

Elementary Student of the Month Jaiden Sison 1st Grade

By Julian Ortega and Adam Remoulakis



Where are you from?
Philippines.

What do you like to play?
Roblox and Grow a Garden.

How old are you?
7.

What are your hobbies?
Soccer.

**What do you want to be when you
grow up?**
A police officer.

What is your favorite food?
Fried Chicken.

**If you could visit one place in the
world where would you go?**
Norway.

Who inspires you?
Ronaldo.



Visit to the Elfetherios Venizelos' Museum, Graves, and Koukouvagia

By Olivia Nilsen

This past month, students had the opportunity to visit the Museum of Eleftherios Venizelos, and the Tombs of Eleftherios and Sophoklis Venizelos, located on the hill of Profitis Ilias. The site holds the remains of Eleftherios Venizelos, one of Greece's most important political figures, and his son Sophoklis Venizelos, who also served as Prime Minister. His house that he lived in his later life with his wife has been turned into a museum in Halepa.

Born in Mournies, just outside Chania, Eleftherios Venizelos played a key role in uniting Crete with Greece and is remembered as one of the country's most influential and respected leaders. He served as Prime Minister several times in the early 1900s and led major reforms that helped modernize Greece—improving education, strengthening government institutions, and investing in infrastructure. Venizelos also worked to expand Greek territory and promote national unity, especially . In the years following World War I, when he pushed for a stronger, more stable future for the country.

After visiting the museum and his grave which has stunning views of Chania, students headed to Koukouvaya, a local favorite known for its desserts like cheesecake and chocolate cake. After enjoying their snacks, many students took a walk through the nearby park.

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Join the Friday Fun!

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Cretan Dance
Art Club
Jewelry Club

Celebrating Valentines Day

By Yarden Akermann and Christian Roman



We decided to watch the Hunger Games. The Hunger Games is about a girl named Katniss Everdeen who lives in an unfortunate district where every year someone is chosen to fight in a deadly competition called the Hunger Games. When her little sister is picked, Katniss takes her place. She goes to the Capitol with another tribute from her district, Peeta Mellark. They train and then are sent into a large arena where they must survive while fighting other tributes. In the end, Katniss and Peeta outsmart the rules so they can both survive the Games.



Before watching the movie, everyone chose what they wanted to do. Some wanted to watch the Minions instead, and others wanted to watch the Hunger Games. Also everybody was able to purchase presents for Valentine's Day due to a student council initiative, which made the day feel more special and fun for everyone.



Student of the Month Middle School Guy Uri 8th Grade

By Maximus Hales

Where are you from?
Isreal.

What do you like to listen to?
Gym music.

How old are you?
14.5.

Where would you want to go on vacation?
Anywhere in the European Union.

What is your favorite favorite food?
Antikristo BBQ food.

What are your hobbies?
Gym, Mai Kai and Swimming.

What do you want to be when you grow up?
Batman or John Wick

Who inspires you?
I inspire myself.

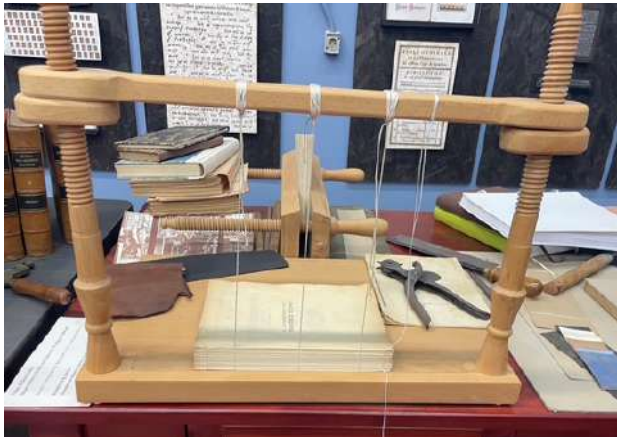
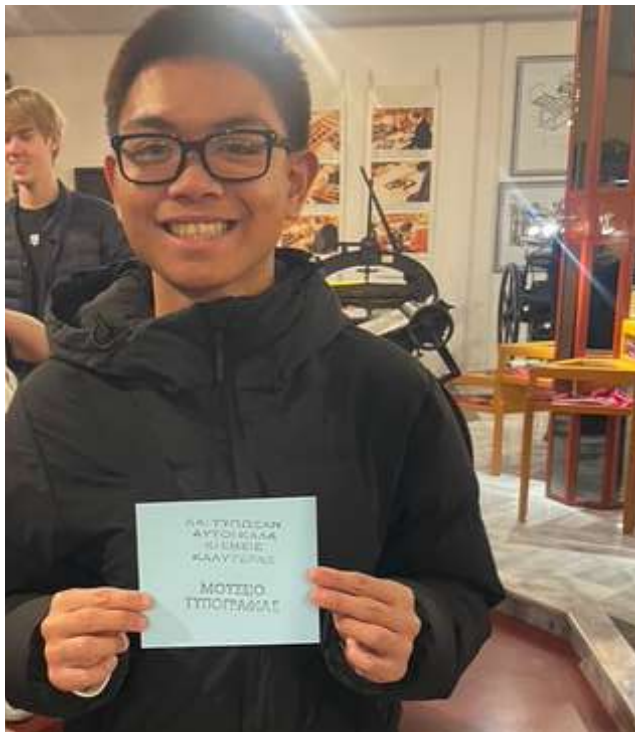


Visit to the Typography Museum

By Maximus Hales



The Middle and High School went to the Typography museum in Chania. The kind lady who worked there told us about how the machines worked and the history of them. She also informed us how this site used to be the headquarters for the Chania Printing Press. We got to print out our own tickets.



High School Student of the Month Davide Catapano 9th Grade

By Adam Remoulakis

Where are you from?
Puglia, Italy.

What do you like to read or watch?
A River Runs Through It.

How old are you?
13.

What are your hobbies?
Fishing, Fly Fishing.

What do you want to be when you grow up?
A Lawyer.

What is your favorite food?
Italian food.

If you could visit one place in the world where would it be?
Switzerland.

Who inspires you?
Family.



Letter to the editor

If you have any comments send an email to kostopoulos@zita.gr

What grades and subjects do you teach?

I teach 5th grade core subjects.

Why did you decide to become a teacher?

I had a very influential high school teacher, who made me realize the difference a teacher can make on a child's and teen's life.

Why did you move to Greece?

Thirteen years ago I wanted to teach English for a year, but in the end I stayed.

If you could go to any country in the world where would you go?

I would go to Iceland because I think the nature there is fascinating, the snow and volcanoes. the government is also mostly run by women.

What is your favorite food?

That is a very hard question, but I think some kind of curry.

What is your favorite movie or book?

My favorite book is "A God in Ruins" by Kate Arkinson.

**Staff of the Month
Sophie Muscatelli**

By Olivia Nilsen



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Art Corner



Science Corner



**Earth Science
STEM Project**

The goal of this project was to formulate a smooth, nourishing body cream using natural and scientifically-backed ingredients. This project explores the chemistry of emulsions, the science behind skin hydration, and the art of creating a cosmetic product. The science behind body cream lies in emulsions, mixtures of oil and water that naturally repel each other. To create a stable emulsion, emulsifiers like emulsifying wax and alcohol act as bridges, binding water and oil together. My hypothesis is that chemistry (emulsification), biology (skin hydration and barrier function), and material science (texture and stability) can be combined into one creative process. Students submitted a product and a research paper.



Physics Lab

In this lab students used Newtons Laws to calculate forces of applied angles.

**Human Anatomy
Virtual Lab**

In this investigation students explored the relationship between workload and a muscle's threshold of stimulation.

They determined the threshold stimulus for four different frog muscles (thigh, calf, upper forelimb, and lower forelimb) under workloads ranging from 0g to 80g.



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Groundhog's Day



Today we learnt about Groundhog Day. Every 2nd of February, people gather in the Pennsylvania town of Punxsutawney to watch a groundhog be pulled out of his burrow and presented to the crowd. Legend has it that if Punxsutawney Phil sees his shadow, there will be six more weeks of winter. If not, spring is around the corner. Children were intrigued by this custom and had fun participating in various activities.

Our 3rd and 4th-grade scientists learnt about Alexander Graham Bell and the making of the telephone. We experimented with paper and plastic cups to see if we could hear each other speaking. And it worked! The vibrations from the voice travelled along the string to the other cup!

Science Corner



In 5th Grade, we created our own desert biomes to help us understand how plants and animals survive in dry environments. These hands-on projects allow students to see how biomes function. Students will be able to take their biomes home at the end of the unit.



National Pizza Day

Celebrating pizza day properly meant that we had to make our own pizzas from scratch! Thank you to Chef Giorgos for making the dough and letting the students explore their culinary side. The pizzas were delicious!



ELEMENTARY EDITION



Carnival

On Friday, the 20th, we celebrated carnival with the Greek Elementary school. Carnival in Greece — called Apokries (Απόκριες) — is the festive period before Lent in the Greek Orthodox calendar. We enjoyed games, snacks and music. It was so much fun!



Friendship Day



Friendship Day was a hit, and all the kids loved all the special treats.

Barbecue Thursday



The children of the elementary school celebrated the Greek tradition of Tsiknopempti. On this day, families and communities gather to grill and enjoy meat together, filling the air with the delicious smell of barbecue—this is where the name comes from, as “tsikna” means the smell of grilled meat and “Pempti” means Thursday. It is a fun, festive tradition that brings people together before the period of Lent.