SMACS Prepares to March for Justice

Sahag-Mesrob students, teachers, and staff, are prepared to show their support at the March for Justice, which is to be held on Friday, April 24, 2015.

“The 100th anniversary of the Armenian Genocide signifies a global demand for justice by Armenians worldwide and all people of good will. The March for Justice on April 24, 2015, is the largest in the series of AGCC-WUSA hosted events. Participants will gather at 10AM in Little Armenia and will march in solidarity for 6 miles to the Turkish Consulate in the Wilshire District to protest the Turkish government’s continued denial of the Armenian Genocide. This Pan-Armenian March will unite, without exception, the Armenian community in its quest for justice while demonstrating collective strength and spirit. Protesters will thank those who have helped to spread awareness of the Armenian Genocide, and those who work tirelessly to prevent genocide elsewhere in the world.” (Armenian Genocide Centennial Committee).
Sahag-Mesrob Students Receive Top Honor Awards at ACSI Spelling Bee

Altadena, CA – On Friday, January 23, 2015, Sahag-Mesrob Armenian Christian School took part in the annual Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI) Spelling Bee. Sixteen 1st-8th grade spellers attended the Spelling Bee held at South Hills Academy in West Covina. Sahag-Mesrob students competed against top spellers from 12 Southland schools for a chance to win honors for being in the top four of their respective grade levels.

The well-prepared group of Sahag-Mesrob students proved yet again that the school is a force to be reckoned with. Nine out of the 16 Sahag-Mesrob students received top honor ribbons for successfully placing in the top four. In all, three students received second place red ribbons, four students received third place white ribbons, and two students received fourth place yellow ribbons. Additionally, five top Sahag-Mesrob spellers from 5th-8th grade advanced to the final round of spelling in which 6th grader Heiko Abadjian was awarded the second place overall trophy.

The accomplishments of all the spellers was highly praised by the school's principal, Mr. Hovsep Injejikian. "Sahag Mesrob has been participating in the ACSI Spelling Bee for many years. It is a tradition that the school takes very seriously. That our students did a good job is certainly an understatement. I commend all the participants and encourage them to continue to achieve excellence and to represent their school with pride. Lastly, this is a group effort in which teachers and parents work very hard to prepare the students during their free time. I'd like to thank them for their dedication and support, specially Mrs. Aylin Baharian, the Spelling Bee coordinator," said Mr. Injejikian.
OUR JOURNEY INTO SPACE!

WRITTEN BY 1ST GRADE

Sun – Alexandra & Nicole T.
The sun is like a big, big star. It takes one year for the Earth to travel around the sun. The sun gives us energy.

Mercury – Raffi & Cristapor
Mercury is a small rocky planet. Mercury has a dusty surface. Mercury has craters.

Venus – Milya & Paulena
Venus is a dry planet. Venus does not have any moons. It is the brightest planet. Venus is covered by yellowish clouds.

Earth – Darron & Troi
Earth is not too hot or too cold. A day lasts 24 hours in Earth. Earth is the third planet away from the sun.

Mars – Luca & Ara
Mars is a desert except for the ice caps at the top. Mars is the fourth planet away from the sun. Mars has tall mountains and deep canyons.

Jupiter – Harout & Nicole B.
Jupiter is the largest planet. It is a giant ball of gas. It has a rocky center.

Saturn – Mirey & Tina
Saturn is the sixth planet away from the sun. The rings are made of ice and rocks. The top of Saturn is cold.

Uranus – Lara & Kareen
Uranus is very, very cold. Uranus has 5 big moons. Uranus is tilted.

Neptune – Christy, Sebastian, & Anna
Neptune is very far from the sun. Neptune is very cold. Neptune is blue and green.
Here's a sample of some of the writing we've done in the 3rd quarter. Everyone has something to say proving that writing is easy, writing is fun, and writing is for everyone!

A Letter to the President

Dear Mr. President,
I am proud to be an American because I live in a free country. I can be free to say what I think. I can be equal thanks to Martin Luther King! I go to a good school that is fun. I can learn many things. I have straight A's! If I keep working hard when I grow up I can be whatever I want. I love my country!
- Victoria

Dear Mr. Obama,
I am proud to be an American because we have fair laws and a smart president. Our country is filled with great schools, jobs, parks, and people too. Today I learned about Jackie Robinson and how he helped our society have equal rights before I was born. For that I am very proud as well.
- Tiana

Dear Mr. Obama,
I am proud to be an American because I have freedom here. This means that I am free to do what I want. I can wear what I want, say what I want, and go wherever I want. I also have the freedom to go to church, praise God, sing Christian songs, and pray. It is great to live on America because it is a great country. Thank you, Mr. President for doing a great job. You are nice and our country is amazing!
- Nicolas
Acrostic Poems

RAINBOW
Red, orange, yellow, green, blue, and purple,
Air gets warm
I like to look up at the sky
Now is the time that ladybugs will fly
Birds start chirping in the sky
Owls start hotting on a tree
Wow! There is so much to see!
- Lily and Silva

SPRING
Sunflowers rise up in the spring
People pick fresh flowers
Rabbits go around with fluffy tails
Ice cream is served
Nice butterflies flutter by
Giant sunflowers are a pretty sight.
- Anush and Sophia

RAINBOW
Red is really bright
In the rainbow it is up high
I see a rainbow after the rain
Now I wish I could see what was at the end
Beautiful rainbow
Orange, yellow, green, blue, and purple too
Wow, rainbows are big and cool too!
- David and Alexandra K.

RAINBOW
Rain falls from the sky and then
A lot of colors
I love rainbows
No ugly colors just pretty and bright
Boys and girls enjoy the sight
Oh look how many colors there are!
Wow, it's so pretty and bright!
- Garo and Alexandra B.

SPRING
Spring is a beautiful season
People go outside in the fresh clean air
Rabbits come out in spring
I like to hear the birds sing
Nature looks different
God is awesome!
- Michael and Emily

RAINBOW
Red is the first color
All the colors are beautiful
It is fun to draw one
Now and then I can see one
Black is not in it
Orange is bright
Why is there no pink?
- Brianna and Sako

RAINBOW
Rain falling above my head
And the rainbow is shining
I love the rainbow so much
Nothing can be so bright
Blue, yellow, and red
Orange, green, and purple
What a pretty thing to see we all agree.
Narod and Alex M.

RAINBOW
Rain falls and the rainbow appears
A shiny arc in the sky
I can see the rainbow
Noah saw one too
Beautiful colors seven in all
Orange is a beautiful color
Wow! It's so big and so tall!
- Isabelle and Patil

SPRING
Spring is warm
Purple and pink flowers grow
Rabbits suddenly wake up I know
In the spring I know there are many showers
Nice sounds of birds singing
Green grass outside is growing
- Karina and Andre

**Other Writing**

Emma:
Field Trip to Discovery Science Center:
I knew it was going to be fun because it was going to be a field trip about science this time. I like to see how science works. The bus ride was long but it was fun! When we got there we did things like rock climbing, climbing a tree using a pulley, and feel tornado winds inside a closed room. It was a very fun field trip. I think I will go back to do it all over again!

Johnny:
My Favorite Sport: Football is an exciting game to play or watch. One funny thing about football is the ball looks like a giant kufteh! You need to be fast and strong. When you catch the ball you have to run very fast to score a touchdown. You need to wear a helmet and shoulder pads because it's a rough sport. When you fumble the other team gets the ball. It's exciting when there is an interception and the players get the ball and run to score a touchdown. Then the players and the coach get excited. Everyone jumps on top of each other and celebrates. Finally the game ends! It's always fun to watch!

Marcus:
The World Cup: Last summer I watched the World Cup final game between Germany and Argentina. It was the final game. The winner would be the world champion. It was a very close and exciting game. I was cheering for Argentina. My favorite player on their team was Messi.

Germany had a lot of good players too. The game was tied 0-0 at the end. Then in overtime, Germany scored a goal. Germany won the game 1-0. Germany won the World Cup and became the world champion. The players got to share a huge trophy. I liked watching the exciting World Cup final.

Silva:
Spring is Here! Spring is a special time of year. It's when the new flowers will bloom. Every spring my cousin and I plant new flowers in the yard. It's fun to celebrate holidays in spring too. For example during Easter we can have Easter egg hunts in the yard after we go to church. The colorful eggs are always beautiful. Then it will Mother's Day. Spring is full of fun!

Thanks for visiting our second grade writing corner!
When I grow up I would like to be a scientist. I would like to be a scientist because they do fun experiments. I would like to study explosives. One day I would like to be known as a great scientist.
- Aram

When I grow up, I would like to be a basketball player. I would like to be a basketball player so I can be famous. When I play basketball, I do whatever I can to win. I steal, pass, shoot, and score. I would like to be a basketball player so I can make millions of dollars and be famous.
- Alique

When I grow up I want to be a famous soccer player. I’m really good in defense. I love soccer. Soccer is my favorite sport. I enjoy watching it and playing it as well. One day, I will be playing in a soccer team.
- Vicken

When I grow up I would like to be a soccer coach. I would like to be a soccer coach because I love playing soccer. The coach directs the team to win. One day, I would like to direct my own team.
- Arsen

When I grow up I would like to be a mathematician. I’ve been dedicated to numbers ever since I was in Kindergarten. In 1st Grade, I learned multiplication with my brother. He said I was doing 3rd Grade work! I was so happy and proud when he said that. That’s when I realized that Math was my passion.
- Nareh

When I grow up I want to be a teacher. I would want to be a teacher because I would like to help children learn about new and interesting facts. I would like to be a kindergarten teacher. I like to be around little children. One day I would like to work for SMACS.
- Claudine

When I grow up, I would like to be a football player. You need to be a strong person to be a good player. I feel like I am strong enough to be a very good player. I love watching the super bowl and cheering for my team. One day I would like my family and friends to cheer for me like that.
- Brandon

When I grow up I want to be a scientist, because I want to make a time machine. I also want to make an anti gravity machine. That is why I want to be a scientist.
- Aren

When I grow up I want to be a doctor. I would like to help sick people get healthier. One day I want to be a good doctor and help my patients.
- Roubeena

When I grow up I want to be a soccer player because I love soccer. Soccer is my favorite sport. The best part of soccer is winning the trophy for your team. One day I would like to play for real Madrid.
- Andreas
When I grow up I want to be a pediatrician. I want to be a pediatrician because I want to work with children. I would like to help kids stay healthy. That’s why I have chosen to become a pediatrician.
- Daniella

When I grow up I would like to be a nurse. I would like to be a nurse because I would want people to survive sicknesses. I am also not afraid of blood. I have wanted to be a nurse since I was five years old. I know when I grow up I will be a great nurse.
- Alexis

When I grow up I would like to be a teacher. I want to be a teacher because I am calm and focused. I know I can teach my students interesting subjects. Most importantly I will give them the best education, which will help them succeed.
- Bella

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We Love Spring!

By Kindergarten

I love Spring because I can go to Easter egg hunts. – Christina

I love Spring because I love watching baby chicks. – Sako

I love Spring because we get to color eggs. – Natalia

I love Spring because I see rabbits. – Michael

I love Spring because I get to eat chocolate eggs. – Laurene

I love Spring because we see new and pretty flowers. – Alina

I love Spring because I get to eat a lot of candy. – Lori

I love Spring because you can grow new seeds. – Isabellla

I love Spring because we get to eat a lot of carrots. – Haylee

I love Spring because I get to wear a pretty dress when I go to church. – Stephanie

I love Spring because we get to make fun crafts. – Nicholas
3 things to know about me:

1. I have a 7 year-old Yorkshire Terrier named Charlie.
2. I love video games like Supersmash Bros. for Wii U.
3. I like watching football on TV. The New Orleans Saints are my favorite team.
   - Vahram V.

1. I love to draw and play in the snow.
2. I love to play volleyball and drink cocoa.
3. My favorite color is aqua.
   - Alik M.

1. On the weekends, I play soccer with my dad at the park.
2. My Maltese, Dino, is 9-10 years old.
3. I am very funny.
   - Angelina K.

1. I love playing video games.
2. My favorite sport is football.
3. I love my dog, Charlie.
   - Chris A.

1. I play football, and I'm always the receiver.
2. I am good at drawing. I especially like to draw Minions!
3. I love to hug people!
   - Hrag V.

1. I am a big-time animal lover!
2. I love to run, play, climb and be free. I especially love when I'm riding horses.
3. I have a black, very small Border Collie/Terrier named Daisy.
   - Maria M.

1. I am a good receiver when playing football.
2. I love playing and practicing basketball.
3. I love traveling to places like Sydney, Australia.
   - Talar S.

1. I have a Labrador Retriever named, Milo.
2. I like building Legos.
3. I am good at racing games.
   - Shant B.

1. I play soccer, basketball, tennis, golf and football.
2. I have a 4 year-old toy Maltese named, Molly.
3. I am extremely athletic.
   - Angela B.

1. I have allergic reactions to red food coloring.
2. I love to play sports, like basketball and football.
3. I like to dance.
   - Armen D.
5TH GRADE PERSUASIVE ESSAYS

SHOULD ANIMALS BE IN ZOOS?

By Sarine Nazarian

Did you know that animals get abused almost every day because they are kept in zoos? They are tortured and miserable just for our entertainment and I do not think that is okay. Zookeepers mistreat animals and do not know their value. These animals are like prisoners in jail, although they have done nothing wrong. Animals should not be kept in zoos.

Do you agree that animals in zoos do not have enough space in their habitats? I agree that they need their space so they can live in comfort. If they do not have enough space that they are used to in the wild, they will not live freely. “No matter how good the facilities in a zoo are, animals tend to suffer in the confinements of zoos.” (Buzzle.com) Animals need to have the space that they deserve. “Animals often are deprived of privacy, confined to inadequate spaces and unable to engage in natural hunting and mating activities.” (Howstuffworks.com) Animals need to have the space that they can live in and it’s sad that zoos do not allow them to do that.

Some zoos hold down and torture animals and this isn’t right. Animals already don’t have enough space to live in. What’s worse is that they are also chained and birds have their wings clipped. My thought is to at least let the animals be free if you can’t provide a good habitat. “Birds wings are clipped in almost every zoo so they won’t escape.” (ehow.com) I think animals need to enjoy their lives outside of zoos. “Adequate species may not have enough water to swim in the habitats that the zoos provide for them.” (ehow.com) Animals should be free, not held back.

The animals are also very lonely. Every time I go to the zoo, I only see one of each animal. These animals are probably bored and depressed. “Elephants usually travel in packs of 30 or 40, but in zoos, they will only see one elephant if they are lucky.” (animal-facts.org) Animals need other animals to accompany them. “Monkeys are left alone in separate cages.” (animal-facts.org) Animals might be depressed for the rest of their lives because of this loneliness.

On the other hand, zoos try their best to take care of animals. They do this because they want them to entertain people better. “This continuous improvement in the matter which zoos operate.” (buzzle.com) Zoos may try their best to take care of animals but their best isn’t enough. “Zoo’s owners claim that the conservation of endangered species is their prime objective.” (buzzle.com) Some people seem to think this is best for animals.

The argument of whether or not zoos should keep animals is endless. I think animals should not be tortured just for our entertainment. My opinion is just another statement because everyone has a different opinion. It is up to us to decide whether or not we want to see animals in zoos or in their natural surroundings.

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By Astghik Gasparyan

Did you know that zoos are not able to meet animal’s needs? Zoos are not actually useful for animals. Most people do not know the truth about zoos and the ones that always suffer are the animals. Most species have a better chance of surviving in the wild and might even live longer. Zoos may try to hide their flaws but slowly the truth will come out.

Some animals do not have habitats in zoos that suit their needs. Small enclosures do not allow animals to practice natural behaviors. Zoos use artificial habitats and this stresses the animals. “In most zoos, elephants will usually have just several acres to walk around in and maybe see a couple of elephants if they are lucky.” (animal-facts.org) “Anti-zoo supporters also argue that by making animals live in artificial surroundings, the zoo is messing up natural mating and human activities.” (animal-facts.org) Animals are not able to experience a comfortable home and should have habitats that resemble their wild environment.

Breeding programs in zoos do not allow the offspring to go back into the wild. Zoos want to keep the offspring because they bring in money for the zoo. Breeding baby animals, leads to over population and zoos often get rid of unwanted animals. “The offspring are forever part of zoos, circuses, petting zoos, and exotic pet trade that buy, sell, and barter animals among themselves and exploit animals.” (students-expression.org) “The vast majority of captive breeding programs do not release animals back into the wild.” (students-expression.org) Breeding programs are useful for increasing the number of an endangered animal but baby animals will never experience the wild.

Many animals in zoos aren’t allowed to practice their wild instincts. Once in zoos, animals aren’t allowed to experience natural behaviors that they would practice in the wild. Not many animals have the privilege to practice the same behaviors their wild ancestors practiced. “Animals such as giraffes and zebras are designed and built to run across miles of terrain. This is something they cannot do in captivity.” (animal-facts.org) “Captive animals aren’t able to exhibit their natural settings.” (buzzle.com) Many animals will never be able to practice their wild instincts because zookeepers might mark them as dangerous animals and might be put to death.

Although zoos have a negative side about them, they excel in education. By educating the public about animals, zoos motivate and inspire children to help endangered animals. “By bringing people and animals together, zoos educate the public and foster in appreciation of the animals.” (students-expressionin.edu) Zoos do their best to educate the public. Although zoos do not help animals by putting them in captivity. They educate people about the wild creatures that live on this vast world.

Animals in zoos suffer every day. From the lions to the orcas, they are all scared for their life. Some were captured from the wild and others were born in captivity. Either way, when you look into their eyes, deep inside, you will see sadness. Wild animals have freedom that zoo animals so desperately need. Living in a cage or enclosure for years, makes these animals afraid of humans more. When a zoo captures an animal, they take a piece of the wild away, ripping it from the natural world.

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A group of performers arrived from Armenia to perform a play called, *Amenah Lahv Doonuh*, The Best Home. The play was being performed at El Portal Theatre in North Hollywood. The day before the students attended the play a couple of the performers visited the students at Sahag-Mesrob in the chapel. They told the students about the play and encouraged them to attend. The Armenian teachers from Sahag-Mesrob knew it was a great opportunity to take the 5-8th graders to the play where the students would learn much about their culture. On February 3, 2015, Sahag-Mesrob students attended and enjoyed the play.

David, a young man didn’t like where he lived. There were mountains and rocks all around him. He disliked the scenery, so he decided to go off on an adventure to find a new home, against his mother’s wishes. Before he left, his mother gave him lavash, flat unleavened bread, and warned him to share only with kind people. Along the way, he met a goat, a blacksmith and his daughter, a rich man pretending to be poor and the king and his cook. On his adventure he realized that if he shared with kind individuals, his lavash bread would multiply to be whole again.

When he shared with stingy people, the lavash would deplete. The bread symbolized many things. Lavash can represent Armenia as a whole nation of people. A people who were once together and strong, found broken after the Genocide and spread throughout the world during the Diaspora.

All the students had a magnificent experience. They learned many important lessons while watching the play. They learned foremost that there is no better place to live other than home. This could be viewed two ways, we should be happy for what we have and where we live, also that our motherland and true home lies in Armenia. Hopefully all the students will apply these important lessons in their lives. They will embrace their culture, their beautiful language and homeland. The students are delighted to have Armenian teachers who give them the opportunity to enhance their understanding of the Armenian culture through special events.

By the Sixth Graders
Students were excited as they boarded the bus on an adventure to Glendale, CA. On January 20, 2015, 5-8th graders went on a field trip to the Alex Theatre. They were fortunate to have the opportunity to watch live performances of Shakespeare’s plays. During the play, the actors and actresses interacted with the crowd to make sure everyone enjoyed the performances. The plays were presented in a mixture of old and modern English. All the performers were dressed in Medieval attire. They performed Romeo and Juliet, The Taming of the Shrew, The Tragedy of Macbeth, The Tragedy of Hamlet, and A Midnights Summer Dream.

After waiting anxiously for the show to begin, the curtains finally revealed the stage and performers. The drama began with the actors depicting to the audience how they prepared for the show. Observers were entranced by the way the performers used modern ideas, while keeping true to centuries past. It was a very entertaining performance. The show included popular music and got the audience very excited. Throughout the play, the audience was captivated with the realistic sword fighting and romantic scenes filled with action and adventure. The students loved the funny antics and the great dances acted by deft performers. No one knew what to expect but everyone loved the performance. As the audience departed the theatre, they waited for the performers so that they could take pictures with them. This was a very fun and interesting field trip and concluded a wonderful experience at the Shakespearience.

All the students enjoyed the wonderfully acted plays that Shakespeare had written. In English class, many of the students had learned about the fabulous writer and his brilliant works. SMACS Junior High students had the added opportunity to read Romeo and Juliet in class and watch the 1976 movie, which in itself was a delight. The dramatic performance ended a wonderful unit of Shakespeare and his tragedies.

“Some are born great, some achieve greatness, and some have greatness thrust upon them.” And that’s Great!

~William Shakespeare

Seventh Grade Class
The 8th grade class wants to thank all the coaches for their hard work and dedication. They have spent many weeks getting us ready for the Kaham Games. Each coach has found a unique approach to inspire and spur greatness within all of us. Our coaches have given us the confidence and belief that we could achieve what we thought was unattainable. Through them, we have grown mentally and physically. They have taught us how to be strong, never give up, and to believe in ourselves. We believe coaches are the water and we are the trees. Without water, the trees wouldn’t grow and become prosperous and strong.

We would like to thank Coach Sareen for all that she has done. Thank you for all the time spent teaching us everything, such as spiking and serving the ball. Also, thank you for having patience. You treat everyone equally and push us to do our very best. Thank you for teaching us to work together and improve our skills. We appreciate that you believed in the boys’ volleyball team when everyone doubted them. Finally, we would like to thank you for the great memories.

Coach Tamar we thank you for teaching us how to play volleyball. You taught us more than a sport, you taught us sportsmanship and teamwork. Your passion for the sport inspired us to continue to play throughout our lives.

Coach Pierre we thank you for inspiring us individually and as a team. You are always giving us sage advice about how we can improve. We know you love us because you push us to challenge our abilities so that we can succeed. You know our team’s strengths and always encourage us to excel. Coach Avo, a great coach and soccer player. You are always teaching us new soccer techniques to use during our practices and games. Even when we make mistakes, you are always encouraging us to do better and try harder. Coach Pierre and Avo are always there for us. We just want to give a big thank you, and we know we have been blessed with your love and dedication.

The eighth grade class would like to express their gratitude to Coach Jack for the impact he has had on their lives. We thank you for sticking by us, even when we were scared to take the next step. You are a warm hearted, loving, open minded, and amiable. You are always ready to hear our ideas and concerns. Even when we were discouraged, you taught us to get anywhere in life you have to push harder, until you reach your goal. More than anything, you’ve taught us to be impartial, team players, and to have good sportsmanship. The 8th grade class has enjoyed our times together. We even remember laughing at Seby’s zipper shoes. We also thank you for taking time out of your private life, to spend extra time with us. 8th grade students are very honored to have had you inspire us and push us above and beyond our limits. We’ve achieved so much through your guidance, winning championships, fighting through games until the very end and most importantly we learned about ourselves. We love you!

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Beautiful and creative artwork, created by our amazing artists.

SMACS Art Gallery

Sarine Yeghiayan
Pastel Heart, 5th Grade

Emma Haroutonian
Pastel Heart, 5th Grade

Sevan Krikorian
Starry Night, 6th Grade

Sarine Yeghiayan
Pointillism, 5th Grade

Athena Baghdassarian
Pointillism, 5th Grade

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“Art is the most intense mode of individualism that the world has known.”

- Oscar Wilde
Kindergarten
Nicholas Azilazian
Alina Bahadarian
Christina Boledian
Michael Kizirian
Laurene Kouladjian
Stephanie Mazmanian
Haylee Panossian
Lori Sepilian
Lorraine Tatikian
Natalia Zovigian

1st Grade
Christy Basmadiyan
Nicole Bajakejian
Alexandra Diramarian
Tina Garabedian
Raffi Jivalagian
Anna Khroian
Paulena Kojoglanian
Harout Mitilian
Sebastian Pepo
Anna Rastguelebian
Nicole Titizian
Lara Yeghiayan
Luca Youssefian

2nd Grade
Andre Abdollahian
Emily Arabyan
Karina Awakian
Alexandra Babayan
Brianna Balian
Lily Balian
Emma Deravedissian
Narod Ekmekjian
Alexandra Karamanoukian
Alex Muradian
Sophia Panossian
Garo Poladian
Postajian Victoria
Michael Sahagian
Patil Tajerian
Tiana Tatikian

Congratulations to the “Honor Roll” students of 3rd Quarter

3rd Grade
Natalia Abadjian
Daniella Agojjan
Roubena Akmakjian
Alexis Avakian
Claudine Azilazian
Njeh Girichian
Nareh Kiledjian
Aline Klahejian
Vicken Kouladjian
Aren Minassian
Arsen Rastguelebian
Bella Youssefian

4th Grade
Christine Awakian
Angela Babayan
Alik Mardiros
Andrew Mazmanian
Maria Miwalian
Christina Sahagian
Natel Titizian

5A Grade
Kristina Agojian
Astghik Gasparyan
Emma Haroutonian
Shantel Indjian
Angie Mitilian
Sarine Nazarian
Sevag Sakayan
Sarine Vartabedian
Alex Vartanian

5B Grade
Athena Baghdassarian
Jeffrey Balian
Liana Chiranian
Sonia Darakjian
Melana Gendal
Emily Isakulyan
Hagop Kiledjian
Vicky Sahagian
Tatyana Sevajian

6th Grade
Heiko Abadjian
Tigran Arabyan
Alexander Azilazian
David Chepeian
Sevan Krikorian
Sosse Minassian

7th Grade
Joseph Aime
Shoghik Gasparyan
Lara Gendal
Susan Kazarian
Isabelle Mazmanian
Mireille Minassian
Sabrina Pelenghian
Michael Raad
Marianne Sahagian

8th Grade
Alex Avanesyan
Tania Balian
Arin Boyadjian
Christina Chiranian
Alex Deravedissian
Stephanie Khatchikian
Savannah Minassian
Liana Tatevosian
**STAR STUDENTS**

**3rd QUARTER**

**Kindergarten**  
Nicholas Azilazian  
Alina Bahadarian  
Christina Boledian  
Lauren Kouladjian  
Stephanie Mazmanian  
Haylee Panossian  
Sako Setragian  
Lorance Tatikian  
Isabella Zovigian

**1st**  
Christy Basmadjyan  
Alexandra Diramarian  
Troi Magdaleno  
Mirey Mahserejian  
Cristapor Panossian  
Sebastian Pepo  
Ara Rastguelian  
Nicole Titizian  
Luca Youssefian

**2nd**  
Silva Basmadjyan  
Narod Ekmekjian  
Sako Kiledjian  
Isabelle Kizirian  
Anush Pilibosian  
Garo Poladian  
Marcus Semerjian  
Nicolas Semerjian  
Tiana Tatikian

**3rd**  
Natalia Abadjian  
Daniella Agojian  
Claudine Azilazian  
Aram Kenderian  
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Angie Mitilian  
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Emily Isakulyan  
Hagop Kiledjian  
Jonathan Postajian  
Vicky Sahagian  
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Shant Yepremian

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Alex Azilazian  
David Chepeian  
Hrag Ekmekjian  
Sevan Krikorian (2)  
Christian Lambajian (2)

**7th**  
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Shoghik Gasparyan  
Tatiana Hamparsomian  
Alec Haroutonian  
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Christina Chiranian  
Alex Deravedissian  
Stephanie Khatchikian  
Shaunt Kludjian  
Harout Nazarian  
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**TEACHER’S CORNER**

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**Occupation:** Science Teacher  
**Birthplace:** Pasadena, CA  
**Hobbies:** Fitness, cooking, and reading.  
**Dislikes:** Injustice, prejudice, and a worn out Expo marker.  
**3 items I can’t live without:** My family, coffee, and chocolate!  
**Favorite Color:** Blue (midnight, royal, cobalt), and black.  
**Favorite Animal:** My Dog!  
**Favorite Books:** The Alchemist, The Museum of Extraordinary Things.  
**What have your students taught you?** My students have taught me that everyone, young and old have challenges to overcome.  
**What is your favorite part about teaching?** Seeing my students, years down the line, asking what they are up to, and hearing, they are pursuing a higher education in Science!  
**Message to Students:** If it doesn’t challenge you, it won’t change you!