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Educating generations for over 70 years



A Message from the Principal



"Education is a shared commitment between dedicated teachers, motivated students and enthusiastic parents with high expectations."

Today, the role of our school is not only to pursue academic excellence, but also to motivate our students to be lifelong learners, critical thinkers, and creative members in this ever-changing world. We provide relevant education and stress on compassion for others and environmental awareness. Nurturing the Armenian-Lebanese identity, citizenship values and the right to dream big are focus goals for the Vahan Tekeyan School.

Our dedicated teachers prepare a smooth sailing of a child from student life to being a worthy member of the society. They cope with the changing world and each one of us- the parents, teachers and the students- join hands to build a better future for them.

Our school's newsletter is a wonderful means which will definitely help you to get the glimpses of our activities and achievements of our school. I am sure that the positive attitude, sustained efforts, and innovative ideas exhibited by our students will surely stir the mind of the readers.

I take this opportunity to earnestly thank the Tekeyan Cultural Association Founding Board of Trustees, and our school's Board of Education for their endless dedication and care. I also extend my profound thankfulness to all our donors for their continued support in all our endeavors. A special word of gratitude goes to our patron benefactors Mr. & Mrs. Sam and Sylva Simonian.

May our students march forward towards being responsible citizens, and expand the horizons of their knowledge and skills.

With heartfelt gratitude,

Sevana Semerdjian Darakjian
Principal

February 28, 2023



Highlights of our School programs and Activities

First Day of School -Elementary and Intermediate



First Day of School -Kindergarten

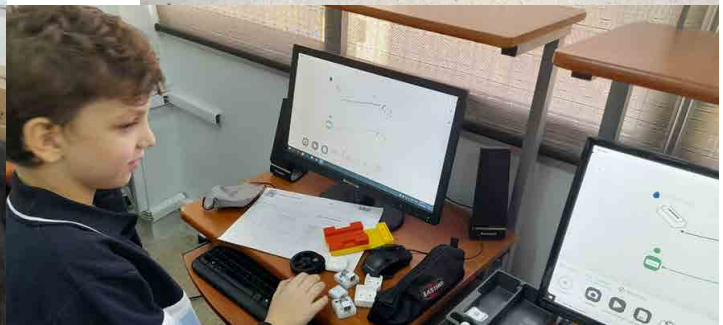




Academic Activities

STEAM Education

We resumed to bring STEAM and Coding to life in our classrooms in collaboration with the Professional Learning Center. Our students also started using the 3D printer.





Science Experiments

Compared to traditional methods, experiments help students learn more about science. Science experiments help teach students how to be more observant and inquisitive. Thus, on January 9, 2023 our students observed and participated in numerous science experiments to develop their analytical thinking, and creativity. After all, science is the way of life!





Earthquake Awareness Session

On Wednesday February 22, 2023, Vahan Tekeyan students had the opportunity to listen and watch a presentation and a sketch related to earthquake, prepared by Ms. Cynthia Miladenian.



Character Education



Self-Confidence

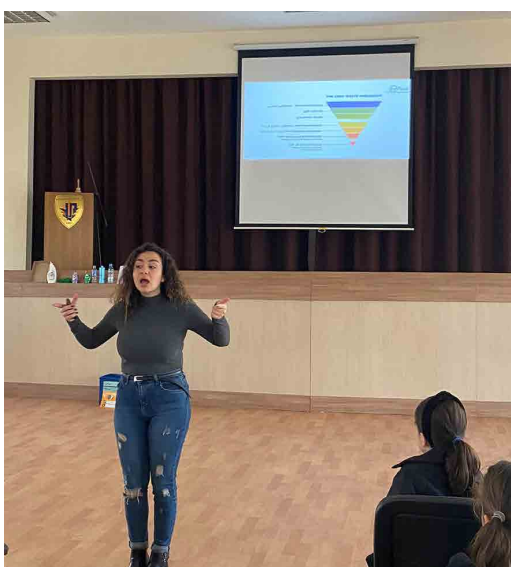


Responsibility



Lecture about Recycling

Our cycle 2 and cycle 3 students attended a presentation about recycling by ReFuse organization on Tuesday, January 17, 2023. Moreover, they got informed about the process of recycling and its benefits.





Teacher Development

On October 2022, Mr. Avedis Diban and Mrs. Rita Tamougian participated in the weeklong workshop on New Methods of Armenian History Education launched by Haigazian University.



On November 4, 2022 our English teachers attended an Essay Writing workshop at our school's Barsamian Hall, by Mrs. Nayiri Baboudjian Bouchakjian who is also a new member of the School Board.



Spelling Bee

Spelling Bee is a chance for our students to develop self-confidence, communication, and public speaking skills. Moreover, it allows them to thrive under pressure. Thus, on Thursday, the 26th of January 2023, our cycle 1 diligent bees enjoyed the spelling bee contest.





Cultural Activities:

"Tarkmanchats" Day

As part of our Armenian Language and Culture, we celebrated "Tarkmanchats" Day on October 15, 2022.



Lebanese Independence Day

On November 21, 2022 we celebrated the Lebanese Independence Day.





Commemoration of St. Vartan

On February 15, 2023, Tekeyan Cultural Association- Lebanon, commemorated St. Vartan's Day at Vahan Tekeyan School.





On February 17, 2023, we commemorated St. Vartan's Day and we hosted Fr. Azad Apeggha Filikian as a guest speaker.



Different Celebrations

World Cup Tournament

On Friday October 28, 2022, our students had a football competition. The teams showed an exciting fair play and sportsmanship in front of their classmates and teachers.



Berbera

On December 5, 2022 we celebrated Berbera.





Christmas Mood and Celebration

During December our students enjoyed a joyful Christmas mood at school.



On December 22, 2022 we had a memorable Christmas celebration at school. We extend our sincere gratitude to the donors, proud alumni, Ms. Annie Avakian and Ms. Taline Avakian for their contribution.





Impression by our student:

On December 22, 2022, I was so excited to go to school because we were going to celebrate Christmas with our friends and teachers. We had an unforgettable day that will forever linger in our hearts. The most exciting part was when we saw how cotton candies were made. Let's not forget the cherished moment when Santa Claus entered and gave us presents.

Kevin Godjigian – Grade 3



Samaritan's Purse

On February 13, 2023, we hosted a group of young individuals from Samaritan's Purse organization.



Paregentan

On February 17, 2023, our Kindergarten students celebrated Paregentan.





From Our Educational and Cultural Excursions

Hovhannes Boghossian Theater

On December 15, 2022 our students had the chance to watch a musical play at Hovhannes Boghossian Theater.



Arame Art Gallery

On February 20, 2023 our Cycle 3 students had the golden chance to visit Arame Art Gallery, at Tekeyan Center, Gemmayze.

Our students were introduced to a variety of Armenian artists.

Our sincere gratitude to Mr. Michael Vayejian for granting us such an opportunity. We also extend our thankfulness to Mr. Armen Vayejian, for providing detailed explanation about different features of the art works to our students.





Impressions by our students:

My visit to the Arame Art Gallery was an unforgettable experience! There were so many interesting and colorful arts. I was so amazed and impressed about the way artists could match and mix the colors together to express their feelings through it. Thus, I owe a huge thankfulness to our dear school for granting us such a unique opportunity!

Vanessa Abou Nader - Grade 7

On February 20, 2023 we had the opportunity to visit Arame Art Gallery. Personally, I witnessed many breathtaking arts. I had the perfect experience seeing all those grandeur pieces of arts, which increased my credibility towards art.

Finally, we owe a huge depth of gratitude to our lovely school for letting us experience such an "artistic" opportunity!

Celina Keusseyan - Grade 8.

On February 20, 2023 we had the chance to visit Arame Art Gallery. We were inspired by the ambiance and the unique arts. What caught my attention were the abstract arts. It was an educational trip. I extend my gratitude to our school board and principal for granting us such an opportunity.

Celine Yassin – Grade 9



We Stand with Artsakh

On January 25, 2023 our students from grades 7,8,9 along with the teachers and the principal participated in a protest for Artsakh at Bourj Hammoud, in front of Center Arin. We always stand with Artsakh.



Impressions by our students:

On January 25, 2023 we participated with other Armenian school students for a strike of solidarity for the recent Artsakh Blockade in front of Arin Getron in Bourj Hammoud. What's happening to our sisters and brothers in Artsakh is unfair. Let our unity bring them hope!



Berge Kombejian – Grade 7

It was January 25, 2023 when we participated for a strike of solidarity for the Artsakh blockade with our teachers and principal. We held slogans to show the world that we condemn the violent attacks of Azerbaijan.

Celena Keusseyan – Grade 8

During the strike organized for the recent Artsakh Blockade in front of Arin Getron in Bourj Hammoud, I felt that Lebanese Armenians are patriotic and united. We are ready to stand with our motherland against all odds. When I looked around, I felt proud to be Armenian.

Alik Aznavour – Grade 9

From our game-based learning activities



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