



**The European Wergeland Centre
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***"Free to Speak, Safe to Learn"*
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Journalistic Student Conference

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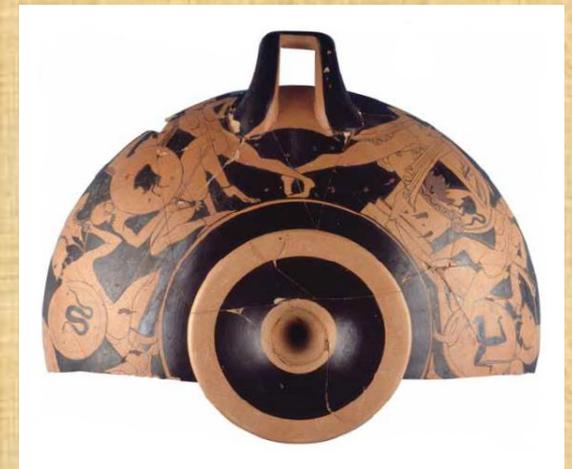
Makrighalos of Pieria, Greece



Makrighalos High School



Makrigrinalos High School...
next to archaeological site



We develop educational actions with pan-hellenic distinctions



ΤΟ Μαθητικό ΒΗΜΑ
ΕΦΗΜΕΡΙΔΑ ΤΟΥ ΓΥΜΝΑΣΙΟΥ ΜΑΚΡΥΓΙΑΛΟΥ ΑΝΟΙΞΗ 2018 Αρ. φύλλου 1

Αφιερώνουμε το 1^ο τεύχος στον
Μακρύγιαλο
Δήμου Πύδνας Κολινδρού

Συνέντευξη με...
Τον Δήμαρχο Πύδνας Κολινδρού κ. Ε. Λαγδάρη σελ. 3
Την Πρόεδρο Τοπικής Κοινότητας Μακρυγιάλου
κ. Μ. Αβραμιδού σελ. 5

Στο Γυμνάσιο Μακρυγιάλου...
Ο Αστροφυσικός και Ερευνητής Θωμάς Μπίσιπας σελ. 8
Η Χρυσή Ολυμπιονίκης της Κωπηλασίας Κατερίνα Νικολαΐδου σελ. 10
Η επιστημονικά υπεύθυνα του Κέντρου Πρόληψης «ΑΤΡΑΚΤΟΣ» σελ. 4
Ο Υπεύθυνος του ΣΕΠ – ΚΕΣΥΠ Πιερίας Χαράλαμπος Αργυρόπουλος σελ. 19

Διαβάστε ακόμη...
Ξενάγηση στην Μουσική Αποθήκη Μακρυγιάλου
Πόσο επηρεάζει η οικονομική κρίση τη διατροφή μας;
Πράσινη δόμηση – Ανανεώσιμες Πηγές Ενέργειας

Διοργανώνουμε
• Συνέδριο Μαθητικής Δημοσιογραφίας σελ. 15
• Εκδήλωση σφαιρομέτρη στην Γενοκτονία των Ποντίων σελ. 16

- editing of school newspaper
- theatrical performances
- cultural and environmental activities

← *Our school newspaper*



Our innovative educational action

Journalistic Student Conference

- for students and teachers from the High Schools and the Lyceums in Pieria
- who issue or plan to publish school newspapers

What was the reason for this action?

- I have been publishing school newspaper since 2002 and **I have always felt students and teachers interest** in information on editing their newspapers.
 - But **in schools there are not even specialists** who could professionally work with it.
 - So **I took the initiative** to plan and organize Journalistic Student Conference.
 - I believe that **it is vital for schools** to provide students with a solid education on media and information literacy as part of the curriculum.
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What were the main objectives and the important steps of the Conference?

- A.** Students and teachers to be trained **by high-level media industry specialists** on issues related to editing school newspapers and to basic concepts of journalistic ethics
 - B.** **Promotion and Award of school newspapers-** Motivations for new creations
 - C.** **Archive of School Newspapers-Local Educational History-**Next goal is to organize **Exhibition of School Newspapers**
 - D.** **Feedback -**Presentation of rare archaeological finds by Archaeologists -Students in an active role as journalist.
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What were another challenges we have experienced?

- Establish **a network of the journalists groups** for communication and views exchange on important democratic values and principles in the life of schools
 - Cooperation** between our school, parents, local authorities and society
 - Conference records** on school's website seeking to encourage other schools to follow our action.
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What are main problems addressed?

- ❑ The Conference was attended by 307 students and 72 teachers from 17 schools of Pieria. It was **a difficult task** for a small provincial school, but the **challenges were rewarding**.
- ❑ We had **to mobilize all schools** in Pieria and **secure money** for the Conference and the newspaper awards.
- ❑ **Our constructive cooperation** with students' parents, local authorities and society has solved these problems.
- ❑ Finally we organized a Conference **for the first time in our country** with high goals and great impact on the educational community.



What is the value of the Conference ?

The Journalistic Student Conference was **is an innovative action** with many benefits for students and teachers:

A. Distinguished media journalists gave to students and teachers **serious responses to their questions**, such as:

- ✓ What are the stages of creating a newspaper?
- ✓ How to write an article, an essay, an interview, a reportage ?
- ✓ How students not to get lost in the stream of information or not to be victim of propaganda and fake news?
- ✓ What constraints are imposed by journalistic ethics?





B. The media journalists helped students and teachers to realize that **propaganda, misinformation and fake news** have the potential to polarize public opinion and undermine democracies. **So they have the duty to apply fundamental principles of journalistic ethics:**

- to utilize a variety of different sources of data mining and evaluate the useful from unnecessary information
 - to collect, cross-check and document information
 - to keep professional secrecy with regard to the source of the information
 - to transmit news regardless their personal political, social and religious beliefs.
 - to publicize all the truth objectively and impartially and not to mislead public opinion
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C. The Journalistic Student Conference is a good practice of a democratic school in which:

a. inspired teachers:

- do not offer only knowledge, but they lead pupils to new horizons with the development of innovative actions, such as the editing of school newspapers.
 - encourage all students, regardless of their particularities (origin, cultural environment, disability) to collaborate by sharing responsibilities and feel creative by composing their newspaper
 - develop to students media literacy skills, such as impartial information, freedom of speech, respect for human rights, justice.
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C. The Journalistic Student Conference is a good practice of a democratic school in which:

a. inspired teachers:

- ensure for all pupils a pleasant and attractive school environment without discrimination and exclusion
- educate free, responsible and democratic citizens.

b. students journalists:

- learn to be more responsible and participant
 - overcome the narrow boundaries of the school
 - become active citizens of the global community.
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Conclusions

Our good practice proves that:

- ❑ It is essential for schools to build **inclusive and democratic societies**, to ensure **safe and stimulate learning environments** for all students.
- ❑ educating for democracy and human rights **is at the core of schools mission** to develop the democratic engagement and competences of young people.

Our next goal

- ❑ **2h Journalistic Student Conference**
 - ❑ **Exhibition of School Newspapers.**
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***Thank you very much
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Thank you for your attention!