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SCHOOL LIFE

Start of the new school year

The first day at school always evokes strong emotions in each of us. Because that day is a step that we all do with hope and faith for a better and filled with new opportunities life. This day is a celebration of knowledge, a natural tendency to science and knowledge. It is a symbol of spirituality, curiosity and rediscovery of the world. The first school day is a celebration for all children who come near the threshold of the school.

Let this bright September day marks with warmth and beauty the present 2016/2017 academic year. Let it be a new beginning for everyone - for first graders, as well as for their teachers.

In this solemn day, let us wish health and strength,

confidence and experience, courage and imagination in order to realize our mission! The mission to serve the knowledge!

To serve the children and their endless curiosity!

Happy new school year!

Nelly Veleva, teacher of Bulgarian language and Literature

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Be active in school

On 30 September, 2016 a sporting event was held at Aleko Konstantinov Primary school including relay games and competitions in handball and basketball. The participants were students from 5th to 7th grade. In the competitions, consisting of three games, played mixed children of all classes. The winners of the first game united in the second, the losers did the same. So the last who won came to the final.

The relay games combined running and dribbling. We were divided into classes.

We leashed all forces in the game that filled us with energy and enthusiasm throughout all the time.

We hope to have lots of such meetings further on.

Victoria Alexandrova, 7b class

Novations in education

According to the **new Law on pre-school and school education**, which has been in effect since August 1, 2016 :

- Pre-school education is compulsory in the school year that begins in the year of the age of 5-year-old child and the parents choose one of the following forms: full-day, half-day, hourly or individual;
- According to the degree, the school education is **primary and secondary**;
- Training for the acquisition of basic education takes place from I to VII grade including **two stages** as follows:
 1. Initial - from I to IV grade inclusive
 2. Junior high - from V to VII grade inclusive;
- Training for the acquisition of secondary education takes place from VIII to XII grade including **two stages** as follows:
 1. First high school - VIII to X grade inclusive
 2. Second high school - from the XI to XII grade inclusive.

Aleko Konstantinov Primary school is a community school, with a day form of education, and a primary level of education.

Al. Konstantinov Primary school provides **initial** (I to IV grade inclusive) **and junior high** (V to VII grade inclusive) stage of education.

Students who complete training in the 4th grade receive a certificate of a completed initial stage of primary education.

Students who successfully complete the 7th grade acquire a basic education, which is certified by a certificate of primary education.

The issuance of other documents for students is possible by a written application to the Headmaster of the school. The performance is **within three working days**.

The total number of training weeks per school year is as follows:

1. thirty-two school weeks **till 31 May** - from I to III grade inclusive;
2. thirty-four school weeks **till 15 June** - IV-VI grade inclusive;
3. thirty-six school weeks **till 30 June** - for VII grade.

(In the academic year 2016/2017 students of fourth grade will study till May 31, while students of seventh grade till June 15).

The duration of the lesson is:

- 35 minutes for I and II grade;
- 40 minutes for students from grade IV to VII.

The groups of full-day organization at school (study halls) are formed according to the number of applications by parents to September 1. After September 1 students can complete the semi-boarding school groups to the number of vacancies.

Vaska Gudzheva - Chairman of the Committee to update the AUP

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Amazingly art of dry leaves

Omid Asadi is a young English artist of Iranian origin who is inspired by something too transient – the falling leaves in autumn. With the help of a mock knife and a needle he cuts amazing pictures from the difficult processing material.

Of course, he has a talent when some time ago he cut a small image from rose petals using a needle. About his work he says that it is easy to be inspired by obvious beautiful things like flowers but there is something extraordinary to be inspired by ordinary things.

His job requires great precision and concentration but the result is worth it. Omid works primarily with maple leaves because they are available in Manchester, where he lives now. Cutting dry leaves is very difficult because it needs applying of different types of pressure and depends on the structural rounds of the fragile leaf. One wrong move or pressure of the hand can ruin everything.

“ We can create beauty, love and make this place better for mankind and other species instead of suffering from wars, conflicts, disease and hunger.”

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SCHOOL FOR PARENTS

For the first-graders` parents

Dear moms and dads of first graders, the start of school is a very special moment in our personal relationship with our children. The little guy start his big way as a discoverer. We understand the joyous thrill, excitement, hopes, fears and sadness that accompany this unique September 15. Surely you have many questions and expect challenges.

Consider how much your child knows:

- To welcome, to introduce himself, to speak clearly and comprehensively;
- To participate in a common activity or conversation with peers, to initiate a game, to share, to offer and assist help, to accept others' opinions, to follow imposed rules and tasks;
- To require attention in the right way, to interrupt any unwanted conversation, to refuse proposals and ideas that he doesn't not like;
- To recognize basic emotions and to comply with the emotional states of the others, to express his emotions appropriately, to be able to apologize;
- To do self-service - to change clothes, to arrange his own belongings, to tie his shoelaces, to eat properly, to use the toilet independently.

If your child knows even just one of these things, he/she is already well ahead on the difficult path of the development! Help him to adapt in school by working daily on development basic social skills and do not forget to acknowledge his success every day with love and attention!

Zdravka Petrova - guidance counselor

Source: Handbook for Parents of first graders

PARENTS ASSOCIATION

For the fifth- graders` parents

Dear parents of fifth graders,

Your child is entering a stage when he/she is becoming more independent and begins to seek answers of the most important questions: Who am I? Where did I come from? Where am I going?

Right now, your child will need your unconditional love and support to be able to cope with the tasks of development in this age period, namely: to make a good self-estimation, to find his own place in the complicated world among his peers, to learn how to manage with the requirements of different teachers and the difficult curriculum.

In the fifth grade the clear structure of respect and the caring of the elementary school change. In the place of the primary teacher appears the class teacher who gets to know the children, as well as many other teachers with different styles and requirements. The individual approach is substituted by new principles and rules.

During this period your child grows older and changes his key interests. Defining for this age are the importance of social life, the building of first real and serious friendships, the first falling in love.

The best solution for us, being parents, is to be charged with love and patience.

Zdravka Petrova – guidance counselor

Source: Handbook for Parents

Association Parents

LIBRARY INFO CENTER

First meeting of participants in club "Friends of the book"

On October 3, 2016 the club „Friends of the Book" made its inaugural event. The new members are usually introduced then. They actually occupy the seats of those already enrolled in the eighth grade in other schools. Twelve new students came - 6 of primary and 6 of secondary education level. We discussed the dates of meetings and the program under which we will work. It does not differ significantly from the last year`s, e.g. assistance in conducting various library events, discussion about new and interesting titles from the newly leaked out literature, maintenance of good form of the books etc. The children expressed readiness and enthusiasm that gave me confidence that, as before, we will deal pretty well with the goals and tasks facing us.

Elena Penisheva, Librarian