

THE LION'S ROAR

SAHAG-MESROB ARMENIAN CHRISTIAN SCHOOL CELEBRATES "CHRISTMAS AROUND THE WORLD"

Sahag-Mesrob Armenian Christian School held its annual Christmas Fair on Sunday, December 4, 2016. Families joined for festive music, games, activities, and student performances.

The theme for this year's fair was "Christmas Around the World", and each class represented a different country. Class representations were as follows:
K2: Lebanon,
K3: U.S.A.,
K4A: France,
K4B: Spain, Kindergarten: Scotland,
1st Grade: Tahiti,
2nd Grade: Greece,
3rd Grade: Mexico,
4th Grade: Germany,
5th

Grade: U.S.A., 6th
Grade: Russia, 7th
Grade: Armenia, and 8th
Grade: Romania.
Grade levels sold various foods and items that rep-



resented their country's culture in order to fund-raise for their classrooms. Students performed in

front of parents during the Christmas Program, held throughout the Fair. Students represented their countries through song, skits, dance, and

costumes, with the help of teachers, classroom parents, and Baron Sinanyan.

The Fair ended with the school's traditional tree-lighting ceremony and a special visit from Santa Claus. S a h a g -

Mesrob's festivities even included a snow fall, creating a winter wonderland on the school campus.

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- 12/4 Christmas Fair*
- 12/15 CPK Fundraiser*
- 12/20-22 Midterms*
- 12/22 5th Grade Caroling*
- 12/23 8th Grade Caroling*
- 12/23 Class Christmas Parties*



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SAHAG-MESROB STUDENTS DONATE TOYS DURING CHRISTMASTIME

Sahag-Mesrob Armenian Christian School helped support the Pasadena Armenian Police Advisory Council's (PAPAC) Annual Toy Drive and the Nataline Sarkisyan Foundation's 6th Annual Toy Drive for the Children's Hospital by encouraging students and families to donate a new and unwrapped toy. Students and their families donated toys throughout the month of December.

Through the kindness

and generosity of students and families, the school was able to donate an abundance of toys to the toy drives. Eighth grade students helped deliver the toys to the organizations before Christmas. The Children's Hospital has been able to use the donations in so many ways: during the holidays, after difficult procedures, for newly diagnosed kids being admitted to the hospital, birthdays, and much more.



Thank you to all who donated during our school's toy drives. Children receiving these gifts will have

much comfort and joy along this journey because of your generosity.

FIFTH AND EIGHTH GRADE STUDENTS SING CHRISTMAS CAROLS

Each year, fifth and eighth grade Sahag-Mesrob students go caroling right before the winter break. Fifth grade carols to businesses on Washington Boulevard and eighth grade sings to Sahag-Mesrob families at their homes. This event, usually held as a fundraiser, helps these classrooms raise money for the classes.

This year, due to the heavy

rain on December 22, fifth grade students could not go caroling. Instead, students went from classroom to classroom and enjoyed singing the songs they had rehearsed to their peers. The following evening, eighth grade students caroled at houses as planned, spreading Christmas cheer throughout the neighborhood.



WISHING YOU ALL A HAPPY AND HEALTHY NEW YEAR!

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CLASSROOM NEWS

MRS. ANI KAKOUSSIAN

1st Grade had a fun time representing Tahiti for Christmas Around The World. We danced, sang, and made some delicious pulled pork sliders to celebrate the culture in Tahiti. We also enjoyed decorating our class and making it look festive for the Christmas season. Our students learned about

Christmas as the season of giving and making sure others who are in need also receive gifts by donating to the 'Toy Drive'.



MRS. LUCY STEPANIAN



On December 4th, Sahag-Mesrob Armenian Christian School had their Christmas Fair, with the theme Children Around

The World. The second grade class did a wonderful job representing the country Greece, with a beautiful Greek carol and dance.



MRS. NARINEH KARAMANOUKIAN

The third grade class represented Mexico in our Christmas pageant this month. They sang "Feliz Navidad" and performed a traditional Mexican Hat

Dance. The third grade girls were dressed in traditional Mexican dresses, and the boys wore sombreros. All the kids did a fantastic job!



MRS. MARAL OHANIAN



This month, fourth grade students were on their best behavior due to the appearance of our classroom elf, Jingles. They enjoyed her presence and the messes she created throughout our classroom. Students also finished reading *Number the Stars* and completed their quarterly book reports.

Fourth grade students also performed at the Christmas Fair and represented Germany. Students

sang "Silent Night" in German, and performed a short skit about Christmas figures in Germany.

Fifth grade students learned the art of origami after reading a story about the Asian culture. They learned to follow steps carefully and to write their own "how-to" pieces. They also finished reading *Bridge to Terabithia* and completed their quarterly book reports.

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