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**PROFESSIONAL PROFILE**

* A dedicated and enthusiastic professional educator at the primary education levels.
* Extensive background of developing and implementing language and mathematic lessons
* Effective communicator who enjoys being part of, as well as leading, a successful and effective team of educators.

**EDUCATION**

* Teachers Diploma, Pedagogical Academy of Cyprus, 1985 (Distinction)
* BSc Education Studies, University of Athens, 1996 (Distinction)
* Master of Arts in Education, Applied Linguistics, The Open University, 2004

The courses I undertook for the purposes of my Master were:

*Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages Worldwide (2002)*

*Language and Literacy in a Changing World (2003)*

*Learning, Curriculum and Assessment (2004)*

**PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

* Participated in Curriculum Implementation seminars organized by the Ministry of Education and Culture in Cyprus (December 2010 – January 2011)
* Participated in Effective Leadership seminars organized especially for primary school principals by the Ministry of Education and Culture in Cyprus

(September – October 2012)

**IT SKILLS**

* Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Internet

**CAREER SUMMARY**

**1985-1997**

Working in Cyprus, at government primary schools as a primary school teacher, teaching levels 1-6

**1997-2000**

Working at the Curriculum Development and Implementing Unit of the Ministry Of Education and Culture in Cyprus at the Mathematics Section (Writer of year 5 mathematics book)

**September 2000-March 2001**

Working at the Al Nassr International School in Riyadh as a year 4 teacher

**March 2001- June 2004**

Working at the Saudi Arabian International School – Multinational Section as a year 5 primary school teacher (teaching Mathematics and Science) and as a Mathematics teacher in the High School and the Learning Support Department

**September 2004 – June 2012**

Headmistress and teacher at the Greek School in Riyadh

**September 2012 – October 2012**

Headmistress at the Kalo Chorio Village Primary School in Cyprus

**30th of October 2012**

Volunteered early retirement from my work as a government employed educator

**INTERESTS AND ACTIVITIES**

* Travelling
* Reading Literature

**PERSONAL INFORMATION**

Date of Birth: 22 July 1964

Nationality: Cypriot (EU passport)

Married to: Andreas Pantziarides (Auditor in J&P, Overseas, Ltd, based in Riyadh)

Children: Anastasios (25years old)

Maria (21 years old)