

Dear Parents and Guardians,



Welcome to a New Greek School Year! I want to thank all of you for your passion and love for Greek Culture and Language, and for helping us make Paideia the most effective and successful Greek Language program in Canada. I am certain that our staff and your children will have another successful year, and that they will continue to make us all very proud and happy. This brief guide provides information about general school rules, daily routines and everything you need to know about our school policies, so you and your child can have a positive start to the school year.

**Safety:** Our schools use a variety of practices and procedures to promote the safety of students and staff. During the school year, the doors at all Paideia locations will lock immediately when lessons start, and will remain locked for the whole duration of the school day. Also, our Principals and other staff will control access to the school building and monitor all visitors. Finally, we would like to inform you that our staff and administration review lockdown, fire and other safety procedures every September before the start of the school year.

### **Paideia: The only CEFR based Greek language curriculum in the world**

In collaboration with the University of West Macedonia (Greece), the development of Paideia was completed in August 2018, and includes the following:

1. **A Comprehensive Curriculum Document** that is based on the Common European Framework of Reference for Language
2. **Student books** for grades 1-12
3. **Teacher guides**, with detailed lesson plans, for all grades
4. **CD's** for the listening activities

***It is important to highlight the fact that Paideia is the FIRST and ONLY Greek Language curriculum that is based on the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR), a framework that is being utilized in Canadian schools for the teaching and learning of French.***

### **Paideia: The Ellinomatheia Exams (Greek Language Certification)**

May is a very important month for Paideia students, as they participate in the Official Greek Language Certification Exams. Before Paideia was implemented in our schools we had an average of 20-25 students who participated in the exams. In May of 2018, more students than ever (i.e., 83 students) participated in the official Ellinomatheia exams, which are assessed by Ministry of education in Greece. Additionally, our students achieved the highest success rate in Canada. It is important to point out that grade 4 students who started Greek school with Paideia four years ago, successfully obtained a Level A1 Greek Language Certification with a success rate of 91%. Equally impressive is the fact that 61% of these students scored a Level 4 (Άριστα). Our long-term vision is to have approximately 300-400 participants every year, including students from other communities who are already implementing Paideia (e.g. Hellenic Communities of York Region, Oshawa, Hamilton and St. Catharines). This corresponds to about 10% of the total number of candidates, who participate globally in the Ellinomatheia Exams every year.

## Ellinomatheia Exams Results – May 2018

<i>Επίπεδο Ελληνομάθειας Level of Proficiency</i>	<i>Number of candidates ΣΥΝΟΛΟ Διαγωνιζομένων</i>	<i>Ποσοστό Επιτυχίας Pass (%)</i>	<i>Τελικός Βαθμός Final Mark</i>	<i>Μέσος όρος ηλικίας Average Age</i>
<b>A1</b>	23	91 %	Άριστα (Level 4): 61% Πολύ Καλά (Level 3): 30%	10,3
<b>A2</b>	22	95,5	Άριστα (Level 4): 64% (Πολύ Καλά) Level 3: 28% Καλά (Level 2): 3.5%	11,7
<b>B1</b>	19	89	Άριστα (Level 4): 58% Πολύ Καλά (Level 3): 26% Καλά (Level 2): 5%	14,4
<b>B2</b>	4	100	Άριστα (Level 4): 100%	16,5
<b>Γ1</b>	2	100	Άριστα (Level 4): 100%	16,5
<b>Γ2</b>	4	75	Άριστα (Level 4): 50% Πολύ Καλά (Level 3): 25%	17,5

**Allergies:** Our schools are peanut-free zones to protect students with allergies. Please inform us of any allergies or health issues that our staff need be aware of. It is important that you fill out, and return the forms that your child will bring home (i.e., Media Release, Health, and Code of Conduct) from Greek school.

**Registrations:** You can register by contacting our office or online. There are two steps if you wish to register online. First, you must pay for the Greek Community Membership, which is \$160. Then, you can continue registering for one of our programs. We encourage you to promote our programs. Please inform your friends and relatives that they can contact us if they require more information or if they are not certain about which program will meet the needs and interests of their child.

**1<sup>st</sup> Day of School:** The first day of school is a regular school day. Please arrive at least 10 minutes before class. If you wish to register on the first day of school, you will

have to wait until the students go to their classrooms. There will be additional staff to assist you with your registration. Depending on the program... please pack a snack, lunch or both for the first day of school. We would like to remind you that at some locations the Parent Associations run a lunch program.

**Arrival/Dismissal/Attendance:** Teachers record attendance and late arrivals. Punctual, regular attendance is critical for educational success. Children should arrive at least 5 to 10 minutes before class, and they should wait in the designated meeting area (i.e., cafeteria). Students and parents are not allowed to go to the classroom by themselves. Parents who need to have a child dismissed early must inform a staff member, who will retrieve the student.

**Drop-Off by Car:** Please do not drop-off your child in the parking lot. This raises a great safety concern. Please park your car, and accompany your child to the cafeteria.

Thank you again for supporting our Greek Language and Heritage programs. Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any concerns or questions.

Sincerely,

Kostas Flegas  
Director of Education

***Καλή Χρονιά και Καλή Πρόοδο  
στα Παιδιά μας!***