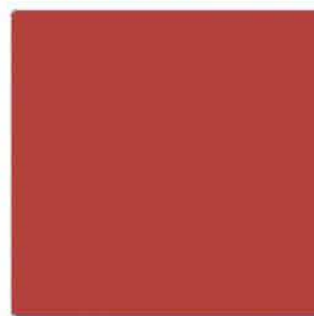
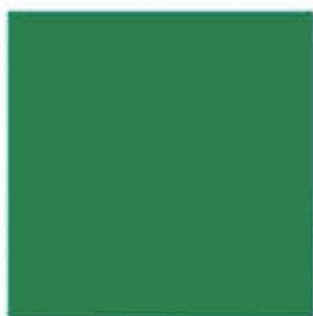


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A Message from the Principal

As we come to the close of another school year, I want to take a moment to reflect on the many accomplishments, challenges, and unforgettable moments we've shared as a school community.

Our students have continued to grow in knowledge, character, and resilience. From academic milestones to artistic performances, small daily victories to big moments of pride, our school has been buzzing with energy, creativity, and a commitment to excellence.

To our school board- Thank you for trusting in our mission, for championing our educators, and for always keeping students at the heart of every decision. It is truly a privilege to work alongside a board that leads with purpose and integrity. Your partnership has been instrumental in helping us create a safe, inclusive, and enriching learning environment.

To our dedicated teachers and staff—thank you for your tireless efforts, your passion for education, and your unwavering support of every student. Your hard work is the foundation of our school's success.

To our families—your partnership and trust mean the world to us. Your involvement, encouragement, and collaboration help make our school a nurturing and vibrant place to learn.

And to our students—thank you for showing up each day ready to learn, lead, and grow. You inspire us with your curiosity and your kindness.

As we head into summer, I hope each of you finds time to rest, recharge, and enjoy time with loved ones.

We look forward to seeing you in the fall for another year of learning and growth.

With gratitude,
Sevana Semerdjian Darakjian
Principal



Inauguration of Elementary Teacher's Lounge

Wednesday, May 21, 2025, was a memorable day for Vahan Tekeyan School, as it marked the inauguration of the renovated elementary teachers' lounge, made possible through the generous support of the Krikor and Makrouhi Kurejian Educational Fund. The event was held in the presence of the benefactor sisters—Mayda, Hilda, and Marina Kurejian, members of the Tekeyan Cultural Association chairman, Dr. Hagop Papazian, Dr. Avedis Dakessian, President of the Armenian Democratic Liberal Party (ADL), Mrs. Ani Lachinian-Magarian, Chair of the School Board, along with fellow board members, the school administration, guests, and the faculty.

Speeches were delivered by Mrs. Ani Lachinian-Magarian, and the school principal, Mrs. Sevana Semerdjian-Darakjian. In their remarks, they emphasized the invaluable contributions of the benefactors and their daughters to the school's growth and continuous progress.





With deep emotion, the eldest daughter of the Kurejian family, Mayda Kurejian, also spoke within the newly renovated teachers' lounge. She reflected on the strong ties between the members of the Kurejian family and the school, noting the warm and close relationship they have maintained for many years. She recalled that her father had served as a member and treasurer of the school's Board of Education and affirmed that, in memory of their philanthropic parents and the legacy they passed down, the Kurejian family is committed to continuing this noble mission of benevolence.





Highlights of our School programs and activities

Academic Activities

Character Education

Creativity



Home Safety





Organization



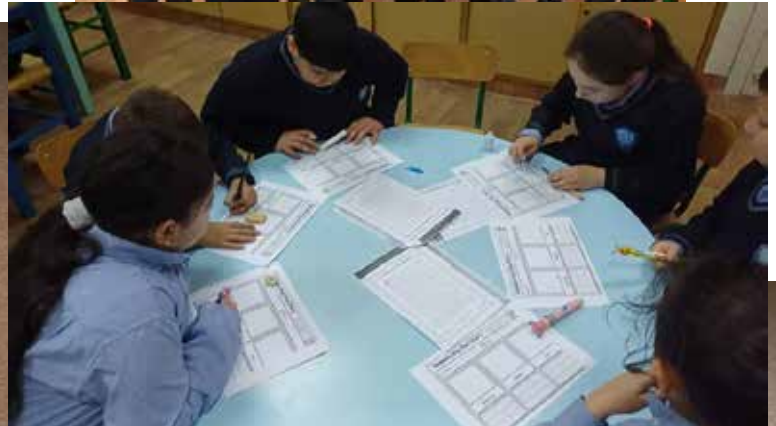
Leadership





Book Day

Reading helps kids build empathy, improve focus, boost language skills, and spark creativity. It's a foundation for learning that lasts a lifetime. Let's keep turning pages, asking questions, and getting lost in stories together. Thus, on March 13, 2025 we had an exciting Book Day.





General Knowledge Contest

As part of this year's theme "Peace for Lebanon," a general knowledge contest was organized and dedicated to Lebanon on May 9, 2025, in our school's auditorium, with the participation of the Intermediate students.





KG 3 Orientation

In order to ease the transition period for our kindergarten students, our KG 3 students had the chance to visit Grade 1 classroom on May 29, 2025.



Students Project Exhibition





Teacher Development:

Lecture about "The Science of Well-being"

On February 6, 2025 we had the privilege of hosting an insightful lecture on Social Well-Being for our teachers and staff. The session, led by Mrs. Vera Apovian Sisserian, provided valuable perspectives on fostering a supportive and inclusive environment within both the classroom and our broader school community.

Our heartfelt gratitude to Mrs. Vera for sharing her expertise and empowering our educators to promote mental and emotional well-being.





Cultural Activities:

Commemoration of St. Vartan

On February 26, 2025 we commemorated St. Vartan's Day and we hosted Father Antranig Keurumian as a guest speaker.





Commemoration of the Armenian Genocide:

On April 14, 2025 we commemorated the 110th year of Armenian Genocide, with our guest speaker Mr. Arthur Shenian.





Paregentan

On March 3, 2025 our Sam and Sylva Simonian Kindergarten students presented "Paregentan". It was a successful event organized by our Sam and Sylva Simonian Kindergarten teachers.





Educational and cultural excursions:

A Visit to Wooden Bakery

On February 19, 2025 our students had an amazing learning experience at Wooden Bakery!
From the rich history of traditional baking methods to the fascinating science behind wooden ovens, they got to see it all firsthand.



Students Impressions:

Our visit to Wooden Bakery was both educational and fun! From the moment we stepped into the warm environment, we were welcomed with the comforting smell of freshly baked bread. We were given a tour of the bakery's production area, where we saw how dough is mixed, shaped, and baked. Watching the bakers work with love, was truly fascinating.

Grade 4 students



A Visit to Ghazar Bakery

On March 11, 2025 our little KG2 explorers had an unforgettable day at Ghazar Bakery! The children got a behind-the-scenes look at how their favorite baked goodies are made.



A Visit to the Dentist

On March 13, 2025 our Sam and Sylva Simonian KG 1 students were given the opportunity to visit Dr. Avedis Dakessian's Clinic. Their teeth were checked and they learned the importance of taking good care of their teeth.





A Visit to Duo Print

On March 13, 2025 our Grade 5 and 6 students had an incredible time at Duo Print.



Students Impressions:

I enjoyed visiting Duo Print with my classmates, because it was a fun and educational trip. What I loved most was the opportunity to witness the creative process behind the making of our school agendas. It was such a fascinating and enriching experience, filled with inspiration!

SonaRita Sourmenian- Grade 5

On March 13, 2025 my classmates and I went on a short tour to a printing house. We got to see firsthand how printed materials come to life, learning all about the printing process. It was an exciting and educational experience that brought our creativity to new heights!

Sonia Kelkhacherian – Grade 6

A Visit to Hagop Der Melkonian Theater

On March 14, 2025, our Intermediate students attended a performance at Hagop Der Melkonian Theater. The actors skillfully and creatively presented a selection of poems by the renowned Armenian poet Baruyr Sevak, under the title "Man in the Palm."





Children's rights day at Der Melkonian Theater

On March 24, 2025, the students from Grades 3 and 4 attended a musical event organized by Armenian Relief Cross of Lebanon in celebration of "Children's Rights Day." The students enthusiastically danced and sang, as well as responded to questions related to children's rights. They also received symbolic gifts.



Students Impressions:

On Monday, March 24, we went to the Der Melkonian Theatre to celebrate Children's Day with kids from other Armenian schools. The Armenian Relief Cross of Lebanon had planned a fun program for us, with Lousig and her friends. At the end of the day, we went home with gift backpacks and lots of pictures to remember this fun day.

Galina Boranian- Grade 3

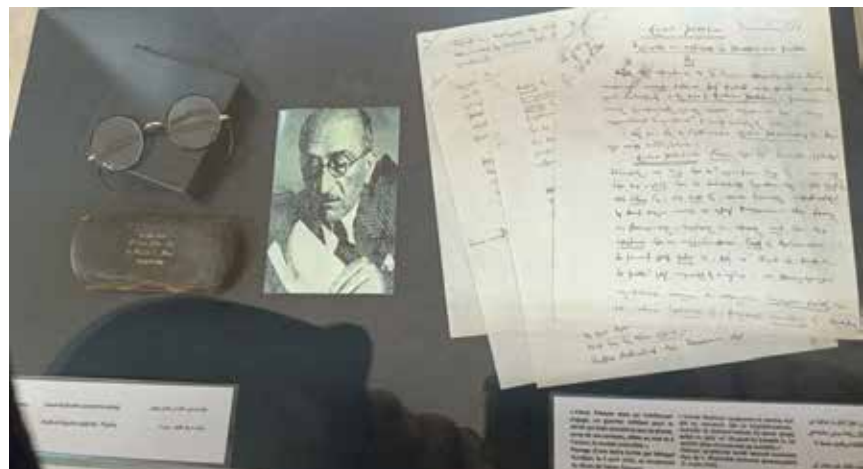
It was such an amazing experience! The performance was not only entertaining but also educational. The actors did a fantastic job of bringing to life the importance of children's rights, and it made me realize how important it is for every child to be treated with respect.

Lilia Al Bekassini – Grade 4



A Visit to Tekeyan Center

On April 4, 2025 the administration and the teaching staff, along with the students of Grade 9 and Mary Ghazarian from Grade 8, attended a commemorative evening at Tekeyan Center Gemmayzeh, organized by Tekeyan Cultural Association in Lebanon. The event was dedicated to the 80th anniversary of the poet Vahan Tekeyan.





A Visit to Armenian Catholicossate of Cilicia Commemoration of the Armenian Genocide

On April 28, 2025 students commemorated the 110th anniversary of the Armenian Genocide in the perimeter of the Armenian Catholicossate of Cilicia, along with the participation of students from other Armenian schools.



A Visit to Armenian Theological Seminary in Bekfaya Commemoration of the Armenian Genocide

On the evening of April 24, 2025, students from Grades 8 and 9 participated in the intercommunity gathering commemorating the 110th anniversary of the Armenian Genocide, held at the Armenian Theological Seminary in Bekfaya.





A Visit to Lucy Tutunjian Exhibition Hall

On the occasion of the publication and release of the book *Forget Me Not: Siroun Ararat*, on Friday, May 16, 2025, Hamazkayin's "Vahe Setian" Publishing House organized a meeting with the book's author, Lebanese intellectual and Member of Parliament Antoine Habchi, at the "Lucy Tutunjian" Exhibition Hall. Grade 9 students attended the event.





Different Celebrations:

Teachers' Day

On March 8, 2025 we celebrated Teachers' Day and appreciated their dedication.

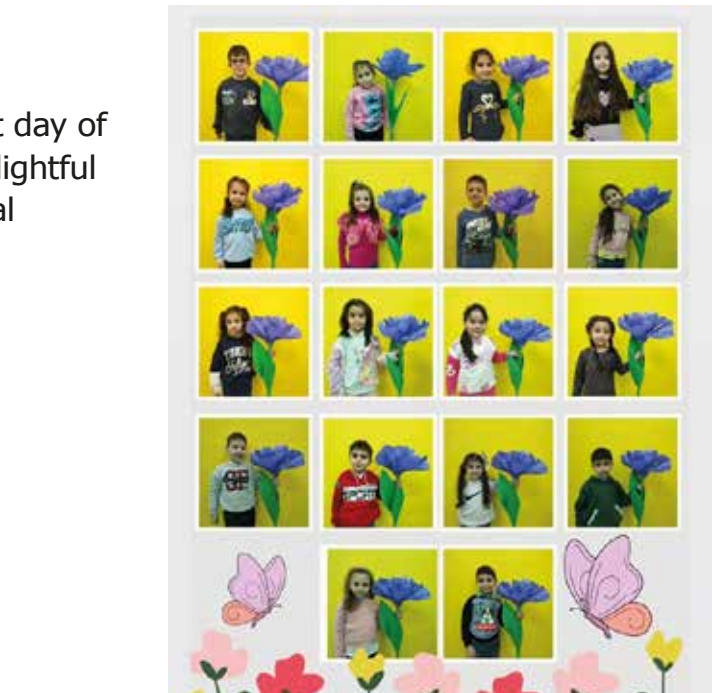
Also, on March 13, 2025 the chairperson of ALP Shushan Varteni Club, Mrs. Annie Yerganian, and other members visited our school to appreciate our teachers' diligent work.





First Day of Spring

On March 21, 2025 we welcomed the first day of spring by planting flowers and making delightful crafts. Our heartfelt gratitude to Mrs. Amal Karayan for her generous donation.





Easter Celebration

On April 16, 2025 our students celebrated Easter at the school.

Our sincere gratitude to school alumna Ms. Ani and Ms. Taline Avakians and their mother Mrs. Alice Avakian for their donations to make the Easter celebration a memorable one. We also extend our thankfulness to our parent's committee, Mrs. Zepure Kevorkian, and Mrs. Kedag Najarian for their unwavering sacrifice and donations.





Last Bell

On May 30, 2025 a magnificent ceremony was held at our school's Hagop Barsamian Hall to celebrate the last bell of the Intermediate graduates.

A touching goodbye from Grade 9 students to their school, and from our little KG3 stars as they leave Sam and Sylva Simonian Kindergarten and head to elementary level.





Sports Day

We had an amazing Sports Day on June 9, 2025. It was a day full of games and fun!





Workshop of Engraving Armenian Ornaments

On April 11, 2025, the students of Grades 7, 8 and 9 gladly participated in a special Armenian ornament engraving workshop, organized by Haigazian University Student Affairs Office and Yerevan Folk Art Museum named after Hovhannes Sharambyan.





Guests

As part of the 65th anniversary celebrations of the Echmiadzin Auxiliary Ladies' Association, on Friday, May 23, 2025, representatives of the Association visited our school, including the Chairwoman's, Mrs. Anahit Dantziguian's husband, Mr. Hrayr Dantziguian, and Dr. Varoujan Altebarmakian, Director of the "Clara Margossian" Fund, to become acquainted with the latest news and achievements of our school.





EdTech Excellence Recognition Ceremony

On Tuesday June 3, 2025, Vahan Tekeyan School's Principal, Mrs. Sevana Semerdjian Darakjian was honored with a prestigious EdTech Award in recognition of her outstanding contributions to educational excellence. Her visionary leadership and commitment to innovation have significantly advanced the integration of technology in education, setting a high standard for academic achievement and digital transformation.

In addition, we are pleased to announce that certificates of appreciation were presented to our dedicated teachers, Ms. Rita Agopian, Ms. Cynthia Miladenian and Mr. Avedis Diban, in recognition for their exceptional dedication and successful supervision in implementing the EdTech Plus Technology Program. Their passion, hard work, and commitment to embracing digital tools have empowered students and enriched the learning environment.

Congratulations to all our educators!
Your efforts continue to shape the future of education.





Sam and Sylva Simonian Kindergarten's End of Year Graduation Ceremony

On Saturday June 14, 2025 at 6:00 p.m., we had our Sam and Sylva Simonian's Kindergarten's end of year graduation ceremony at "Hagop Barsamian" Hall, which included all the KG students and graduates. Our students presented a creative and vibrant program and then the graduates were given their first diplomas.







End of Year Graduation Ceremony

On Saturday June 28, 2025 at 6:00 p.m., we had our end of year graduation ceremony at "Hagop Barsamian" Hall, which included all the Elementary and Intermediate students and graduates. Our students presented a creative and vibrant program and then the graduates were given their diplomas and awards.





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