fun!

Theater  
Robotic Club  
Chess Club

Cretan Dance  
Art Club  
Jewelry Club

### Staff of the Month Ms. Gogo Halevelaki

By Lourin De Kock



#### Why did you choose to teach music?

I choose to teach music because of course I love music and it makes me feel good, it makes me happy and I love teaching children.

#### What's your favorite part about teaching?

My favorite part is teaching the children, when I see their faces and they're happy and comfortable with all they're doing and having fun. Also when they tell me about all that they're feeling inside when music starts playing.

#### Who's your favorite musician?

Mozart. He was a very special musician, he was a genius, he had a very special talent that I think God had given to him.

#### Whose your favourite singer?

Maria Callas, a renowned opera singer. I love her voice and I love all of her works that she's done.

#### How long have you been teaching here?

13 years. I love this school, I love teaching here and I love the children; the children give me life.

#### Do you have any advice for kids our age?

Don't stress yourself out. Relax. Don't worry. Let the music live within you and I think if you do this you will have all the tools you need.

My advice for you is to do in your life what you love and makes you happy because if you do this, believe me, you will come to love your life.

### Elementary School Student of the Month Ryker McFarlin

1<sup>st</sup> Grade

By Monika Gartzke

#### What is your favorite movie?

Coco from Disney.

#### What is your favorite food?

I like pizza with meatballs on it.

#### Do you play any sports?

I play soccer and I'm usually the goalkeeper.

#### Who is someone you look up to and why?

My dad because he is hard-working, funny, and nice.

#### What is your favorite school subject?

I like swimming because it's fun.



## Valentine's Day

By Maximus Hales

St Valentine's Day is an annual festival to celebrate romantic love, friendship and admiration. One Saint Valentine was supposedly a Roman priest who performed secret weddings against the wishes of the authorities in the third century. Imprisoned in the home of a noble, he healed his captor's blind daughter, causing the whole household to convert to Christianity and sealing his fate.

The 7th grade class celebrated St. Valentine by making boxes and bringing in treats to share with the class.



# New Student Welcome to Hailu Zhaoming!

She comes to us from China  
and is in 7th Grade.

# Farewell to Brooklyn and Brody!

By Olivia Nilson

Tuesday the 6th of February was the last day for Brooklyn and Brody at Theodoropoulos International School. You are two amazing students, full of laughter and energy. We hope that you have a great time at your new school and we know that you are going to make lots of new friends. We are going to miss you both and know that we would love it if you came back to visit us. So thank you for the time that you chose to share with us here at Theodoropoulos. Take care and keep in touch!



### Letter to the editor

If you have any comments send an email to  
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### Art Corner



Puppets spoons Project



Carnival Clay Masks

**7th Grade Lab** - The class was learning about synthetic materials and made bioplastics.



### Science Corner

#### 9th Grade Biology STEM Project - Red Algae Bloom

This project focused on the uncontrolled growth of algae for which environmental engineers and biologists might be consulted to create a remediation plan. The students submitted a research paper with a design system to control the growth of algae with minimal disruption to the surrounding ecosystems. Each group built a 3D model to test their solution.



#### 10th Grade Physics STEM Project - Exoplanets

This project focused on Kepler's Laws and how they apply to all solar systems, not just our own. The students submitted a research paper and built a 3D model of an exoplanetary system.



#### 11th Grade Earth Science STEM Project - Beach Erosion

This project focused on the increased risk of erosion due to human activities. The students submitted a research paper along with a 3D design aimed at a sustainable solution to reduce erosion and its impacts.



# Trip to SciSense

By Noah Girgis

The International High of Theodoropoulos took a field trip to a science center which focused around your 5 senses, comically named SciSense. We were split into 2 groups. The group I was in explored the experiments first and afterwards watched the video on misdirection and face recognition.

The various experiments explored touch, sight, and hearing. We learned about static electricity by using a ball with a spinning belt on the inside to generate energy. Touching the ball produces an electric bolt to your hand. We explored strange phenomena such as pushing your hands together on a metal gate which made your hands feel super soft.

Next we explored sight and a touch of hearing. We wore goggles that swapped the vision of your left and right eye. We were able to hear music by biting a motor connected to a radio which was a bit of a strange one. Then we went into a completely dark room and turned on different colored lights and watched it affect our color perception. Afterwards we swapped with the 2nd group and watched a 1 hour video showing off misdirection magic tricks, and how we recognize faces around us. Overall a very cool field trip, 8/10!



# Celebrating Minning Shen's Birthday!

The 9th grade class celebrated Minning's Birthday on February 12th.



# ELEMENTARY EDITION

## Science Corner

The 5th graders did a science experiment where they got to see how hot and cold water affects the balloon. They also did an experiment on warm air vs. cold air and how these cause thunderstorms.

By Vicky Isabel Barney



Mrs. Soula's class learned about plants and then planted their own. They planted onions, beans, and pumpkins.

By Vicky Isabel Barney



The 6th graders did a science lab where they learned about biodiversity and variety.

By Eleanna Manolessakis



The 5th and 6th graders presented their science posters to the younger grades. The 5th grader's poster was on the four spheres of Earth and the 6th grader's was on how we can help save the Earth.

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Mrs. Ira, the school counselor did a presentation for the elementary students on how we can control and express our feelings. We got to practice many techniques like taking deep breathes and closing our eyes and imagining ourselves in our favorite place.

By Vicky Isabel Barney

# ELEMENTARY EDITION



On February 9th, the elementary international students went on a field trip to the Venizelos graves. They learned about Eleftherios Venizelous, the church of St. Ilyas & Spyros Kagiales.

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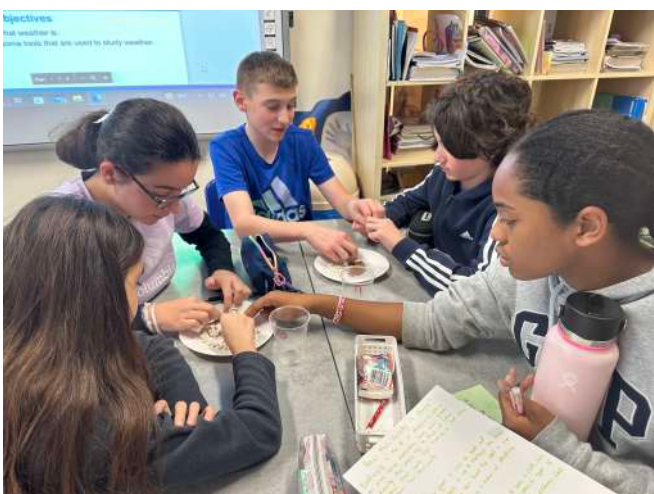


The international side celebrated the headmaster's birthday with a cake on February 20th.

-Vicky Isabel Barney

For Valentine's Day, elementary students made a box for their valentines and candy. We had a party and gave out valentines and candy to each other.

By Eleanna Manolessakis



# ELEMENTARY EDITION

## Safer Internet Day 2024

This year our school celebrated the Safer Internet Day 2024 with various activities in which all classes participated. Safer Internet Day is organized every year by the Pan-European Network of Safer Internet Centers INSAFE (<https://www.betterinternetforkids.eu>).

The aim is to promote safer and more responsible use of online technologies and mobile phones, especially among children and young people around the world.

The activity that stood out this year was the participation of the 5th and 6th grade classes in the competition "Surf Safely through the Internet Radio Waves" organized by the European School Radio (<http://europeanschoolradio.eu>) and the Interregional Internet Security Network of Greece. As part of this competition, students had to prepare and broadcast original radio messages, in the form of a podcast, giving instructions on internet safety. This year the theme was "Online Grooming" and their message was entitled "On the internet we say YES, but with SAFETY".

