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A.Y. 2020 – 2021, Signing Off!

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It's that time of the year where we bid adieu to our schoolmates and colleagues. Another academic year has come to an end. This year, PSG has gone through challenges. Challenges that were caused by some things out of our control, but we were able to cope up with it. We first started the year by welcoming our students virtually, due to the implemented lockdown. Thankfully, we were able to go to school and deliver classes face to face for about two months. Unfortunately, we had to do distance learning upon the implementation of the second lockdown in Greece. Despite the difficulty and struggles in online learning, the teachers not the students never gave up. Aside from the continuous teachings online, teachers also attended some online seminars or webinars for their professional growth too. Some of these webinars were the: *Continuation on page 5*

Harapang Pagkatuto sa PSG, Muling Isinagawa!

Ni: Marvilee Torion

Muling isinagawa ang harapang pagkatuto sa PSG matapos ang halos na anim na buwang pagsasagawa ng "online" na pagkatuto at pamamalagi sa tahanan upang matuto. Sinimulan ito noong ika-10 ng Mayo kung saan ang mga mag-aaral ay kina-kailangang pumasok sa paaralan upang magkaroon ng karaniwang pamamaraan ng pagkatututo at pag-aaral. Ikinasa ang Face to Face na balik

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EDITORIAL:*Eliminating vaccine Hesitancy
as Filipinos Overseas*

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So far, we know the phenomenon of vaccine hesitancy because of misinformation brought by some who may not be so familiar with how vaccines can bring us a step closer to the so-called “end of a tunnel”. However, so far as well, we are particularly aware that there is a number of vaccinated individuals whose life may have been negatively affected. But in the long run, at the end of the day, to fulfill what we all individuals have been longing for during this pandemic– the normalcy to be out without worrying one might catch COVID-19– can be achieved if we reach herd immunity. It sounds and seems difficult due to social and political barriers, and that is sadly the reality—for now. Nevertheless, to be scientifically and politically educated are two important keys not only to build solidarity

among the citizens of the world but to break the stigma of vaccine hesitancy.

The pandemic may have been a time for “awakening” two of the significant (and most basic) purposes of science and technology which are to access information and ease communication technology which are to access information and ease communication by using the Internet. On the other hand, we often forget that vaccines, a medical innovation, is the meticulous product of science and technology too. It is and should be the tool to help us get a step closer to ending the pandemic. Getting vaccinated is the next step we need to take that does not ask us to speed up or race with one another, instead, for now, slowly but surely. Additionally, in the past, science and technology— particularly vaccines— were invented to prevent diseases with the aim to save billions of lives. However, for now, there is hesitancy among almost everyone because of the uncertain information citizens receive. Many believe blabbered ideas instead of understanding the works of scientists who dedicated their lives to saving humanity from extinction. We, humans, have forgotten that in uncertain and unexplained situations like these— science can help us win.

Our world is progressively advancing in technology, science, research, and even communication. In the 21st Century, credible information can be accessed within a click or within the television news. Hence, our duty as citizens is to acknowledge credible and accurate information so that confusion and wrong decisions will be avoided. During this pandemic, critical thinking and obedience towards our leaders (even if we differ in political perspectives) are important practices we will need so we can strengthen our armors against the unwanted and unseen virus.

Good news is, up till today, we have seen numerous of Filipino Overseas Filipino Workers— who once doubted the vaccines during the early release and opening of vaccine eligibility here in Greece— getting vaccinated. Even if we still see the issue of choosing one brand instead of the other (which we should not be doing), we still appreciate every citizen’s cooperation to end the stigma of vaccine hesitancy.

EDITORIAL:***Online na Pagkatuto: Tayo ba ay Natututo, o Nagpapasa lamang ng Gawain para sa Marka?***

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Image by: Carolina Gadia

Wika ni Nelson Mandela “Ang edukasyon ang pinakamaka-pangyarihang sandata na maaaring gugulin upang baguhin ang daigdig.” Ngunit ating tanungin ang ating mga sarili nang masinsinan, tayo ba ay natututo upang makamit ang tagumpay sa larangan ng pagkatuto, o nagpapasa lamang ng mga Gawain upang magkaroon ng marka? Paano natin gugugulin ang edukasyon sa pagbabago kung sa kasalukuyan ay hindi tayo tiyak kung natututo nga ba tayo? Oo nag-aaral tayo, ngunit hindi pa rin lahat ng nag-aaral ay natututo, sapagkat maaari ka ngang magbasa nang magbasa ngunit tumatatak ba ito sa iyong kaisipan?

Madalas sa salinlahi ngayon ay mas nakatutok sa pagpasa

na lamang ng gawain upang sila ay pumasa at magkaroon ng marka, tulad na lamang kapag katapusan na ng taong panuruan. Karamihan ay hindi na pinahahalagahan ang naituro sa kanila ng kanilang mga guro at mas binibigyang alintana at halaga nila ang huling mga gawain para sa taon na iyon.

Ngunit sa kasalukuyang online na pagkatuto, karamihan sa mga mag-aaral ay nagsasabing mas marami pa ang mga gawaing nakalaan sa kanila kaysa sa natutuhan. Wala tayong masisisi sapagkat ang pangyayaring ito ay napakahirap sa magkabilang panig. Naniniwala ang manunulat na hindi tayo gaanong natututo at hindi mabisa ang online na pagkatuto sa pamamagitan ng apat na dahilan. Una, wika ng ilang mag-aaral ay mas nawawalan sila ng pagtuon o pagpokus sa online na pagkatuto sapagkat napakadali ang malibang sa ibang bagay; sa ilang guro naman ay nahihirapan ding magturo kapag ang kanilang pagtuturo ay parang pagtuturo sa hangin dahil sa mga hindi aktibong mag-aaral Pangalawa, isa pa sa mga suliranin ng online na pagkatuto ay napakadaling mandaya sa mga pagsusulit, maaaring hanapin ito sa

samu’t saring pook-sapot, itanong sa kamag-aral, o tumingin sa aklat/talasulatan. Pangatlo, kung pag-uusapan naman ang likhay ng pangkalahatan, hindi natin maiiwasang humina o mawala ito kung kaya’t nawawala ang mag-aaral o guro sa klase. Ang ganitong mga pangyayari ay hindi kailanman nalalaman kung kailan magaganap kaya’t napakahirap nito lalo na kung angguro pa mismo ang nawalan o mahina ang likhay. Pinakahuli, ang pagganyak ng mga mag-aaral ay mas humihina o nawawala dulot ng matagal na pananatili sa tahanan at hindi matanaw ang dating pang-araw-araw nilang nakasasalamuha at natatanaw. Sapagkat sa harap-harapang pag-aaral sa paaralan ay mas natututo rin tayo sa pakikisalamuha sa kapwa, sa pang-araw-araw na pakikipag-interaksyon sa ibang mag-aaral ay may nakakalap din tayong kaalaman.

Ngunit sa kabuuang balintataw ng manunulat, kahit papaano naman, sa online classes at sa mga maraming gawain ay natututo pa rin tayo. Ito ay nakasalalay sa sariling disiplina ng mag-aaral, at kung gaano siya kasigasig at pursigidong matuto. Kahit pa sabihin nating puro mga gawain lamang ang natatanggap ng mga mag-aaral at hindi sapat na kaalaman para sa pagkatuto. Ang mga

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gawaing ito ay may naituturo rin naman kahit hindi ito katumbas ng harap-harapang pagkatuto. Laging tatandaan, nasa kamay ng mag-aaral kung paano niya ika-kalap at itataguyod ang naituro sa kaniya para sa kaniyang kin-abukasan.

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SHS Career Orientation

By: Samantha Nicole Villaflores and
Christian Jay Quitoriano



Educational institutions are doing their best to provide top-notch quality education to guide students to their chosen career options in this technologically oriented period and the start of the new normal style of learning where face-to-face has now become part of the past. As students, we must admit the difficulties of deciding on the right and best path to pursue, since we all want to accomplish one thing and that is to be successful. Fortunately for the PSG high school students, they were offered with a variety of university options, each of which appeared very promising and even provided the students an idea of what to expect as a college student. Each university was unique and had its own merits, making it more difficult for students to choose which university to attend. The Webster University in Athens mostly discussed the benefits and opportunities that come with studying there, as well as how the Webster University is a very versatile and optimal learning environment for both students and the teachers. They also discussed about the various programs and courses available at their university, and overall, the participants had a fantastic experience with their career orientation and are considering attending Webster University.

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Balik-aral sa PSG, Muling Ikinasa!

Ni: Marvilee Torion

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aral sa PSG sa kadahilanang ang pamahalaan ng Gresya ay nagpatupad na lahat ng paaralan sa Gresya mula baitang Kinder hanggang Ikalabindalawang baitang ay kinakailangang sumunod sa patakarang muling pagbabalik sa paaralan at pag-aaral sa karaniwang pamamaraan.

Simula Nobyembre ay nagsimula ang “Online” na pamamaraan ng pagkatuto. Kung iisipin ay halos anim na buwan namalagi ang mga mag-aaral sa kanilang tahanan habang isinasagawa ang “online” na pamamaraan ng pagkatuto. Sa unang araw ng pasukan ay makikita ang bakas ng ngiti sa mga mukha ng mga mag-aaral na hindi nakikita ang mga kamag-aral at mga guro ng mga ilang buwan. Sa mata ng mga guro ay mas mahusay ang pagkatuto nang harapan kumpara sa “online” sapagkat nababantayan at nakikita ang mga mag-aaral habang nasasalamain ang kanilang pagkatuto.

Gayunpaman, mapa-online man o harapang pagkatuto ay handang makipagsabayan ang mga guro, mag-aaral at maging mga magulang upang ang pagkakatuto ay maipagpatuloy. Ayon nga sa sinabi ni Leonor Briones, kalihim ng Departamento ng Edukasyon, “kahit ano pa man ang mangyari, ang pagkatuto ay kinakailangang magpatuloy.” Pinatunayan ito ng ating karanasan sa pandemyang ito na kahit ano mang pangyayari, ang mga mag-aaral, guro at pati na ang mga magulang ay handang magsakripisyo upang kahit saang sulok man ng mundo, lahat ay natututo. Sa pakiwari ng manunulat, umusbong tayong malakas sa pandemyang ito at uusbong para sa pag-unlad ng bawat isa sa mundo.

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Grade 12 Oral Defense: Success!

By: Hermiline Athina Bravo



The senior students once again exhibited their intelligence and dedication in delivering and finalizing their research paper as a requisite in their final term. The grade 12 students have tackled on different topics which would benefit not only them as students, but teachers, administration, and the school as a community too. Most of

chosen were relevant to students’ academic performance and how different factors would affect it. New topics such as Calming Corners and Malunggay Kalamay were brought up. The panelists – Mr. Denis Acerit, Ms. Hermiline Athina Bravo, Ms. Jasmin Imperial, and Mrs. Gracia Celia Nickel, have scrupulously asked questions with regards their research topics, but the students were able to defend it with full confidence and were able to provide support to their answers. Everyone was able to end his or her oral defense with a smile on his or her face, feeling relieved, delighted, and triumphant.

Recognition Ceremony

By: Erchelle Jayrine Pagdilao



The Recognition Ceremony of the Philippine School in Greece was held virtually, through Zoom, on the 29th of June, 2021, with the theme “Strengthening the Quality of Education Amid COVID-19 Pandemic”. The students who have excelled on the honor list were informed to get their medals in the school before the date of the ceremony. All students were expected to join the virtual recognition ceremony through zoom at 8:00 in the evening on the mentioned date. The Masters of the Ceremony were Ms. Hermiline Athina Bravo and Mr. Joycel Vincent Dabalos. Although the ceremony was held online, the faculty and staff prepared for this night; they were in their best outfit. Mrs. Gracia Celia G. Nickel, the school directress and principal gave her welcome speech with delight. It was then followed by the presentation of awardees which was lead by the classroom advisers. During the awarding, every time a pupil’s name was called, the parents did the honor of hanging the medal on their child. The pride and joy of the parents were seen on their faces as they awarded their child, follow by applause and congratulatory greetings from the faculty. The grade 11 students also had an Intermission Number that was pre-recorded in the school followed by the introduction of inspiration speaker that was given by Mrs. Luz C. Taa, the B.O.M. Secretary. An inspirational talk was given by Mrs. Cynthia R. Cruz, Labor Attache, Philippine Overseas Labor Office. She highlighted the importance of the healthy living of students and how everyone involved in a student’s life contributes to this healthy lifestyle. Lastly, the Closing Remarks was addressed by Ms. Jasmin Imperial, Deputy Principal of PSG. The programme was short and direct, but it was amazingly organized. Everyone left the zoom meeting with smiles on their faces and the feeling of success for again passing another school year.

Moving Up Ceremony

By: Kimberly Nicole Chavez



The Moving Up Ceremony was held on June 25, 2021. As much as we wanted it to be held face to face, we had to do the ceremony virtually. Many things have changed since the pandemic started. One of them was to be considerate when having events in the school; we should observe social distancing and we have to think of the number of visitors that would arrive because the government only allowed few people in one place.

The pandemic however did not stop us from fulfilling our dreams. We were able to accomplish and finish the junior high school. Although our Moving Up Ceremony was held online, we still had our parents beside us during that time. It was just unfortunate that we weren’t able to bring our parents on stage to receive our awards. Nevertheless, we brought joy to our parents by the accomplishment of passing the tenth grade. Our ceremony was pre-recorded in school. Our teachers exerted effort to be able to publish this virtual ceremony, and we are more than grateful. Although we weren’t able to bring our parents with us on stage because of the situation, we’re still glad that we experienced to receive our diploma and awards on stage.



A.Y. 2020-2021, Signing Off!

By: Hermiline Athina G. Bravo

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AECON 2021 - REX Education Learning Solutions, Recollection of Teachers with Fr. Rex Fortez, C.M., and the Virtual Conference of Philippine Schools Overseas: Surviving and Thriving Amidst the Challenges of the COVID-19 Pandemic!. With full determination and dedication to each role, we did all things possible to make learning possible no matter the situation. Distance and online learning was a challenge indeed, but we all faced it with courage and positivity. A couple of months before the end of the school year, we were finally back in school, and everything went back to normal. The presence of the students in the school uplifted the school's atmosphere. Laughter and smiles were heard and seen from the students, giving teachers the feeling of enlightenment and fulfillment. Now that we are about to close this school year, we can all say that we did a job well done. Students have successfully completed their requirements and their hard work has paid off. They were also able to enjoy the remaining months of the school year with their schoolmates, together with their teachers.

We had the Live Virtual Recognition for undergraduates which was held on June 29, 2021, via Zoom. Although it was not the usual way we have our Recognition Day, for everyone's safety, we decided to have a Live Virtual Recognition in order for everyone to be able to attend and acknowledge one's achievement. The guest during the Recognition Day was Mrs. Cynthia R. Cruz, Labor Attache, Philippine Overseas Labor Office (POLO). Despite the distance, we felt and saw the happiness of all pupils and students being awarded. As their names were called, their parents hung the medals on their neck, followed by congratulatory hugs, kisses, and applause.

While the Recognition Day was held virtually, thankfully, we were given the chance to have a face-to-face Graduation as long as we continue to follow safety measures. The face-to-face graduation was held on June 30, 2021, at 7:00 p.m for both the Elementary and High School Graduates at the school ground. The graduates were overwhelmed when they

were told they will be able to march and receive their awards on stage. Although it was on a weekday, parents and guardians dedicated their time to witness their child graduate. Nothing can compare the happiness and pride their children has brought them. The 'Seniors Walk' is a new tradition done by this year's Senior graduates, which implies that as they leave their footsteps in school, their legacy shall continue. The night ended with the graduates throwing their caps in their with joy.

Career Orientation

By: Samantha Nicole Villaflores and
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The Centro Escolar University, or CEU, held a two-hour virtual open house with mini-training workshops for students to attend, but not all of the students were lucky enough to attend since they had established a limit on the number of people whom could attend their virtual open house orientation. The program began at eight o'clock (PHT) and at three o'clock (EST). The students were able to gather and assimilate a great deal of information on the program they selected

The lecturers or program leaders were all very kind and enthusiastic about their respective programs, and they were able to discuss important elements and even held a mini-game at the end of the workshop. The participants, I believe, had a terrific time with their workshops.

As students from both Philippine School in Greece and International Philippine School in Italy struggle to search for a good school in The Philippines, especially at the time of the pandemic, Southville International School Affiliated with Foreign Universities is here to offer their help. Also known as SISFU, this school has acquired plenty of awards that are limited to the best of the best in The Philippines. The presenters clearly explained the school courses available as well as a tour,

showing the facilities around the school. They also informed the students that SISFU, consisted of different branches that offers different courses with more affordable prices. Lastly, plenty of successful people such as Liza Soberano and Mika Dela Cruz are alumnus in this school, and they vowed that the school will serve their future students with quality education.

Due to the high and spectacular performance of students from The Philippine School in Greece, Deree: The American College of Greece has been accepting graduates from PSG ever since and has also conducted seminars face to face. As we all stay home during the pandemic, a virtual seminar has been done by representatives in order to discuss the offers Deree can give to the students. Not only were courses discussed, but a career counseling was also brought up to the students if ever they are still struggling to find their passion and career path. While being one of the best colleges in Greece, Deree does not only offer students academically, but they also promote a healthy social life as clubs and groups were also brought up.

The overall university seminars were insightful and helpful, and many students have already made up their minds and are preparing for the entrance examinations. Students now have more time to consider their university choice and career paths thanks to colleges that offered seminars.





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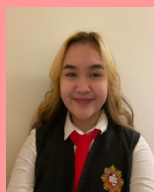
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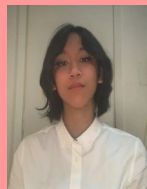
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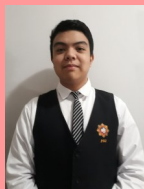


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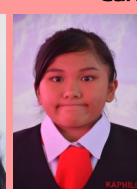


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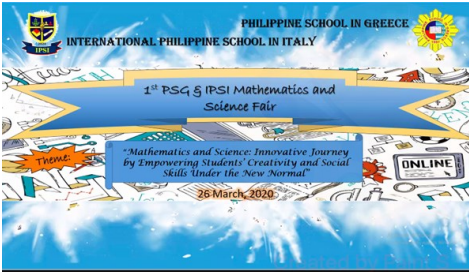
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First IPSI AND PSG Interschool Challenge

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In the month of April, PSG and IPSI had its first Interschool Challenge. On April 2, Math and Science Day was celebrated wherein students from both schools were challenged through different activities, of which are: Quiz Bee challenge, Jingle Making Challenge and the likes. The students enjoyed these activities as it gave them a break from their academic responsibilities. They took this day to enjoy, meet new schoolmates, and challenge themselves by enhancing their creativity. The Jingle Making challenge was a group challenge wherein each level had to prepare, compose, and choreograph their own song which had to be related to the Math and Science Theme. Each level surely dedicated their time and gave their best because all performances were astounding.

On April 6, Mrs. Criselda F. De Guzman from IPSI and Mrs. Shirley V. Manigbas held pre-event activities on Poetry Poster Making and Editorial Cartoon Making with Argumentative/Persuasive Essay Writing. Selected students from grades 7 to 10 were exempted during 12:30-3:30 pm. During this time, the teachers gave the students the poem as they selected two stanzas to interpret. Most of the contests were already pre-recorded and were just compiled and edited together.

On the day of the event, April 9, the challenge began starting with the celebration of the Filipino Language. Challenges such as the Ka-look-a-like it, Maikling Tula (Short Poem), Balagtasan (Declamation), and the likes were presented for the judges and the students to see. It was amazing to see how the students were in character of every iconic person they were portraying.

The English Day program was held in the afternoon. The mechanics were read simultaneously by Mrs. Bessie Tseliou, Ms. Hermiline Athina G. Bravo, Mrs. Shirley V. Manigbas and Mr. Joycel Vincent V. Dabalos and the Board or Judges were introduced by Mrs. Cresencia D. Malinis and Ms. Raquel G. Lizardo. The program started with the Declamation Challenge that was pre-recorded and this activity was for the whole elementary department. The Commercial Challenge was another activity but for the grade 4 students only. It was also pre-recorded and edited to be

to be presented to everyone. After that, the grade 5 students played the 4 Pictures 1 Story Challenge and were separated into a breakout room and lasted around an hour and 30 minutes. While they were playing the game, the Senior High School students had their Literary Quiz Bee in another breakout room and lasted for an hour. When everyone had returned to the main session, the Junior High School students presented to everyone their Podcast & Talk Show that was already pre-recorded too. After that, there was a short intermission presented by the IPSI 7 PSG Kindergarten.

The last remaining hours, were the entries of Travelling Essay: The Pandemic Experience by the Senior High students, the Poetry Poster Making Contest by the Junior High students, the Ekphrasis: Writing from Painting to Poetry, the Photo Poetry: Imagism as Expression and Technique both by the Senior High students. After all the entries were presented, the Senior High students also had an Argumentative-Persuasive Speech. Before the program ended, the SGO from IPSI and PSG had a short intermission number to present. After that, the awarding took place.

All in all, the program went pretty smoothly aside from minor technical difficulties. Everyone took part and participated and it really is a delight to have the IPSI join us for this event.



Wikang Filipino, Ipinagdiwang ng Mababang Baitang

ni Erchelle Jayrine Pagdilao



Ipinagdiwang ng Mababang Baitang ang Araw ng Wikang Filipino noong Ika-9 ng Abril ng mga mag-aaral ng PSG kasama ang mga mag-aaral sa IPSI. Ang mga punong abala para sa Araw ng Wikang Filipino ay sina Christian Jay Quitoriano sa PSG at Jem Pasion sa IPSI.

Sinambit rin ang katagang "Aba! syempre, Pilipino ako." Itong katagang ito ay sumisimbolo na hindi ikinakahiya ang pagka pilipino kundi taas noong ipinagmamalaki na ikaw ay

isang Pilipino, maging sa puso at isipan. Ang mababang paaralan ay lumahok sa iba't ibang hamon kagaya ng Kalok-kalike it, pagbigkas ng tula at paggawa ng poster. Ginawa ito ng lahat ng kalahok sa mga hamon bago ang araw ng pagdiriwang ng Araw ng Wikang Filipino para maipakita na lamang sa mismong araw ng pagdiriwang.

Si Ginang Precy Malinis, isang guro sa mababang baitang ang nagbigay ng mga tagubilin sa hamon na "Kalok-kalike it." Ang "Kalok-kalike it" ay may dalawang bahagi, ang kalok-kalike it ng mga mag-aaral na nasa isa hanggang hanggang tatlong baitang at ang kalok-kalike it ng mga mag-aaral na nasa ikaapat hanggang ikaanim na baitang. Ang mga ginaya nila ay ang mga kilalang-kilala sa Pilipinas kagaya ni Jose Rizal, Manny Pacquiao, Lea Salonga, Rodrigo Duterte at ang mga Frontliners.

Ang pangalawang patimpalak sa mababang paaralan ay ang "Pagbigkas ng Tula". Nanguna ang mga mag-aaral na nasa baitang kindergarten; Anastasia Tsekoura, Mark Angelo Panopio, Theo Angelo Galano, Emmanuel Kayrence Mayuga, at Maria Elaissa Luis. Sumunod ang ikatlong Baitang na pagbigkas sa kanilang Tula, Sina Angelica Malamion, Michaela Jane Salmos at Ysabelle Toquero ang mga mag-aaral na nagpaligsahan. Ang huling nagbigkas ng kanilang tula ay ay ang mga mag-aaral sa ikaapat na baitang na sina Nicole Galut, Rei Jathniel Baludbud, Athina Larreine Saturnino, Angel Kendria Panganiban, at Ryan Xavier Bergado.

Ang pinakahuling hamon sa mababang paaralan ay ang paggawang ng poster kung saan ang mga mag-aaral na kasali rito ay ang mga mag-aaral na nasa ikalima at ikaanim na baitang. Ang kanilang paksa sa paggawa ng poster ay "Wikang Filipino: Sa Bagong Bayanihan sa Panahon ng Pandemya" at sadyang napakamalikhain ang bunga ng kanilang ginawa at namangha rin ang ilan sa mga guro sa mga poster na kanilang ipinasa. Ang mga hamon ay sadyang binigyan pansin ng mga mag-aaral sapagkat ito ay ang Araw ng Wikang Filipino at ito rin ang sumasagisag sa pagka-pilipino. Ipinagdiriwang ang Araw ng Wika sapagkat ito ay nagbibigay ng kahalagahan sa ating Wikang Filipino.

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ΟΙ ΕΚΔΗΛΩΣΕΙΣ ΓΙΑ ΤΗΝ 25^η ΜΑΡΤΙΟΥ

Από: Julianne Calago



Η 25^η Μαρτίου είναι μια δημόσια αργία εδώ στην Ελλάδα και την Κύπρο. Συνήθως οι εορτασμοί περιλαμβάνουν παρελάσεις και άλλες εορταστικές εκδηλώσεις την ίδια ημέρα ή την παραμονή της. Η μεγαλύτερη εκδήλωση είναι η στρατιωτική παρέλαση στην Αθήνα στις 25 Μαρτίου, ενώ την προηγούμενη ημέρα, γιορτές γίνονται σε όλα τα σχολεία της χώρας, συμπεριλαμβανομένου του δικού μας. Σε άλλους δήμους πραγματοποιούνται παρελάσεις στρατιωτικών τμημάτων, μαθητών, κλαμπ κ.λπ.

Η γιορτή του Ευαγγελισμού, 25 Μαρτίου, υπήρξε η ημέρα έναρξης της Ελληνικής Επανάστασης κατά της Οθωμανικής Αυτοκρατορίας, που οργανώθηκε από την Φιλική Εταιρεία με αρχηγό τον Αλέξανδρο Υψηλάντη κι έμεινε γνωστή ως «Ευαγγελισμός της πολιτικής απελευθέρωσης του ελληνικού έθνους».

Η μεγαλύτερη γιορτή λαμβάνει χώρα εδώ στην Αθήνα όπου μια ετήσια στρατιωτική παρέλαση τιμά την εκδήλωση, στην οποία παρευρίσκονται ο πρόεδρος της Ελληνικής Δημοκρατίας και άλλοι υψηλόβαθμοι κρατικοί αξιωματούχοι, μαζί με εκατοντάδες θεατές. Η παρέλαση της Αθήνας ξεκινά το μεσημέρι από τη Λεωφόρο Βασιλίσσης Σοφίας, περνώντας από τη Βουλή των Ελλήνων και την Ακαδημία Αθηνών στην οδό Πανεπιστημίου. Πριν ξεκινήσει η παρέλαση ο Πρόεδρος καταθέτει στεφάνι στο μνημείο του Άγνωστου Στρατιώτη στην πλατεία Συντάγματος, όπου η πραγματοποιείται κάθε χρόνο. Η ημέρα της Ελληνικής Ανεξαρτησίας γιορτάζεται σε πολλές πόλεις εκτός Ελλάδας, όπως στις μεγάλες ελληνικές κοινότητες της διασποράς.

Και φέτος η Ελλάδα γιόρτασε 200 χρόνια από την έναρξη του αγώνα της για ανεξαρτησία, με μια τελετή που θα σηματοδοτούσε μια νέα αρχή μετά από χρόνια οικονομικής κρίσης, αλλά η οποία αναγκάστηκε να πραγματοποιηθεί εν μέσω περιορισμών του κοροναϊού.

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ΣΚΕΨΕΙΣ ΓΥΡΩ ΑΠΟ ΤΗΝ ΠΑΝΔΗΜΙΑ

Από: Pheevos Matthew Asuncion



Με την πανδημία να συνεχίζεται, οι περιορισμοί προσαρμόζονται στα νέα δεδομένα και αλλάζουν κάθε τόσο. Όλοι αυτοί οι περιορισμοί προκαλούν στους ανθρώπους, πλήθος αντιδράσεων ανάλογα με το άτομο.

Έτσι λοιπόν, κάποιος μπορεί να επαναστατούν στις ειδήσεις σχετικά με την παράταση των απαγορεύσεων, καθώς η παραμονή στο σπίτι τους επηρεάζει σωματικά και ψυχικά, ενώ άλλοι, όπως οι περισσότεροι μαθητές, προσαρμόζονται ευκολότερα σε αυτό το νέο σενάριο το οποίο ζούμε, καθώς κάποιος είναι συνηθισμένος να μένουν σπίτι όλη την ημέρα αντί να βγαίνουν.

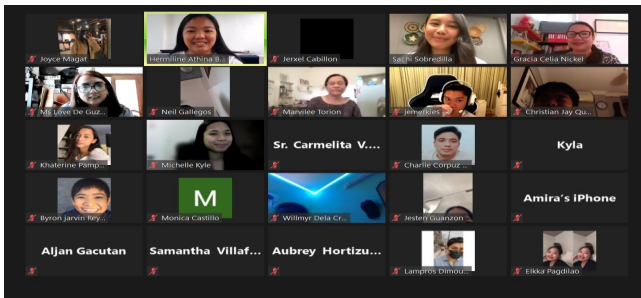
Μια θετική συνέπεια εξάλλου της νέας αυτής πραγματικότητας είναι η εξοικείωση των ανθρώπων με τις νέες τεχνολογίες, όπως στην περίπτωση των μαθητών, η ηλεκτρονική τάξη και το Διαδίκτυο. Αυτό μπορεί να είναι καλό, αλλά από την άλλη η έλλειψη σωματικής άσκησης μπορεί να έχει αρνητικές επιπτώσεις στην ανθρώπινη υγεία.

Συνεπώς, ακόμη κι αν αυτή η παρατεταμένη απαγόρευση βάζει σε δοκιμασία πραγματικά το μυαλό αλλά και τον ψυχισμό μας, από την άλλη επεκτείνει τον τρόπο σκέψης μας, για να προχωρήσουμε περισσότερο και να εξοικειωθούμε με αυτήν τη νέα πραγματικότητα, μέχρι να επιστρέψει η ζωή μας στους γνωστούς της ρυθμούς.

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FEATURE STORY: CAREER TALK: Inspirational Journey to Success

By: Michelle Kyle Balba—Philippine School in Greece (*Grade 12 Student*)
and Khatherine Pampolina—*International Philippine School in Italy (Grade 12 Student)*



By: Michelle Kyle Balba
Philippine School in Greece (*Grade 12 Student*)



By: Khatherine Pampolina
International Philippine School in Italy (*Grade 12 Student*)

Without a doubt, we humans, were all born for a reason. May it be big or small, it does not matter. Being able to joyfully explore and excitedly uncover that reason or those reasons is what truly matters. I take pride that the students of Philippine School in Greece are experiencing how being a youth should feel like. The joy of seeing friendly faces in the morning bus of 2023, the silent early mornings in the classrooms (until someone plays a song on the stereo), and the excitement upon hearing the dismissal bell-- are just three parts of the routine of PSGeans. All these influences our exploration to look for the one thing everybody asks you--ourselves rather: What is your/my purpose in life? One thing is for sure, knowing one's purpose in life does not happen overnight and it does not necessarily need to be discovered in school. Nevertheless, I am a strong believer that we live in a functional society--thus this brings us a step closer to knowing our purposes in life.

In all honesty, ever since my feet stepped on the hallway of the high school department in Philippine School in Greece, I have been that kind of girl who likes to do her very best.

In almost every aspect of my life, I did my finest effort even though I wasn't skilled in one. Until I reached the point of realization that I matter not because I could do things out of my reach, but because I knew my limitations. I have come to understand that every human person has a unique gift for a unique purpose.

This is when I accomplished the art of letting go. Letting go of things not meant for me. That's when I began to take no expectations, go with the flow, and whatever happens, happens.

Whatever life brings me—bad or good— each day, each week, each month, and each year I have learned to be willing and ready to tackle them with a good heart and ambition.

I hope you are getting a grasp of what I am trying to say.

If not, here is a list:

1. Nobody is “never enough”, unskilled, or unintelligent. We all have our own kind of intelligence. I do not only refer to the intelligence we were taught growing up which are logical, spatial, or linguistic, but intrapersonal, interpersonal, or emotional intelligence as well. Excelling or failing a math quiz cannot measure one's intelligence. Never doubt yourself!

2. Know yourself, really. Grab a pen, write down your likes and dislikes, skills you believe you possess, and things you cannot do (for now). This way, you can reflect on what you can do and cannot do.

3. Enjoy student life. One last piece of advice: I know that often, we always want to finish school immediately, but upon turning eighteen, I kind of wanted to stay at this age forever because when you are not a student anymore, you will need to make a living—which I think can be pretty hard. That is why you should enjoy life as a student, really!

I, Michelle Kyle M. Balba, a product of PSGean lifestyle, values, and principles, have high hopes that my fellow PSGeans will surely have a lovely academic life in Philippine School in Greece. If it happened to me, why not to others too?

Choosing a career is one of the most important decisions we will make in life. It's about so much more in deciding what we will do in the near future to make a living. At this point, we are in a juncture of our life that we are still undecided as to what school will be best for us and the career we will be pursuing. We are facing struggles and challenges in choosing between our personal and family's desires. The career talk that was held on 11th of June 2021 was definitely timely because the 3 speakers gave advices and shared their experiences on how to become professionals.

First thing I have learned from the seminar was “It is fine if you don't know what you will be doing next.” “You don't have to follow what other people around you are doing.” There is no genetic path that dictates us what to do or where we should go. We have different paths in life, we just have to choose and use it as our destiny. We don't have to live under the shadows of our parents or family. Success has nothing to do with age. Anyone can become successful in life if he or she follows the right path. The energy we feel won't lie. It means that we don't have to follow what was planned for us, good things will come our way if these are really meant for us.

Sometimes, we find ourselves doing things we think are destined for us, instantaneously, everything will change, we will unexpectedly feel we want to do something else, but nothing is wrong with that. It doesn't mean that if we are successful in what we are doing now, we have to do it until the end. We can change our direction if we are no longer happy with it and when we feel that we have something else to do because

the right path for us is the one that makes us happy and contented. We may feel uneasy if we think our chosen career is not according to God's plan for us. He let us experience it for us to really know what we want. Our career always depends on the WHAT and WHERE God is leading us to. There is nothing wrong to try different things until we see what is really our passion.

With this career talk, we acquire a lot of knowledge that would be helpful in our future. It was really motivating and inspiring to hear the experiences and triumphs shared by competent speakers. It opened our minds to identify what career we want to pursue even more. It really helped us to be motivated to strive harder in order to achieve our dreams. The speakers made us realize that they also experienced what we are experiencing right now. They told us to grab every chance that was given to us and always give our best because all of the efforts and hardships would eventually be paid off. Our dreams will come true as long as we don't give up. Yes, our journey wouldn't be easy, but with strong determination and passion, everything will be possible. Just always believe and trust with the Lord's plan. Hopefully, this kind of talk or program will be done regularly to enlighten the minds of other students in figuring out what career they want to pursue.

In conclusion, I still believe that our destiny lies on our hands. The road made may be long, narrow and rough but with courage, perseverance and faith in GOD I believe all our ambitions will come true.

Feature Story: IT Department on the Move!

By: Dave John Maligaya

It is a privilege and an honor to work as an Information Technologist (IT) at my Alma Mater. I am Dave John Maligaya, and I want to express my gratitude to Sir Manfred and Ma'am Grace for this opportunity. I graduated elementary in PSG, formerly KAPHILCA, in 2003, being the first batch of graduates, and in 2007, I graduated High School being the first batch of high school graduates of PSG. I started working part-time as an IT on December 2019, and fulltime since A.Y. 2020-2021. As an IT of the school, I help to manage projects for the upgrade of the school, and also help anyone in need of assistance on any technical difficulties. With the full support of the administration, PSG has upgraded into a modern school with futuristic touches. Despite the pandemic, PSG was able to upgrade its facilities; aside from the Interactive Boards and computers.

PSG has been working on having its official website which will also allow its students to enter its resources through the online portal.



The first project of PSG was the Networking Project. Ethernet and Wireless connections were organized and extended all around the school area, with an upgraded speed for faster and better connection. Second project was to upgrade all the computers and laptops the school had; therefore, checking the updates of each computer, making inventories, checking speech connections, upgrading memory space of the computers, and the like. The third project was to buy an Uninterruptible Power Supply (UPS), which had to be placed in the computer room, faculty room, and the IT department so that when the electricity falls, there will be no damages on any device and importantly not to lose files.

One of the fun projects done was having a Bundy clock, but an upgraded version of using chipped cards instead. Rather than writing the time in and out of each faculty and staff, they simply swipe their ID cards to time in or time out. This was a big step for me, as it was my first time handling a Bundy clock; it had to be connected in the network of the school, and everything should be controlled through the main computer of the IT department. The fun part of the project was creating the ID cards because the teachers got excited with it, worrying on how their picture would look like. It reminded them of their days in college wherein they had to swipe their cards to enter the campus. We have installed one in each floor, and this is connected wirelessly. Only the CEO and the IT department has access to viewing the coverage of the CCTV.



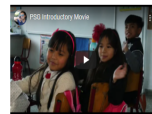
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The new Agency Commission on Philippine Schools Overseas (ACPSO) would like to inform the Filipino community worldwide that the (800)20002021 (010)20000000, REGISTRAR OF THE COMMISSION ON EDUCATION (CDE) which offers Basic Education (K-12 Certificate) is being offered by the PHILIPPINE SCHOOLS OVERSEAS (PSO) with valid permits to operate or government recognition.

While home schooling is an option for students, the parents are reminded to ensure that the home school providers are duly authorized by either the home country or the CDE's system and that the materials earned out of the home schooling system are likewise accepted by either the home country or the CDE's system.



The main project is with regards to the social media of the school. PSG can now be found on Instagram, Facebook, Google, or by going to our official website www.psg.edu.gr. Since it is still a working progress, we are working on the school portal which shall be accessible to the students by the beginning of the next academic year. The Official Facebook Page and Instagram account of PSG is to showcase the activities and events the school has done.

The portal is a dashboard, which is similar to Facebook; a social media for the school inclusively, where every student can check their projects, grades, announcements, and the like in a SAFE dashboard. We ensure security in student's. Every enrollee can log in with their given username and password and check all the updates; parents will also be given their own username and password to check the progress of their children or to send a private message to the adviser of their children. This will be a big leap for PSG in online learning, at the same time, for the school too. As soon as the platform is ready, PSGians will be informed and video tutorials will be uploaded for their benefit.

Another project that we consider a success was buying laptops for students and teachers who needed it for the online learning classes. The mode of payment was a monthly installment of the price, in addition to the child's tuition fee. More than 50 laptops were ordered for students and faculty. As the



school IT, before distributing the laptops, I installed the necessary programs used for online classes or distance learning. Some of these programs are Zoom and Microsoft Office. This project was beneficial to majority; students were able to have new laptops for their use in online classes due to the pandemic. However, not all students were able to order a laptop. In this case, available laptops in the school were rented out to those who needed.

OWWA and PSG had a collaborated program. OWWA offered to all Filipinos who are interested to learn computer, especially online transactions. Some teachers of PSG – Mr. Walter, Mr. Charlie, Mr. Dennis, and me as the IT, volunteered to help OWWA in providing computer lessons to those interested. It was fun and heartwarming because it felt really good helping our Kababayans.

Despite the pandemic, PSG still had a lot of projects on-going. These projects are for the betterment of the school and its stakeholders – students, parents, and teachers. With great minds on top and teamwork of the faculty and staff, we managed to continue providing our students knowledge, even though we are far apart. It has proven that anything is possible with good teamwork and cooperation.

رمضان

By: Tasneem Yehia



رَمَضَانَ هُوَ الشَّهْرُ التَّاسِعُ شَهْرٌ فِي التَّقْوِيمِ الْهَجْرِيِّ وَالَّذِي يَأْتِي بَعْدَ شَهْرِ شَعْبَانَ، وَيَعْتَبَرُ هَذَا الشَّهْرَ مُمِيزًا عِنْدَ الْمُسْلِمِينَ وَذُو مَكَانَةٍ خَاصَّةٍ عَنِ الْبَاقِي شَهْرٍ السَّنَةِ الْهَجْرِيَّةِ، فَهُوَ شَهْرُ الصَّوْمِ الَّذِي يُعَدُّ أَحَدَ أَرْكَانِ الْإِسْلَامِ، حَيْثُ يَمْتَنِعُ الْمُسْلِمُونَ فِي أَيَّامِهِ عَنِ الطَّعَامِ وَالشَّرَابِ وَ الْعَادَاتِ السَّيِّئَةِ، فِي شَهْرِ رَمَضَانَ أَنْزَلَ الْوَحْيَ عَلَى الرَّسُولِ مُحَمَّدٍ حَيْثُ أَنَّ الْمَلَكَ جِبْرِيلَ أَرْسَلَ لَهُ كَلِمَاتِ اللَّهِ تَعَالَى وَ تَسْمَى هَذِهِ اللَّيْلَةُ الَّتِي أَنْزَلَ فِيهَا كَلِمَاتِ اللَّهِ لِلرَّسُولِ (لَيْلَةُ الْقَدْرِ)

النَّاسَ لَدَيْهِمْ دِيَانَاتٌ مُخْتَلِفَةٌ وَبِالتَّالِيِ فَإِنَّ الْإِحْتِرَامَ أَمْرٌ لَا يَدْرَأُ مِنْهُ. احْتَفَلْنَا نَحْنُ الْعَرَبُ بِرَمَضَانَ الَّذِي يَظْهَرُ عِبَادَتَنَا وَحَمْدَنَا لِإِلَهِنَا اللَّهُ. رُؤْيَا هَلَالٍ جَدِيدٍ هُوَ بَدَايَةُ شَهْرِ رَمَضَانَ ، وَوَقْتُ التَّقْوَى وَالتَّأَمُّلِ الذَّاتِيِّ.

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Araw ng Wikang Filipino, Ipinagdiwang sa Mataas na Baitang Ni: Jon Bradley C. Mayuga

Ipinagdiwang noong Ika-9 ng Abril ang Araw ng Wikang Filipino ng Philippine School in Greece (PSG) sa pakikipag-ugnayan sa International School in Italy (IPSI). Dahil sa kasalukuyang pandemya, ang mga pagtuturo sa paaralan ay isinasagawang online, gayundin ang mga palatuntunan sa paaralan. Tulad na lamang ng Araw ng Wikang Filipino na isinagawa ng PSG at IPSI sa pamamagitan ng Birtual na Pakikipagtalastasan. Ang dalawang paaralan ay nagsama upang ipagdiwang ang nabanggit na palatuntunan, na may paksang "Wikang Filipino: Sa Bagong Bayanihan sa Panahon ng Pandemya."



Noong ika-7 ng Abril ay naganap ang unang bahagi ng programa, ang "Kakasa ka ba sa Filipino?". Ito ay isang pangkatang pagsusulit ukol sa mga mahahalagang kaalaman tungkol sa Pilipinas at samutsaring matatalinhagang salita, naganap ito ng ika-1:30 ng hapon sa Italya at ika-2:30 ng hapon naman sa Gresya, ang mga kalahok ay ang mga mag-aaral ng IPSI at PSG mula ikapito hanggang ikalabindalawang baitang.

Nang sumapit naman ang ika-9 ng Abril, naganap na ang mas maraming mga aktibidad at mga hamon. Nagsimula ito ng ika-9 ng umaga sa Italya at ika-10 ng umaga sa Gresya. Bago nagsimula ang palatuntunan ay nagbigay ng mga natatanging mensahe ang mga namamahala sa paaralan, pagkatapos nito ay nagkaroon ng kani-kaniyang pagbati ang mga guro na nakasuot ng pambansang kasuotang pamPilipino. Ang unang hamon na ipinamalas sa pamamagitan ng salos ay ang Kalokali-like it, ang mga kalahok ay mula Kindergarten hanggang ika-6 na baitang ng PSG. Ang sunod na kaganapan naman ay ang pagbigkas ng tula ng mga mag-aaral ng PSG mula ikatlo hanggang ikaapat na baitang. Sunod naman dito ay ang paggawa ng poster mula ikaapat hanggang ikaanim na baitang ng PSG. Naganap din ang pagkuha ng larawan, balagtasang, at paggawa ng islogan mula ikapito hanggang ikalabindalawang baitang ng PSG at IPSI. Lahat ng aktibidad na ginawa ng dalawang paaralan ay ipinakita sa lahat sa pamamagitan ng salos.



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LITERARY

I wish SHALL be

By: Kyron Quisao

We may have been asked a lot, what do we want to be when you grow up? Nowadays, there are many people online, playing games, surfing the net whether for entertainment or educational purposes, uploading and downloading pictures and videos for the same reason.

Younger generations were inspired and greatly influenced by different things brought about by the internet like the different social media platforms and the numerous blogs/vlogs on YouTube.

A large number of youth tend to go in this direction and as we can see now, even adults are shifting direction because being an “Online Influencer” and a “YouTuber” is an easy job. They are having fun and at the same time earning a lot of money from the thing they loved doing.

I am one of this Youth whose dreaming to become one of these “Online Influencers”, however, I am still unsure if this is the right path to go through. It is most of the time not taken seriously by adults and mostly not the dream of many parents. As for mine, they are fine with it as long as I will not be doing it full time and have a much solid ambition on a much stable profession in the future.

But what will happen to other ambitions or professions that we usually acquire after completing our college education? The people who want to be a lawyer, a doctor, a teacher, businessman and government leaders.. will there be any other important occupation left in the future? I doubt that such thing would happen but we’ll never know as there are endless possibilities.

YouTube is where most want to be, but sometimes, other people’s opinions and criticisms may make them question themselves that if it really is a wise decision? Is it really suitable for them? Would they be able to continue pursuing such? Thoughts like this can make people feel clueless on what they should do. However, most of these people are still young and still have time to think and find what really is right for them to be. I might not give up on the aspiration of becoming a content creator online, because these creators always made people happy, eased people’s boredom and somewhat helps them take away any form of stress. Me aspiring to be like them, these are what I want to do myself, this is what I want to be, entertain people and somehow make someone’s day at least slightly better.

You should decide, that whatever you wish to become, will and shall be reality. Don’t let people’s judgments and criticisms discourage you, it is only up to YOU, only you can control your future, make smart decisions, be wise. Of course, I am not encouraging you to not listen and ignore any suggestions that may be more suitable for you. Never give up on what you believe is what I am trying to say, be brave and become what you desire. This YouTube career may not go well for me or for others, but you know what they say: ***“You’ll never know unless you try”***.

LITERARY

Can't do it Outside? Just do it Online!

By: Kyron Owen Quisao

A virus has risen, outside is too dangerous,
Stay indoors instead, too risky to be curious,
We're doomed! We can't go outside, oh no!
We can't buy, sell, travel or watch theater
shows.

Because of this virus, we can't go to school,
Oh what are we even supposed to do!
If only there was a way, to attend classes in our
room,
There is a solution! Just go and use zoom!

We used the great and modernized tech,
Is it safe to go out now? Don't bother to check,
We installed various applications on our own
devices,
And now we are back to learning in online clas-
ses!

Oh what a joy, this idea's efficient,
All of this connection, all messages sent,
"I wonder if I can shop, and maybe make mon-
ey online",
Say nothing more, you can do all of it, even
dine!

We've gotten so used to this, we prefer this in-
stead,
Staying at home, laying in bed,
A message just dropped, my phone's what I
take,
"Face-to-face next Monday!" oh give me a
break!

The Old Mosque

By: Maria Filothei Olivas

First Place in Ekphrasis in Celebration of English Day



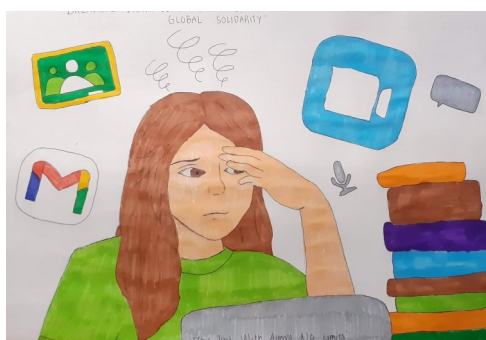
I have been dreaming how my future would
be like:
a ladylike clothed under a white dress,
seems to be wondering beneath the clouds.
I am quite unsure; I fret and feel trap,
frightened and distress.
On the window, the woman sits, relaxes
and listens on the calming weather--
In silence, she questions, why should I be
afraid?

LITERARY

Breaking Distance Amidst the Pandemic Through Academic Global Solidarity The Tool With Almost No Limits

By: Demie Ellaine Gomez

First Place in Persuasive Essay and Editorial Cartoon in Celebration of English Day



First Place in Editorial Cartoon
By: Bessalyn Fernandez

Everyone’s lives came to a sudden halt when the pandemic outbreak began and with this, we had to find a new way to live our lives without actually “living” our lives. What can this possibly mean? There is a saying that we should all remind ourselves; “No man is an island.” There is no way a person can possibly live and survive all by themselves. The same goes for the situation we all are currently in at the moment. One of the vital pieces of advice given to us, to prevent getting infected from Covid-19, is to maintain distance from each other and to preferably stay at home as much as possible. But how is this made possible when the previously stated saying exists?

Fortunately, in our day and age, we are truly blessed with technology. From its discovery up to today, technology never stops advancing. It is a tool used by many to do almost everything. This is what answers our previously stated question. The way to be around people without actually being around people is through technology. It sounds quite ambitious but during these times of troubles and hardships, being away from our friends and family whom we cherish and love, we would do anything to keep in touch with them. Not only is keeping in touch with our friends and family important but so is education. Learning never stops. I may be only a mere student, but I believe that we will all spend our lives learning. Having said that, the pandemic can not be an obstacle that puts an end to learning. What makes the continuation of learning possible is Technology. Technology makes it all possible. It is more than a qualified alternative to continuing education without going to school. It can both prevent the increase of the number of infected individuals from the pandemic and allow education to sustain. As a student, having had about half a year’s worth of experience from classes held online; I can say that using technology to continue my education is very effective. Online classes don’t limit the number of works given to us, in fact, we may be given more school work during online classes, and this just shows how technology almost has no limits.

Technology may be ideal and all but it still is viewed negatively sometimes. Some say it encourages laziness and even damages our health and, personally, I can’t say I disagree. It is true that technology makes our lives easier and encourages laziness. It is also true that it damages our health. However, during these trying times, bad effects of technology should not overpower its good effects. If technology is used correctly, it can benefit us for our sake more than it can draw us back. It should be used responsively and for all the right reasons. For this to be possible, we also need to practice self-control. We need to learn to limit our screen time and use our devices only for productivity. However, I know that it is easier said than done. I am a teenager and speaking from experience, I think most teenagers have most of their lives on their phones. It is our most prized possession.

In conclusion, this pandemic is an opportunity; an opportunity to learn new skills such as attending classes online and practicing self-control and an opportunity for us to reflect on how our lives used to be. We learned how to be connected even when being apart through technology; the tool that allows us to communicate with others and the tool that doesn’t prevent learning, but instead introduces a new and exciting way to carry it out. All this is made possible by technology, the tool with almost no limits.

LITERARY

At my Happiest

By: Demie Ellaine Gomez

First Place in Travel Essay in Celebration of English Day

I remember walking home from school and receiving a phone call from my mom. She asked if I wanted to attend a Youth for Christ European conference in Switzerland that summer to represent Greece with our delegation and it excited me but I hesitated. I can't spend my whole summer with people I'm not close with. I can't socialize. I didn't even remember the last time I made a friend without them coming to me first. However, this is an opportunity to travel; to explore, which I don't do very often. I can maybe even improve my socializing skills and make new friends from all over Europe so I said yes.

This trip wasn't simply a trip to explore around the country. We had a dance competition to choreograph and practice for and spent two weeks straight practicing for it. Fortunately, during those two weeks, our friendship started becoming somewhat closer but I still felt indifferent. Some of them were closer to each other and there were times I felt out of place.

Time skip to the airport, the other kids had to say goodbye to their parents. Luckily, my mom could afford to come with us and help the couple coordinators so I didn't have to say goodbye to her. The airport held lots of memories for me. From the inside jokes to the stress of missing our flight because of Filipino time, to the sharing of snacks that we all bought for the trip, it was all very fun. When we arrived in Geneva, there were two families who gladly hosted us. It touched my heart and reminded me of how hospitable Filipinos are.

That night we rested since we were very tired from the travel. The day after, we decided to tour some local tourist spots near us. Geneva was beautiful and clean. I also loved the weather. It was also sunny but not that hot. We visited the sculpture called "Broken Chair" and took pictures with it, as a tourist would. We also visited the Geneva Water Fountain. The water was clean and we could even see the fishes swimming in it. There were even ducks and the amount of pictures we took is unimaginable.

The next day is the first day of the conference and we went to the venue, Leysin, using a bus that our couple coordinators rented for us. I was shocked, this is a new experience for me. On the way there, the view was amazing. It was truly very beautiful. I found out why the Swiss Alps are well-known. It is incomparable.

When we arrived, the YFCs (Youth for Christ) from other European countries were there already. We registered and received our IDs and found a spot to rest. For day one of the conference, we had a sports fest and competed with different countries. I didn't join any sports because I am bad at them. They were even giving away free hotdogs so of course, I had to get one. After the sports fest was the dance competition.

I loved seeing how every country put elements of their country in their dances despite all being Filipinos. Dinner time was also a really cool experience for me. We ate foods local to Switzerland and it was delicious, but it didn't fill me up, maybe because I am used to lots of carbs. The next day, we started the day off with a mass. It was funny because the line behind us was the boys of our delegation and when I looked back, everyone was sleeping, even our Kuya who told us not to sleep during the mass. This was the day I was able to make some friends. I met people from Switzerland, Italy, the Isle of Man, Malta, Austria, Belgium, the Netherlands, and more.

To say I was proud of myself is an understatement. I was beyond happy that I was able to push myself out of my shell and make so many friends. The next day was the last day and the mood was weird. Everyone was sulky and it was noticeable from everyone's faces that no one wanted the conference to end and go back home. Surprisingly, I felt the same. I loved being there. I was at the happiest point of my life. On the way back home, it was silent. I knew everyone didn't want to go back home too.

As we were walking through the airport, I smiled remembering my old self being nervous and panicking. If only I could tell her that everything was going to be okay and that she will be having the best time of her life. If I could go back to the time I was walking home from school and receiving a phone call from my mom asking if I wanted to attend a Youth for Christ European conference in Switzerland that summer to represent Greece with our delegation, I will, with no doubt, say yes over and over again

LITERARY

Normalcy in the New Normal

By: Michelle Kyle Balba

First Place in Essay Contest in Celebration of Math and Science Day

Truth is, in the twenty-first-century era, modern technology has been major and advantageous equipment to use in most educational even before the pandemic occurred. However, what has changed now is the mobility barrier, availability, and stability of giving and acquiring knowledge (challenges the educational sector is facing). Nevertheless, as twenty-first-century learners and teachers, we are designed to adapt and overcome the challenges of change during the pandemic; but undeniably, not all learners and facilitators are on the same track of progress.

Due to lockdown measures imposed in most countries, face-to-face learning has been suspended but it does not mean there will be limits to attaining education. Yes, we can clearly say that there are external factors that challenge the educational sector, however, when learning I think it mainly deals with nurturing the brain-- which does not necessarily mean we most need to go back in a normal classroom set-up yet. Because of the mobility barrier, students have the most time in the corners of their homes to do things they may not have done before. Technology, whose main purpose is to ease human's livelihood, has just once again proved how it is made for advancing our lives. Because modern technology has always been here with us-- even before the pandemic-- we can describe it as a "safety net". It is as if technology was waiting for the situation of the pandemic to happen so individuals can finally grasp the advantages of technology. In this situation we are in, it is not a trap; instead, it is a safe and easier zone of learning. However, the real matter that we should be concerned about is the availability of technology. Whichever country of the world-- advanced, developing, or poor-- we cannot deny that there are learners who do not have access to the new normal setup of educational institutions. Because of unavailable access to modern technology, we can clearly see a line between the privileged and the less fortunate. In the safe and easier mode of learning, stability (in all aspects of health) is a big question and difficult to answer. Although we can say that the pandemic gave birth to the term 'new normal', we cannot entirely say that everyone feels 'normal' yet and has adapted easily as others who have. Students, specifically, are more prone to be affected by disruptions. For example, before the pandemic started, our laptops were just a calming space to enjoy internet activities, but now, they are used for both education and entertainment. It is without a doubt that it is indeed the students' new normal environment now. Conversely, I am one of the people who now find joy in pressing the 'Shut down' button on my laptop and do something else apart from staring at my screen. This is how I "stabilize" my daily routine for school. I think conversely as well, reliance on technology will not be a huge problem for most students because it could be a source of stress (which consequently students will try to avoid). I think stability (in all aspects of health) is one of the most significant practices students or anyone who works from home to keep their sanity within their homes.

Finding some sense of normalcy in the new normal has kept the educational sector sane, but this would not have happened without technology. Because of the pandemic, naturally, there are and will be barriers to human socialization, education, employment, et cetera. However, innovators who keep finding a "loophole" in today's situation and produce technology to solve this "loophole" have advantageously aided individuals to keep their sanity during difficult times.

AKDANG PAMPANITIKAN

Tula ng mga Marurupok

ni Jon Bradley Mayuga

*Bawat pagbukas ng mga labi,
bukambibig nito'y mga salitang walang katiyakan,
ang kaguluhan sa isip ko'y ikaw ang taga-habi,
ngunit sa huli'y ikaw pa rin ang tanging sasandalan.*

*Sa pagpikit ng aking mga mata,
ayaw ko nang muli pang magising,
mula sa panaginip na ako'y masaya pa,
dahil ngayo'y mangamba na lamang ang aking gawain.*

*Atalayan ka ng libo-libong dahilan,
kung bakit sinubukan kang kalimutan,
ngunit hindi ito magawang lampasan,
alam naman nating ikaw pa rin ang babalikan.*

*Kung ang tanging paraan,
upang humantong sa katapusan ang ating samahan,
ay ang iyong paglisan,
hinding hindi ko ito hahayaan.*

*Pagkabilang ko ng sampu,
tayoy muling magtatagpo,
pag-uusapan ang ating mga kakulangan,
sa tulay kung saan kita unang nasilayan.*

*Anuman ang magiging dulot ng sugal na ito,
tataya at tataya pa rin ako,
anuman ang ilahad na pagsubok,
susubok parin ako,
dahil kahit ano ang mangyari ay hindi ko kakayaning lagyan ito ng tuldok,
at uulit-ulitin ko pa ring gumawa ng tula ng mga marurupok.*

AKDANG PAMPANITIKAN

Sakripisyo ng Isang Ina

ni Tisha Kirsten M. Luis

*Ika-8 ng Oktubre nang tiyan niyay
sumakit,
isang batang paslit sadyang maliit,
kulo ng tiyan siyay namimilipit,
nang ako'y masilayan nawala ang sakit.*

*Mata niyay nangingislap,
sa batang paslit nangungusap,
ang sabi'y anak nawala lahat ng aking
hirap,
Sapagkat tunay na saya ko ngayo'y
bigla kong naapuhap.*

*Ang aking ina'y labis na natuwa,
dahil dala ko sa mundo,
bunga ng pagmamahalang taglay ng
dalawang tao,
dalawang tao na walang iba
Kundi ang Inay at Itay ko.*

See translation on page 26

Ang Pandemyang Nakaiinis

ni Johanne Mariea Ilagan

*Sa unang bugso ng pandemya,
matinding takot aking nadama,
wala kaming nagawa,
sa lockdown di kami natuwa,
kagalakan ko'y nawala.*

*Gobyerno'y di nagpapabaya,
mahigpit na batas ang ginawa,
nakaiinis na pandemya,
kailan kaya mapupuksa.
balahibo ko'y tumatayo,
ako'y nanginginig,*

*Araw-araw ay nakatutok sa hatinig,
upang situwasyon ng mundo ay marinig,
balahibo ko'y tumatayo,
ako'y nanginginig,
sa dami ng taong sa covid-19 ay positive.*

*Nag-online sa pag-aaral,
pagsimba't pakikipaglaro sa kamag aaral,
distansya sa labas ay kailangan,
pagbahing dapat pigilan,
upang di mapaghinalaan.*

*Nakakainis na pandemya, malapit ka na
mapuksa,*

*sa tulong ng Maykapal, bakuna'y natuklasan
na,*

*takot ay nabawasan,
pag-asa ay nasilayan,
babangon muli ang mundo,
at normal na buhay ng mga tao.*

See translation on page 27

AKDANG PAMPANITIKAN

Tanging Ikaw lamang ang Makatutulong sa Sarili mo

ni: Jon Bradley Mayuga

Sa bawat buwang liwayway na kaniyang natatanaw, walang pagkakataon na hindi sumisigid sa kaniyang isipan ang tanong para sa kaniyang sarili kung dapat pa ba niyang ipagpatuloy ang araw-araw niyang pakikipagsaling sa buhay.

Nang si Caesar ay iilang buwan pa lamang, napakalaki na ng dulot ng pangangaliwa at paglisan ng kaniyang ama kasaliw ang kaniyang kabit. Ang ina ni Caesar na si Aling Neneng ay isang matatag na nilalang; wala siyang sinusukuan at handang gawin lahat para sa kaniyang pamilya. Ngunit nang lumisan ang kaniyang asawa mula sa kanilang piling, ang dating matatag na si Aling Neneng ay nagmistulang gusaling gumuho at wala ng pag-asang tumayo muli at maging matatag. Nalulong sa masamang bisyo ang ina ni Caesar. Pagkauwi ni Aling Neneng mula sa trabaho ay dumidiretso na siya kung saan niya ginagastos ang kaniyang salapi. Kahit ganito ang kaniyang ina, si Caesar ay isang pursigido at masigasig na anak na ginagawa at ginugugol ang lahat ng kaniyang makakaya upang mangalakal at makahanap ng paraan upang makakita ng pera.

Makalipas ang ilang taon, higit pang nalulong sa masamang bisyo si Aling Neneng at nahuli na ng pulisya. Higit pang naging hikahos ang buhay ni Caesar nang makulong ang kaniyang ina, dahil dito, kinailangan niyang manirahan sa iisang bubong kasama ang kaniyang tiyahin na mapaniil. Ang dating buhay ni Caesar na nakapapagal at napakahirap ay mas lumala nang siya'y sumama sa kaniyang tiyahin sapagkat angtrato sa kaniya nito ay tila isa siyang aliping utus-utusan lamang. Dumating ang panahon na gipit na sa salaping pambayad ng matrikula ang tiyahin ni Caesar, binigyan siya ng paaralan ng pagkakataong pahabain pa ang panahon ng kabayaran ngunit wala paring katiyakan ito kung mababayaran sa tamang oras. Sa bawat araw na lumipas, laging sinasabi ni Caesar sa kaniyang sarili na kinakailangan niyang manatiling matatag anumang unos ang kaniyang harapan.

Sa dami ng hinaharap niyang balakid sa buhay mula pa nang siya'y bata pa, mahigpit at hindi niya kinakalimutang magdasal kay Bathala na tulungan siyang maging matatag kahit sarili na lamang niya ang kaniyang kasangga sa buhay. Pinakinggan ni Bathala ang kaniyang mga dasal at ang pananampalataya ni Caesar ang naging dahilan kung paano naging matatag at tuluyang lumalaban si Caesar.

Napagtanto ni Bathala na kailangan ni Caesar ng isang tunay na katoto sa kaniyang buhay. Binigyan niya si Caesar ng pagkakataong makausap ang kaniyang anghel na tagagabay ngunit tuwing buwang liwayway lamang. Nang nagising si Caesar, nakita niya ang isang matandang babae na nakangiti at mukhang pamilyar; tanging siya lamang ang nakaririnig at may kakayahang makipagtalastasan sa matandang ito. Napakahusay ng matandang ito na magmungkahi ukol sa buhay, kayang-kaya rin niyang mapagaan ang loob ni Caesar at tulungan itong ipagpatuloy ang kaniyang buhay gamit lamang ang mga salita. Araw-araw itong nakikita at nakakausap ni Caesar at pagkalipas lamang ng isang linggo nang natuklasan niyang ang matandang babae palang ito ay ang kaniyang lola na hindi niya naabutang buhay. Nang matuklasan niya ito ay mas lumakas ang kaniyang loob mag-sikap at ipagpatuloy ang buhay sapagkat napagtanto niyang hindi niya kailangan ang buong mundo upang bumuti ang kaniyang sarili at buhay; kailangan lamang niya ng isang matalik at totoong katoto na makapagdudulot ng mabuting impluwensya at sapat na pagmamalasakit upang maipagpatuloy niya ang pakikipaglaban sa lahat ng unos o balakid na kaniyang haharapin.

AKDANG PAMPANITIKAN

Saan Matatagpuan ang Tunay na Katoto?

Akda ni: Erchelle Jayrine G. Pagdilao

Ang totoo at tunay na katoto ay mayroong tiwala sa isa't isa, at kung mayroong suliranin man na mamamgitan sa dalawang magkatoto, dapat pinag-uusapan ito nang mabuti. Sa iyong pananaw, mas pinapahalagahan mo ba ang iyong katoto na natagpuan nang harapan o ang katoto na natagpuan sa pook sapot (Social Media)? Una sa lahat, paano masasabi ng isang tao na ang ilan sa iyong mga katoto ay totoo kapag nakikipag-usap sa harapan at internet (Social Media)? Ano-ano ang mga katangian ng katoto na natagpuan nang harapan? Ano naman kaya ang mga katangian ng katoto na natagpuan lamang sa Internet (Social Media)? Mayroon nga bang pagkakaiba sa pagitan ng dalawa?

Naniniwala ang manunulat na kung mahalaga ang isang katoto ay ipapakita ito sa pamamagitan ng mga tatlong dahilan na ito. Una, ang magkatoto ay dapat mayroong tiwala sa isa't isa, sapagkat ito ay ang pinakamahalaga sa matatag na pagsasama sa isang pagkakaibigan. Pangalawa naman, ang katoto ay makararanas na siya ay hindi nag-iisa sa lahat ng paglalakbay patungo sa hinaharap. Pangatlo, ang magkatoto ay hindi nag-iiwanan kung sila ay nakararanas ng suliranin sa isa'isa. Ang mga katangian ng katoto na natagpuan nang harapan ay makikita ang kanyang mga emosyon o ekspresyon sa mukha tuwing kinakausap o kasama ng isang tao. Sa tuwing kasam ang iyong katoto ay minsan para bang ika'y nakalutang sa langit sapagkat muli mo naman siyang mayayakap. Ang mga katangian naman ng katoto na natagpuan sa Internet (Social Media) ay masaya rin datapwat hindi mababanaag ng isang tao ang kanilang emosyon o ekspresyon sa kanilang mukha. Anaki'y hindi rin nakikita kung ano ang totoong ugali datapwat mayroong mga "emojicons" upang maipakita ang ugali na natagpuan sa Internet. Ang mga pakikipag-ugnayan sa katoto sa pamamagitan ng Internet (Social media) ay may iba't ibang uri at antas ng pakikisalamuha sa isa't isa. Datapwat hindi ito naiiba sa mga katoto na natagpuan nang harapan sapagkat mayroon kapwa ay nangan-gailangan ng tiwala sa isa't isa. Sa mga ibang tao, mas adhika nila ang makipagkaibigan ng harapan sapagkat nababanaag nila kung interesado ba ang isang tao na makipag-usap o hindi, nalalaman din nila ang totoong ugali ng nilalang na iyon. Sa mga ibang tao naman, anaki'y adhika nila ang makipagkaibigan sa Internet (Social Media) sapagkat mayroon mga tao sa tingin nila ay makabubuti na makipagtalastasan nalang sa Internet sapagkat sila'y mahiyain. May mga tao rin na adhikang makipagkaibigan sa Internet sapagkat nais nilang malaman ang iba't ibang kultura. Tunay ngang mayroong malaking pagkakaiba sa isang harap-harapan mong kakilala at sa pangkat ng mga katoto na natagpuan sa internet.

Bilang isang paglalahat ng manunulat, ang katoto ay matatagpuan sa iba't ibang lugar, sa pinakasulok man ng mundo o nasa harapan mo lamang. Ang matatag na pagkakaibigan ay nagdudulot ng kasiyahan sa buhay. Laging tatandaan na ang mabuting katoto ay handa kang damayan sa anumang pagsubok ng buhay, sila ay maituturing na biyaya ng buhay.

AKDANG PAMPANITIKAN

Pag-ibig kung Papasok sa Puso Ninuman

Ni: Johanna Marie B. Ilagan

Karamihan sa mga tao ang nagsabi na ang pag-ibig ay ang pinakamasarap na pakiramdam sa mundo datapwat mawawala ba ito o mananatili ito? Kung dumating man yaong punto na nasaktan ka ng todo dahil nagmahal ka, masisisi mo ba ang sarili mo o sisihin mo yaong taong nagmahal sayo? Mabubuo ba ang buhay mo kapag may kasintahan ka na o maguguluhan lang ang buhay mo? Kung may isang tao na nagpatibok sa puso mo masasabi mo ba na siya na talaga o hindi pa? Masasabi mo ba na ang pag-ibig ay puro kaligayahan o tipong masasaktan ka lang nang todo?

Sa balintataw ng manunulat ay walang perpektong tao sa buhay pagdating sa pag-ibig sa pamamagitan ng apat na dahilan. Una kapag narinig mo ang salitang “pag-ibig” ang pumapasok lang sa utak mo ay mga bahaghari at mga paru-paro datapwat sa pag-ibig ay may ulan at kulog din. Oo mararanasan mo ang kaligayahan sa pag-ibig datapwat makakarating ka sa punto na lahat na ginagawa mo para sa kanya ay binaliwala lang. Pangalawa, ang pag-ibig ay ang dahilan kung bakit nagiging makulay ang buhay ng tao sapagkat tayo ay umiibig at nagmamahal sa kapwa. Pangatlo, karamihan sa atin ay sinasabi na bakit pa natin kailangang balikan ang nakaraan kung ito ay mananatiling nakaraan sa ating buhay? Marahil, masasabi natin tama nga naman na ang nakaraan ay mananatiling nakaraan datapwat hinid ibig sabihin na nakaraan na ito ay hindi pa maaaring balikan, sapagkat marami sa atin ang hindi pa nakakalimot sa mga nakaraang kalungkutan at mga masasayang pangyayari. Pang-apat alam niyo ba ang kasabihan na “Ang tunay na pagmamahal ay handang maghintay” ang ibig sabihin nito na gaano man katagal o gaano man kayo kalayo sa isa’t isa nananailaytay ang tiwala. Ano mang istilo ng pagmamahal, tandaan natin na tayong lahat ay may karapatang magmahal at maging masaya.

Sa kabuuang balintataw ng manunulat magkakaroon ka ng ilaw sa buhay mo kapag umibig ka datapwat makakarating ka sa punto na madidiliman din ang buhay mo sapagkat tayong lahat ay may iba’t ibang klase sa pagmamahal. Samakatuwid, walang masama sa pagmamahal sa isang tao sapagkat nagmamahal ka lamang at gusto mo lang subukan para mararamdaman mo yaong masaya ka at parang kompleto na ang buhay mo. Laging tandaan na ang pag-ibig at pagmamahal sa isang tao ay hindi nakikita sa panlabas na anyo kundi nakikita ito sa puso ng isang tao.

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TRANSLATION

PSG Face to Face Learning, Reopened!

By: **Marvilee Torion**

from Balik-Aral sa PSG, Muling Ikinasa, p. 1

The reopening of classes in PSG through face-to-face learning, with almost six months of conducting "online" learning and staying at home to learn. It started on May 10th where students were required to attend school in order to have a standard method of learning and studying. The Face to Face back to school of PSG was announced due to announcement of the Greek government in regards with the implementation that all schools in Greece from Kinder to Twelfth grade are required to follow the policy of returning to school and studying in the usual way.

Beginning in late November, the "Online" learning method started, considering that the students stayed at home for almost six months while the "online" learning method was conducted. On the first day of school the trace of smile can be seen on the faces of the students who have not seen the classmates and teachers for several months. In the eyes of teachers, face-to-face learning is better than online because students are monitored and teachers can see whether the students learned or not.

However, whether online or face-to-face learning, teachers, students and even the parents are willing to work together so that learning can continue despite of the COVID-19 situations. According to Leonor Briones, secretary of the Department of Education, "no matter what happens, learning must continue." Our experience with this pandemic only proves that no matter what happens, students, teachers and even parents are willing to sacrifice so that anywhere in the world, everyone learns. In my opinion, we have grown strong in this pandemic and will grow for the betterment of everyone in the world.

Online Learning: Are we Learning, or Just Passing the Task for Sake of Grades?

By: **Jon Bradley C. Mayuga**

from OnLine na Pagkatuto: Tayo ba ay Natututo, o Nagpapasa Lamang ng Gawain para sa Marka?, p.3

Nelson Mandela Says "Education is the most powerful weapon we can use to change the world." But let us ask ourselves in depth, are we learning to achieve success in the field of learning, or are we just passing on activities to have a score? How can we use education on changing the world if we are not sure if we are learning right now. Yes we study, but not all learners still learn, because you can read and read but does it imprint on your mind? Often today's generation is more focused on just passing the task so that they can pass and have a mark, just like at the end of every school year.

Most of us no longer value what their teachers have taught them and pay more attention and value to the final tasks for that year. But with current online learning, most students say they have more work to do than they are learning. We have nothing to blame because this incident is very difficult on both sides. The author believes that we do not learn much and that online learning is ineffective for four reasons. First, some students say that they lose more focus or focus on online learning because it is so easy to have fun with other things; some teachers also find it difficult to teach when their teaching is like teaching in the air because of inactive students. Second, another problem of online learning is that it is very easy to cheat on exams, you can find it in various places, ask a classmate, or look in a book / textbook. Third, when it comes to the nature of the internet, we cannot help but lose it sometimes so that the student or teacher in the class disappears, such events is unpredictable when it happen so it is difficult more if the teacher himself lost the internet connection. Lastly, students' motivation is weakened or lost due to prolonged stay at home and can no longer do their daily interactions. Because in face-to-face study in the school we also learn more in socializing with others, in daily interaction with other students we also gain knowledge.

The writer's overall opinion, somehow in online classes and in many activities we still learn, but it really depends on the student's own discipline, and how enthusiastic and diligent he is in learning. Even if we say that students receive only activities and not enough knowledge for learning, these activities also teach something even if it is not equivalent to face-to-face learning. Always remember, it is up to the student to figure out how to gather, develop, and utilize what he or she has been taught for his or her own future.

TRANSLATION

Elementary Department Celebrates the Filipino Language

By: Erchelle Pagdilao

from *Araw ng Wikang Filipino, Ipinagdiwang ng Mababang Baitang*, p. 8

On the 9th April 2021, the celebration of Filipino Language in Elementary was held the PSG students are celebrating the Filipino Language Day with the IPSI students. The hosts for this celebration are Christian Jay Quitoriano for PSG and Jem Pasion for IPSI. The phrase “Yes! of course, I am Filipino”, this term symbolizes that you are not ashamed of being Filipino but that you show that you are a Filipino, both in heart and mind. The elementary school held various competitions such as Kalok-kalike it, poetry recitation and poster making. All the participants in the contests did this before the day that the language month was celebrated to be displayed only on the day it was celebrated. Mrs. Precy Malinis gave the instructions in the “Kalok-kalike it” contest, she is an elementary school teacher. “Kalok-kalike it” has two parts, the kalok-kalike it of students in grades one to three and the kalok-kalike it of students in grades four to six. Their imitators are well-known in the Philippines such as Jose Rizal, Manny Pacquiao, Lea Salonga, Rodrigo Duterte and the Frontliners. The second elementary school competition was the “Poetry Recitation”. Students in the kindergarten grade took the lead; Anastasia Tsekoura, Mark Angelo Panopio, Theo Angelo Galano, Emmanuel Kayrence Mayuga, and Maria Elaisa Luis. Third Grade followed with recitation of their Poem, Angelica Malamion, Michaella Jane Salmos and Ysabelle Toquero were the students who competed. The last to recite their poem were fourth grade students Nicole Galut, Rei Jathniel Baludbud, Athina Larreine Saturnino, Angel Kendria Panganiban, and Ryan Xavier Bergado. The most recent elementary school competition was poster making in which the students involved were students in the fifth and sixth grades. Their theme for making the poster was “Wikang Filipino: Sa Bagong Bayanihan sa Panahon ng Pandemic” and their work was very creative and some of the teachers were also amazed by the posters they handed out. The competitions were given special attention by the students because it is the month of language and it also symbolizes Filipinoness. Language Month is celebrated because it gives importance to our Language.

Greek Independence Day By: Julianne Calago

from ΟΙ ΕΚΔΗΛΩΣΕΙΣ ΓΙΑ ΤΗΝ 25^η ΜΑΡΤΙΟΥ, p. 9

Now, let's ignore all the crazy things that are happening lately for the Greek Independence Day!

This day is a public holiday here in Greece and Cyprus. Celebrations usually include parades and other festive events on or on the same day. The biggest event is the military parade in Athens on March 25, while the previous day, celebrations take place in all schools in the country, including ours. In other municipalities there are parades of military units, students, clubs, etc., as well as church services!

The feast of the Annunciation, March 25, was chosen as the day of the beginning of the Greek Revolution against the Ottoman Empire, by the leader of the Friendly Society Alexandros Ypsilantis "as the proclamation of the political liberation of the Greek nation". This date was considered a reference point from the first days of the Revolution, and even as the day of the beginning of a new calendar, even in areas that had revolted earlier. From 1823 at the latest it was considered in the Peloponnese as the beginning of the revolution.

The first celebration took place here in Athens, attended by King Otto and Queen Amalia, political and military authorities and a mass of people. The Metropolitan Church of Athens was built on December 15, 1842 and was dedicated to the Annunciation to commemorate March 25, 1821.

A common feature of Greek Independence Day in Greece and Cyprus is local school parades in many villages, towns and cities, students march in traditional Greek folk costumes and carry Greek flags. The biggest celebration takes place here in Athens where an annual military parade honors the event, which was attended by the President of the Hellenic Republic and other high-ranking government officials, along with hundreds of political spectators, the Athens parade starts at noon, making Sofias, passing by the Greek Parliament and the Academy of Athens on Panepistimiou Street. Before the parade begins, the President attends a wreath service in Syntagma Square, where the parade takes place every year, the service takes place at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Greek Independence Day is celebrated in many cities outside Greece with large Greek communities in the Diaspora. In the United States, annual parades are held in cities such as Chicago and New York. An annual White House reception hosted by the President of the United States, attended by many prominent Greek Americans, has been held since President Ronald Reagan first inaugurated the parade in 1987. In Australia, parades in cities such as and Sydney and Canada Parades take place in Toronto and Montreal!

And this year! Greece celebrates 200 years since the start of its struggle for independence on Thursday with a ceremony that would mark a new beginning after years of economic crisis, but which had to be tackled amid coronavirus restrictions.

TRANSLATION

Covid 19 Pandemic

By: Pheevos Asuncion

from ΣΚΕΨΕΙΣ ΓΥΡΩ ΑΠΟ ΤΗΝ ΠΑΝΔΗΜΙΑ, p. 9

With the pandemic still on the rise, it is to be expected that the lifting of limitations within our current serving and earning of public service is to change every now and then. The limitation of food, the strict rules of going outside whilst using daily services, public transport restrictions, and many more. For many people including students like us, it is sometimes a mix of reactions depending on the student/person in question.

One may be shocked of news in the extension of the lockdown and rebel that the lifting is to be enacted immediately as their homestay is really taking the toll on them and affecting them physically, mentally and in activeness, while others may give it a shrug as most students are mostly adjusted now in this new scenario that we live in as we or some are accustomed into staying home all day rather than go outside and do something there. One example of the second bracket are mostly introverts, many are mostly accustomed into being alone and satisfied of being physically away from people you dont really know and dont really want to communicate with, this may result in mostly positive progress such as activeness and their expansive knowledge of dealing with things on what we use in online class and that being the internet. This may be good yes by looking at it but you will soon find out what does happen, for one the loss of physical exercise will result in low stamina and the loss of maintaining a mostly healthy life, this may vary between people depending on what they do but overall it affects us negatively and positively. Another is sloth now that we are locked up in our cage that is our home this may change your behaviour drastically, back then you would usually catch up and run to your station to ride the bus and finally go to school, this boosts your physical activeness but with our current circumstances in hand our previous self of which was active for hours on end turns to a lazy yet still functioning self, once again this may vary between people as it gives both positive and negative side effects. With that out of the way this extended lockdown is both taking a toll on us positively and negatively, the variety of people like us share a common answer most of them being against and most being in favour of the lockdown.

But even so this Extended lockdown really questions the mind of us, it expands our way of thinking of just advancing ourselves more and accustoming ourselves in this new reality or just go full ahead and find the cure and turn everything back to normal. It may be a mix of opinions when it comes to how we live in right now but until we find a cure we shall wait patiently as we either protest to accustom ourselves into the new world that is captive to the virus called "COVID-19"

Ramadan

By: Tasneem Yehia

from رمضان, p. 12

The month of Ramadan is the ninth month in the Hijri calendar, which comes after the month of Sha'ban. This month is considered special by Muslims and has a special place from the rest of the months of the Hijri year. It is the month of fasting, which is one of the pillars of Islam, during which Muslims abstain from food, drink and bad habits. In the month of Ramadan, the revelation was revealed to the Messenger Muhammad, as the angel Gabriel sent him the words of God Almighty, and this is called the night in which God's words were revealed to the Messenger (Laylat al-Qadr).

People have different religions so respect is a must. We Arabs celebrated Ramadan, which shows our worship and praise of our God, God. The sighting of a new crescent is the beginning of Ramadan, a time of piety and self-reflection.

High School Department Celebrates the

Filipino Language Day

By Jon Bradley C. Mayuga

from *Araw ng Wikang Filipino, Ipinagdiwang sa Mataas na Baitang*, p. 12

PSG celebrated its Filipino Language Day last April 9 in Philippine School in Greece (PSG) and with partnership with International School in Italy (IPSI). Due to the current pandemic, school activities and programs are conducted online. Just like the Filipino Language Day held by PSG and IPSI online. The two schools came together to celebrate the aforementioned program, that's centered on a theme "Filipino Language: In a New World of Camaraderie amidst the Pandemic". On the 7th of April the first part of the program, "Kakasa ka ba sa Filipino?" took place. This is a group test on important knowledge about the Philippines and various figurative and deep words in the Filipino Language, it took place at 1:30 pm in Italy and 2:30 pm in Greece, the participants were the students of IPSI and PSG from seventh to twelfth grade.

By the 9th of April, more activities had taken place. It started at 9am in Italy and 10am in Greece. The special message of the school administrators took place first, after which the teachers give their respective messages about the celebration while dressed in National Filipino costume. The first activity presented was the Kaloka-like it, participants were from Kindergarten to 6th grade of PSG. The next event was the recitation of poetry by PSG students from third to fourth grade. Next is the making of the poster from the fourth to sixth grade of PSG. There was also photography, balagtasan (poetic debate), and slogan making from the seventh to the twelfth grade of PSG and IPSI. All activities done by the PSG and IPSI shows bridges, connections and indeed comradeships from both schools.

TRANSLATION

Poem of the Fragile

By: Jon Bradley C. Mayuga
from Tula ng mga Marurupok, p. 18

Every opening of the lips,
 words are uncertain,
 the confusion in my mind is that you are the weaver,
 but in the end you are still the only one to lean on.

In the blink of my eyes,
 I don't want to wake up again,
 from the dream that I was still happy,
 because now what I'm thinking is only to worry.

You will be offered thousands of reasons,
 why did you try to forget,
 but it can't be surpassed,
 we knew you will still come back.

If the only way,
 to lead our love story to the end,
 is you leaving,
 I will never let it go.

When I count one to ten,
 we will meet again,
 talk about our shortcomings,
 on the bridge where I first saw you.

Whatever will be the caused of this gamble,
 I will bet and I will always bet
 whatever the trial may be,
 I will still try
 because no matter what happens I can't afford to put a
 dot on us,
 and I still keep repeating to make a poem for the fragile.

The Sacrifice of a Mother

By: Tisha Kirsten M. Luis
from Sakripisyo ng Isang Ina, p. 19

On the 8th of October her stomach
 ached,
 A toddler that is deliberately small,
 She was squirming in her stomach,
 when she saw the child, the pain
 disappeared.

Her eyes twinkled,
 to the toddler talking,
 She said my daughter, you lost all
 my troubles,
 Because I'm happy now my heart
 can't contain it.

My mother was overjoyed,
 because I she brought me into the
 world, I'm the fruit of
 the love between two people,
 two people no other than,
 my mom and dad.

TRANSLATION

The Annoying Pandemic

By: Johanne Mariea Ilagan

from Pandemyang Nakaiinis, p. 19

In the first wave of the pandemic,
extreme fear I felt,
we did nothing,
at the lockdown we were not happy,
my joy is gone.

The government has not neglected,
strict laws were made,
annoying pandemic,
when it will be get rid of.

Every day is focused on their phones,
so that the situation of the world may be heard,
I feel goosebumps, I tremble,
A lot of people on covid-19 was positive.

Online study,
going to church and playing with classmates,
distance is required,
sneezing should be prevented, so as not to be suspicious.

Annoying pandemic, you are about to be wiped out,
with God's help, a vaccine has been discovered,
fear is reduced, hope is glimpsed,
the world will rise again,
and our lives will be normal again.

Only You Can Help Yourself

By Jon Bradley C. Mayuga

from Tanging Ikaw Lamang ang Makatutulong sa Sarili mo, p. 20

With each dawn he watched, there was no chance that the question for himself did not come to his mind as to whether he should continue his daily engagement in life.

By the time Caesar was only a few months old, his father had a mistress. Caesar's mother named Aling Neneng is a very good woman and a mother, she does nothing and is willing to do everything for her family. But when her husband left her side, the former Aling Ne-

neng collapsed and had no hope of standing up again and becoming strong for this son. Caesar's mother is addicted to bad habits, when Aling Neneng comes home from work she goes straight to where she spends her money. Eventhough his mother was like this, Caesar was a persistent and enthusiastic son who did and spent all he could to find a way to earn money.

A few years later, Aling Neneng became more addicted to bad habits and was caught by the police. Caesar's life became even more miserable when his mother was imprisoned, as a result, he had to live under the same roof with his oppressive aunt. Caesar's former life, which was tiring and very difficult, was made worse when he went with his aunt because he was treated as if he were just a slave. The time came when Caesar's aunt was short of money to pay the tuition, the school gave him the opportunity to extend the payment period but there was still no guarantee that it would be paid on time. With each day that passed, Caesar always told himself that he needed to remain steadfast no matter what storm he faced. With the number of obstacles, he faced in life since he was young, he did not forget to pray to Bathala to help him be strong even if he is alone in this life. Bathala listened to his prayers and Caesar's faith was the reason why he became steadfast and resilient. Bathala realized that Caesar needed a true companion in his life. He gave Caesar the opportunity to speak to his guiding angel but only at dawn. When Caesar woke up, he saw an old woman smiling and looking familiar; only him could hear and communicate with this old woman. This old woman was very good at making suggestions about life, he was also able to ease Caesar's heart and help him move on with his life with just words. Caesar sees and talks to her every day and only a week later he discovered that this old woman was his grandmother whom he did not see while growing up. When he discovered this he was more courageous to strive and move on with life because he realized he did not need the whole world to improve himself and life, he just needed a close and true companion who could bring good influence and enough care. so that he can continue to fight every storm or obstacle he faces.

TRANSLATION

Where can we Find True Friends?

By Erchelle Pagdilao

from *Saan Matatagpuan ang Tunay na Katoto* p. 21

True friends trust each other, and if the two have a misunderstanding in their relationship, they should talk about it carefully. In your opinion, which is more important and valuable, your friends that you found face to face or the friends you found on the Internet (Social Media)? First of all, how can someone tell that some of your friends are true, is it when communicating in person or on the internet (Social Media)? What are the characteristics of the your friends that you have found face to face? What are the characteristics of a friend you found only on the Internet (Social Media)? Is there really a difference between the two?

The writer believes that true companion shows that friendships are important by these three reasons. First, friends must trust each other, because this is the most important thing in a strong friendship. Second, there's ups and downs in a friendship that accompanies all journeys to the future. Third, they will not be left even if there is true friend found face to face that satisfy his/her needs in communication. When you are with your friends, sometimes it is as if you are in cloud nine because you can hang out with them again and that you are always happy when you are with each other. The characteristics of a friend found on the Internet (Social Media) are also fun but it's not the same as in person friendship because there are times that we cannot feel their truest emotions or facial expressions. We also don't see the real person as they are, but there are "emoticons" to show the emotions especially when chatting on the Social Media sites. You will if that friend you are talking to on the Internet is kind if he replies with a smiling emoticon or he answers with respect. Social media has many different types of relationships with friends. But it is different to as making friends in person because there is also trust and they have the decisions whether they are

going to break or keep the trust we have given to them. In some cases, some people are more inclined to make friends face to face because they can see whether a person is interested in talking or not, they also know the true nature of the person. For other people, they want to make friends on the Internet (Social Media) because there are people who think it would be good to just talk on the Internet even mostly for shy people. There are also people who aspire to socialize on the Internet because of other races so that they also learn about their culture. There is really a big difference between a face-to-face acquaintance and a group of friends on the internet.

Overall, the companion can be found in many different places, whether in the farthest corner of the world or just in front of you. Strong friendships will go into happy lives, solid foundations and happy memories. All of this is very important to a friend and it also keeps them even stronger in their relationship. Always remember that a good friend is confident and respectful in any decision even if a friend is far or just in front of you.

When Love Enters the Heart of Men

By Johanna Marie B. Ilagan

from *Pag-ibig kung Papasok sa Puso Ninuman* p. 22

Most people say that love is the best feeling in the world, but will it disappear, or will it stay? If it ever came to the point that you were hurt completely because you loved, would you blame yourself or would you blame the person who loved you? Will your life be better when you have a boyfriend, or will your life just be messed up? If someone makes your heartbeat fast, can you say that he or she really is or not yet? Can you say that love is pure happiness or is it the type that can only hurt you?

In my opinion, there is no perfect person in life when it comes to love through four reasons. First when you hear the word "love" the only thing that enters your brain are rainbows and butterflies but in love there is also rain and thunder, yes you will experience the happiness of love but you will get to point that everything you do for him is just being ignored. Second, love is the reason why we all do things we hate but when it is gone you sometimes regret it. Third, most of us say that why do we even need to go back in time if it remains in our lives as our past? Perhaps, we can rightly say that the past remains the past but that does not mean that this past cannot be revisited, because many of us have not yet forgotten past sorrows and happy events. Fourth, did you know that the saying "True love is willing to wait" means that no matter how long or how far away you are from each other, trust is there. Whatever the style of love, let us remember that we all have the right to love and be happy.

In the opinion of the writer, you will have light in your life when you fall in love, but you will get to the point where your life will also be dark because we all have different kinds of love. Therefore, there is nothing wrong with falling in love with someone because you just love, and you just want to try so that you can feel that you are happy, and your life seems complete. Always remember that love and affection for a person is not seen in outward appearance but is seen in a person's heart.



Tsarouchia

- The Tsarouchia shoes of the Evzones weigh over three kilograms and feature at least 60 nails on the base of the shoe which simulate the sound of battle during the movement of the Evzone.
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- The base of the shoe is made from cowhide and over 300 hand stitches are required to hold each shoe together.

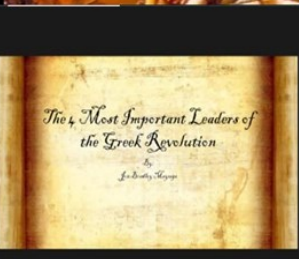


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I fought in the seas
My name is Laskarina
and in the fight I became
the brave Bouboulina

In the seas fellow soldiers and I
fought bravely with one soul
and became glorified



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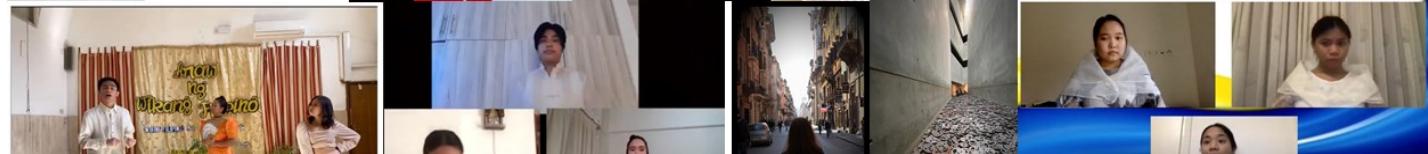
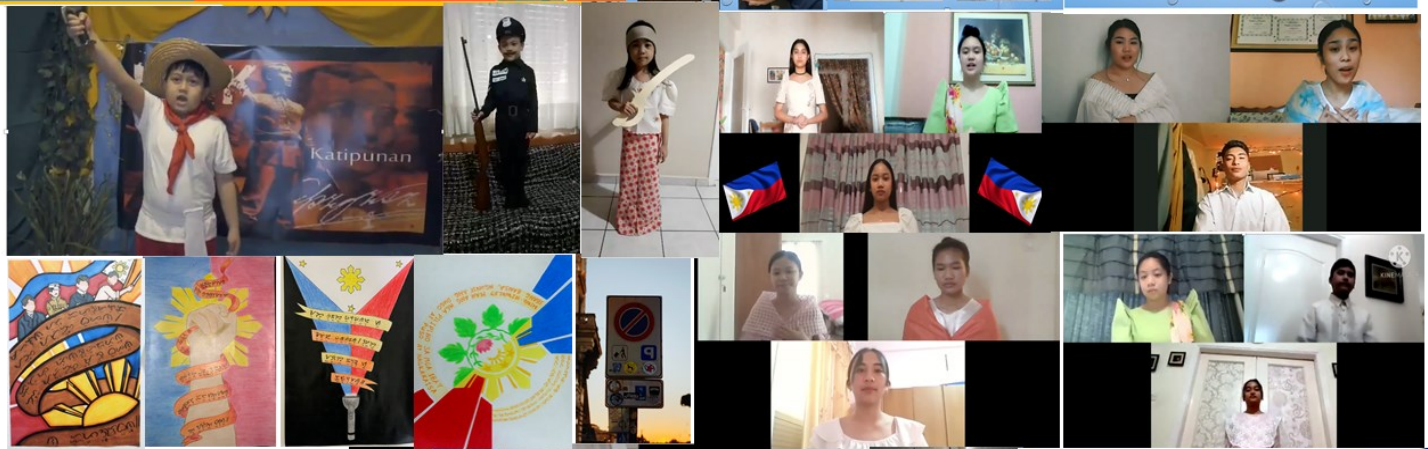
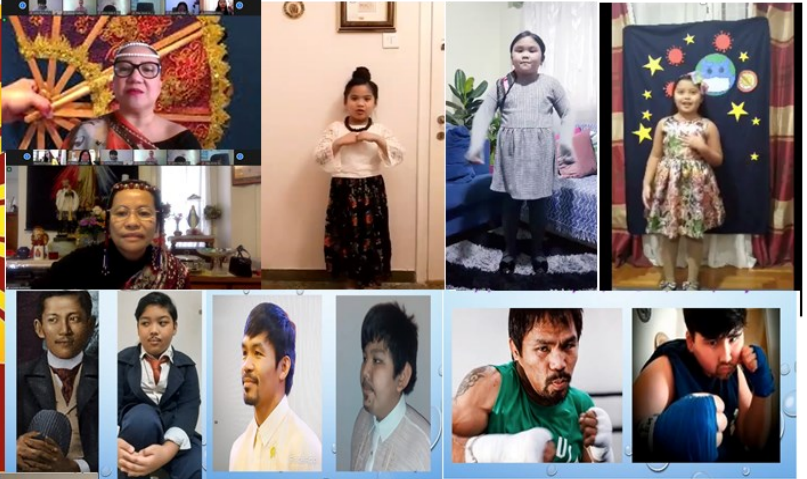
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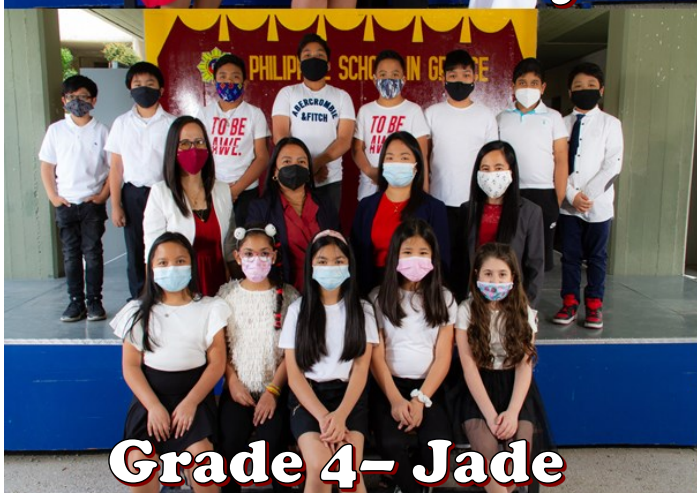
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