

The Lion's Roar

SAHAG-MESROB ARMENIAN CHRISTIAN SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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SMACS Students Win First Place in Spelling Bee

Sahag-Mesrob Armenian Christian School took part in the annual Spelling Bee organized by ACSI (Association of Christian Schools International). The event took place on January 25, 2013 at Trinity Classical Academy School in Santa Clarita, California. Sixteen students, two top spellers from first through eighth grades were chosen to represent the school in



the competition. A total of 176 students representing eleven schools were competing for the top prizes.

Mrs. Aylin Baharian, Spelling Bee coordinator said, "The hard work of our students paid off in the end as various prizes were won by Sahag-Mesrob students." Among the prizes were three first place Blue Ribbons: Daniel Mouradian (8th grade), Sebastien Postajian (6th grade), and Mireille Minassian (5th grade). Two students; Natalie Majarian from eighth grade, and Mireille Minassian from fifth grade earned trophies for being the top spellers all around among all fifth through eighth grade competitors. These two spellers advanced to the final round of the ACSI regional Spelling Bee in February. Sahag-Mesrob has taken part in the annual ACSI Spelling Bee for more than 25 years. "The Administration and Faculty are proud of this great achievement of our students", said Principal Hovsep Injejikian.

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Bible Verse of the Week

....but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; He is risen!

Luke 24:5b-6a



Christian Corner

God created the world. In Genesis 1:1 it begins with the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. On the 1st day, he created light. On the 3rd day, he created the waters. On the 6th day he created the animals on the earth, so they can roam upon our fields. God helps me with everything including sins. I am amazed at God's plan which began with creation.

When I read about the creation, it reminds me about how powerful God is and how grateful we should be. How awesome his plan is, and how much he loves his creation and everything in it. Even me. In conclusion, I would like to quote from the Bible Psalm 90:2 before You created the world and the mountains You were made from the beginning to the end you are God.

- Alec Hartounian, 5th Grade

God to me is the best role model ever. I don't think anyone made God, because he was never a baby. "God is the creator, he was not created". I made that quote up, because God created animals, humans, and everything else in 7 days.

- Andrew Dabbaghian, 5th Grade

God is a great creator and he made a wonderful world. So, in my opinion he's a miracle maker and a wonderful God. God is a life saver and he can help me when I'm sad or when I'm happy. He gave me wonderful teachers, and friends. Every night I pray and thank him because e created me. I also thank him for this wonderful grade!

- Shaunt Mosesi, 5th Grade

I think God is awesome. He is almighty. He's the creator and the ruler of the world. He's my idol. He's the best living thing the universe has ever seen. To me, God is a miracle. He is a savior. He is the Messiah. He is the Holy Spirit. He is Jesus. God is God!

- Joseph Atme, 5th Grade

To me God is everything. God is my savior. God is a must for me. When I feel like I am not worth anything in the world, I turn to God. When I feel neglected I go to God. God is who I trust. God is my savior.

- Michael Raad, 5th Grade

God is a person who treats you like you are the only one no the earth. Jesus=God=Holy Spirit is amazing. He forgives you if you mean it. I just love Jesus so much.

- Vicken Jemelian, 5th Grade

What I think of God is unspeakable. I don't know how in this whole world to explain him. He's just so amazing and powerful. Sometimes I try to come close to figuring out how he's been there forever. But, you just have to have faith. God is just so powerful, that it's hard to explain to anyone. And he's three in one. God is awesome!

- Malcolm Ellington, 5th Grade

My Experience at the Spelling Bee!

Written by Mireille Minassian



It all started in my fifth grade classroom one afternoon. My teacher, Miss Boekenooen was going to choose the Spelling Bee participants. As usual I was nervous but I prayed. I made no mistakes and was chosen to go to the ACSI District Spelling Bee. I started preparing for the competition right away. I sacrificed many play dates, Christmas vacation and weekends to study spelling almost 500 words.

The day of the bee I was very excited. It was January 25th, when I woke up with multiple butterflies in my stomach. When I got there, I was very scared because the kids were spelling faster than they can say their name. Luckily I was spelling even faster than I can say my name. Twelve out of the sixteen kids I was versing got eliminated. I saw some of them cry. I felt bad, but had to keep

calm and carry on. At the end, the judges ran out of words and tested the four of us on unpublished words. These are words that were not given to the contestants to study. Just saying, the butterflies went out of my stomach, and a lion went in. With God's grace, I spelled words that I could not even pronounce and I won the 5th grade district Spelling Bee championship and got the blue ribbon. The End.

Wait a minute, that wasn't the end. Winning meant more competition. The Spell off is held between the first four place winners of 5th through 8th graders. The spelling words were all the published 5th through 8th grade word lists. I didn't know about this rule. The last time I was in the spelling bee was 3rd grade. I had also won first place but I got to get my blue ribbon and go home to celebrate.

This time they wanted me to spell more and I had not studied the upper grade words. It was like I was promoted in a job without even knowing what my job was. I just prayed that the first boy would get out so I wouldn't be the first out. I ended up winning third place. Now I started to believe I had a real talent to spell. I got a trophy and an invitation to go to the regional spelling bee. I was so

happy; I started to skip in the hallway. People might have thought I was weird, but that's ok.

After studying 1500 more words in three weeks, I went to the regional Spelling Bee and was shocked. There were at least a hundred people there. There were two microphones for different heights. I had to stand in front of the short one. I felt really short compared to the eighth graders. The Bee began; I was in for more than ten rounds. I kept on going and going. Before every word I spelled, I prayed. I spelled words like "gargantuan" and "muckraker". Unfortunately, I finally misspelled a word and got eliminated. I was real sad at first because I had set my eyes on going to Texas for the nationals. Then I realized, I was the last fifth grader left in the competition. That makes me the best 5th grade speller in California. I ranked fourteenth place out of thirty-six champions that were there that day and that is a lot to be proud of. My experience at the Spelling Bee this year was the best! My mom always taught me, "Work hard and play hard." This was my experience at the Spelling Bee! I couldn't have won all of these without my mom's help!

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We Love Easter

By Kindergarten Students



I love Easter because I can find eggs! – Nicolas Semerjian

I love Easter because I can see the Easter bunny – Patil Tajerian

I love Easter because I see rabbits! – Alexandra Babayan

I love Easter because I can find eggs and eat the candy inside. – Sako Kiledjian

I love Easter because the Easter bunny hides eggs for me! – Michael Sahagian

I love Easter because I get to have colorful eggs. – Brianna Balian

I love Easter because I get to get Easter baskets! – Lily Balian

I love Easter because I get a lot of candy, money, and new toys! – Victoria Postajian

I love Easter because I get to go to an egg hunt and find things inside the eggs. – Alexandra Karamanoukian

I love Easter because we crack our eggs! – David Avanesyan

I love Easter because we learn nice songs. – Narod Ekmekjian

I love Easter because I get new toys – Johnny Jemelian

I love Easter because my mommy buys me a new dress – Aleena Bazaz

I love Easter because we have a vacation – Elizabeth Feroyan

I love Easter because of the chocolate bunnies I can eat! – Karina Awakian

I love Easter because I get to go to church. – Andre Abdollahian

I love Easter because I stay home and play with my family. – Isabelle Kizirian

I love Easter because I see lots of purple flowers! – Emily Pogosian

I love Easter because I get to paint eggs! – Emma Der Avedissian

I love Easter because I get to pick pink flowers! – Tiana Tatikian

I love Easter because I got new blue shoes! – Marcus Semerjian

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1st grade thanks all our **COMMUNITY HELPERS!**

(Facts taken from the "People in My community" book series)



Brandon and Bella thank DENTISTS

The dentist helps us with our teeth. We can help our teeth by flossing and brushing. The dentist uses a light to see in your mouth. The dentist checks for cavities. We should visit the dentist every year. The dentist uses special tools to clean your teeth.

Njteh and Roubeena thank DOCTORS

A doctor gives a shot, it may hurt a little. A doctor checks your heart. A doctor wants to see you are growing. If you are sick, the doctor checks you. Sometimes old ladies or men go to the hospital and see a doctor. If you are a little kid, you can be a doctor when you grow up.

Arsen and Nareh thank VETERINARIANS

Vets check the animal's hearts. They take pictures of their bones with an X-ray machine. Vets take care of wild animals. Vets take care of farm animals. Vets are in offices and in animal hospitals. Vets take care of people's pets too.

Daniella and Andre thank POLICE OFFICERS

A police officer helps people. A police officer helps people to not drive fast. A police officer drives a police car or a motorcycle. A police officer gives people tickets. A police officer can also stop criminals. A police officer can arrest people.



Natalia and Claudine thank TEACHERS

Teachers correct papers. Teachers teach students. Teachers can teach with games. Teachers read books with students. Teachers can help students write. Teachers can help students learn.

Alexis and Aram thank FIRE FIGHTERS

Fire fighters save people. Fire fighters have special tools. Fire fighters have air tanks. Fire fighters help people too. Fire fighters spray water on houses to stop the fire.

Aren and Vicken thank LIBRARIANS

A librarian gives you a library card. A librarian uses a computer to buy books. A librarian puts books on shelves. A librarian helps you look for books. A librarian works in a library. A librarian reads to you.

Rocco and Mahrie thank MAIL CARRIERS

A mail carrier delivers mail house by house. It is fun to get mail from the mail carriers. The mail carrier brings our mail every day. The mail carrier will not deliver the mail if there isn't a stamp on the envelope. During summer, mail carriers wear shorts. During winter, mail carriers wear warm clothes.



A very special THANK YOU to our school's mail carriers!



PERSONAL NARRATIVES

Written by 2nd Grade

My First Horseback Ride by Maria Miwalian

On a sunny Saturday afternoon, my family and I went to Griffith Park to ride horses. When we got there I saw many types of horses. I wanted to ride the white horse but the helped at the stable said that the horse wasn't trained to carry someone who was new to horseback riding. Instead he said it would be safer for me to ride another horse that was more calm.

They brought us three horses. One for my dad, one for my sister, and one for me. My mom didn't want to join us because she was afraid, but she was very excited for me. We put on our helmets and the one hour ride began. It was a lot of fun and excitement. We went through roads and over bridges. My horse was very nice and obedient. It was a great day. I wish I could go horseback riding more often.

The Long Walk by Andrew Mazmanian

One day while camping in Santa Barbara, my family and I decided to go to the beach. It was fun to be with my mom, dad, my big sister, my little sister, and my uncle and aunt. The first thing we did at the beach was have ice cream. Then my uncle asked if we wanted to go on a long walk. That was fine with me. When we were walking we saw many boats and a nice bridge. Later we had lunch. When we got back to the camping area it was getting dark. So we got all dressed so we could go in our sleeping bags to sleep. The next day we were going home. We put all the things that we brought with us away. Finally, we headed home so we could relax. It was so much fun to go on a walk.

I Went on a Hike by Alik Mardiros

One day I went on a hiking trip with my family. It was a sunny day so that's why I wore sun screen. I also brought a backpack with me filled with water, food, and extra sunscreen. It was not easy to hike when it was that sunny so we had to stop a lot to drink water and eat some snacks. When we got to the top of the climb we was a beautiful view. I took many pictures. On my way down from the mountain, I found a stick that I carried with me all the way home. My sister found a stick too. I had a great time so I can't wait until I go on my next hiking trip.

One Summer Day by Shant Bashian

Last summer was fun because one day my dad, my cousins, and I went to Long Beach. We saw a yellow waverunner. We rented two waverunners so we could ride them. We had to put life vests on first and then we took a ride. My dad was going very fast. I told him to go faster!

It was a lot of fun to ride the waverunner. I can't wait until next summer to do it again!

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Acrostic Spring Poems

by 2nd Grade

Nicole
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Sunny every Day.
PicnicS every week.
Rainbow s Some Days.
Insectes in the grass.
Nights are beautiful.
Grapes grow.

Maria
Armen

Spring is the best?
Picnics are fun!
Rainbows are beautiful!
Ireland is preety!
Nice buddies?
Lreat friends!

By: Valram
and Angela

Spring is a special season
Picnics are fun
Rainbows so colorful and bright
Indigo seas
Nice friend
Games all around

He has Risen!

Chris Hrag

Sunny day
Picnics at the park
Rainbows are colorful
Indigo is a color
Nibbling rabbit
Green grass

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Christine
Andrew

Suns are very hot!

Picnics are very fun.

Roses are red.

Ice cream is good!

Nice weather is good for me and my friends.

Gardens have lots of fruits.



Angelina and Natel

Sunny day 

Pie day is good 

Rainbow are beautiful 

Ice cream is yummy. 

Nice flowers. 

Good day in spring.

Alk
Talar

Sunny day:

Picnics are fun.

Rainbows are pretty.

Interesting flowers.

Nice flowers.

Green trees with blossoms.



Nicole
Tro

Sunny every Day.

Picnics every week.

Rainbows Some Days.

Insectes in the grass.

Nights are beautiful.

Grapes grow.



Random Acts Of Kindness



Alex, Arthur, Sevana, Astghik, Sarine Y., Isabelle, Sarine V., Sevag, Emma, Angie, Sophia, Shantel

Written by 3A students

In mid January (in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day) until mid February (Valentine's Day), our class did various random acts of kindness in school and at home. Random acts of kindness are kind and thoughtful things you do or say to others that brighten up their day. Kindness is a way of showing others that you care for them and want to be nice to them without expecting anything in return. When you are

willing to share your kindness, others will be inspired by your example and think about doing something kind themselves.

Our class had to fill out weekly worksheets for class work and homework and record the kind acts we did each day. We hope that our acts of kindness will become automatic without the need to record them. During a morning chapel, our class even presented 3 skits, a song, and bible verses about being kind to one another and reminded the students from Kindergarten through 4th grade to practice random acts of kindness every day.

Kindness takes many forms—a smile, a hug, a compliment, or a thoughtful deed. Regardless how big or how small, an act of kindness usually touches the heart of people deeply. It's certainly one of the best and most effective ways we can show that Christ lives within us. In Ephesians 4:32 it says, "Be kind to one another forgiving each other, just as Christ forgave you." Our goal is to want to do acts of kindness for people, living things, and our Earth every day.

Outside our classroom's bulletin board, we had 100 cut-out hearts with 100 acts of kindness written on them. It was to honor Valentine's Day and our 100th Day of School. Here are some examples of what we think are acts of kindness. Enjoy!



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Other Acts of Kindnesses:

“Helping my mom wash the dishes without being asked.” – Isabelle

“Letting a friend from another class go in front of me in line to buy snack.” – Sarine V.

“Donating clothes to the poor.” – Sevana

“Picking up trash around the school.” – Sevag

“Giving your extra food to a homeless person on the street.” – Sophia

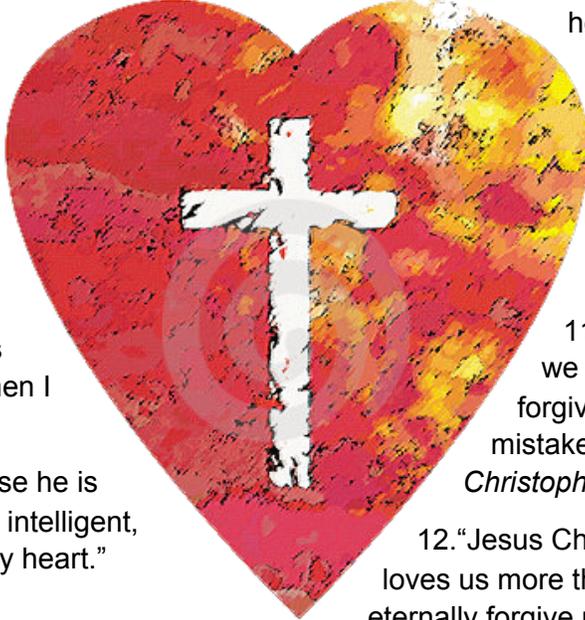
“Donating money to the L.A. Children’s Hospital.” – Astghik

“Giving your friend a snack if they don’t have one.” - Angie

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Jesus Christ in our Hearts

His gift of self sacrifice on the cross is what saves us, for our communion with him in his death and resurrection restores us to life. With this article, I wanted to show all of our readers how the love of Jesus Christ is present in the hearts of all of us, especially my third grade class.

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1. "Jesus Christ forgives us because he powered his blessings on us. Jesus knows I believe in him and I know that Jesus has a beautiful heart."
Sarine Nazarian
 2. "I love Jesus Christ because he saved me when he died on the cross for me. He forgives me when I sin."
Jonathan Postajian
 3. "I love Jesus Christ because he is our savior. He is an angel, intelligent, nice and number one in my heart."
Hagop Kiledjian
 4. "Jesus Christ forgives us because he loves us, died on the cross for us, and has eternal love for us. He will protect us from evil."
Alec Abdollahian
 5. "Jesus Christ is in my heart because I have accepted him in my heart. I love him very much."
Jeffrey Balian
 6. "Jesus Christ is my savior because he protects me so much. He forgives me when I do something wrong to anyone."
Athena Baghdassarian
 7. "Jesus Christ is my savior because he died on the cross for us and forgives us for our sins. He also did miracles to people who were sick."
Aren Aroyan
 8. "Jesus Christ is our savior because he died for us. I will always love you, Jesus Christ."
Melana Gendal
 9. "Jesus Christ forgives us because he loves us. He died on the cross for all of our sins. Our lord is so majestic."
Tatyana Sevajian
 10. "Jesus Christ is in my heart forever."
Shant Yepremian
 11. "Jesus forgives us because we are God's children. He forgives us when we make mistakes."
Christopher Hamparsomian
 12. "Jesus Christ forgives us because he loves us more than anything else. He will eternally forgive us but we have to stop making the same mistakes."
Silva Avakian
 13. "Jesus is in my heart because he loves me and believes in me."
Liana Chiranian
 14. "Jesus Christ died on the cross for our sins."
Sonia Darakjian
 15. "Jesus Christ forgives us because he died on the cross for us. We are his sheep and he is our Shepherd."
Vicky Sahagian
 16. "Jesus is in my heart because I am a Christian and I believe in him. I love Jesus very much. Jesus is kind, generous and compassionate. Jesus is the King of all kings."
Kristina Agojian
- Written By 3B
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4th Grade Interviews

The Fourth Graders interviewed some of the students in the school about their likes and hobbies. Let's get to know our peers a little better:

Interviewer: Heiko Abadjian

Student Interviewed: Chris Hamparsomian, 3rd Grade

Favorite Subject: Math

Favorite Food: Wings!

Favorite Color: Red

Favorite Sport: "I like soccer and basketball"

What are your hobbies: "I like to run".

Why do you like SMACS? "I have good friends here".

Favorite pet or animal? Penguins and dogs.

Favorite television program: Jessie

Favorite Movie: The Avengers

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Interviewer: David Chepeian

Student Interviewed: Harout Terzian, 7th Grade

What are your hobbies? I like playing the drums.

Your favorite subject in school? Science

Favorite Color: Red

Favorite Sport to watch or play: Definitely Soccer

Why do you like coming to SMACS? "I like coming to this school because I get to see my friends".

Favorite Food: Burgers

Any pets you like? Cats

What is your favorite show on TV? Adventure Time

Is there a particular video game you like? WWW Thirteen

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Interviewer: Hrag Ekmekjian

Student Interviewed: Shant Terzian, 8th Grade

What are your hobbies? "I like to play basketball"

Any favorite sport? Basketball and Soccer

Why do you like coming to SMACS? I like coming to SMACS because of the education, and the people that go here.

What is your favorite food? Hamburger!

Favorite animal? Dog

Favorite Television Show? The Lost Tapes

Color: Blue

What is your favorite subject in school? I like going to computers.

Who is your favorite basketball player? Kevin Durrant

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Interviewer: Avo Akhian

Student Interviewed: Tamar Akhian, 8th grade

What are some of your hobbies: volleyball and basketball

Do you have any pets? Yes, a fish

What is your favorite food: Pizza

What is your favorite sport? I like basketball

Why do you like coming to SMACS? I like coming here because this school has a family friendly environment.

How long have you been attending SMACS: 9 years

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Favorite color: blue
Favorite subject: English
Favorite TV show: AMC Walking Dead

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Interviewer: Christian Lambadjian

Student Interviewed: Elias Atme, 8th Grade
What are your hobbies? I love Sports, especially Basketball
Why do you like coming to SMACS? I love all of my friends and teachers
Favorite Food? Sushi
Favorite Color: Blue
Favorite Animal? Monkey!
Favorite Movie? SpongeBob

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Interviewer: Tigran Arabyan

Student interviewed: Ari Ekmekjian, 8th Grade
What is your favorite show on TV? Finding Bigfoot
What are your favorite subjects in school? "I like math and science"
Who is your favorite WWE Superstar? Alberto Del Rio
Why do you like coming to SMACS? "I like coming here because the school has awesome friends and teachers".
Favorite Food? Armenian Kebob
What is your favorite Animal? Lizard
Any hobbies outside of school? I like fishing
Favorite Color: Green
Favorite Sport: Soccer

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Interviewer: Sevan Krikorian

Student Interviewed: Sarine ZA
What hobbies do you enjoy: I like to cartwheel
Favorite Subject in school: Science
Favorite Color: Pink!
Favorite Sport: Soccer
What do you like about SMACS? I love that we have Tetherball now.
Favorite Food: Pasta
Any Pets? Dog
Favorite Show on TV: "Shake it Up" on Disney Channel
Who is your Best friend? Sevan Krikorian, you!

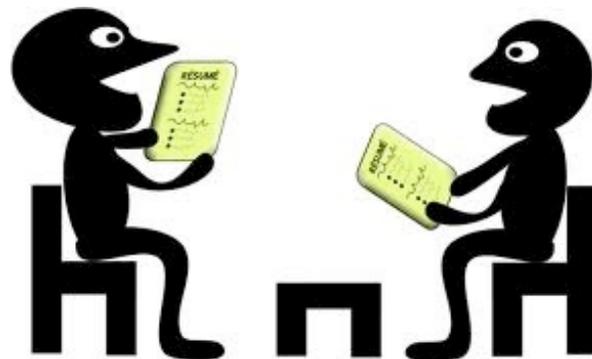
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Interviewer: Alex Azilazian

Student Interviewed: Chris Atme, 2nd
What are your hobbies? Playing Sports
What Sport do you like? Soccer
Favorite Subject: Math
Favorite Color: Green
Why do you like coming to SMACS: I love the Sports
Favorite Food: I love to eat Chicken Nuggets
Favorite Animal? Dog
Favorite TV Show: SpongeBob

Who is your favorite celebrity? I like Jay Z

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SHOULD ANIMALS BE KEPT IN ZOOS?

Written By 5th Grade



Animals Should Be Kept in Zoos

By Susan Kazarian

Animals should be kept in zoos because animals are cared for, it is educating for kids, and some people get to see wildlife they usually don't get to see. Animals are safe. Some animals should come to the zoo. People who have very few animals in their countries, they should come to zoo to see some animals. People who are hunters can't come in a zoo and kill animals because a person can't take guns there. Zoos help animals and they are safe for animals.

Animals don't get extinct in the zoo, because the zookeepers bring them together, keep them safe and care for them. Many endangered species are kept in zoos. The zookeepers bring them to the zoo and they will take care of the animals. Zoos don't hurt or kill the animals they help them live and make more of then own kind. Threat is one reason why animals should stay in the zoo.

It is exciting for kids to come to zoos. Kids love to learn and to read interesting things, learn about animals and see animals. When kids realize how wonderful and gifted animals are they will always care for animals. For example, if they haven't seen an animals, their parents should take their kids to the zoo and shows the kids and teach the kids about some animals. After kids see animals and fall in love learning about animals one day, they will want to become zookeepers, vets, or have a job with animals. They can work at Pet Smart or any animal stores.

These are all my reasons why animals should stay in zoos. They can have better lives in zoos and longer lives in zoos too. People won't come and kill animals like in the wild. People can't even bring guns to zoos and animals have a safe place to be.

Animals Should Not Be Kept in Zoos!

By Mireille Minassian

Animals should not be kept in zoos because the animals are in cage are as tight and horrible as prisons. Zookeepers have to give the animals tranquilizers to calm them down. Zookeepers shouldn't give tranquilizers here and there to animals. Let's say for an example, a monkey will go crazy locked up in a tight cage, but if it is free, it'll have the whole world's space. This is cruel to the animals.

The animals are very annoyed because obnoxious kids and adults come to the zoo to mess with the animals. One day when I went to the zoo, a little boy started to throw peanuts at the elephants when the zookeepers were not looking. The elephant was annoyed and twitched its eye a couple of times. I had just realized that the boy hit the elephants' eye with the peanuts. If this is happening to every animal, little by little, it soon going to hurt our environment. This has to stop because it's getting animals nerves.

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The zoos aren't educating kids like schools are. If you take one chapter of animals in science class, you'd learn the whole system. Instead of paying lots of money go to a zoo, just go to school to learn about animals.

This is also about money. The government wants money. People and parents pay lots of money to get into zoos. There is absolutely no point in having to pay \$11 dollars per per person.

Now, you understand why I'm against animals being in zoos. All of this is not needed.

Are Zoos Cruel?

By Andrew Dabbaghian

Do you think zoos are cruel? I don't think zoos are cruel. Zoos aren't cruel, because they are saving animals from dangerous animals in their habitat. They educate the public by showing people where the zoos animals live and their daily diets.

First, I think that education has a big part in the zoo. The kids learn where and how the animals live. For example, students can learn how tigers live in a jungle biome. They can tell what animals eat.

Second, I think for entertainment reasons, zoos are really interesting . The zoos have tours, gift shops, and the zoo animals themselves.

Third, animals have harder lives in the wilderness. Food is harder to find in the wilderness. In the zoo, they feed animals. The animals are also healthier because they have vets to take care of them.

In conclusion, zoos give education, entertainment and care in one place. Zoos give shelter and are the safe environment for the species.

Should Animals be Kept in Zoos?

By Isabelle Mazmanian

To be free or to be caged? The lives of animals depend on our choice to be free or be to be caged. What should we pick? I pick for them to be free.

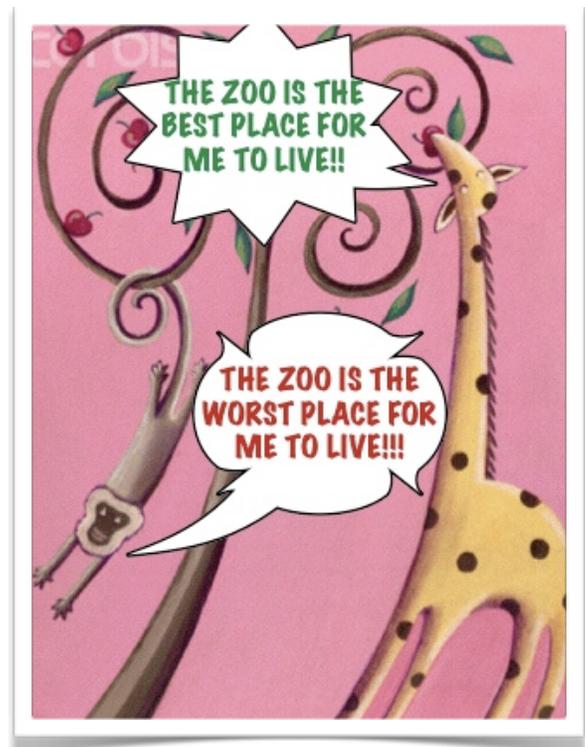
First, animals are too crowded in zoos. Animals are stuck in cages and cannot be free. They are stuck in there for the rest of their lives. Animals are in zoos until they die. The zoos torture the animals by putting them in cages and locking them up. They don't get to walk where they want or do what they want.

Second, animals don't get to hunt their own food. What if an animal gets out of the zoo and into the wild, they wouldn't know how to hunt. It would be eaten. Then animals would be killed by a predator.

Finally, animals are depressed in zoos. They are really scared. They want to get out of their small cage; they aren't free. For example, when I went to the zoo and I saw a bird in an aviary hitting the wall and tearing everything.

To be free is better than being caged. I know some people might disagree with me, but I think that animals should be free.

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Անակնկալը

Դրան զանգը հնչեց եւ նամակաբերը ծրար մը բերաւ: Երբ Սեդան ստացաւ ծրարը, իրեն համար անակնկալ էր: Ան շատ զարմացաւ:

Սեդան գուշակեց, որ իր հայրը դրկած էր ծրարը, որուն մէջ շնիկ մը կար:

Շնիկը տարեդարձին նուէրն էր: Սեդան շնորհակալութիւն յայտնեց հորը եւ շատ ուրախացաւ:

Անճի Միթիլեան
Գ. Դասարան



Ս. Զատիկ

Զատիկի օրը Ս. Սարգիս Եկեղեցի գացինք եւ աղօթեցինք: Յետոյ մեծ մօրս տունը գացինք եւ հոն ճաշեցինք համով ուտելիքներ:

Անկէ վերջ հաւկթախաղ ունեցանք եւ զարմիկներուս հետ ուրախացանք:

Սարին Եղիայեան
Գ. Դասարան

Ս. Զատիկ

Զատիկի օրը մեծ հայրս, մեծ մայրս եւ զարմիկներս մեր տունը եկան: Մենք պահուած հաւկթոցները գտանք եւ հաւկթախաղ ունեցանք:

Զարմիկս յաղթեց եւ նուէր ստացաւ:

Մենք շատ լաւ ժամանակ անցուցինք:

Լիանա Ծիրանեան
Գ. Դասարան

Ս. Զատիկ

Զատկուան օրը մենք Եկեղեցի գացինք եւ կիրակնօրեայի աշակերտներուն օգնեցինք: Անկէ վերջ, մենք մեծ մօրս տունը գացինք եւ հոն ճաշեցինք: Յետոյ պարտէզ գացինք եւ հաւկթախաղ ունեցանք:

Յետոյ անուշեղէն կերանք եւ թագա-թօքէ խաղցանք:

Մենք ամէն տարի կը յիշենք Զատիկի տօնը, որ Յիսուսի յարութիւնն է:

Հայրօ Ապանեան
Դ. Դասարան



Ս. Զատիկ

Մենք արդէն դիմաւորեցինք Ծաղկազարդը, Աւագ շաբաթը եւ Քրիստոսի յարութիւնը:

Զատիկի օրը մեր ազգականներուն հետ Լէյք Էրօհէտի լիճը ձկնորսութիւն ըրինք եւ շատ համով խորոված կերանք:

Մեծ մայրս եւ մայրս զատկուայ յատուկ ճաշեր եւ խմորեղէններ պատրաստեցին մեզի համար:

Մենք հաւկթախաղ ալ ունեցանք եւ լաւ ժամանակ անցուցինք:

Սապրինա Բելէնկեան
Ե. Դասարան

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Վարդանանց Տօն

Պարսիկները կ'ուզէին, որ հայերը կրակապաշտ եւ պարսիկ ըլլան: Յազկերտ Բ. սպառնաց հայերուն, որ պիտի սպաննէ, եթէ պարսիկ չ'ըլլան: Հայերը նախընտրեցին մեռնիլ, քան թէ պարսիկ ըլլալ: Հայերուն բանակին սպարապետն էր Վարդան Մամիկոնեան: Հայերը եւ Պարսիկները պատերազմեցան: Շատեր նահատակուեցան, բայց հայերը մնացին հայ եւ Քրիստոնեայ:

Իզապէլ Ժամկոչեան
Գ. Դասարան

Վարդանանց Պատերազմ

Պարսիկները ուզեցին, որ հայերը պարսիկ ըլլան եւ կրակը պաշտեն: Անշուշտ հայերը չհամաձայնեցան:

Յազկերտ Բ.՝ պարսիկներուն թագաւորը հայերուն ժողովի կանչեց Տիզբոն եւ չի ձգեց, որ վերադառնան Հայաստան մինչեւ որ կրօնաւիրիս չ'ըլլան:

Հայերը երեսանց ուրացան քրիստոնէութիւնը, որպէսզի ազատին պարսիկներէն եւ Հայաստան վերադառնան:

Շատեր բարկացան Վարդանէն, երբ այս լուրը Հայաստան լսուեցաւ: Վարդան իրենց բացատրեց եւ ամէն բան պարզուեցաւ:

Վարդանանց պատերազմի ընթացքին շատեր նահատակուեցան:

Հայերը մնացին հայ եւ քրիստոնեայ:

Ամէն տարի մենք Վարդանի եւ իր զինուորներուն յիշատակը կը տօնենք մեր դպրոցին մէջ:

Ժօզէֆ Աթմէ
Ե. Դասարան

Տեառնընդառաջ եւ Սիրոյ Օր

Երբ Յիսուս 40 օրուայ էր Յովսէփի եւ Մարիամ զինք առաջին անգամ եկեղեցի տարին:

Հոն էին Սիմէոն ծերունի քահանան եւ Աննա մարգարէուհին, որոնք շատ ուրախացան Յիսուսը տեսնելով:

Տեառնընդառաջի օրը եկեղեցիին բակը կրակ կը վառեն, որպէսզի չարիքները անհետանան:

Թաթիանա Սվանեան
Գ. Դասարան

Տեառնընդառաջ եւ Սիրոյ Օր

Երբ Յիսուս քառասուն օրուայ էր Յովսէփի եւ Մարիամ զինք եկեղեցի տարին ընծայելու:

Հոն էին Սիմէոն ծերունի քահանան եւ Աննա մարգարէուհին, որոնք շատ ուրախացան, երբ Յիսուսը տեսան:

Եկեղեցիին բակը կրակ կը վառեն եւ վրայէն կը ցատկեն, որ ամէն վատ բաները այրին եւ երթան:

Այդ կրակէն մօմ կը վառեն եւ տուն կը տանին, որպէսզի տունը օրհնուի:

Այս օրը կը յիշենք նաեւ Սիրոյ տօնը:

Տիգրան Արաբեան
Դ. Դասարան

Ս. Գրիգոր Լուսաւորիչ

Ս. Գրիգոր Լուսաւորիչ ուսում ստացաւ եւ պալատին մէջ քարտուղար եղաւ: Ան 13 տարի խոր վիրապի մէջ մնաց:

Երբ Գրիգոր Լուսաւորիչ խոր վիրապէն դուրս հանեցին, ան օրերով աղօթեց Տրդատ Թագաւորին համար եւ Տրդատ քրիստոնեայ եղաւ:

Գրիգորի միջոցաւ հայ ժողովուրդը քրիստոնեայ եղաւ:

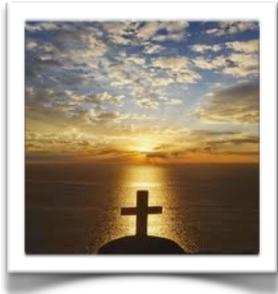
Գրիգոր քրիստոնէութիւնը տարածելուն համար Լուսաւորիչ կոչուեցաւ:

Մէրիեան Սահակեան
Ե. Դասարան



Our Easter Holiday Traditions

Written by 6th Grade



Jesus died for our sins. For Easter, we celebrate Jesus Christ's resurrection when he went from the grave to heaven. We call this Haroutoun.

We, as sixth graders, have discussed our Armenian Easter Traditions. We have come to the conclusion that most of us have the same traditions. As Armenians, we spend Easter with our families. Our day normally consists of, going to church and enjoying our time with our families. Gifts are usually exchanged amongst most of the children. A tradition we have is to eat, keghke. We eat it until it runs out. Our parents usually enjoy drinking Armenian surj throughout the day.



Many of us also decorate eggs. As an Armenian tradition, we color eggs red by boiling them in onions and beets for a couple of hours to symbolize Jesus' blood when he died. After this, we play Taka-toke.

This is a game where two people each get one hard boiled egg and try to crack the opponent's egg on the top and the bottom. This is an enjoyable game. Finally, at the end of the night, we say our good-byes to our family and reflect on our great day. We are so proud to have such great Armenian traditions and thankful Jesus died for our sins.



Poetry with 7th Grade

The Seventh Graders read a story about life in the sixties, "The Outsiders" by S.E Hinton. The enduring theme of tolerance was evident in society then as it today. Please take the opportunity to read these wonderful poems.

I feel very lonely
Cycle for the differences
The scream for the sides

We walked to the park
It was very devastating
I thought I would die

I feel so confused
Different prospectives talking
There's fear everywhere

I was taken unto hands
Just as then, pushed very
back
Incredibly awoken

We got jumped by socs
I knew they would kill you
there
So I murdered him

Choosing one eternally
Violence on every corner
Many differences

Letting out feelings
Hard as stone, soft as wind
Choosing between, only one

We ran away fast
We were wanted for murder
Then became a hero

Knowing both the sides
Like a spy undercover
Need to get along

Garo Darakjian

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Sarkis Margaryan

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Tamar Donoyan

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I watch the blood fight
The boy I fell in love with
Screaming, grunting hurt

I'm very quiet
My family doesn't care
I stay on the streets

I question myself
My world is falling apart
With me to follow

I look in his eyes
Sparkling in the dark night
Stroked his cheek, so soft

I am terrified
Risking my life for the kids
I ran out quickly

I wonder who cares
I know only one who does
After many sins

My heart racing fast
His touch giving me shivers
Does he feel the same?

Being a hero
They say it is not my thing
But, I feel it's right

Darkness turns to light
I am finally at peace
With the inner me

Kareen Bosnoian

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Rita Tajerian

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Talia Kazandjian

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I'm hurting, I'm lost
 Why don't you care about
 me?
 I'm a Bloody Boy

My mistakes reflect
 Please say no just say it
 Stop me, Notice me

Coming, no regret
 Dripping blood on my back
 Mom, Dad, Friends Goodbye

Savannah Bedjakian

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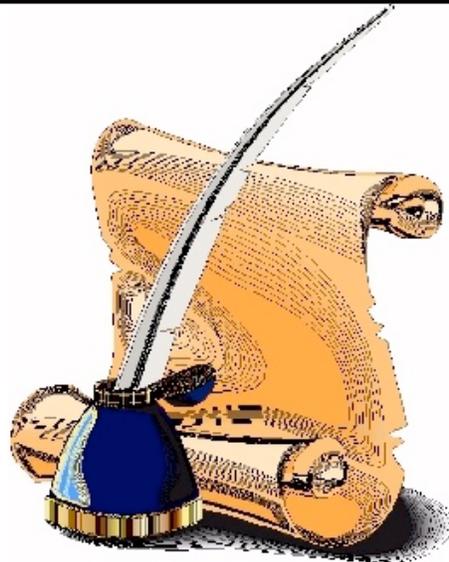
I was running fast
 The police coming for me
 Tell the gang to come

Surrounded by fuzz
 I am scared under the light
 Seeing the gang come

Need to make a choice
 Just pull the trigger and shoot
 No one cares, good-bye.

Harout Sulahian

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I understand you.
 I can imagine your pain.
 Intense anger runs.

Aggravation goes.
 So much power I must have.
 No control in me.

I didn't mean to.
 As hard as I can hurt you.
 Shame overcomes me.

Tamara Hovsepien

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I see the red mist
 Flying around in the air
 I see the running

The smell of cold blood
 I was starting to shiver
 I've got to tell him

His words touched my heart
 It tastes like a symphony
 It is now finished.

Vazken Hzor

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I know you know me
 Life is difficult for me
 Mistakes, blood, not yet

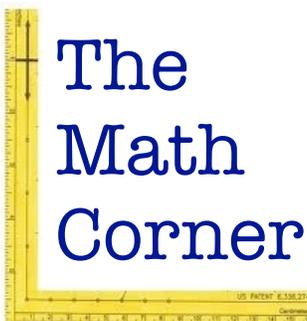
Walking through that door
 Getting ready, time to run
 I'm afraid of them

There's no where to go
 Looking around, there's no
 one
 Then it was good-bye

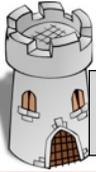
Karina Kozakjian

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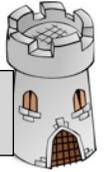
What would be the seventh rung of the following pyramid?



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 11
 21
 1211
 111221
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7th Grade Social Studies



MEDIEVAL CASTLES



The seventh graders have been learning about the Medieval Times in Social Studies. They have created their own castle from that time. Each of them has explained their castle:

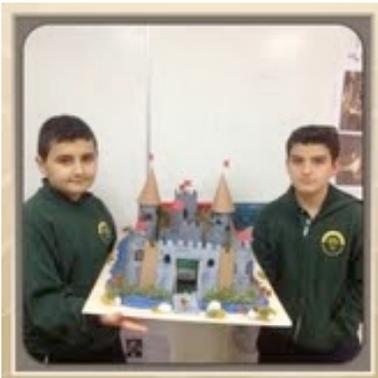
We found the idea to structure our castle the way we did, through the internet. We made the castle out of cardboard and cut it out into a variety of shapes to create each part. We used different colors of paint on the outside. After doing all of that, the castle turned out to be what we wanted. We learned that the castles have various designs to make each one unique.

By: Rita Tajerian and Talia Kazandjian



We got the idea for our castle by searching online, and combined our thoughts together. We got the materials from Michaels, and got started creating the castle. We painted the outside black and inside, we mixed brown and black to make it look old. Our style for the castle represents strength from our huge towers and flags. When we stepped back to look at our project, it looked great! We learned about teamwork and how great it is to work with a friend. We also learned that medieval castles have a lot of details which required a lot of work.

By: Savannah Bedjikian and Tamara Hovsepijan



On our castle we cut our cardboard to look like a castle. On the bottom we used a board. We used little toys for soldiers on the inside of it. We used moss for vines along the walls. We learned that castles have moats and dungeons. We created these in our castle.

By: Vazken Hzor and Arthur Hakopian



The seventh grade class made medieval castles. We wanted to personalize ours, so we made it "One Direction Themed." We spent about six hours making our castle. We had to wait until the paint dried to continue working on different parts of it. We accidentally burned ourselves many times with the hot glue gun, but we managed to finish it on time. We learned many things, such as what a moat, a courtyard, and a dungeon was. To create the moat, we painted the border of the castle blue and put glitter on top of it for detail. To make the dungeon, we got a box and painted it gray, then got a paper towel roll and made it into a torch to put on top. Last but not least, to create the courtyard, we painted the base of the castle green. After some pain and some dedication we finished our medieval castle project.

By: Tamar Donoyan and Kareen Bosnoian
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In my class I am known as the one that builds things really well. On this project, I had a hard time. My castle has a wooden base. I worked on it for about 10 hours. I used paint, wood, tape, and a hot glue gun. I burned my hand about 15 times and I ran out of paint and wood. Therefore, I thought it was a disaster, but it turned out great.

By: Sarkis Margaryan



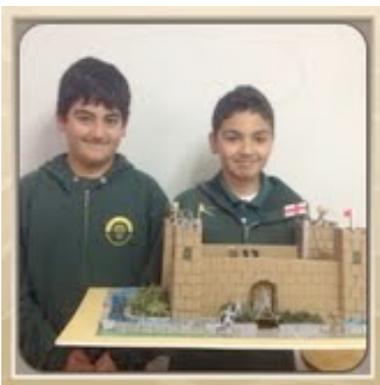
For my project, I went to Michaels and I bought foam and cardboard so I could create my castle. I got help from my family members to make it. It took me 5 to 6 hours to make the castle because the paint didn't dry as quickly as I thought. I learned that castles required a lot of work to make it.

By: Karina Kozakjian



In Social Studies class, we had a project to make a Medieval Castle. I created my castle with thin wood and painted it silver. I painted the base blue, for the water, and brown for the land. For the grass, I used rosemary from my yard. I also added cups and containers to use as towers. I put a toy horse and toy soldiers in the castle to make it realistic.

By: Garo Darakjian



We got the ideas for our castle through research. We got some supplies from Michaels, Wal-mart, and some from home. This castle took a day and a half to create it. First, we tried making a brick castle but, it didn't turn out well. Then, we found cardboard in the garage and made our castle out of that. We drew on it with marker for a castle design. We put a dungeon, which is used to punish people, in the inside of it. We improvised with the moat and used hair gel as water. We also have fake soldiers fighting. We have flags on the tower and the cross on one flag which means the people obey the pope. Last but not least, we got grass and put it around the moat. We learned that castles in real life are hard to build and that they are hard to protect from invaders.

By Harout Terzian and Harout Sulahian

7-րդ դասարանի աշակերտները կը գրեն...

Հայերու Ջարդը



Թուրքերը միշտ կ'ուզէին գրաւել մեր հողերը: Անոնք կ'ուզէին ընդարձակել իրենց երկիրը, որ բոլոր Թուրքերը հոն բնակին: 1915-ին գտան այդ առիթը, երբ աշխարհը պատերազմի մէջ էր:

Թուրքերը սկսան ջարդել հայերը Ապրիլ 24, 1915-ին: Անոնք մէկ ու կէս միլիոն անմեղ հայեր չարչարեցին եւ ջարդեցին:

Մենք հայերս բնաւ չենք մոռնար թուրքերու ոճրագործ ութիւնները: Ահա անցած են 98 տարի եւ տակաւին մենք ցաւի մէջ ենք: Կը յուսանք որ մը մենք մեր իրաւունքը կը ստանանք եւ մեր նպատակին կը հասնինք:

Թամար Տօնոյեան

Ինծի համար Յեղասպանութեան օրը շատ տխուր օր մըն է, որովհետեւ շատ փոքրիկներ , կիներ եւ մարդիկ մեռան:

Թուրքերը խփեցին, սպանեցին եւ տարին հայերը քալելու տաք անապատին մէջ: Հայ փոքրիկներ մեծ պապիկներ, մեծ մայրիկներ չարչարուեցան եւ մեռան:

Սեւանա Պեղճաբեան

1915
1,500000 ՀԱՅԵՐ մեռան...
Անմեղ Հայեր ընդդէմ վայրագ թուրքին:

- Կոի
- Սպանութիւն
- Կրակ
- Վայրագութիւն
- Ռումբ
- Զէնք
- Հրկիզում
- Տխրութիւն
- Չարչարանք
- Քաջութիւն
- Վրէժ
- Վերականգնում

1915 երբէք նորէն:



Գարինա Գոզաբճեան

Որո՞նք եւ ինչո՞ւ ջարդեցին հայերը

- «Երիտասարդ թուրքեր»-ը կ'ուզէին ընդարձակել իրենց երկիրը:
- «Երիտասարդ թուրքեր»-ու խումբին անդամ էին՝ Թալաթ փաշան, Էնվեր փաշան եւ Ճեմալ փաշան:
- «Երիտասարդ թուրքեր»-ը որոշեցին բնաջնջել հայերը , որ իրենց հողերը առնեն,քանի որ անոնք կ'ապրէին իրենց ուզած հողերուն վրայ:
- «Երիտասարդ թուրքեր»-ը սկսան ջարդել Կիլիկիոյ հայեր: Անոնք 30,000 Հայ ջարդեցին Ատանայի մէջ:
- Երոպացիները կեցուցին ջարդերը:

Գարին Պոսնոյեան

Առաջին հայ գիրքի տպագրութիւնը.

- 1512 ՔԵ. առաջին հայ գիրքը տպուած է Վիեննայի մէջ:
- Յակոբ Մեղապարտը տպած է:
- Գիրքին անունն է՝ «Ուրբաթագիրք»:

Հայաստանի մէջ առաջին տպարանը.

- Էջմիածին մէջ հիմնուեցաւ 1771-ին :
- Տպուեցան օրաթերթեր, պարբերաթերթեր եւ գիրքեր:
- Հայ աշակերտները տպուած գիրքեր ունեցան:

Մխիթարեան Միաբանութիւնը-

- Հիմնուեցաւ Վենետիկի մէջ, Սբ. Ղազար կղզիին վրայ:
- Մխիթար Սեբաստացին հիմնեց:
- Վանքը ունի դպրոց Մուրատ Ռաֆայէլեան անունով:
- Հոն ուսանած է Դանիէլ Վարուժանը:

Պատրաստեցին՝
Ռիթա Թէնիրեանը
Թալիա Գազանճեանը

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The 8th Grade Students wrote poems about their experiences at the Oration Night at Sahag-Mesrob on March 8, following their competition on Friday March 1st, appropriately titled “A Moment In Time”.

Fear is in the air
People are watching
Anxiety within and without

There is nowhere to go
Nowhere to hide
I am intimidated

Almost next,
The rush of excitement came to me
I am nervous

As I stand up,
I am uncomfortable
My heart is beating

My throat suddenly dried up,
I took a deep breath
And I felt happy

Tamar Akhian

• • •

While sitting, filled with happiness
Waiting for the end to come
Without anyone messing up

Walking up to stage nervous
The audience quite down and looks
Shaking from nervousness

As I talked, the crowd laughed
I relaxed
But still worried

Relaxation finally arrives
A sigh of relief
They got the message

Bowing down relieved
Winning the battle
Against intimidation and fear

Hrag Kurdoghlian

• • •

Sitting alone in fear,
Desperately waiting,
My heart began to race.

Shaking in fear,
Praying to God,
Impatiently waiting.

Fire burning my heart,
Eyes all around,
Staring at imperfection.

Anxiety building in,
Having insecurity,
Feeling sick.

Relieved from stress,
Celebrating in joy,
Calmness in my heart.

Grace Ounjian

• • •

Hungry for knowledge,
Thirsty for experience,
I wait for my turn.

Anxiety is conquering my faith,
Intimidation is overpowering,

But still, I trust in the Lord

My time has come to shine,
Standing under the limelight
I embark on the journey

Ari Ekmekjian

• • •

The time was almost here
So many things went through my
mind
It was the moment I dreaded

I became quite anxious
But also a bit worried
I was filled with concern

Nervous but willing
It was almost my turn
My excitement grew as I sat in my
seat

Though I was nervous
I was also quite avid
A mixture of excitement and fear

I was eager to get it done
I knew I had the power to do this
The time was finally here

Alexandria Postajian

• • •

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Faint, tremulous,
 Unsure, reluctant,
 By no means willing

Uneasy, distressed,
 Wanting to run away,
 Fear of failure

My mind goes blank,
 Completely empty,
 I'm bursting in to flames

A crowd staring,
 Slowly dying,
 Hoping someone will pull the fire
 alarm

Jesus help me,
 I wish I was home watching
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Sosse Krikorian

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Sitting and watching
 Scared of failing
 Fear running through my soul

Frightened by their thoughts
 Wanting to run away
 Trying not to forget

Prepared to stand firm
 Going to succeed
 The time has come

Eyes staring, heart racing
 Inside I start to shake
 Hoping that its over

The relief of being done
 Conquering my fear
 The excitement of success

Shant Terzian

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This is when it occurs
 These blurs and slurs
 There is no choice

A fluttering heart
 Like a bird in a cage
 Wishing to be free

With a frozen voice
 And a racing heart
 Noises are amplified

My blood runs cold
 But my hands are not
 Worry consumes me

I urge myself to stay calm
 Everything will be fine
 I know I will fly

Nairy Kenderian

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Failure is scary
 My heart just skipped a beat
 My cheat was quickly pounding

I want to run away
 Hiding in the corner
 Hoping that time won't come

Every step I take
 I loose courage and strength
 I get closer and closer

The light shines bright
 Please don't look
 As I tremble with fear

There is no way out
 I have to do this
 I can do this

Meghree Hzor

...

The lights filled half the room
 As I sit in the front row
 Waiting for my turn
 Not knowing why
 My knees trembling
 Red faced, impatiently waiting

Anxious to see what happens next
 Scared to death
 The surprises that may occur

Sudden goose bumps
 Heart rate increases
 As my vision gets blurrier

As I hear the names being called
 I stand up with pride
 Praying for the best

Sophia Sakayan

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Fear greatedned
 Revenge I need
 Anxiety caving in

I dwanna
 Hands shaking
 Hoping I wouldn't faint

Knowing I would forget
 Heart began to race
 Knew I was going to fast

Worried others wouldn't enjoy
 Angry and sad
 Sitting down

Usually I would be happy to finish
 But that wasn't the case
 I will never forget

Alissa Kurdoghlian

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All my pressure increasing
 As my time's decreasing
 My fingers tapping
 Impatiently waiting
 Mood was changing
 Mind was wondering

Anxiety forever lasting
 My heart slightly intimidated
 As my body's shaking

Scared, fearful
 Waiting for the next
 Unsure of the future

As the crowd was staring
 My heart was racing
 There it came before me

Natalie Majarian

• • •

The moment of separation between
 Two different worlds,
 Is the moment that I open my eyes.

Nervous and confused I look
 Around finding myself in a
 Land of freedom.

Rain pouring,
 Clouds overpowering my thoughts,
 Worried, terrified, sick.

As in the ice age,
 A shivering mind and body,
 Anxious, abashed, ailed.

Trying to take a step,
 Step to success,
 Concerned, frightened, ill.

Like the churning of a wave,
 Pressure creeping in,
 Stiff, horrified, feeble.
 Birds soaring in the sky,
 Striving to fly,
 Freedom at last.

Serena Pelenghian

• • •

As confident as one can be
 Witnessing the worried faces
 Suddenly, confidence washed away
 Sitting on the chair,
 It hit me; the fear
 Scared to mess up

Thoughts,
 Racing through my mind
 Totally and completely blank

Fear was finding its way
 Rejecting it
 Both fear and noise

The wall
 Clocking away reality
 Helped find my way.

Tania Baghdassarian

• • •

Sitting in the crowd ,
 Presently intimidated,
 Others spy me,

Feeling nauseous,
 What is next!
 Bravery tricking me.
 Pressure stiffens,
 Oppression recurring,
 Too vulnerable .

Atlas, the path is clear,
 Butterflies flutter,
 Nervous about words to come.

Finally, relief,
 Almost free; a hawk,
 Courage transforming me .

Cynthia Khatchikian

• • •

As the noise began to decrease to
 nothing
 The lion became a rabbit
 And the surrounding's expectations
 overwhelmed
 The nervousness consumed like

flames
 The poor soul who was given the
 task
 Of setting the bar for those who
 followed

“Oh God, Oh God,” murmured the
 boy
 “You can do it,” said his friends
 But still his body shivered

He knew the chances that existed
 Fifty to fifty, success to fail
 This thought pierced deeply his
 mind

The time to be judged grew nearer
 And the crowd grew cold and
 watched
 For he took the walk and stood
 prepared to start.

Hovig Tabakian

• • •

I want to run away,
 But I would deceive
 My friends, their trust

The words are mixed in my head
 It seems everything has been
 forgotten
 Countless hours of work

All the people are here
 For us, parents
 Teachers and fellow friends

My lips start to shake
 My legs start to tremble
 What is next?

David, catch your breath
 Trust in yourself
 And enjoy the spotlight

David Kazarian

• • •

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No where to run
No where to hide
It's either now or never

Intimidated by others
Shivering, panicking, concerned
Fear has taken over me

My heartbeat gets louder instantly
My hands shake violently
Keeping calm can help me through
this

I have to be careful
I will be judged soon enough
For now, don't be anxious

Feelings of uneasiness
The light shines above me
Stay focused, I'll do fine

Nerses Kazarian

• • •

I'm usually placid
but by every passing minute
I trembled cowardly

Like a butterfly's wings
my heart was aflutter
dreading what was to come

My body felt feverish
my mind blank
as if I was zonked

If only I can escape
flee and forget
slip away into safety

But I must face my fears
this feeling will iterate
for this is just the beginning

Elizabeth Stepanyan

• • •

As time flies by, I start to cry
Closer and Closer
My anxiousness starts to rise.
Calming words I hear
Patience starts to die
The list ends here.

It's time to go
Forced to leave
No turning back.

It seems to be near
Closer and Closer
Applause fades.

As I stand tall
My fear starts to fall
One, Two, Three, and start.

Daniel Mouradian

• • •

I heard a quick beat of the drum,
Growing within me,
Little did I know, it was my heart.

My knees grew weak as I stood,
With my fists clenched tightly.
I felt my palms getting sweaty.

Butterflies fluttered in my stomach
As if in celebration
Of the beginning of spring.

Fear was blooming in my fast-
paced heart.
What if I made an irreversible
mistake?
I had to get out of this place!

I envisioned myself in a different
world,
Where waters were placid and still.
I closed my eyes and overcame my
fears.

Nathalie Kouladjian

• • •

A nuclear explosion
Fear shot through my body
Failure was not an option

I'd rather be at Pearl Harbor than
here
Like a cow knowing butchers are
bad
I knew this was worse

Strange creatures were staring
Most not caring
One and done was this night's motto

A moment that will be replayed
forever
My only comfort was from the
light above
Guiding me with his heavenly
wisdom

I was frozen in time
Then another explosion
I had begun

Jonathan Minassian

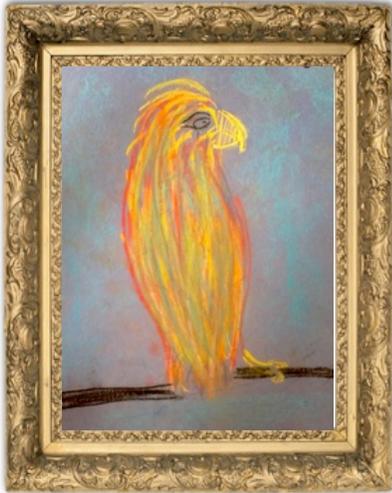
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Andre Abdollahian
Dragon Fly, Kindergarten



Alexandra Karamanoukian
Dragon Fly, Kindergarten



Angela Babayan
Chalk Pastel Parrot, 2nd Grade



I am proud to display some
of the talented artwork
created during art class and
the after-school art program.

- Mrs. Nicole Mazmanian



Andrew Mazmanian
Pastel Cow, 2nd Grade



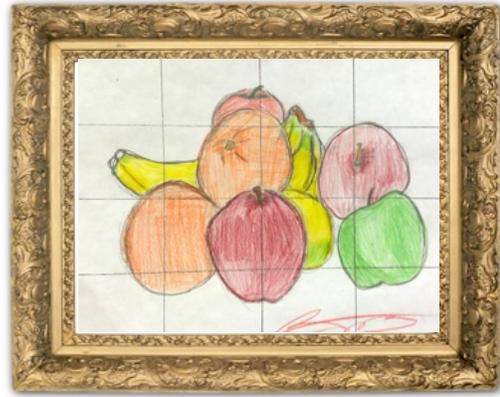
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Charcoal Eye, 7th Grade



Talia Kazandjian
Charcoal Eye, 7th Grade



Isabelle Mazmanian
1 Point Perspective, 5th Grade



Savannah Bedjikian
Fruit Grid Art, 7th Grade



Marianne Sahagian
Pastel Owl, 5th Grade



Liana Tatevosian
Symmetry Spider, 6th Grade



Tania Balian
Fish Sculpture, 6th Grade



Raquel Indjian
Fabric Art, 6th Grade



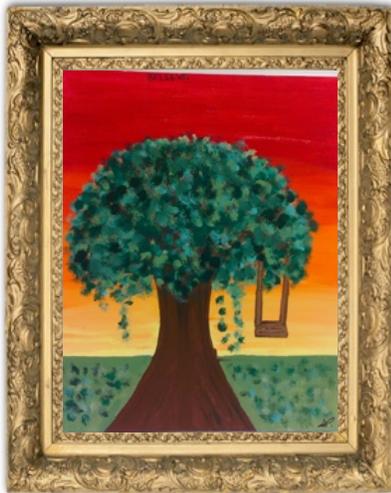
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Canvas, 8th Grade



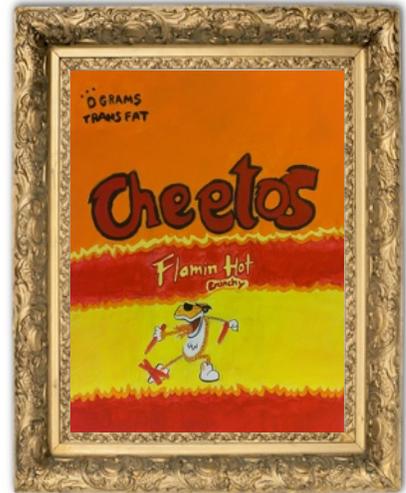
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**Congratulations
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3rd Quarter**

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Karina Awakian
Alexandra Babayan
Brianna Balian
Lily Balian
Aleena Bazaz
Narod Ekmekjian
Elizabeth Feroyan
Johnny Jemelian
Alexandra Karamanoukian
Sarkis Kiledjian
Isabelle Kizirian
Victoria Postajian
Michael Sahagian
Marcus Semerjian
Nicolas Semerjian
Patil Tajerian
Tiana Tatikian

1st Grade

Natalia Abadjian
Daniella Agojian
Roubeena Akmakjian
Alexis Avakian
Claudine Azilazian
Rocco Boyadjian
Njteh Girichian
Aram Kenderian
Nareh Kiledjian
Vicken Kouladjian
Aren Minassian
Arsen Rastguelenian
Bella Youssefian

2nd Grade

Christopher Atme
Christine Awakian
Angela Babayan
Shant Bashian
Nicole Jamgotchian

Alik Mardiros
Andrew Mazmanian
Maria Miwalian
Christina Sahagian
Talar Sarkissian
Natel Titizian
Hrag Vartabedian
Vahram Vartabedian

3(A) Grade

Astghik Gasparyan
Emma Haroutonian
Isabelle Jamgotchian
Angie Mitilian
Sarine Vartabedian
Sarine Yeghiayan

3(B) Grade

Alec Abdollahian
Kristina Agojian
Aren Aroyan
Athena Baghdassarian
Jeffrey Balian
Liana Chiranian
Sonia Darakjian
Melana Gendal
Christopher Hamparsomian
Hagop Kiledjian
Sarine Nazarian
Jonathan Postajian
Vicky Sahagian
Tatyana Sevajian
Shant Yepremian

4th Grade

Heiko Abadjian
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David Chepeian
Hrag Ekmekjian
Sevan Krikorian
Christian Lambajian

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Joseph Atme
Andrew Dabbaghian
Shoghik Gasparyan

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Tatiana Hamparsomian
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Susan Kazarian
Isabelle Mazmanian
Mireille Minassian
Sabrina Pelenghian
Michael Raad
Marianne Sahagian

6th Grade

Alex Avanesyan
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Christina Chiranian
Alex Der Avedissian
Nicole Garabedian
Stephanie Khatchikian
Savannah Minassian
Sebastien Postajian

7th Grade

Tamar Donoyan
Tamara Hovsepien
Talia Kazandjian
Rita Tajerian

8(A) Grade

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Meghree Hzor
Nerses Kazarian
Natalie Kouladjian
Jonathan Minassian
Daniel Mouradian
Elizabeth Stepanyan
Hovig Tabakian

8(B) Grade

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Cynthia Khatchikian
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★ STAR STUDENTS ★

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Tro Bekmezian

3A Grade

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Angie Mitilian
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Sarine Vartabedian

Sarine Yeghiayan

3B Grade

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Christopher Hamparsomian
Tatyana Sevajian
Shant Yepremian
Vicki Sahagian

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Avo Akhian

Hrag Ekmekjian
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Michael Raad
Lara Gendal

6th Grade

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George Farra
Raquel Indjian
Stephanie Katchikian
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Andrew Tatevosian
Tamar Yepremian

7th Grade

Savannah Bedjakian
Garo Darakjian
Tamar Donoyan
Arthur Hakopian
Karina Kozakjian
Harout Salahyan

8A Grade

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Meghree Hzor
Nerses Kazarian
David Kazarian
Sophia Sakayan
Elizabeth Stepanyan

8B Grade

John Paul Agulian
Elias Atme
Tania Baghdassarian
Sosse Krikorian
Natalie Majarian
Grace Ounjian

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TEACHER'S CORNER



Name: Maral Boyadjian

Occupation: Teacher; Mom

Place of Birth: Huntington Hospital, Pasadena, CA.

Hobbies: Shopping. Spending time with friends and family; serving God.

Dislikes: Olives; unfairness

3 items I can't live without: Cell phone; coffee; car

Favorite Color: Blue, because the sky is always the limit.

Favorite Movie: Bride Wars; Monster-In-Law

Favorite Animal: Flamingos and giraffe

Favorite Book: Facing Your Giant (Adult); You are Special (Children)

What have your students taught you? Patience is a virtue; you have to be light hearted and have fun even in serious situations.

What is your favorite part about teaching? Knowing that I have the honor to educate our future president, doctors, teachers, nurses, etc.

Message to Students: God has created you to be you and He doesn't make mistakes; remain faithful to God and your culture; you can become anything you want to be.



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