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This is a publication of the Directing Committee of the Albanian Language and Heritage School in Boston.

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THE ALBANIAN LANGUAGE AND HERITAGE SCHOOL IN BOSTON

JANUARY - MARCH 2007

From the opening of the Albanian Language and Heritage School one year ago

March 23, 2006

“When a language disappears, together with it dies an approach of interpreting the world”-these were among others the words of the linguist named Ledia Kapia during the opening ceremony of the Albanian Language and Heritage School in Boston. This ceremony took place one Saturday morning, in the premises of Boston University, where many Albanians and Albanian-Americans of all ages, potential students and parents, grandparents, community activists, teachers and artists gathered to celebrate. The opening speech was held by the vice president of the Albanian Student Club at BU, Mr.Nick Nikaj, followed by Albana Orgocka the head of the Massachusetts Albanian Ameri-

can society, an entity that invented the idea and materialized it after a series of efforts from a group of individuals surrounding it. The school will offer six classes all together; three of these will be held on the premises of Boston University, two at



From the school opening ceremony at Boston University, March 23, 2006

the Saint Georges Cathedral whereas the last two as the Saint

Trinity Church. The teachers are professionals with accredited degrees from Universities in Albania. The number of the registered students marks 51 with an age geography ranging from six up to the adults. The curriculum for the classes has been borrowed from the Education Ministry of Albania.

Special thanks and appreciation are addressed to Boston University, Saint Georges Cathedral, Saint Trinity Church, the Albanian government, Albania minister of Education Mr.Genc Polo including the institution he leads which provided many valuable books.

Alfred Lela, Boston.

THE END OF SCHOOL'S FIRST SEMESTER

On June 18th 2006 was organized the closing ceremony of the spring semester 2006 for the Albanian Language and Heritage School. The ceremony was planned to fall on the same day as father's day and it took place at the beautiful “Blue Hills Reservation” park in the outskirts of Boston. Among students, parents and their families, in this festivity took part many supporters of the school and other members of the community. In this ceremony, which occurred during a beautiful weather, the students were distributed their



diplomas. The program continued with various interesting activities such as, recitals in the Albanian language which the students had prepared with the help of the impassioned teachers; beach amusement under the beautiful warm weather; and it

June 18th 2006

ended with a friendly soccer



game to celebrate the Albanian language at hand, full of happiness and pride for successfully completing the first semester of the Albanian Language and Heritage School.

FALL SEMESTER 2006



On October 7 2006 commenced the Fall Semester of



the Albanian Language and Heritage School in Boston. This successfully completed semester ended on December 24th 2006. The Albanian Language and Heritage School

organized a party to celebrate the closing of school's second semester as well as the year end holidays. The children had prepared in the Albanian language songs and poems dedicated to the New Year. They were each distributed their diplomas and a small present.

The directing committee together with school supporters sent their appreciation to all the students and the teachers for their great work and for making it possible for the stu-

dents to attend classes every



weekend.

Teachers: Vilka Markovich, Vilma Simeqi, Iljana Kule, Vjollca Avrami, Nikoleta Shala.

Coordinator: Blerina Omari

SPRING SEMESTER 2007



On January 20th has restarted its activity the Albanian Language and Heritage School in Boston. This semester, the school will provide ABC's, reading, writing, history, and Albanian cultural activities taught by certified teachers. The age group of children attending classes' ranges from the ages 6 - 15 including all levels, with Albanian and English as their native language are accepted, including a class for

the adults. As a result of various suggestions made by the parents and other students for a longer teaching period of the Albanian school, this school semester will continue until May 13th 2007.

Schedules and Locations:

- 1) Boston University
- 2 Sherbon Street / Boston, MA
- Every Saturday from 10-12

- 2) St Georges Cathedral
- 523 E Broadway
- South Boston, MA
- Every Sunday from 10-12

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Everyone is welcomed

INFORMATION

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