



CATCH THE DREAM







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EDITOR'S NOTE

It has been my deepest honor, both as a Trojan and a strict grammar enforcer, to be Editor-in-Chief. This year's book is a labor of love. We have worked hard to put together the best parts of the Ankara experience – a diverse, spirited, wild, extraordinary journey – and we hope you enjoy flipping through these pages when you're old and grey. In fact, if we've done this right, you should be reading this with a smile right now, reminiscing about your days at Ankara ES/HS.

Catch the Dream, Trojans! This year, we hope to immerse you in the surreal and colorful world of your dreams. We hope to remind you that dreams are the most artistic and breathtaking part of your existence; we hope to show you that dreams motivate us and give us hope for change. Whether you're six or sixty, we hope you never stop dreaming, envisioning, and creating. Our generation will create a new dream – new energies, new peace, new technology. We hope you catch your dream in the splashes of color, glitter, and smoke in these very pages.

This book would be incomplete without the support of its design editor, section editors, and photographers. Our photographers have stood right next to you, living your big moments, and our columnists have chronicled the highlights of your year. Every picture and every story is a hallmark of your time here as a Trojan, and we hope that we have done it justice. I cannot understate the awesomeness of the yearbook staff – all of their hard work has produced a burst of positive energy. The cover graphic is courtesy to the high school art class; a big shoutout to my favorite junior, Maarya Rabbani.

On a personal level, I would like to thank my yearbook 'parents' – Mr. Terence Douglas and Ms. Katie Napoli – who have taught me volumes and have even tolerated my bad humor. To the senior class: I love you all so much. To my favorite teachers, Ms. Sexton, Ms. Hayward and Ms. Kadiogu, words do not express.

CATCH THE DREAM, TROJANS.

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MANDAKINI CHANDRA
2012-2013





15 THINGS ABOUT MS. ULUER THAT YOU DIDN'T KNOW

Favorite place?

Turkey.

Favorite flavor of ice cream?

Butter Pecan.

The best part about Ankara?

Our school.

Ever had senioritis?

No...but I know what it feels like to be very tired.

Ever been afraid?

I had a fear of coming overseas for the very first time.

Hometown?

Two - Boston and Chicago.

Advice for seniors?

Don't be afraid to work hard...and be positive.

Most vivid childhood memory?

I remember being with my family and feeling the love of my family.

Ever been in the middle of politics?

In college I was walking from one dorm to the next during a Vietnam protest; the cars were flipped over and on fire. It was an amazing yet fearful time. I was also evacuated from Incirlik during the Gulf War, and that was traumatic.

Favorite superpower?

Reading minds.

If you had a time machine....

I would go back to the Ottoman empire to observe the culture and the experience.

Title of your autobiography?

Caring Counts.

How many languages?

I used to speak 5 languages, but my Italian and French are not as fluent anymore.

Favorite singer?

Lady Gaga - she's a super talent.

Batman or Robin?

Batman.



15 THINGS ABOUT MS. SMITH THAT YOU DIDN'T KNOW



Favorite place?

Senegal, West Africa – there's a sense of calm and peace there.

Favorite flavor of ice cream?

Oreo Cookie.

Eccentric hobbies?

I collect African paraphernalia and artwork, and elephants with trunks because that was my sorority symbol.

Ever had senioritis?

Lord, yes. Just like it was yesterday. I was a rebel.

Ever been afraid?

I'm afraid of heights and afraid of the escalator. I think that it's about my fear of falling.

Hometown?

Goldsboro, North Carolina

Superlative in high school?

The best smile.

Title of your autobiography?

'You can't unring the bell.'

Most vivid childhood memory?

Dressing up on easter sundays and always getting a new dress.

Batman or Robin?

Oh, definitely Batman.

Advice for seniors?

After getting a Bachelor's degree, go straight on through with your Masters and post graduate degrees; don't wait.

What inanimate object are you most like?

A loofa, because I just soak up everyone's issues.

Favorite superhero?

Catwoman, because she's sleek and just slides in and out of situations.

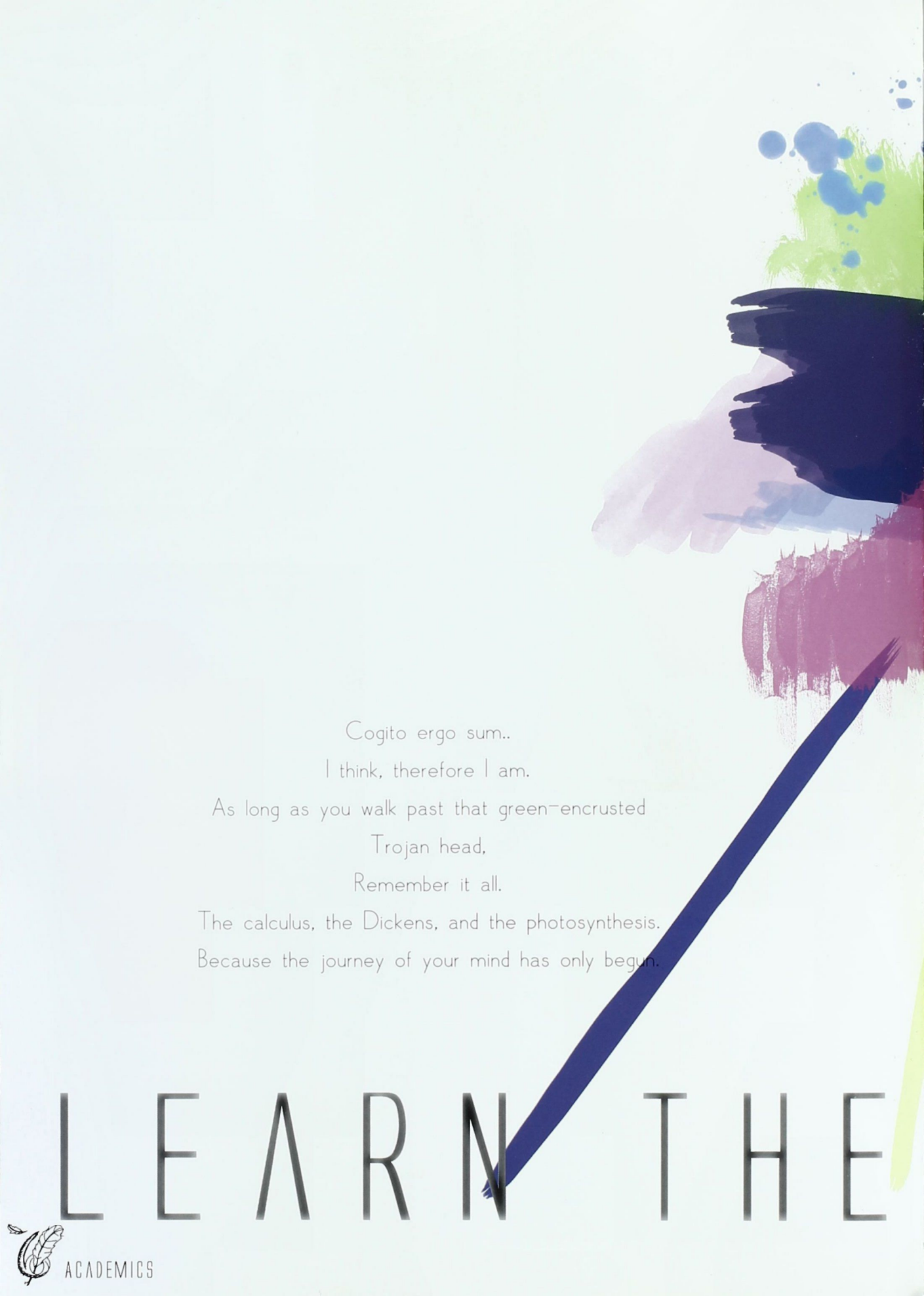
If you had a time machine....

I would go back to when my father was living.

Favorite singer?

Diane Reeves.





Cogito ergo sum..
I think, therefore I am.
As long as you walk past that green-encrusted
Trojan head,
Remember it all.
The calculus, the Dickens, and the photosynthesis.
Because the journey of your mind has only begun.

LEARN THE

ACADEMICS



DREAM



And So It



"Good morning!" Ms. Smith greets junior Maarya Rabbani and Senior Katerina Torlak at the door. On the first day of school, students filed in with big smiles on their faces.

The new school year at Ankara ES/HS is a sight to behold. The giggles of the brave new kindergarteners and the fresh faces of new students filled the once-empty hallways with laughter and excitement. Teachers opened their doors with new gusto as Mrs. Rosie Uluer and Ms. Shelia Smith warmly welcomed students at the door. The elementary school students marched off proudly to their new classrooms as if on a mission, and the high school students, try as they might, could not conceal their happiness at having moved forward another year. The new school year is always a fresh start – students dream of achieving new heights in class and beyond. They set goals and promise themselves

straight A's. For the seniors, it is a year of deadlines and future decisions. "Four years in Ankara High School was enjoyable, but now, I prepare to leave in order to accomplish my dreams," explained Senior Greg Er. It's not just the seniors who are crafting new beginnings; new students come to make life-long friends in sports and in class. High school and middle school students look forward to successful sports seasons. The shadows of the old are taken by the new – new experiences, new worldviews and new perceptions follow exciting holidays in exotic places. Friends greet one another; teachers greet returning students with affection. It's smiles, hugs, and new beginnings all around us.

-By John Do and Mandy C.

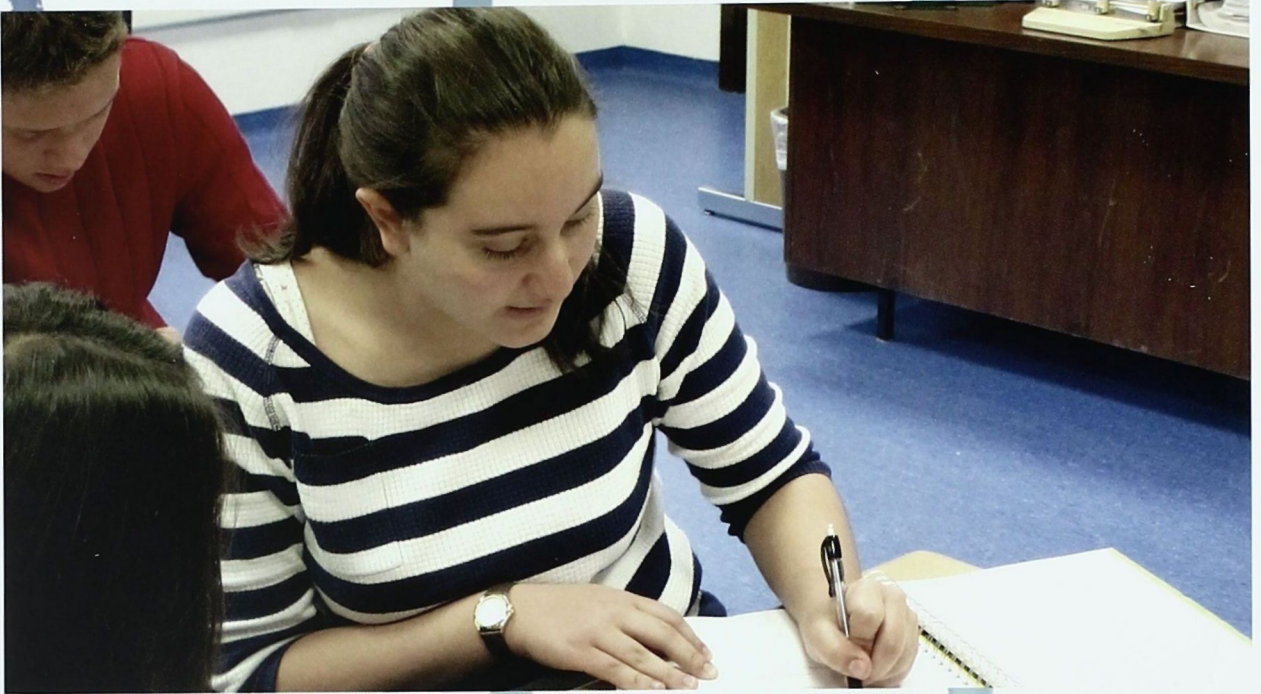


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TOP: Mrs. Sexton smiles for the camera as she and the other teachers hand out schedules to welcome the students. BOTTOM: Second grader Eric Sledge and his twin siblings, kindergartners Alex Sledge and Nicole Sledge, walk in excitedly. Sophomore Vikrant Zutshi looks refreshed after the summer vacation. LEFT: Grade two leaves the Hoja for their first day of classes. Good luck, kids!

More Than C

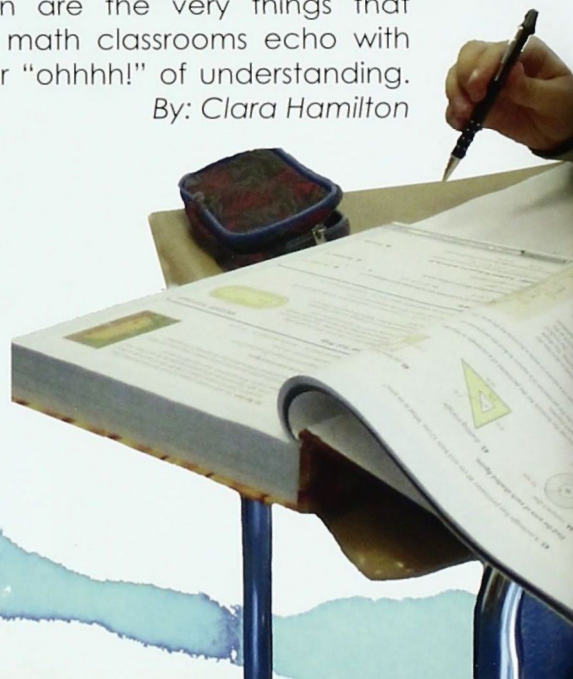


Senior Irmak Ecevit quickly jots down the answer to yet another optimization problem in AP Calculus class. More than preparing for the exam, Mrs. Kadioglu taught them the importance of calculus in everyday life- from enforcing speed limits to determining economic and mathematical rates of change. The students enjoy her enthusiasm and passion for the subject.

Where do you find a combination of engaging teachers and mid-explanation epiphanies? Math class, of course! From algebra one with Douglas Kittleson to AP calculus with Senem Kadioglu, math lessons create an environment that goes beyond taking notes and listening to lectures. The teachers do their best to make math enjoyable through online activities and exercises outside the classroom. Danielle Avenick teaches geometry and believes that work and fun come in equal measure. "Work is fun... we draw diagrams, we make pictures, that is fun!" exclaims Ms. Avenick excitedly. Douglas Kittleson, who teaches algebra 2, knows that his class is the stepping stone for advanced math, so he tries to accustom the students to more difficult work for the approaching pre-calculus and calculus classes. As a teacher of algebra 1, pre-calculus, and AP calculus classes, Kadioglu explains, "I love math

to the n th degree - it is contagious, it rubs off on others." Although math can sometimes be daunting, the teachers' level of dedication to the classes coupled with the power of a good explanation are the very things that make the math classrooms echo with the familiar "ohhhh!" of understanding.

By: Clara Hamilton



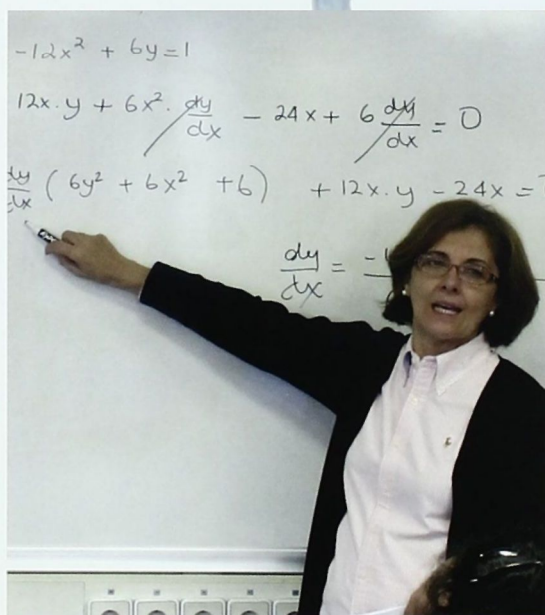
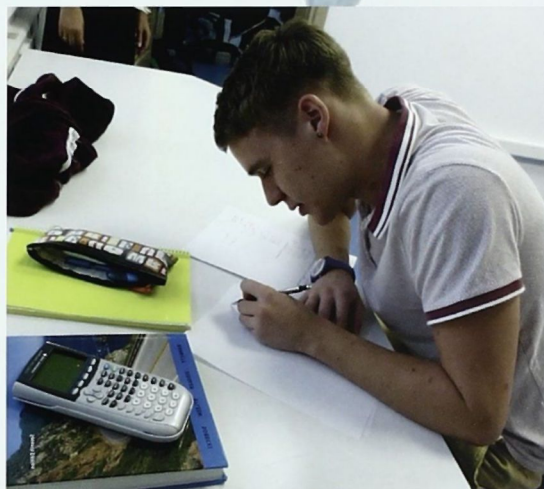
Counting Sheep

The Mathematics Department

"Math is only fun if you understand it, so make sure you understand!"

-MILES OWENS, GRADE 10

Left: Freshman Arseniy Ermolovich work hard on tricky geometry problems. Over the course of the year, he learned about forms and shapes, angles, and plans to apply his newly acquired skills to higher levels of math. In many ways, mathematics is all about how much foundation you can build.



Top: Senior Henry Glover completes his test with ease. All year, the pre-calculus worked on picturing graphs and cementing basic knowledge for calculus, covering a wide variety of topics. Above: Mrs. Kadioglu points out an important facet of derivatives in math class.

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The English Department

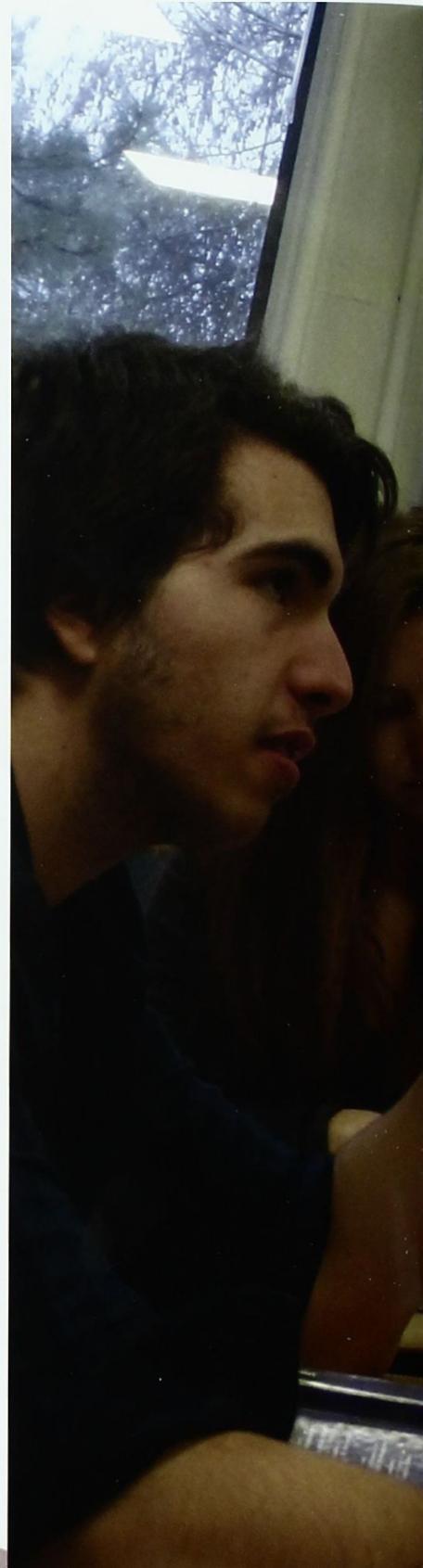


Tim Redden, English teacher, works with Oguldurson Meredov and Habiba Mirzaeva, sixth graders, in a group project. Some of the topics they learned about were Greek mythology, poetry, and screen-writing. RIGHT: In literature class, senior Ata Kazaz argues his inclusion of political motives as one of the purposes of Claudius' first soliloquy in *Hamlet*.

Margaret Carder listens to a discussion about McCarthy's *All the Pretty Horses*, as senior Gregory Er offers his opinion about the protagonist. "John Grady didn't really care about his national identity," he says, and senior Davin Baxter chimes in; almost everyone adds a new idea. AP Literature class in Ankara High School is essentially a lesson in discussion, analysis and expression. Carder asserts, "Debate and discussion is probably at least 75% of class, especially when analyzing a piece of work, literature, or poetry." Next door, in Tim Redden's AP Language class, the emphasis is on structure and diction. Students learn to articulate ideas and persuade effectively while enriching their vocabularies. "There is quite a bit of discussion in class," explains junior Alex Bilger. Carder and

Redden agree that discussion and debate are features of nearly every English class. When asked, Redden claims that extensive debate often teaches students to defend their beliefs. A few rooms down, in Lynda Hayward's English honors class, discussions transcend literature itself, as students enjoy the heady combination of both English and history. An exciting novelty this year is the speech class taught by Oscar Baldemor. Members of the class practice the art of rhetoric to prepare themselves for an increasingly communicative world. Senior Irmak Ecevit talks about the appeal of this first period class. "Mr Baldemor is really artistic. The speeches we have to make are not on regular topics, they're kind of out-of-the-box. He really makes us think."

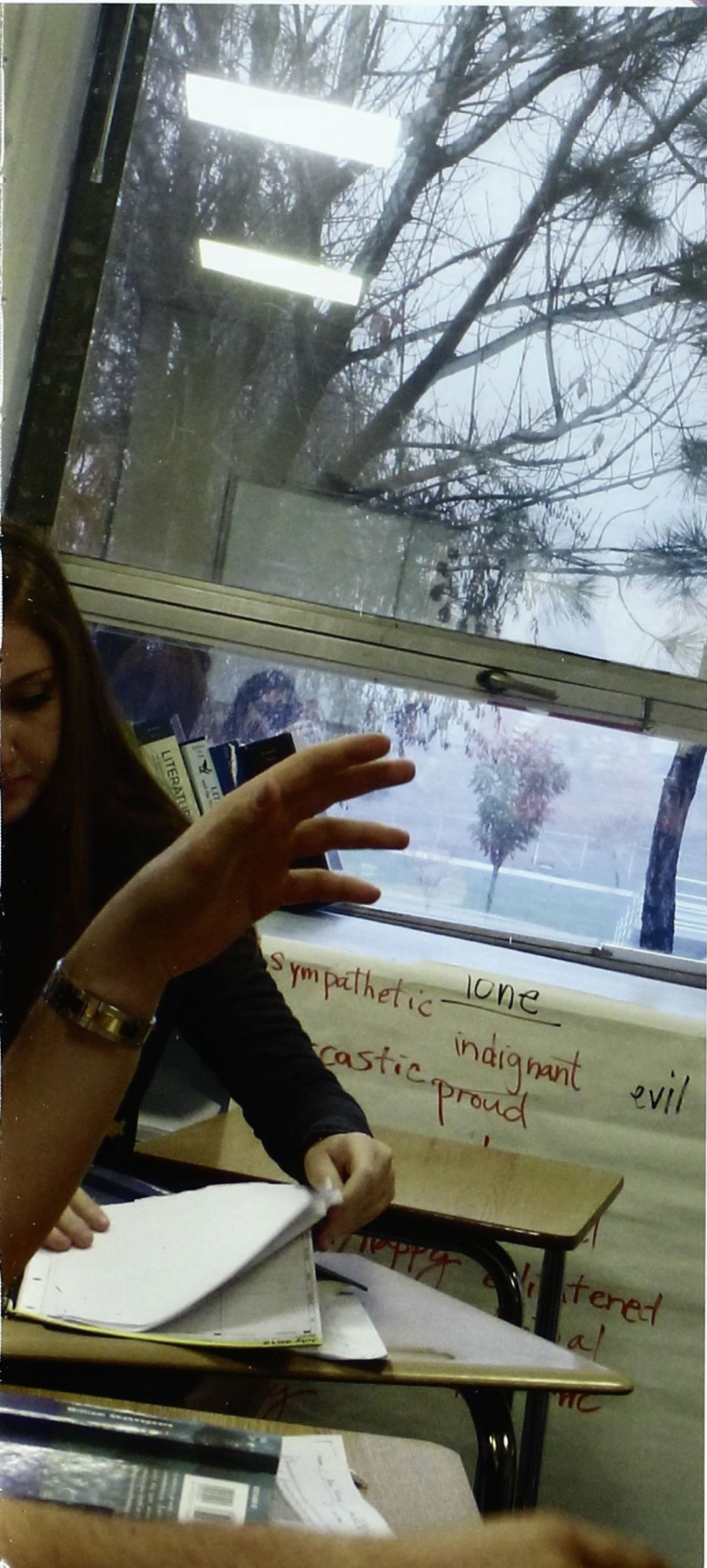
By: Mandy Chandra



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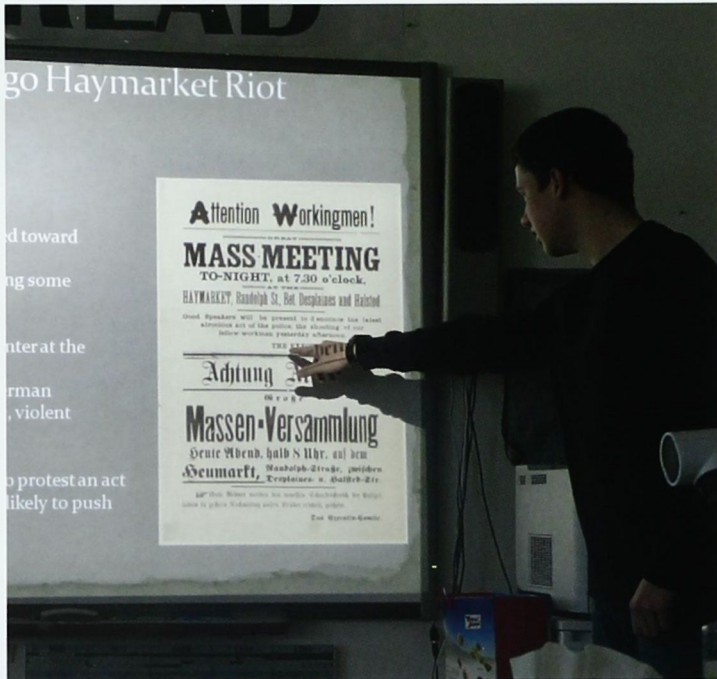
"Mr. Redden is very descriptive. He brings things down to our level so we can understand it."

-DAKOTA SAUNDERS,
GRADE 11



Sophomores Nani Khumalo and John Hamilton write their ideas down about Gavin Menzies' bestselling book, 1421. Over the course of a few weeks, they examined the argument that the Chinese circumnavigated the earth before everyone else. Fascinating stuff in Mrs. Hayward's Honors 10! BOTTOM: Junior Lizzie Nieves pauses theatrically as she delivers her speech to the the Kindergarten class. In this single-semester class, students explored their opinions on abstract yet unconventional issues. For example, students were asked to deliver speeches about the concept of revenge and their earliest memories.

Of Past and THE HISTORY



Top: Junior Alexander Bilger eagerly presents his slide on the Haymarket Riot in a United States history class. In US History, students learned about the institutions and socio-political structure of the nation. Teacher Alicia Sexton and the class discussed Sinclair's 'The Jungle' while studying about immigration and industrialization with interactive projects. Bottom: Linda Price's US History Class engages in a political Democratic vs. Republican party debate ahead of the US Presidential election. This was one of the highlights of their class, and many teachers came to watch as the students battled it out.

"My favorite part of history class is when Ms. Hayward uses maps. They help me understand the topic better."

-NANI KHUMALO, GRADE 10

In AP US History class, Paul Generelli explains to sophomore Shivam Sengar the importance of the Panama Canal. AP US History traces history from the colonization period of the United States to the Cold War and even present-day events.



Present

DEPARTMENT



Ankara ES/HS is one of those schools in DoDDs that hosts international students. We are home to 30 nationalities and even more unique perspectives on the world. While echoing the views of most of the history department, Alicia Sexton claims that she has never taught a student body as diverse as that of Ankara High School. "It's amazing, because everybody has different backgrounds, experiences and religions that bring discussions forward and helps us learn about each other." Empires, wars, political systems, economic structures - history classes at Ankara E/HS seem to broach every issue under the sun with useful exchanges between students that harbor radically different world views. History teachers like Alicia Sexton, Lynda Hayward, Tim Redden, Linda Price and Paul Generelli enjoy debates and encourage students to learn the subject matter through defending their opinions in a multicultural environment. United States History teacher Linda Price says that she communicates the importance of knowing history to her students by teaching them the extent of the word "history" in itself. "I help students understand that history is how we make sense out of our lives," she says. With this goal in mind, Price and the rest of the history department strive to organize research projects and visual aids that explore the origins of culture and tradition. Honors students watch historical documentaries and prepare written summaries for upcoming essays and projects, while AP students make annotated world maps that cover centuries of social phenomena, cultural diffusion, and political change. Sophomore Diane Kim, who has had the wonderful experience of being taught by both Ms. Hayward and Mrs. Sexton, claims that both teachers helped her learn the material, albeit in different ways. In Ms. Hayward's class, she and other students "presented in front of the class frequently and this helped us (the class) memorize information." In AP World History, on the other hand, Diane said that Ms. Sexton helped her organize material in her head by frequent discussion.

By: Shahida Karimova



6th graders Ethan Carson, Ryan Keller and Harkirat Verma are explaining to the class the human and environment interaction in South Asia that left a lasting effect. Throughout the year, this 6th grade social studies class learns about different religions practiced and the development of world empires.

Taking it to the



Halil Sharipov, a fifth grader, practices his soccer skills in PE. He drives the ball while Tate Wroblewski, another fifth grader, follows closely behind on defense ready to take the ball away. Playing soccer teaches these kids important lessons on teamwork.



Elizabeth Squire, a 5th grader, successfully blocks an attempted goal score. The students have the opportunity to try different positions on the field and gain a broad understanding of the game.

e Limit

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Leigh Carignan's physical education class constantly challenges students to exceed their limits in order to improve athletically. His class features a variety of workouts all with the same goal - to get better each time. "Every student that passes through the gym leaves either the same, better, or worse. I try to give them the tools they need to get better and I encourage them to work hard, but ultimately, it's the responsibility of the student," says Carignan.

Students are expected to work everyday and try their hardest. So how does he encourage them even on days when students might feel lethargic? "Lead by example. I don't expect anything from them that I don't expect from myself," says Carignan honestly. Students are also taught other ways to live a healthy lifestyle, such as healthy food habits and the impact various foods have on their bodies. Although eating healthy is not a requirement of the class, it is strongly encouraged. When asked how important good nutrition is for physical education, Carignan explains, "Nutrition is the foundation for physical education and all athleticism in general."

By: Daniel McCrory



Junior Marton Mezei performs a deadlift. This movement is a basic lifting movement that can help in everyday situations preventing injuries from lifting heavy objects. TOP LEFT: Mr. Carignan lifts a weight with relative ease. Respect!

Ivan Tkachenko, a 9th grader takes his pushups to another level by using his fists instead of open palms." Burpees are bad, but workouts are good - they improve your muscles," says Tkachenko.

Who's in My Chair?

Photographer Trey Daniel and Staff Member Sibel Akyurek follow the life of a chair



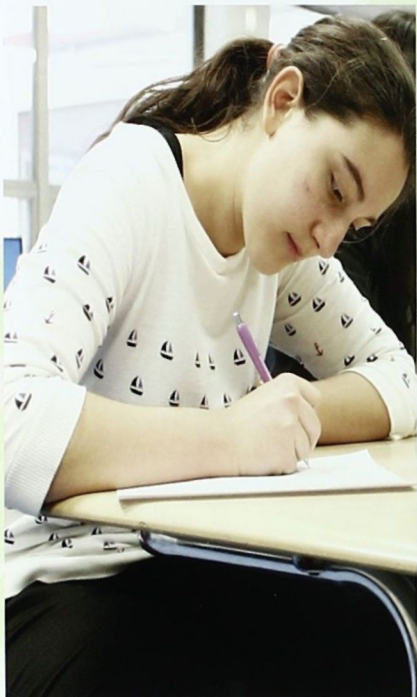
Ninth grader Yelyzaveta Zolotarova is the first to sit in the chair during first period. Mrs Kadioglu's class has been learning the fundamentals of algebra one. This is Yelyzaveta's first year attending Ankara ES/HS; however, she has adjusted very well. She has come all the way from Kiev, Ukraine. "It has been a smooth transition from the Ukraine to here, but I miss my friends in Ukraine, too."



During second period, eleventh grader Dakota Saunders works to perfect her knowledge in Math Analysis. This is also Dakota's first year in Ankara ES/HS. She has traveled all the way from Mozambique, where she lived for two years. Though she is new to Ankara, she has made firm friendships in the past few months. "This is the first school I've ever been to where I feel welcomed," she says. "I've seriously never been to a welcoming school like this before."



During third period, senior Mandy Chandra, editor-in-chief of the yearbook staff, struggles to break some ice for a particularly artistic page in the yearbook. Mandy has been working hard the past two years in Ankara; she hopes to study economics and political science as a freshman in college. The senior has been at Ankara ES/HS since the tenth grade. "These past two years in Yearbook have been so rewarding," she says. "I'll really miss it!"



Senem Kadioglu meets her AP Calculus students in room forty-nine. Twelfth grader Irmak Ecevit takes notes and tries to grasp the concepts of instantaneous speed and marginal cost. "I'm happy and content about graduating and going to college, but I'm still nervous about leaving high school," says Irmak. The bright senior has attended Ankara ES/HS since the eighth grade and is preparing for college. We wish you luck, Irmak!



Once again, this chair is occupied by Irmak Ecevit during 6th period. The senior benefits from a Personal Business and Finance class, aimed at understanding international finance. The class is an online class and teaches practicality and business sense. During the last two periods, this chair is occupied by different people, as it is not anyone's assigned seat.



Eleventh grader, Gabrielle Sigurdsson finishes her math test during 7th period. She plans to take a gap year in Iceland to pursue her dream of becoming a singer and actress. "Moving is going to be scary, but I can't wait to graduate and get my career started," she says cheerfully.

Where Dreams are Born

The Science Department

It has been a fun and rather remarkable year in the world of science at Ankara ES/HS. Our two new science teachers, Penelope Ahearn Er and Frank Whitfield, have brought new life to the science hallway. Most of the students seem to love them because of their fun and friendly personalities. "We have so much fun", says senior Mikheil Khakhutashvili, "Ms. Ahearn Er is the best teacher I have ever had because of her fun way of teaching." Many unusual activities have been taking place; science classes were seen participating in a tug of war out on the football field, observing onion cells in microscopes, and experimenting with balloons in physics. Dr. Frank

Whitfield is not new to the subject of science, but he was certainly new to Ankara in the beginning of the year. "I love the environment here at school, and I believe that the years ahead will be a positive experience; both for me and the students," he said. Ahearn Er, new to the school but not to Ankara, brings her classes to life as she presents some rather odd but fun experiments. "The most fun lab I ever did in Mrs. Ahearn Er's physics apps class was tossing eggs to one another from different distances," says Yelyzaveta Zolotorova, 9th grade, as she giggles at the memory. "I am very glad and lucky to have her as a teacher."

By: Linn Adolfsson





TOP: 7th grader Sangwook Uhm takes a good look at the structure of a bone in Ms. Ahearn Er's science class. The anatomy and physiology unit was perhaps the most interesting part of the year. BOTTOM: Mr. Whitfield instructs his science class. He taught middle school through high school physics.

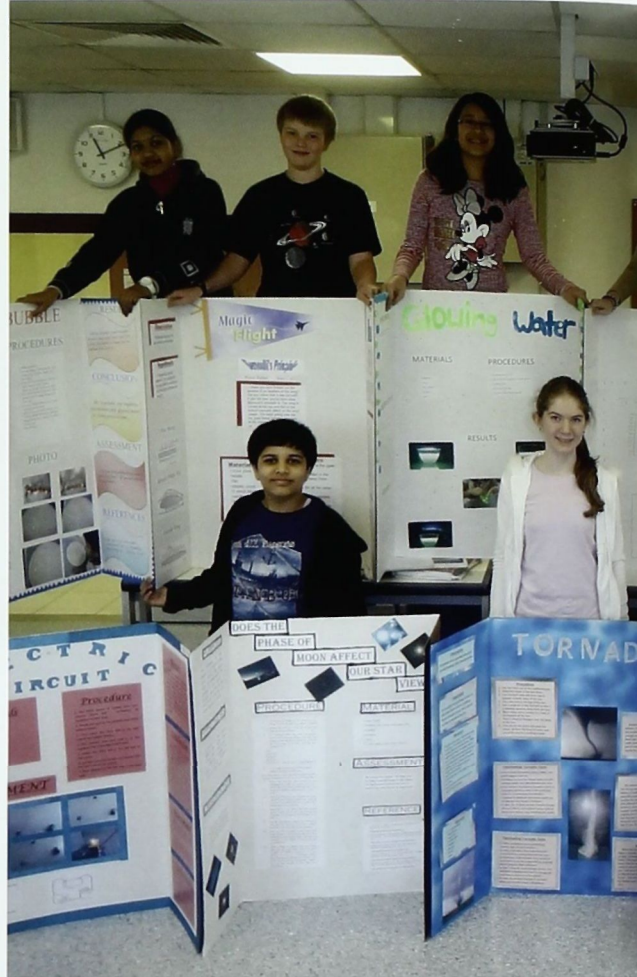


Ms. Ahearn Er dissects a fish while 6th graders, Oliha Sharipova, Habiba Mirzaeva, Maria Fernandez Delicado, and Adity Nagarajan, look on. "I thought it was really interesting because you could see all the parts of the fish, but it was kind of gross, too," said Fernandez Delicado.

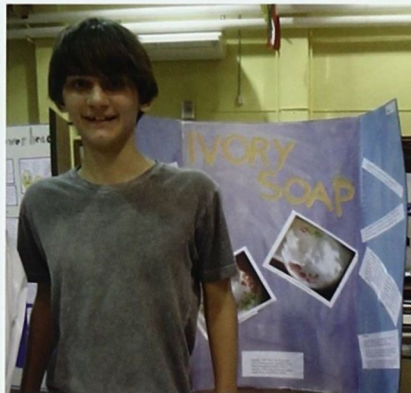
Exploring the



Talal Alkhalifah, an eighth grader, explains the details of his project involving energy, to a parent. The students were required to visual represent their projects on a showboard as well as verbally explain the project and its results to the judges.



Seventh grader Julia Kaselka stands by her impressive project on crystals. Taking a common thing and making it into a science fair project takes creativity. Way to go Julia!



Seventh grader Dylan Nieves proudly stands by his project on the effect that a microwave has on ivory soap.

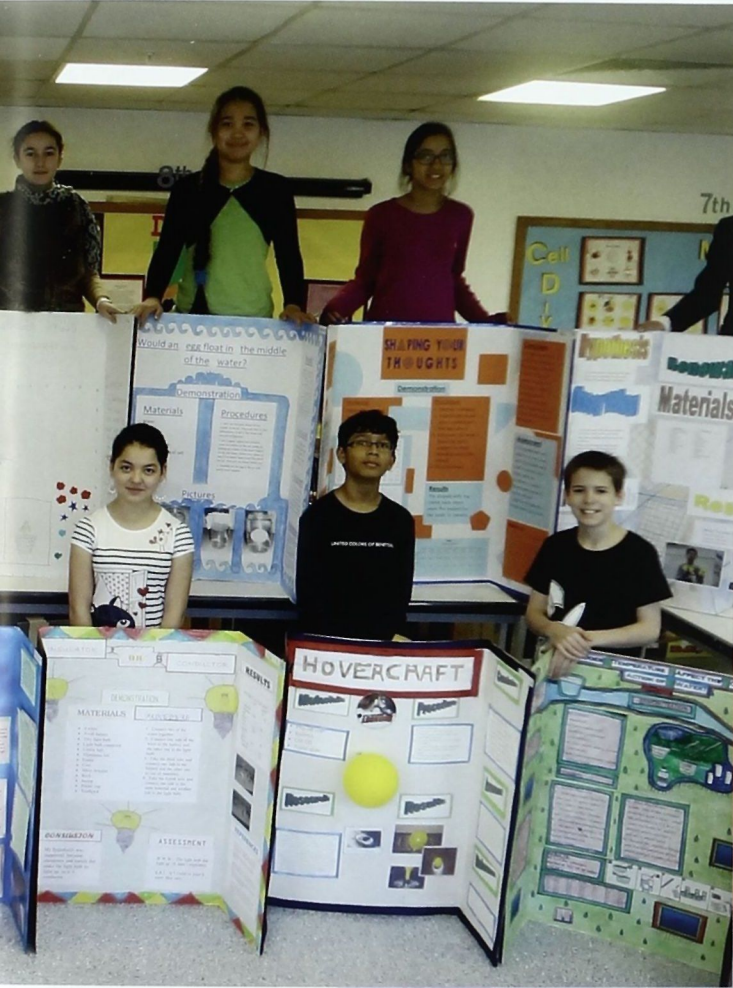


8th grader Kalisse Owens shows off her impressive project on how music affects heart rate. Way to show some creativity by combining music and science!

Unknown

THE SCIENCE FAIR

The Ankara School Science Fair occurred on March 20, 2013. It was a fantastic way for the middle and elementary students to present their research and to learn to contribute to the scientific world. They were also able to investigate specific concepts in science which they were particularly interested in. Beautiful posters embellished with glitter and paint were displayed in the library, waiting to be judged by; parents, high school students and teachers. With experiments ranging from volcanoes to plant growth, the students waited anxiously for their scores. The judges comprised engineers, professors, and scientists from Middle East Technical University, Asia Minor Mining, Gazi University, and Golder and Associates - a very high profile group of people. The event was a great success partly due to the wonderful 'chemistry concoctions' which the PTSO, led by Anne Squire, made for the event. The prizes included gold and silver coins as well as movie tickets for those who were the most meticulous about experimentation. The science fair projects were judged on a standardized rubric, and each student was able to converse with the judges at length.



6th Grade

1st place: Ryan Keller
- Bernoulli's Principle as applied to the shape of aircraft wings
2nd place: Melissa Gillis
- Tornado Creation
3rd place: Shazod Niyazov - Renewable energy

7th Grade

1st place: Sangwook Uhm - Dice and Probability
2nd place: Solomon Ermatinger - Plant Transpiration
3rd place: Emil Raiser - The Perfect Shower-head

8th Grade

1st place: Cihan Senol
- Time Dilation
2nd place: Alex Wiederock - Generators
3rd place: Emma Rook and Sharif Sharipov - Crater Research

Picture That!

VIDEO COMMUNICATION DEPARTMENT

Mr. Oscar Baldemor's video communications class is a coveted elective among middle and high schoolers alike. Students learn everything from the ground up - starting with the idea to the final product. Beginning with an idea, the students draw out a story board, film their dialogues and edit their findings to produce anything from a two to ten minute video. The technical aspects and terms of the video industry are also part of the class, including the rule of thirds and various video angles. It's not just about the filming, though - students also spend time judging and learning from new movies or documentaries. They watch films and analyze them in the form of reviews. Perhaps the best part of the video communications class is the entertainment aspect; videos are displayed on the TV screen at the school entrance and are frequently enjoyed by the students, parents, and teachers.

By: Daniel McCrory

Oscar Baldemor laughs at a quip from one of his middle school video communications students. The relaxed environment encouraged creativity and thinking outside the box in the students, which they needed while analyzing film.



"It's the great feeling of accomplishing your creation and having other people see it."

~FEIKE STERK, GRADE 9

Mr. Baldemor suggests a costume for freshman Simran Verma for a special project. Students were instructed to pick out a costume to use in one of the videos, so that the role would come more naturally to them. Video communications this year included quite a bit of acting!

DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY DEPARTMENT



Digital photography is an art with huge dimensions. Not only does it involve the technological prowess of editing and restructuring photos, it involves the subtleties of timing and lighting - not to mention the art of capturing a message or a meaningful subject. The digital photography class in Ankara ES/HS worked in collaboration with the Yearbook staff to take the best photos of the student body. They learned to take candid photos and action shots during sports games; they learned to recognize the elements of a good photo. While technology does play its part, the artistic process, says teacher Katie Napoli, is more important than knowledge of Photoshop. Essentially, the act of taking a good photo trumps the editing aspect. "That's when you capture what's actually happening. You have to be active during that time or else there's nothing to edit," she says. The class covered famous photographers and allowed the students to explore different mediums and types of pictures.

By: Daniel McCrory and Mandy Chandra



"The class was an opportunity to learn how to take good photos."
~ TREY, DANIEL, GRADE 12

TOP: Sophomore Zaheer Rabbani carefully zooms in for the shot. He could be seen taking pictures at clubs and events during school. LEFT: Junior Wenjie Zheng gets an interesting perspective from atop the table as sophomore Azamat Suyubayev prepares a sandwich for the food photography unit.

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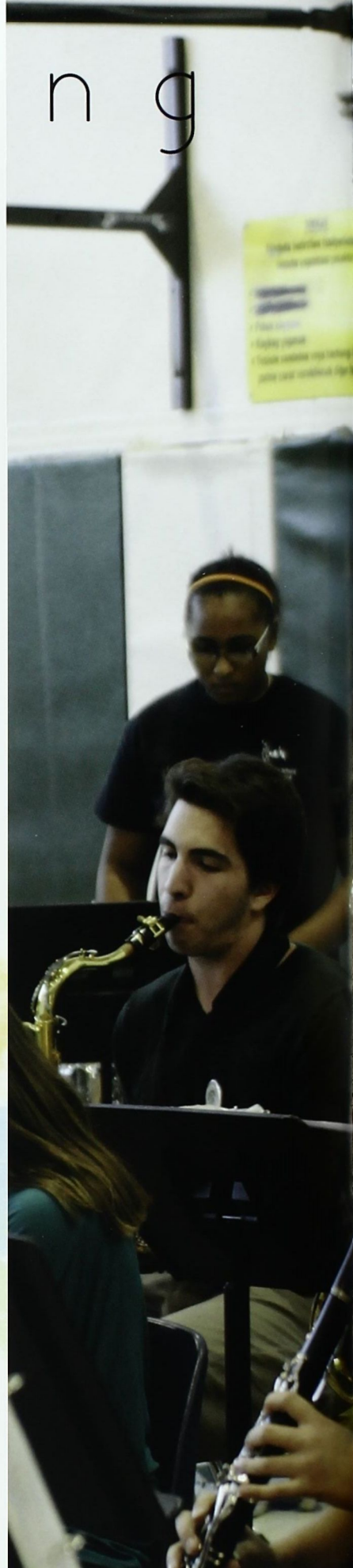


Junior Grace Babinski does her thing on the violin as teacher Kathy Yayboke instructs her to perfection. Grace also had the pleasure of attending Creative Connections to join the elite ensemble of musicians. We wish you luck with your musical journey, Grace!

Every student at Ankara ES/HS, no matter where he or she is, has probably hummed along to the pleasantly familiar tunes that drift out of room thirty, where our beloved Kathy Yayboke teaches and inspires her students to express themselves. Those who have classes with her always seem to have a smile on their faces when they leave the room. Freshman Hazel Ozturkoglu is no exception. "Music class at Ankara HS is simply amazing. Mrs. Yayboke brightens the day up with her kindness and enthusiasm, and it feels great to be creative with the instruments" she says when we speak. Ozturkoglu plays the saxophone in the band, with much success. Ozturkoglu loves performing, especially because she enjoys the company of her friends in the band. She has improved over the last few months

and Mrs. Yayboke has been instrumental in her success; Yayboke believes in steep learning curves. She helps everyone find an instrument that suits them, no matter how old they are. Mrs. Yayboke is no beginner herself when it comes to music. She has been teaching music since 1971. She started playing piano at the age of four, started violin at the age of eight and the flute at the age of nine. She spends about two months organizing the winter and spring concerts, so her students have the skill and the coverage to perform in the front of their parents, teachers and friends. This, of course takes hard work from the students, who practice the songs for months that they chose themselves. This year, like every year, her students did a wonderful job and made Mrs. Yayboke proud.

Author: Linn Adolfsen



Out Loud

The Music Department

"You can really
express your
feelings in music
class."

-SANGWOOK UHM,
7TH GRADE

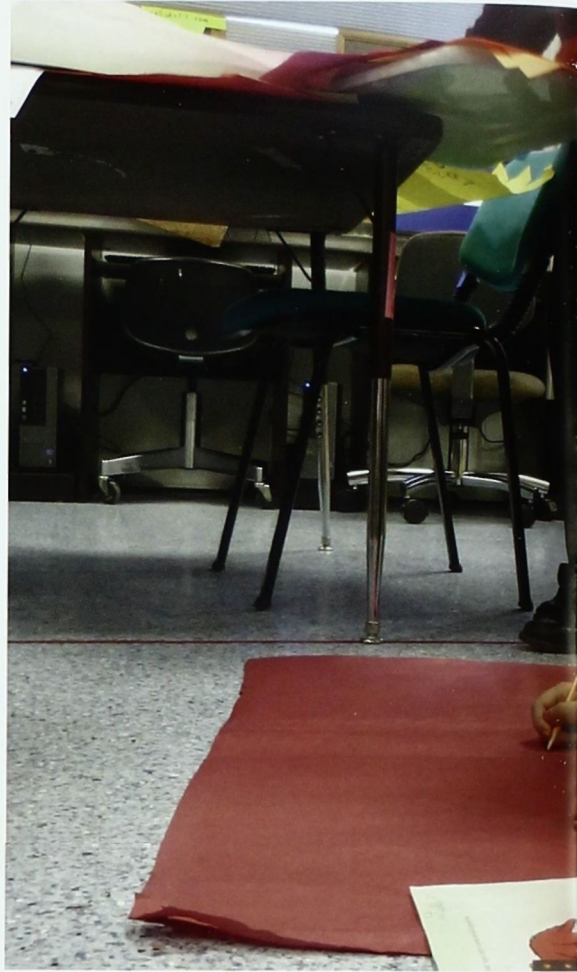


Left: The band gives the school an amazing music performance at the pep rally. We are lucky to have these gifted musicians around! TOP: Elementary classes enjoy some singing time with teacher Kathy Yayboke during second period. Here, second graders Isaac Hale, Arshia Pundir, and Erin Buckley stand up to join their classmates in a song during their weekly music class.

Different Tongue,



Third grade students Ema Sosa and Veronika Stoianenko work on a project to illustrate and write a book about Clifford the Big Red Dog. Writing and telling stories effectively is a good way to measure mastery of the language. To the right, third Grader Dalila Sakanova begins to illustrate her Clifford book.



First grader Emrah Niyazov sits down proudly after presenting his part of the book, *If You Give a Mouse a Cookie*. The elementary school ESL classes use costumes and props to aid their learning of English.



Lisa Tafuya, the elementary ESL teacher, describes their project for the Night of the Arts show. Ms. Tafuya has been teaching ESL for 13 years.



First grader Nikoloz Berekashvili concentrates as he presents his part of the story with active verbs and the present tense. The first grade learned all about parts of speech during this project.

Different World

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE DEPARTMENT



English is said to be the hardest language to learn, but not here in Ankara ES/HS! Every year, several students enter the English as a Second Language class and begin their language journey. Ms. Lisa Tafoya and Ms. Margaret Carder teach students from the ages of six to seventeen as they teach the basics of english grammar, vocabulary, and spelling. The students eventually become proficient enough to graduate from ESL as fluent english speakers. According to DoDEA's curriculum for ESL courses, students should be able to participate in games and activities including online enrichment games and multicultural literature, "to create a learning environment that encourages assimilation into the second language and culture while maintaining respect for and pride in their cultural and linguistic heritage." Ankara High School more than fulfills these criteria; Ms. Tafoya ensures that ESL for the younger children is as fun as it is educational. Mrs. Carder adds, "ESL is an integral part of our school. Reading, writing, and speaking the english language is the only way to have a true understanding of it."

By Clara Hamilton

"It is like music to my ears when I hear their first words in English."

-LISA TAFOYA, ESL TEACHER



Seventh Grader Shohi Niyazova proudly shows off her native dress along with information about her Tajik culture. In ESL, students celebrate and demonstrate the cultures of their home countries while learning about American culture as well.

We're Going



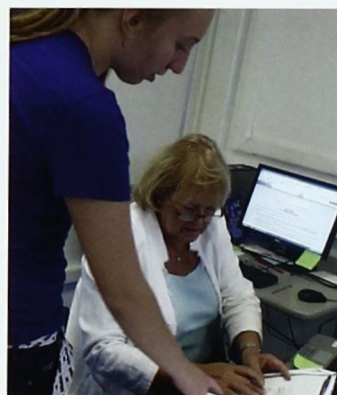
Aygerim Temirbek Kyzy asks Mr. Generelli a question during Spanish III. Everyone hears the sound of Mr. Generelli's colorful videos of Spanish dialogue and culture. We hum to them in the hallway! LEFT: Ms. Agusman conducts a lecture about Turkish grammar as the students take notes. Learning a language is like learning the rules of a game; it takes discipline, patience, and practice.



Mrs. Agusman's Turkish I classroom hard at work on their self-study books. While this is not a self-taught class, Ms. Agusman uses these books to teach the curriculum with some input.



5th grader Katie Klingaman poses as Helen of Troy during the fifth grade host nation production depicting the legend of Troy. The students wrote their own script and made their own decorations for the play.



Danielle Avenick explains a word to fresh Annelliese Bring. The students learn a great deal of everyday speaking and grammar over the course of a weeks.

Global!

The Foreign Language Department



Ankara Elementary/High School has kept language classes of Turkish, Spanish and French since it began in 1954, catering to the talents of the multicultural students. Because Turkish is the native language of Turkey, Ankara ES/HS added it to the curriculum out of popular demand. Starting to learn Turkish at a young age can be significant for students. When asked how Turkish could contribute to their lives, they all responded the same way: Turkish language helps them communicate with Turkish people and allows them truly into the culture. At first, the majority of students find it difficult to learn another language; however, as time goes on, students begin to enjoy the classes and experience benefits of knowing another tongue. "It is easier to teach Spanish," says Paul Generalli, "because they know different language; it is not the first time they hear a foreign language." And this is true for any language. Once you walk into Ankara ES/HS you can hear many different languages flowing in the air. This affects the way teachers teach languages. According to teachers, Fusun Agusman and Danielle Avenick, the structures of teaching a language are based on grammar, vocabulary, pronunciation, and spelling structure. Avenick expects the knowledge of vocabulary, speaking ability, reading and listening. "My hope is for my students to pass with flying colors," - says Avenick.

"Cultural aspects are what I think are the most important in a language."

-HALIL SHARIPOV, 5TH GRADE

Creative



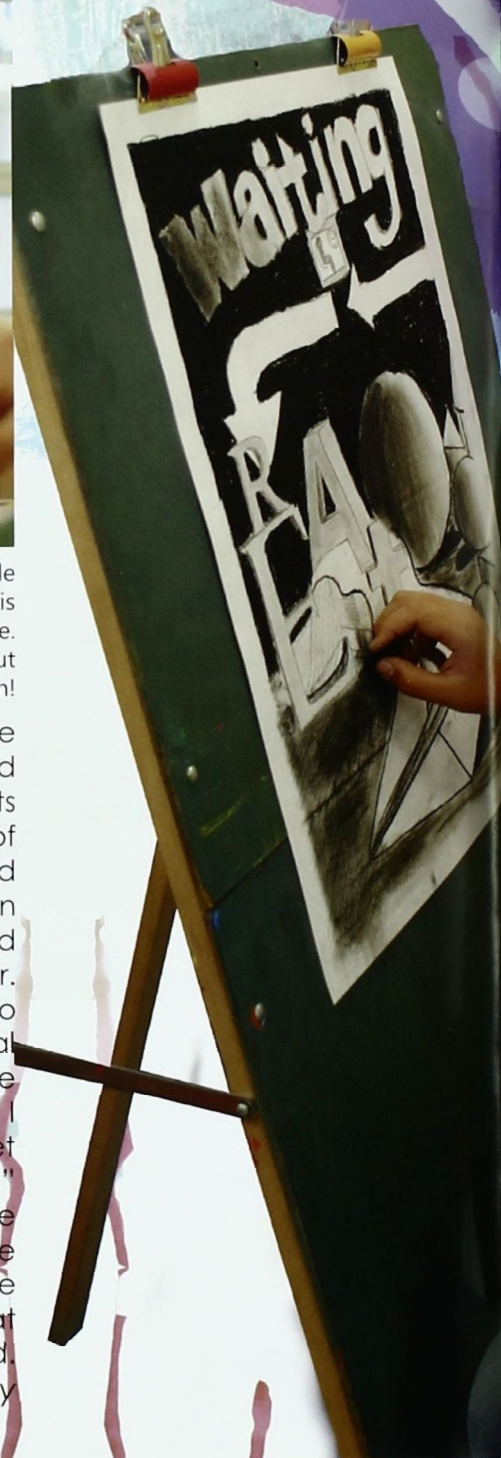
The Visual

6th grader Shahzod Niyazov works on his painting project, during his middle school elective art class. Niyazov enjoys painting, but his favorite type of art is origami. He works endlessly on challenging paper sculptures in his free time. To the right, freshman Huseyn Azizov works on a project about 'value' — one of the elements of art. Looking good, Huseyn!

Students in elementary school, middle school and high school participate in Katie Napoli's art classes, which range from beginner to advanced. Students learn a variety of techniques to enhance their art work such as shading, tone, shape and form. They are given projects to work on in order to display their knowledge of these basic art skills. "They learn process over product, which means they learn how to do something rather than focusing on making it look perfect," says Napoli. These projects include paintings, drawings, sculptures and

print design. "I get to use supplies that I've never used before like charcoal," admits freshman Huseyn Azizov. All of these projects are designed for the students to work on these individual art skills and then bring them all together. Students in these classes do not need to be professional artists to pass. "I don't grade the art work based on skill, I grade on whether they meet the goals of the project," says Napoli. When they are finished they can choose to take their art work home to show their parents what they have accomplished.

By: Daniel McCrory



Sparks

Arts Department



5th grader Fran Ostrunic sculpts a tropical bird out of clay. The art classes experimented with a variety of media ranging from watercolor paint to clay.



Tagandurdy Meredov, a third grader, cuts out pieces of paper for his Dia de los Muertos project. They studied different cultures and their forms of art throughout the year. "My favorite thing about art is coloring and my favorite project was sponging. That was fun," says Meredov simply.

Distant, but C

Distance learning is an excellent way for students to take courses online. Students are able to take interesting courses that are not provided in the normal school day. Due to our fast internet connection and dedicated online teachers, distance learning provides a whole new experience where students are challenged to become independent and self-disciplined. Because distance learning classes have stringent deadlines, students learn about time management. Not only does it give students the chance to take intriguing courses, but it allows students the flexibility of taking classes at any point during the school day. Examples of courses provided include marine biology, art, music appreciation, and

AP environmental science. Although it has its flaws, distance learning offers class choices that expose students to subjects and enhance learning in unconventional avenues of study. Having taken AP Environmental Science as a distance learning course, Senior Clara Hamilton states; "DL has its challenges, but I really love the experience of taking a class online because I know I will never get the chance to have an online class again." Through discussion boards and instant messenger, students are given the chance to interact with teachers and students abroad.

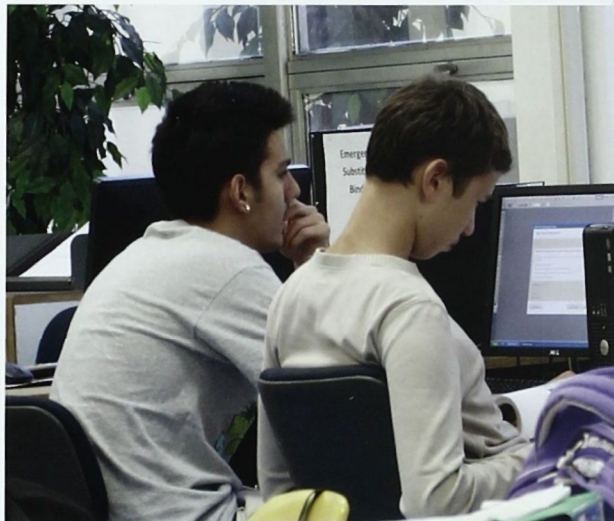
By: Sibel Akyurek



onnected



Freshman Feike Sterk diligently reads his lesson for the day for his distance learning class. "If you like computers and typing, DL is the best choice for you," says Feike Sterk matter-of-factly. Below, Senior Berat Kivanc and freshman Ruslan Baizjanov appear absorbed in their classes. Distance learning is provided for students from 9th-12th grade when courses do not fit in schedules.



"In a small school like ours, it's nice to have a variety of classes to choose from."

-GONZALO MARIN, GRADE 10

In the library, sophomore Nicolas Andrada and junior Alexander Bilger try to finish their assignments before the end of the quarter. "At first, I didn't understand all the modules, but then I got used to it. I didn't think I was going to struggle, but you actually have to try to keep up," says Alexander Bilger.

D r e a m i n g



Ms. Holly Vance explains the different parts of speech to the second grade. The class learned all about nouns, verbs, and adjectives - the basis of English grammar.



First grader Alexanderos Mentz glances up while he works near the end of snack time. Good working habits are one of the objectives for first grade students. Keep it up, Alex!



First grade teacher Beth Favor explains a lesson assignment to two of her students. This personalized attention is very important to learning.



Qamar Kazem in 1st grade works hard in host nation class to learn the Turkish numbers. All the students in elementary school take at least an hour each week to learn the host country's language and culture.

ng B i g



Going into school as a kindergartener is different from anything that the kids have ever experienced before; for the first time in their lives, children are exposed to formal education. They begin to learn essential skills such as reading, writing, math, and english. Mrs. Tina Bills, the kindergarten teacher, says that education for these little ones is about more than just school work. "It's lots of dancing, lots of music, singing, definitely lots of hard work," she says. When the kids make the proud transition to grade school, they develop their young minds further. First Grade Teacher Beth Favor explains, "We just do lots of hands -on projects - in centers and small groups, to meet their needs as individual students." At the end of the year, they move up to the second grade with a knowledge of basic math, english, and science. Holly Vance marvels at the students' mental trajectory. "They have moved from knowing letters, to actually reading, comprehending, spelling, and doing word problems," she says.

By: Clara Hamilton



"We introduce games that teach them skills without them knowing it."

-HOLLY VANCE, 2ND GRADE TEACHER

Kindergartener Jaylen Robertson writes about his winter holidays diligently and includes pictures to accompany his writing. Learning how to write is one of the academic standards in Kindergarten.

Dreaming



Above: Fifth graders Angelina Wiederock and Anna Carson work together during a science lab. The class was studying the effects of sunlight and uv rays. The fifth grade class was always doing a hands on activity to aid their learning. Far Left: Teacher Cheri Gildea encourages her students to perform at their best during public speeches. Gildea's class was often seen collaborating with the speech, video, drama, and art classes. Left: Third grader Aysha Durdyeva gives a presentation acting as Harriet Tubman. There was a lot of research and preparation that went into the bio-speeches.



Fourth graders Katherine Rook and Daisy Kim work on the computers during an interactive lesson. The class competed with schools from around the world in an online "trivial pursuit" type game.



Fifth graders Hillary Raiser and Sarah Buckley listen attentively in their creative thinking class with Alicia Sexton. The class was for students identified as gifted and talented in the school.



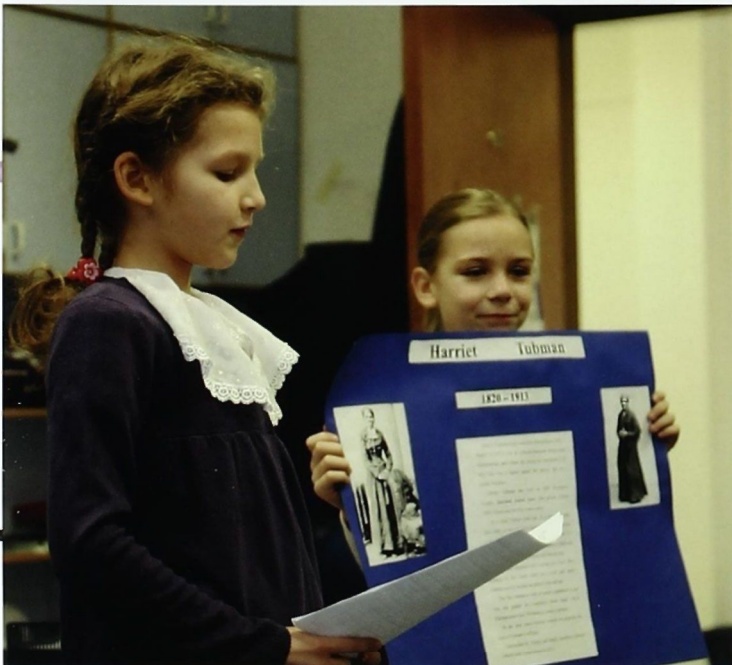
Third graders Trinity Robertson and Tursinoy Salahiddinova follow along in their language arts book. In 3rd grade, students challenge themselves with books of increasing difficulty to attain greater proficiency.

Bigger

With Ankara

Elementary School

Once they have finished learning the basics of school, the third to fifth graders must begin to prepare for the hard work that is coming their way. The third graders begin to learn more advanced math, including fractions, money and measurement. Fifth grade in particular is extremely important because it prepares students for the challenges ahead in middle school. From 3rd to 5th grade, the kids learn new information and solidify their understanding of the world. Fifth graders learn about different civilizations and world history; they stand confidently at the top of the elementary ladder. As they exit the 5th grade, students slowly hone the skills which will enable them to become the future leaders of the world: tolerance, good spirit, and hard work. We have our elementary school teachers to thank for this remarkable development.
By: Sibel Akyurek and Clara Hamilton



"I like being in fourth grade because I love my teacher, Mrs. Gildea. She makes class fun."

-SYDNEY BROWN, 4TH GRADE

Third grader Veronika Stoianenko presents a speech she wrote all about Harriet Tubman. She, along with her entire class, worked hard on speeches and posters about famous Americans.

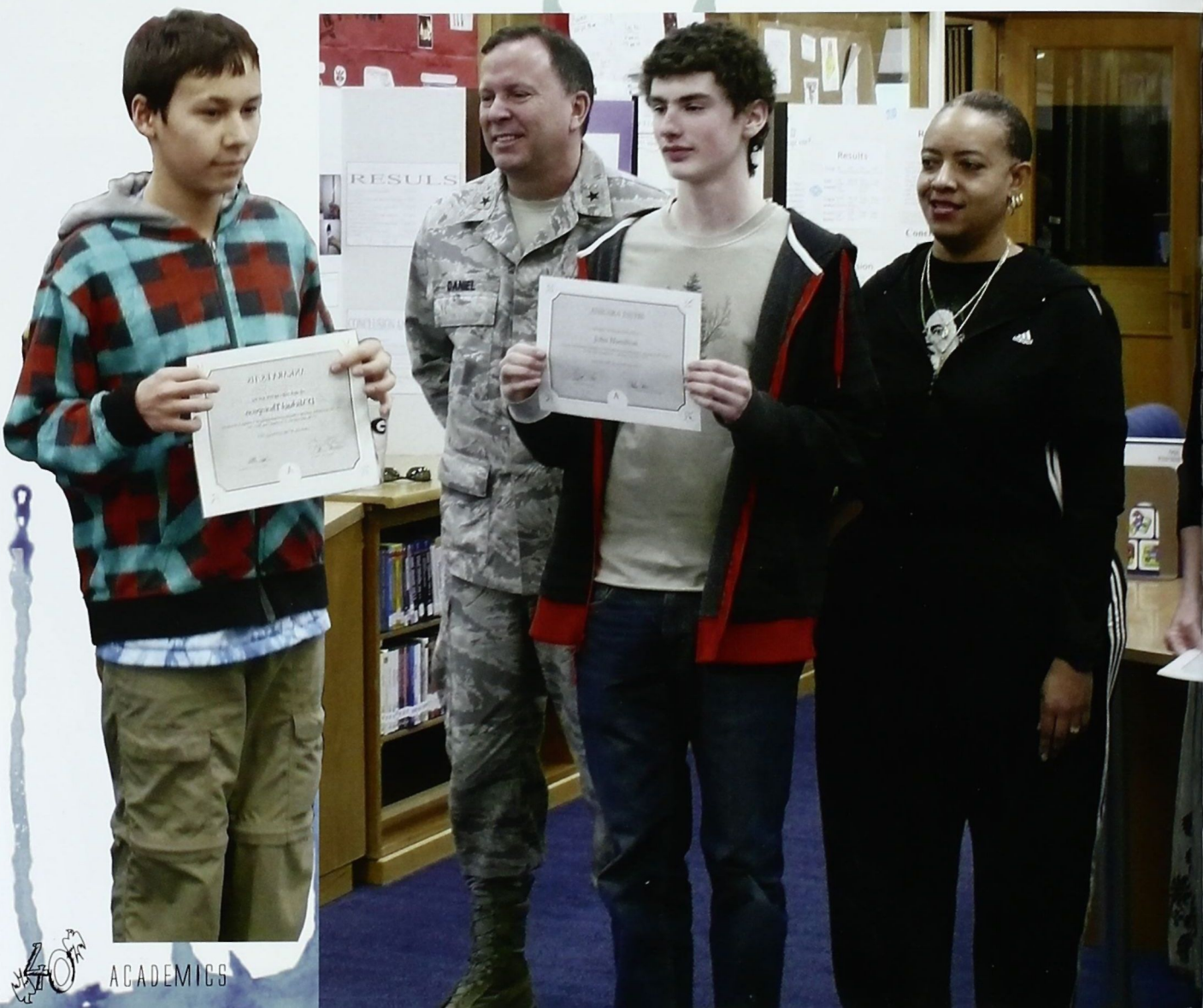
Going

The Straight A Cafe

Achieving all A's during the year is not an easy feat at Ankara MS/HS. Fifth through twelfth graders who had achieved straight A's during the first semester got to celebrate on Thursday, February 28th. They received a certificate from General Daniel, Ms. Smith, and Mrs. Uluer. The students also enjoyed a lunch sponsored by the Parent Teacher Student Organization. Students in the Straight A Cafe are experts at managing their learning process; they become skilled at independent study and multi-tasking. While many fifth graders and middle schoolers

were part of the Straight A cafe, fewer high schoolers were seen eating pizza and brownies, reflecting Ankara HS's challenging curriculum and course load. Some of the high school recipients included Senior Mandy Chandra, Junior Dakota Saunders, Sophomores Vikrant Zutshi, JC Hamilton, and Diane Kim, and Freshmen Laura DePalo and Nora Cahill. Since the Straight A Cafe only happens once a year, it is an exciting event for the students. Good job, students!

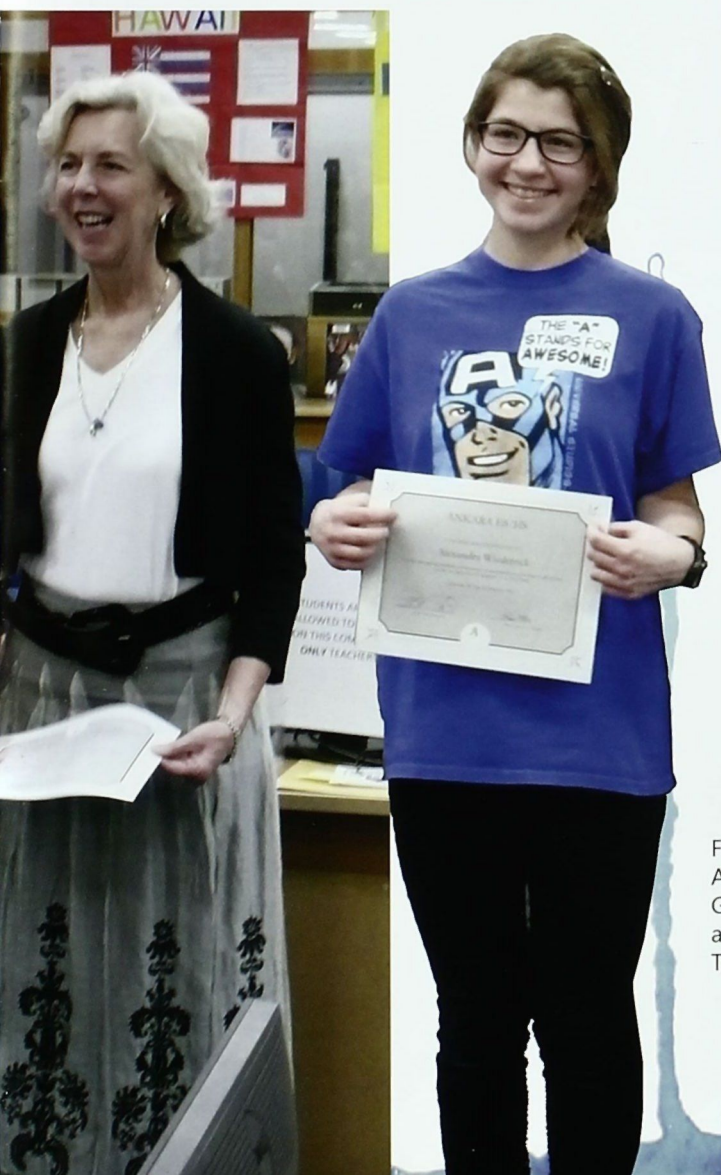
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for Gold



Right: 6th Graders Avi Mohan, Ryan Keller, and Harkirat Verma celebrate their achievement by enjoying their hard-earned lunch treats. Below: Senior Mandy Chandra, the lone senior at Straight A Cafe, smiles as she accepts her award as General Daniel, Ms. Smith, and Ms. Uluer look on proudly.



"I am so proud of all my effort this year and that I was a part of the Straight A Cafe!"

- NORA CAHILL GRADE 9

From Right to Left: "The A stands for awesome!" 8th Grader Alex Wiederock's shirt says it all. Mrs. Uluer, Ms. Smith and General Daniel pause to smile with 10th grader JC Hamilton as he receives his award. To the far left, 8th grader D'Michael Thomas holds up evidence of his academic prowess.



All the World's a Stage

The Drama Class

Drama Class: A place where students can let go of their inhibitions, take on new roles, and entertain. The students learn about dancing, acting, directing, costume making, and even some improvisation. The high schoolers in this class are usually not experienced, but they make up for that with their enthusiasm. As they learn about different stage directions, they are getting an insight into many aspects of a theater, making plays even more exciting. The many original plays they have performed show the many different talents for the future film makers, and actors. Senior Greg Er reflects on his experiences in the class, "First period drama is the best way to start out my day since it is impossible to sleep, you have to be active. It is also really fun and helps boost my confidence."

By: Lizzie Nieves and Clara Hamiton



Seniors Berat Kivanc and Greg Er channel their inner feminine energy during a rehearsal for a scene from 'The Ransom of Emily Jane.' It was one of the first performances the class did together.



Junior Azamat Suyubayev tackles a fictitious band of thugs with the grace of dance during a lesson in choreography. The group worked hard on choreographing their piece and pulled it off with amazing talent as they performed for the class and administration.



Juniors Martin Mezei and Lizzie Nieves work with the 4th grade class during an elementary/high school collaboration about different world civilizations. The high school drama students choreographed a dance for the elementary kids to take part in and perform on stage.



Freshman Laura de Pablo models her Japanese style costume made entirely out of trash bags and duct tape. Creativity and problem-solving techniques shined through during the creation of this costume.

ACHIEVEMENTS

Throughout the year, the students at Ankara EHS work hard to go above and beyond what is expected of them. Listed here are the academic and extracurricular awards and achievements of our student body

DoDDS Shoe Transformation Contest:

JC Hamilton (Finalist, Top 15)

Annual Elementary Stamp Design Contest:

Finalists from K-3rd Grade:

Alex Sledge,

Kaylee Carson, Ami Paulson

Hannah Gildea, Erin Buckley

Tursinoy Salahiddinova

4th Grade:

1st Place: Sahar Rabbani

2nd Place: Barbara Kargul

Fifth Grade:

Dayana Shaharuddin - 1st place

Hillary Raiser - 2nd place

Straight A Cafe:

5th Grade Sarah Buckley, Anna Carson, Shashikant Dangi, Katherine Klingaman, Hillary Raiser, Dayana Shaharuddin, Sapphira Thompson, Angelina Wiederock, Tate Wroblewski

6th Grade Melissa Gillis, Ryan Keller, Avi Mohan, Oguldursun Meredova, Harkiat Verma, Ishita Zutshi 7th Grade Sumat Dangi, Mira Wroblewski 8th Grade D'Michael Thompson, Alexandra Wiederock 9th Grade Nora Cahill, Laura DePablo Cabrera 10th Grade JC Hamilton, Dawon Kim, Vikrant Zutshi 11th Grade Dakota Saunders 12th Grade Mandy Chandra

Mathcounts:

Regional Champions and 8th Place in DoDDs Mira Wroblewski, D'Michael Thompson, Alexandra Wiederock, Justin Keller, Song Wook-Uhm,

Academic Bowl:

8th Place in DoDDs Mandy Chandra, Nora Cahill, Alex Bilger

All Tournament Athletic Teams:

Karey Daniel [Volleyball], Ekaterina Torlak [Cheerleading]



Second grader Hannah Gildea receives her certificate from the USPS for her work in the stamp contest.



Junior JC Hamilton created this shoe for the DoDDs Shoe Contest. He was one of 15 finalists from all of DoDDs to be recognized for his efforts.



Sometimes it's not the big trophies or certificates which bring
back the memories.

It's the little stuff.

It's the laugh you share on that late-night trip.

It's the bond of winning and losing together.

So when you're winning the game, don't forget who you're
playing for.

PLAY THE

ANKARA TROJANS

DREAM

SERVING IT UP!



Coach Gildea brings in the team for a brief discussion of strategy and a much-needed pep talk. Throughout the season, Coach Gildea fulfilled the role of a motivator and teacher.

Captain Karey Daniel, a sophomore, lines up to spike a ball over the net. Daniel made the DoDDs-Europe All Tournament Team in Germany for the second year in a row.

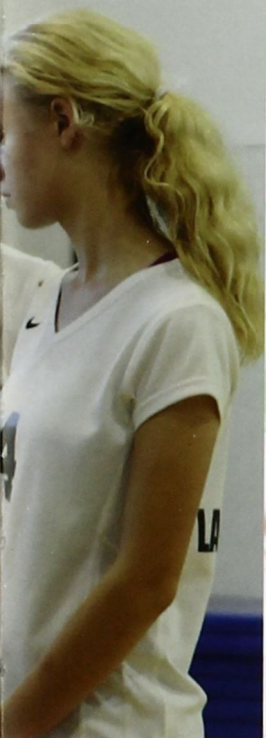


Freshmen Nora Cahill and Samantha Root practice diving on the floor before a game. The Ankara Trojans practiced any and all method to control the ball so that they could earn as many points as possible during games.



Freshman Anneleise Bring gets ready to pass the volleyball during one of the home games. It is very difficult to have good passes in a game, so the team practiced as much as they could.

LADY TROJANS VOLLEYBALL



Girls volleyball kicked off the season with a host of new players. Throughout the season, they improved exponentially; their experiences culminated in a trip to Germany to compete in the 2012 DoDDs-Europe Championships. Since the only returning players from last year were captains Clara Hamilton (Grade 12) and Karey Daniel (Grade 10) as well as sophomore Aliz Soos, they devoted many hours towards teaching the team how to pass, set, and spike. By the end of the season, it was clear to Coach Cheri Gildea that the team had come a long way from that first day of practice. "The progress made by all athletes was unprecedented. I am so very proud of the girls as players and people. They are the types of girls we want to represent our school."

The team went from strength to strength and became closer as the season progressed. Anneleise Bring, a freshman, was thrilled by the experience. "We have become a dysfunctional family, and playing volleyball was really fun!" The girls got past the first round of pool play and went on to battle Sigonella High School (Italy) in the elimination round. Although they lost, they won fifth place in the overall tournament. For thesecond year in a row,

Karey Daniel became a member of the All Tournament Team, an award presented to just eight out of one hundred players. We congratulate the Lady Trojans on their progress during an action-packed season.

By: Clara Hamilton

Statistics

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Top Row: Anneleise Bring, Lizzie Nieves, Nani Kumahlo, Coach Gildea, Clara Hamilton, Karey Daniel, and Hazel Ozturkoglu;
Bottom Row: Abby Hansen, Nora Cahil, Samantha Root, and Aliz Soos.



CAN YOU DIG IT?

ankara BOYS VOLLEYBALL



Front Row: Azamat Suyubayev, Gregory Er, Barnabas Soos. Back Row: Daniel McCrory, Henry Glover, Trey Daniel, Berat Kivanc, Davin Baxter, and Coach Holly Vance



Senior Berat Kivanc blocks an attack from the opposing team. Blocking was one of the stronger parts of the Trojans' game.



Senior and Captain Henry Glover expertly returns a pass. Plays like this allowed the Ankara boys team to prevent many score attempts from the other team.



Sophomore Barnabas Soos serves the ball to Incirlik during the ASA tournament. Soos' serves were consistently in bounds and won the team several points.



At the beginning of the season, the boys volleyball team didn't have any experience playing competitive volleyball. Through hard work, dedication, and a variety of spiking, bumping and setting drills, the Trojans worked their way up to 3rd place at the Ankara Sports Association Tournament. After this, they headed to the DoDDs-Europe Boys' Volleyball Championships at Aviano Air Base in Italy. The team suffered some tough losses in close games against Naples and Vicenza high schools. The six seniors on the team were anxious to get a win in their final season of volleyball. "We decided we didn't want to lose anymore -after losing the first set, we decided it was time to step it up." said team captain Trey Daniel. They finally

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2 VICENZA-ANK 0
1 AVIANO-ANK 2

came together to beat Aviano in an unforgettable comeback victory. Junior Azamat Suyubayev also contributed to the win coming off the bench to get all his serves over, even when all the pressure was on. Senior Greg Er did not disappoint either, and was able to bump back the difficult serves of the opposing teams. By the of the season, the Trojans had proven that they could perform at crunch time.

By: Daniel McCrory

Senior Davin Baxter spikes the ball to the opposing team. This was Davin's first year playing volleyball, "It feels very empowering being able to spike the ball in a kid's face," he said with serious look.

DREAMING OF

Ankara

Ready. Set. Go! The 2012 cross country season began with a bang as ten new runners geared up for the three-- mile challenge ahead of them. With reigning division three champion Niko Root leading the group, the Trojans were unstoppable. Even when the Ankara HS cross country team was deemed 'too small', the girls decided to work towards individual qualification - with the very competitive time of twenty-one minutes. Meanwhile, the boys tried to achieve the eighteen-minute mark. Although they fell short by a small amount, they all surpassed their personal records. Difficulty, it is said, need not foreshadow defeat. In preparation for next year, junior Niko Root plans to train all summer. Coach Katie Napoli smiles in remembrance as she says, "I am so proud because they all worked extremely hard and put in lots of miles, and I hope that they continue to run despite the season being over."

Junior Niko Root runs the home course in the first race of the season. Root trained 6 days a week, sometimes twice a day. He placed first in every race he ran during the season.

7th grader Charles Bring runs a strong second mile during a home meet. Cross country and tennis are the only two DoDDs sports which allow the training of middle school students.



FINISH LINES

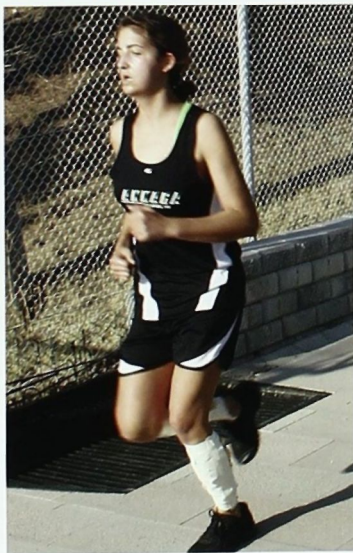
Cross Country



Back Row: Grace Babinski, Dakota Saunders, Niko Root, and Miles Owens; Front Row: Charles Bring, Emil Raiser, and Emma Rook; Not pictured: Gideon Hanson, Song Wook Uhn, Laura de Pablo, Sharif Sharifruden, Kalise Owens and Coach Napoli



8th grader Emma Rook runs in her first cross-country race against runners from local area schools and Incirlik Unit School. "It was challenging at first, but got easier," says Rook.



11th grader Dakota Saunders tries to make it in time as she sprints for the finish. Cross country is largely an endurance sport, and it requires a great deal of stamina.

Personal Records

NIKO ROOT - 18:44 PR/CR
MILES OWENS - 26:59
GRACE BABINSKI - 27:48
DAKOTASAUNDERS - 27:05
CHARLES BRING - 22:56
GIDEON HANSON - 24:55
EMIL RAISER - 27:31

GAME, SET, MATCH

ANKARA HIGH SCHOOL TENNIS



Front Row: Aygerim Temirbek, Marton Mezei, Jaela Bills, Shivam Sengar, Diane Kim; Back Row: Captains Gonzalo Marin Gomez, Deniz Alibazoglu, Alex Bilger, Oleksiy Shteiluk, JC Hamilton, and Coach Oscar Baldemor



Sophomore Gonzalo Marin Gomez waits patiently for his turn and stops to catch a breath. When not on the field, the players gave each other tips on strategy. "Even if tennis is an individual sport, our team always stayed united and helped each other when help was needed," says senior Aygerim Temirbek.



Coach Oscar Baldemor shares a few tips with sophomores Diane Kim and Jaela Bills. Although it is Diane's second year on the team, it is Jaela's first; they both learned a great deal over the course of a few weeks.



Junior Alex Bilger concentrates on his opponent's weak points as he furiously works out a strategy. The team quickly learned that a crucial part of tennis was good timing and effective placement on the court.



Yesil Beyaz, Yesil Beyaz, En Buyuk Ankara, Sampiyon Ankara! The tennis team at Ankara High School this year was full of team spirit. Coach Oscar Baldemor supervised players such as Diane Kim, Aygerim Temirbek-kyzy, and Marton Mezei as they progressed from handling easy serves to delivering powerful smashes. Doubles and singles challenged each player to show their strengths. On October 23, 2012 the team played Incirlik with outstanding results. The team had lots of fun behind the scenes; practice sessions included little competitions between the players such as King of the Hill, which helped them improve their hand positions. Co-captains Junior Deniz Alibazoglu and sophomore Gonzalo Marin Gomez kept the team united, and cheered everyone on before and during the real matches with the opponents. Ankara Trojans had a great Tennis season with many returning players as well as new players that might have a chance to go to Europeans next year.

By: Shahida Karimova

Statistics

Ank vs. Inc

Alibazoglu vs. Ramirez 6-0,
6-1 W

Temirbek vs. Gogce 1-6,
1-6 L

Kim, Bills vs. Joswick, Kaw-uh
3-6, 4-6 L

Marin, Hamilton vs.
Ramirez, Ruiz 6-3, 6-2 W

Junior Deniz Alibazoglu prepares to serve in his game against an opponent from Incirlik. Deniz, as captain of the team, led the Trojans captain through many matches against rivals in both Germany and Ankara.

K I N G S O F



Back Row: Davin Baxter, Gonzalo Marin Gomez, Daniel McCrory, John Do, Vikrant Zutshi
Front Row: Coach Holly Vance, Henry Glover, Trey Daniel, Marton Mezei, Barnabas Soos, Mikheil Khakhutashvili
Not Pictured: Berat Kivanc

Left: Senior Berat Kivanc fights off an Incirlik Hodja diligently. Right: Senior Daniel McCrory skillfully dribbles past a couple of Incirlik players as he heads for the basket. Bottom Right: Junior Marton Mezei blocks a member of the Incirlik team from passing the ball. Bottom Left: Senior Daniel McCrory fights off a couple of Hodjas as he shoots to score.



"It was great to see their hard work pay off when we needed it to."



-Coach Holly Vance
 54 SPORTS

THE COURT



Throughout the season the boys basketball team worked dilligently to improve and achieve success. They were led by captains Daniel McCrory and Gonzalo Marin Gomez. They came up with many plays throughout the season and learned so much about the game and each other. The boys truly were the kings of the court here in Ankara, and they fought valiantly in Germany. Coach Holly Vance was very proud of their improvement over the course of the season. "While you may think all boys know the game of basketball, they actually don't." The Trojans worked hard learning and executing the sport and they should be proud of all their hard work and dedication!

By:Lizzie Nieves and Clara Hamilton

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EAT. SLEEP. CHEER



Above: Back Row - Lizzie Nieves, Niko Root, Azamat Suyubayev, Greg Er, Anneleise Bring. Front Row - Grace Babinski, Ekaterina Torlak, Laura DePablo, Gaby Sigurdsson, Sibel Akyurek, Aliz Soos. **Left:** Senior Ekaterina Torlak poses high above the ground in a stunt called the "Liberty" with a difficult leg stretch. Look at her go! **Bottom:** Sophomore Aliz Soos shows off her impressive toe-touch. **Below:** Captain Gaby Sigurdsson leads the team in a half-time performance at a pep rally. Go Trojans!



REPEAT.

The Dream Team

Throughout the season, the Ankara Cheer Team soothed their aching muscles and torn ligaments to learn a fantastic routine, which they later performed in Wiesbaden, Germany. But this was just the result. The cheer team was the pride of the school at the Championships, falling short of 3rd place by a few points. Coach Margret Carder loved the dedication on her team. "Overall, it was wonderful working with a team that worked so hard and never gave up." With only a few returning cheerleaders (Niko Root, Sibel Akyurek, Gaby Sigurdsson, and Aliz Soos), Captain Gaby Sigurdsson crafted the dream team. Senior Sibel Akurek said that the cheer season was "frustrating at times, but I think we did a really good job." This year the Trojans had some help from Gaby's mom Karen DeSpain. Showing up at every practice and being an amazing chaperone, she is more than the team could have asked for. Thank you Karen! Through tough losses and amazing victories alike on the part of the boys and girls basketball teams, the cheerleaders kept the morale up, the crowd excited, and the team pumped. It was definatley a season to remember.

By: Lizzie Nieves and Clara Hamilton

Left: Laura DePablo stands triumphantly and fearlessly as senior Greg Er and Junior Azamat Suyubayev lift her up with ease. Wow! Azamat reflects on the cheer season saying "It was a new and unique experience. I will remember all the fun times I had with this team."

"We practice two hours a day, 5-6 days a week, four weeks a month during the winter season, all for 2.5 minutes of routine . . . is it worth it? DEFINITELY!"

- GRACE BABINSKI GRADE 11

TAKE IT TO



ABOVE: Coaches Leigh Carignan and Ron Parham; Back row: Aygerim Temirbek-Kyzy, Irmak Ecevit Jaela Bills, Nani Khumalo, Simran Verma, Diane Kim, Abby Hansen, Samantha Root, Nora Cahill; Front Row: Clara Hamilton, Shahida Karimova, Karey Daniel. RIGHT: Senior Shahida Karimova dribbles the ball down the court to set up the offense. Point guards have the crucial job of putting their team in a good position to score baskets.



Sophomore Nani Khumalo attempts a jump shot from beyond the arc to get her team in the game. It was talent like Khumalo's which ensured that Ankara ES/HS defeated Oasis during the ASA tournament.




Sophomore Jaela Bills dribbles carefully as she fends off a few opposing players behind her. Concentration and control over the ball are both very important while playing basketball.



Senior Irmak Ecevit looks for an opening to pass as the team attempts to break Incirlik's full court press. The team had to work very hard to break the press to put up points on their opponents.

THE HOOP



At the beginning of the season, the girls basketball team had the advantage of many returning players. The experienced players were able to guide the new players of the team, most of whom were new to basketball as well. Coaches Parham and Carignan taught them valuable foundational skills which they improved upon over the course of the year. Although they suffered some tough losses against Incirlik, they were able to make up for it with wins against Oasis and PEISG. At the European Championships in Wiesbaden, Germany, the team did its best during all the games. Although they ended the trip with no wins they showed heart and never gave up - in the spirit of true sportsmanship. At the end of the season, many of the players were awarded with either the Scholar Athlete award or Academic All-Conference award. To get these the players had to get at least a 3.0 or above, showing that they were able to balance their busy athletic schedule along with their academics. We applaud their dedication to the game.

By: Daniel McCrory

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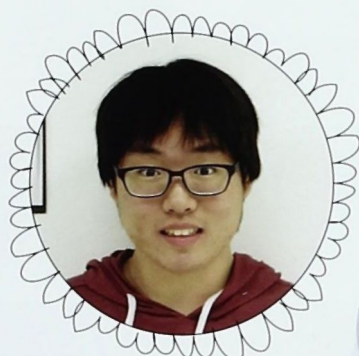
YOUR FAVORITE



CIHAN SENOL

Grade 8

Favorite Sport: Soccer
Favorite Athlete: Mesut Özil



JEYEON KIM

GRADE 10

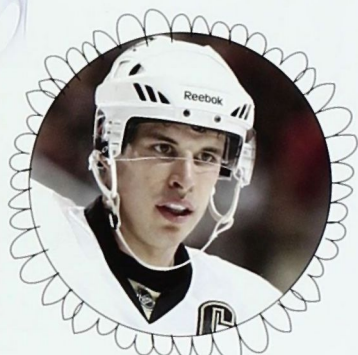
Favorite Sport: Basketball
Favorite Athlete: Michael Jordan



JARED GALLANT

GRADE 8

Favorite Sport: Hockey
Favorite Athlete: Sidney Crosby



BARBARA KARGUL

Grade 4

Favorite sport: Tennis
Favorite athlete:
Agnieszka Radwanska



ATHLETE?

ABBYGAIL ZANONI
GRADE 3

Favorite sport: American Football
Favorite athlete: The whole Chargers team



DYLAN NIEVES
GRADE 7

Favorite Sport: Football
Favorite Athlete: Allen Dwayne



HABIBA MIRZAEVA
GRADE 6

Favorite Sport: Tennis
Favorite Athlete: Maria Sharapova



VIVEK SHARMA
GRADE 4

Favorite Sport: Cricket
Favorite Athlete: Sachin Tendulkar



KICKING IT U

Girls Football



The Girls Soccer team gives us a triumphant smile. Top Row: Coach Tim Redden, Hazel Ozturkoglu, Dakota Saunders, Anneliese Bring, Nora Cahill; Bottom Row: Nani Kumahlo, Diane Kim, Laura De Pablo, Clara Hamilton, Grace Babinski. LEFT: Juniors Dakota Saunders and Grace Babinski prepare to pass to one another during a game against Oasis. The Lady Trojans knew the value of team work.



Junior Grace Babinski dribbles the ball up the field with sophomore Jaela Bills covering her. The lady trojans practiced many ball-handling drills to improve their offense.



Sprinting up the field, junior Dakota Saunders drives past the defender towards the goal. The team had a strong set of forwards.



The team warms up before a game. During these sessions, they prepared for the upcoming game, physically and mentally.

UP A NOTCH



Go Lady Trojans! The girls started off the season strong with the mindset of putting in hard work and a whole lot of effort - and they certainly did. Due to injuries, the Lady Trojans were down to just nine players. But the girls didn't quit; they continued to play competitively against teams with all eleven players, whether or not the opposing team tried to create an equal playing field. While playing against OASIS, they managed to keep it at a tie for two games, even though OASIS came in full force. It

took a lot of dedication to defend the field while they were outnumbered, but they persevered valiantly. At the Ankara Sports Association tournament, a few of the girls walked away with All Tournament awards. Although they could not attend the championships in Germany due to a shortage of numbers, they thoroughly enjoyed the season. The Lady Trojans had a great time and developed many friendships during practice and during games. *By: Daniel McCrory*

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KICKING OFF

High School Football



Top Row: Mikheil Khakhutashvili, Berat Kivanc, Gonzalo Marin Gomez, Nicolas Andrada, Ata Kazaz, Niko Root, Martin Mezei, Davin Baxter, Coach Leigh Carignan Bottom Row: Mohammad Adaileh, Turan Kerimbay, Greg Er, Azamat Suyubayev, Henry Glover, Alex Song, Aziz Azizov, Barnabas Soos



Junior Azamat Suyubayev skillfully dribbles past the opposing team's defender. The players spent hours in practice perfecting their dribbling skills.

The Ankara Trojans come out the tunnel to warm up for their upcoming game. They are lead by Team Captain Ata Kazaz and Co-Captain Gonzalo Marin-Gomez.

Sophomore Barnabas Soos dribbles the ball away from the opponents and into Trojan territory. It was vital that the Trojans hustle on every play to allow for multiple opportunities to score.

THE SEASON



Everyone was ready when soccer, the most anticipated sport of the year, came around. After a couple weeks of practice the Trojans headed down to Incirlik for their first game. They lost the first day but then came together to win the second day 2-0. Some players, Berat Kivanc and Niko Root, suffered from some knee injuries, but the battered Trojans had not yet reached their peak. Next, it was time for the Ankara Sports Association tournament. Teams came from all over Turkey including a team from Istanbul. The Trojans fought hard and worked their way into the championship game where they would play International Gateway Academy. It was a close game up to the end where IGA managed a win in the shoot out. Their second place finish in the tournament motivated them to work even harder for the European championships in Ramstein, Germany. At the time of publishing, the Ankara Trojans were battling various teams from DoDDS at the championships. The team gained a player, senior Clara Hamilton, who made the co-ed team after the girl's soccer team decided to forego attending the championships due to lack of numbers. *By: Daniel McCrory*

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Living

While Ankara EHS does provide quite a few sports for the students, many students have interests outside of what is offered. They look outside of our school community for opportunities to grow athletically. Junior Alex Bilger fences as an extra-curricular activity. "I love fencing because it is very similar to other combat sports- it requires a lot of finesse," he states. Some of the sports students do are team based- like the AYSL soccer league that meets every Saturday at the Balgat base. The ages range from elementary to middle school and the teams are made up of students from all over the city. A few students, like junior Deniz Alibazoglu, use extra-curricular sports to fuel their passion and keep up their skills for the school-sponsored season. Alibazoglu says he practices tennis 4 days a week, which involves a lot of running and conditioning to prepare him for difficult matches. A group of cheerleaders met after school at a local gymnastics gym to gain new skills in tumbling. "Gymnastics requires a lot of hard work and pain; however, I love my coaches and partners," says Junior Gabby Sigurdsson of the training sessions. No matter what the sport, it's obvious these students have a lot of drive and dedication to constantly challenge themselves to become the best at what they do.



Junior Miles Owens takes a moment to pose with his lacrosse stick. Owens was part of a community lacrosse team. Lacrosse is a true American sport that has spread throughout Europe and now, Turkey. Owens was joined by Davin Baxter and Wenjie Zheng on the team as well. Baxter says, "I appreciate being able to share an aspect of my culture with other kids."

i t U p !

Non-School Sponsored Sports at Ankara ES/HS



Students and teachers from our school train with Ayhan Turzcu in Tae Kwan Do every Wednesday. Included here are Sang Wook Uhm, Peter Do, Emma Rook, Katherine Rook, and teacher, Angie Giambancio.



6th grader Melissa Gillis practices during ballet rehearsal. Gillis has been dancing for 9 years and says that she does it because it's fun. When asked if she wants to be a professional dancer, she says, "No, it's for fun." Her favorite performance that she was a part of was Swan Lake.

SETH

Middle School Volleyball

Middle school involvement in sports increased this year as Coach Keller had both a basketball and volleyball club after school. The purpose was to get the middle school active during school and give them a little fun while honing some of the essential sports skills they would need later on to participate in competitive sports. The kids had a blast while perfecting their technique and posture and learning the rules of the game. MS sports this year also allowed them a way to let off some steam after the stresses of a full schedule. Coach Keller dedicated her time and energy to teaching kids the importance of sports in their everyday lives and encouraging them to value warm-up exercises to stay healthy.



ABOVE: 5th grader Saphira Thompson passes to 8th grader D'Michael Thompson during a session of MS Volleyball. Below: Coach Keller and the rest of the MS Volleyball club in action during play. The one-on-one matches were never as fun as the team matches!



E S P I K E

and Basketball



Coach Keller demonstrates the correct form and technique for bumping the ball as the students watch carefully. She was able to teach the middle school the essential skills required for volleyball over the course of a few weeks.



The players scrimmage one another and put their newly-formed skills to the test. One of the goals of the club was to introduce new players to the sport who may want to play for the high school in upcoming years.

The team began every practice with group stretching a warming up led by Coach Dianne Keller. This was also a good time to go over the skills of the day and talk as a team.

7th grader Emil Raiser practices his blocking skills up at the net. The club worked on aspects of the volleyball game and improved the skills of each participant.



DOWN THE LINE



Mr. Baldemor's talented tennis club consisted of Oleksandra Shteliuk, Shohi Niyazova, Aditiy Nagarajan, Rahul Sengar, Emma Rook, Radek Kargul, Shahzod Niyazov, and Avi Mohan.

Serve it up! The middle school tennis club began during the last quarter of school in order to train the next batch of tennis stars at Ankara MS/HS. The middle schoolers worked with Mr. Baldemor to hone their skills during the last nine weeks. The students practiced running up and down the court for practice and developed their forehand and backhand capabilities. The high school tennis team attends the European championships in Germany under Mr. Baldemor's watchful eye, so the middle school team was able to benefit from Baldemor's experience and patience. Would they consider the prospect of joining the high school team and continuing their journey with tennis? "Mr. Baldemor helped me improve my tennis skills" said middle school club member Radek Kargul.



8th graders Emma Rook gets in position as they see the ball approaching from the other side of the court. The students had to learn to be active on every part of the court in order to succeed.



7th grader Charles Bring practices his serves as Mr. Baldemor advises him on the side. Since there were only a few members on the club, Mr. Baldemor was able to give each one of them individual attention.

WE'VE GOT SPIRIT



Ready? OK! The middle school had a blast during the cheer club, in which Mrs. Carder and Junior Lizzie Nieves helped coach some of the would-be cheerleaders. There was an overwhelming response; the middle school came out in droves to attend. Cheerleading was a great way for the students to release all that pent-up energy after school, and it helped them get active during the warmer months of the year. It wasn't all fun and games with Coach Carder, though; they learned a great deal about formations, routines, and proper posture as well as sychronization and rhythm. We congratulate them on their enthusiasm for learning!



Oleksandra Shteliuk and Maria Fernandez Delicado try and memorize an important cheer formation. The Cheer club was established by Mrs. Carder and Junior Lizzie Nieves for any middle schoolers interested in the possibility of joining cheerleading later on.



Junior Lizzie Nieves assists 8th grader Emma Rook with proper arm placement for their routine. The middle school students learned to keep their muscles taut and practiced moving in sync.



The club tries out its very first routine. Although the initial few weeks were very difficult, the students managed to improve a great deal by the end of the club. Good job, kids!

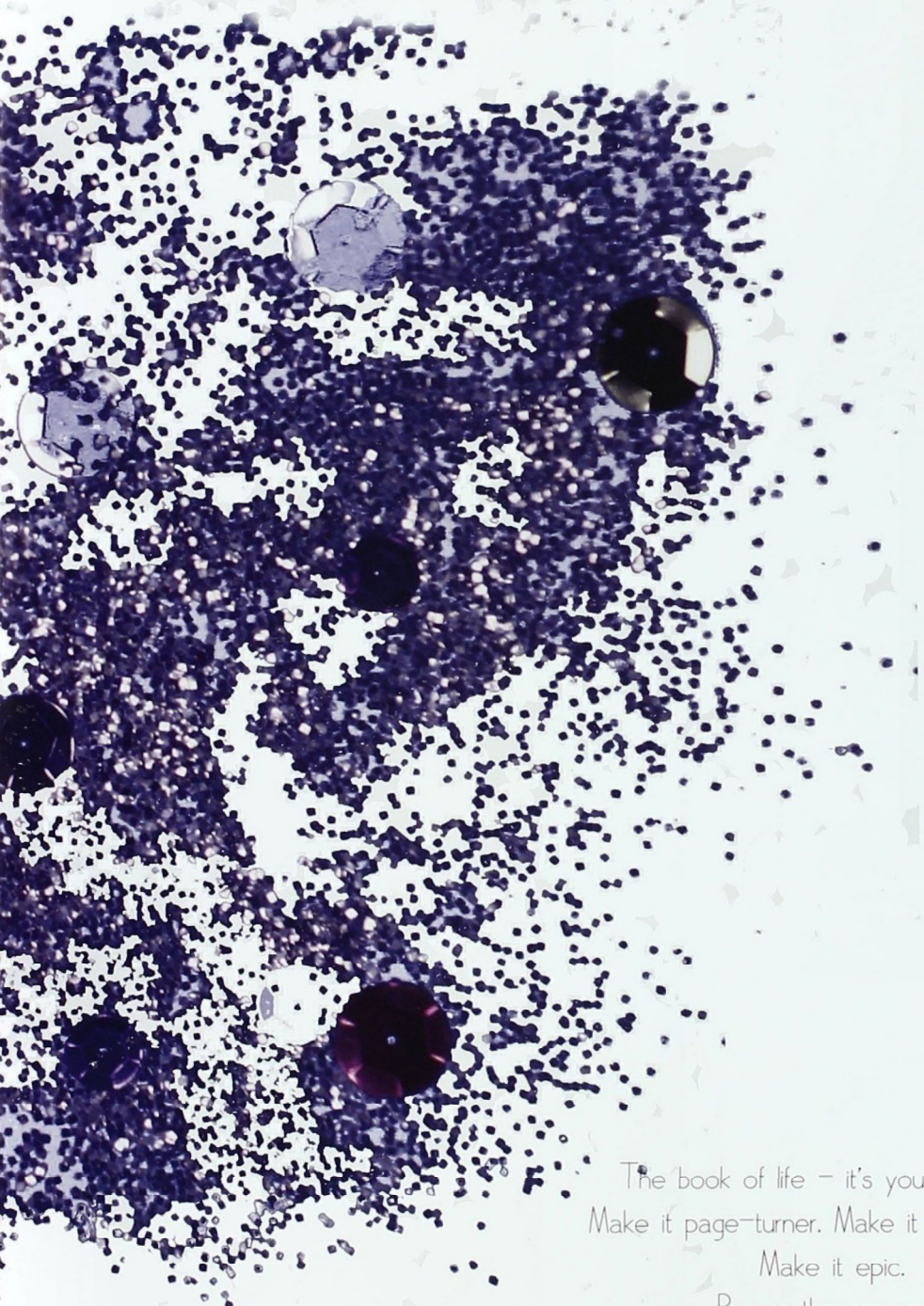


PURSUE THE



STUDENT LIFE

STUDENT LIFE



The book of life - it's yours to write.
Make it page-turner. Make it a best-seller.
Make it epic.
Pursue the moment.

DREAM



UNDEFEATABLE. THE

UNFORGOTTEN GREEN



Fourth grader Daisy Kim helps out teammate and classmate Sahar Rabbani as she steps through the hoop during another relay race. The Student Council ensured full participation during the pep rallies, and activities were laid out not for entire sections of the student body rather than a select few representatives. The elementary school was in full force this year at pep rallies. Mr. Generelli sits with the elementary school and shows us some school pride.



The teacher cheerleaders - Ms. Ahearn-Er, Ms. Napoli, Mrs. Carder, Mr. DeBacker, Mrs. Sexton, and Mr. Carignan - show us what they've got on the sidelines. On the day of the pep rally, they made a pom-pom bridge for the student athletes.



First grader Eryk Kiselka carefully balances a balloon on his head during the static relay race. Whether it was an afternoon of fun or a week of school pride, our elementary schoolers always showed us the most spirit.



Senior Mikheil Khakutashvili laughs good-naturedly as freshman Nora Cahill reaches for the lipstick. During one of the pep rallies, the boys basketball team were helpless victims as the girls basketball team made them 'pretty' with fumbling fingers.

GETTABLE.

UNSTOPPABLE.

N D R E A M



What with all the painted faces, signs, confetti, and enthusiastic kids, the pep rallies this year were always a blast. Student Council worked very hard with Mrs. Alicia Sexton to put together a great show. Student Council presidents Greg Er and Sibel Akyurek did a great deal of coordinating for the activities and events. Student participation was extensive and apparent this year as the activities involved more than just a handful of kids; in one pep rally, all the students in the 6th, 7th and 8th grades were seen on the gym floor! Bicycles, balloons, relay races, and streamers were commonplace at the pep rallies this year, and it was extra-special when the cheerleaders decided to show us their routine. Beyond the pep rallies, though, Trojan pride was evident throughout the year. Ending with the much loved pajama day, Sprit Week was a demonstration of how much the students really enjoyed being Trojans. Elementary school - and kindergarten in particular - participated enthusiastically in the celebration of school pride. Student Council president Greg Er says, "The spirit I have experienced in Ankara ES/HS was tremendous. I hope it continues." We hope so too, Greg!

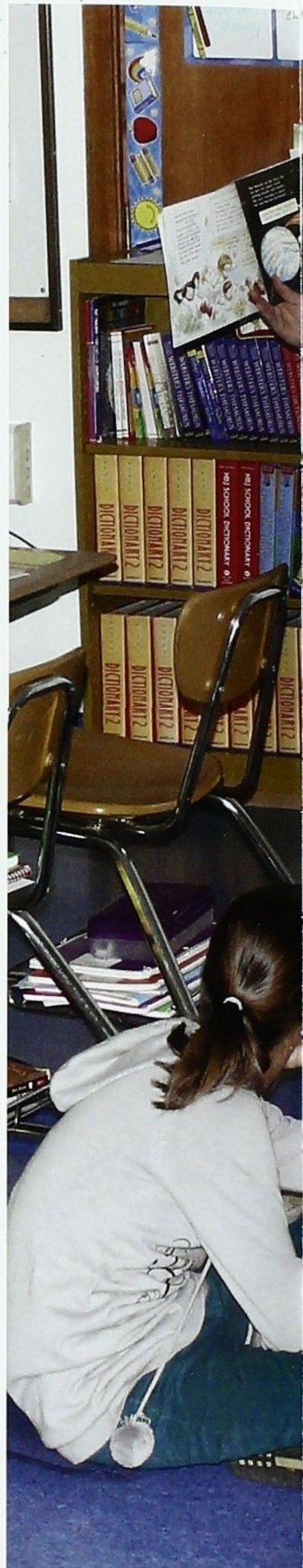
By: Mandy Chandra and John Do



STORIES BEYOND YOUR



First grade teacher Beth Favor reads to a group of students. The kids really enjoyed listening to stories from all around the world, and the teachers put on their best read-aloud voices to give students a great experience. RIGHT: Fifth grade teacher Aimee Guignon reads to a smaller group of kids. The cooperation of teachers and the PTSO was the reason this event went off so smoothly.



BOOKS WE READ

THE LOCOMOTIVE by Julian Tjawn
PAPER DOLLS by Julia Donaldson
THE CAT IN THE HAT by Dr. Seuss
PENNSYLVANIA DUTCH: THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS
by Chet Williamson
THE TWITS by Roald Dahl
LITTLE BLUE AND LITTLE YELLOW by Leo Leonni
THE SEVEN DOG BROTHERS by Mauri Kannas
THE LITTLE PRINCE by Antoine de Saint-Exupery
THE MAGIC SCHOOLBUS: LOST IN THE SOLAR SYSTEM by
Bruce Degen and Joanna Cole
THE THREE QUESTIONS by Jon J. Muth



STUDENT LIFE

OUR WILDEST DREAMS



Teacher Oscar Baldemor entertains some of the older students with African-American folk stories. The hallways of Ankara ES/HS echoed with cultural tales and stories that day.

The best way to live the dream? Through a good story, of course! On January 17, 2013, Ankara ES/HS celebrated books and learning with a night of reading. It began with a dinner provided for all the students who attended. Food was made and served by volunteer parents and high school students. After this, the main event took off. Students went from room to room to listen to their favorite books. Elementary school teachers took on the task of entertaining young children with lively storytelling while drawing them into the magical world of books. Ms. Ahearn-Ereven went to lengths of using props to bring the story alive right in front of the students' eyes. Throughout the halls there could be seen groups large and small gathered to hear the tales of some distant land. The point of this whole night was to enrich students with books so that hopefully, in the future, they would be motivated to read by themselves. As the students went to bed that night, they kept in mind all those tales of fairies and princesses and sailors. By: Daniel McCrory

What's for

Featurist Davin Baxter checks it out!

Lunch time - one of the best parts of the school day. From 11:38- 12:07, students have the option to purchase their lunch from the school's cafeteria or go off-campus to the BX or commissary. Students who get their lunch from the cafeteria are instructed to preorder in the morning so that the staff is informed of just how many people will be picking it up. The students can now choose from an excellent gourmet menu - and it's a great choice. Some kids choose to bring their lunch, and visit the BX or commissary once or twice a week. "If I go to the commissary, I always buy ramen noodles! As a special privilege, only middle and high schoolers are allowed to leave school grounds to go to the BX or the commissary. School lunches range from simple sandwiches to salads and soups. Most days people generally prefer to go to the commissary but because it is closed on Mondays, the BX still receives plenty of business during lunch. Bon appetit!



1st grader Eryk Kiselka stuffs his face with nuggets and taquitos. Chocolate chip cookies are always the preferred desert while eating at the cafeteria. RIGHT: The MS/HS students line up for lunch at the BX. ABOVE: Third graders Ciara Roe, Artem Genchev, Julia Small, Trinity Robertson, and fifth grader Brigham Ermatinger smile during lunch.



LUNCH?



Junior Martin Mezei smiles after wolfing down a slice of pizza. Like many other students, Mezei enjoys eating from the BX on Mondays when the commissary is closed.



The cashiers deal with at least 30 hungry teens everyday. It's a busy life! Probably the most popular choice for people eating at the BX is pizza, with or without a side a french fries.



Elementary students Dalila Sakanova, Aysha Durdyeva, and other third graders eat lunch in the cafeteria. The available food choices have changed to accomodate more healthy cuisine.



"I always buy lunch
on pizza and
hamburger day!"
-Ema Sosa, 3rd
Grade

ANKARA'S

Above: Sophomore Abby Hansen was the first student performance of the night. She sang "I Hope You Dance" originally performed by LeAnn Womack. Right: Principal Shelia Smith opens the talent show with an original rap about the school, surprising the crowd.



PTSO president Anne Squire makes the closing remarks after the talent show. The PTSO was the main sponsor of the night.

The hosts of the night, Tate Wroblewski and his mom Sanny Wroblewski, make a joke about the generation gap and elicit a laugh from the audience. They led the night with colorful introductions.

Juniors Deniz Alibazoglu and Grace Babinski sing a duet of Jason Mraz's 'I Won't Give Up.' Alibazoglu was accompanied by Babinski on the piano.

GOT TALENT!



With stars in their eyes and dreams in their hearts, the elementary through high school students have every talent imaginable. They can sing, dance, play instruments, and recite profound poetry. They have the courage to stand before an audience and show their talent to the world. This is precisely what happened when Ankara ES/HS had its second annual Night of the Arts Talent Show. From Robert Frost poetry to the Harlem shake to the innocence of a child's messy room, the talent show was a spectacular entertainer. Ms.

Smith began with a spunky tribute to the school, followed by Abby Hansen's rendition of 'I Hope You Dance.' With many duets and solos, the performers surprised the audience with their awesome talent! One 1st grader Qamar Kayem said "I liked singing on the stage. It took me three days to practice." The audience enjoyed Karey Daniel's tribute to Adele and – not one, but two – dances of party rock anthem and Gangnam style. Well done, Ankara ES/HS!
By: Clara Hamilton and Mandy Chandra

"It was amazing to see so much talent in the school!"

-ISABEL BURNS, GRADE 8



Kindergartener Lisa Powell proudly plays a song about cherry blossoms on a traditional Japanese instrument called a 'koto'. It is a difficult instrument to play, with multiple strings and tones. Well done, Lisa!

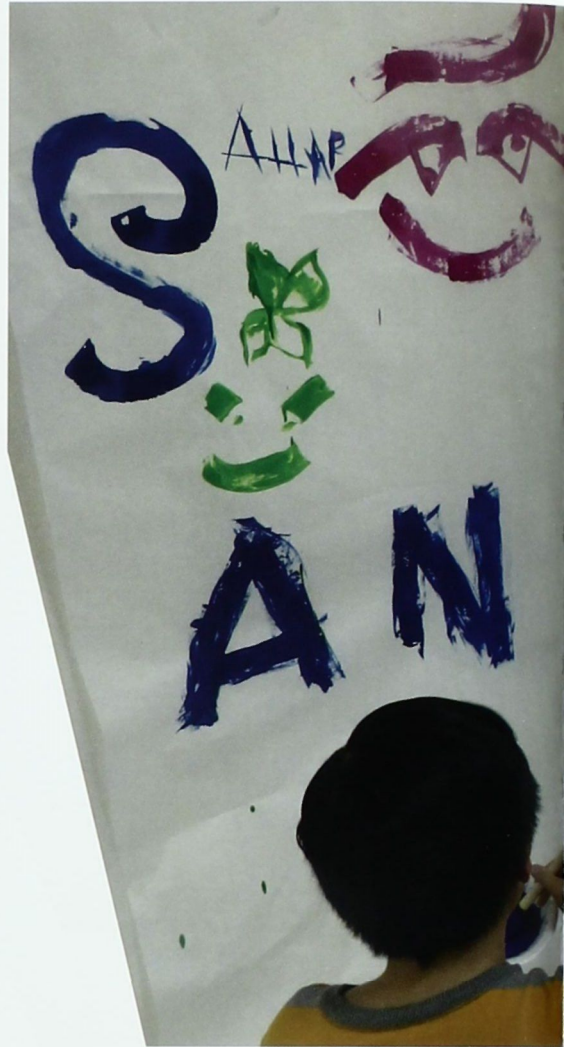


8th Graders Alex Weiderock and Isabel Burns sing 'Safe and Sound' by Taylor Swift, in a version that wowed the audience. The girls' use of harmony created a beautiful sound.

FROM IMAGINATION



One of the most popular games of the night was the Cake Walk. For the price of one ticket, a group of ten children walked in musical chairs-style for the chance to win an entire tray of baked goods. The competition, of course, was intense. Here, Junior Lizzie Nieves leads ten elementary students in a round which promised a particularly tasty tray of PTSO brownies!



The 4th grade class works hard on their painted table for the art auction. The table sold for — which went to the PTSO.



Eighth grader Emma Rook helps a child make spin art - a form of art in which paint is dropped onto a spinning wheel. It created some interesting keepsakes for the students.



The Grade 5 display consisted of these wire and paint sculptures in various action positions. The sculptures were based off of Alberto Giacometti's bronze sculptures.

ON TO REALITY

The Night of the Arts

For the second consecutive year, the entire student body of Ankara ES/HS was invited to enjoy the display of art and the art auction at the Night of the Arts. The evening started off with crafts and games designed to let artistic talent shine through. Children had their faces painted, participated in a cake walk, fished for prizes, and even drew on a wall. This part of the night was run by Mrs. Sexton and the rest of the Student Council. During the activities, the parents could go look at all the artwork that was made by Ms. Napoli's art classes throughout the year. Ms. Napoli and Mr. Baldemor displayed work from their art and language arts classes which ranged from sculptures to haikus. An art auction was held featuring pieces from the elementary and high school art classes as well as the digital photography class. The proceeds went to support the PTSO in all their activities helping the school throughout the year. Trinity Robertson said "Being at the Night of the arts was really fun. I got to play lots of games and see my friends." Everyone will remember A Night Of Arts long after they are gone as a night of creativity and imagination, where they could show off their artistic talent.

By: Lizzie Nieves and Clara Hamilton



The craft table was one of the most popular things to do at the night of the arts. Participants would make whatever they could imagine out of construction paper and glue.



PTSO volunteer Cecilia Wiederock sells tickets for the activities to the students and participating family members. They were used to play games and make crafts.



Eighth grader Alex Wiederock pays careful attention as she paints a Spiderman face on the cheek of the brother of a kindergartener.



A Night in The Middle



The middle school dance ends with a bang as the 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th graders dance to Psy's Gangnam Style and the party rock anthem. By an overwhelming majority, Psy was the artist of the night.



5th graders, Elizabeth Squire and Jackson Saunders dance on stage to One Direction's 'One Thing'.



The middle school girls groove to their favorite beats. One Direction and Taylor Swift songs were the preferred tunes at the dance.



Middle school students scramble for seats during a game of musical chairs, as their classmates cheer them on. The musical chairs game was one of the highlights of the dance.

Wonderland School Dance



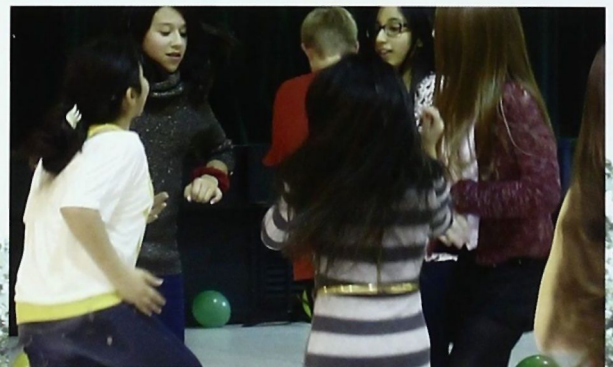
Ankara Middle School has one special, dance-filled night a year, sponsored by National Honor Society. On March 1, 2013, the middle school and 5th graders gathered in Linda Hayward's room for a movie and then a dance event until 7pm. The sound of their laughter could be heard down the hall as they watched *Alvin and the Chipmunks: Chipwrecked*. While their movie went on, NHS packaged 36 lunches with a hot dog, a packet of chips, and of course....dessert! Members of the NHS could be seen

blowing up balloons and messing with the sound system in the Hoja. At 5:15pm, the middle school filed into the Hoja and danced to everything from Lady Gaga to One Direction. After a competitive game of musical chairs, about an hour of playing with balloons, and a whole lot of party rocking, the night ended with a tribute to Psy's famous Gangnam Style. All in all, the dance was a huge success.

By: Clara Hamilton and Mandy Chandra

"It was really fun! There was a lot music and even musical chairs."

- MAGDA MATENKA, GRADE 7



Left: Junior Deniz Alibazoglu leads the delighted middle school with Soulja Boy's 'Superman.' They enjoyed learning a new dance. Above: 6th graders Ishita Zutshi and Jessica Quinceno enjoy the beat with their friends. The dance sponsored by NHS was the only dance that the middle school participated in for the school year.

A NIGHT TO High School Prom

Black and gold. The epitome of class and simple elegance. This was the theme chosen by the capable junior class for this year's high school prom. The junior class managed to organize one of the most entertaining nights of the school year, complete with mini-lasagna starters and chocolate mousse. The high school students were able to enjoy a sit-down banquet with their friends, as long as they had pre-booked their tables! The boys were dressed to the nines, and red seemed to be the color of the night for the girls; the tables were tastefully simple, laden with lit candles and flawlessly-

set cutlery. More people than ever before danced at the prom this year, partly because the music playlist was added to by the high school students themselves. Junior class sponsor Ms. Avenick was crucial for the juniors; she put in a lot of hard work organizing decorations and fundraising plans. A night of loud music, laughter, and excellent company ended with the crowning of prom court - king and queen were Trey Daniel and Kat Torlak; prince and princess were Grace Babinski and Deniz Alibazoglu.

By Lizzie Nieves and Mandy Chandra

"It was really nice to see everyone dressed up and letting loose after a hard week of AP tests."

- MAARYA RABBANI, GRADE 11



Freshmen Turan Kerimbay, Aziz Azizov, and Huseyn Azizov smile for the camera dressed in their best. The theme was 'Black and Gold' and the dress code was clearly black-tie.



Junior Dakota Saunders steals a glance during a dance session. As part of the junior class, she was a dominant voice in the fundraising efforts and organization plans.



Freshman Hazel Ozturkoglu has a blast on the dance floor as senior Trey Daniel looks on. The juniors worked hard to ensure that everyone had a great time.

REMEMBER



Prom court 2013 cuts the cake. Prom King and Queen were Trey Daniel and Kat Torlak, while Prom Prince and Princess were the ultra-cute couple Deniz Alibazoglu and Grace Babinski. The pairs were voted on by their fellow student body.



Freshman Simran Verma and Freshman Yelyzaveta Zolotarova smile together at their table. The tables were set formally for ten and everyone enjoyed both the food and the company. 'Twas a good night!



Junior Azamat Suyubayev and Sophomore Nani Khumalo take a break from their intense dance off to pose for the camera. Watch out for these kids - they got all the moves!



Freshmen Turan Kerimbay and Samantha Root slow dance to one of the more soothing numbers at prom. The loud dance music was as popular as the couples' slow dance this year at prom.

OH, THE PLACES YOU'LL GO!

"I do not like green eggs and ham!" echoed through the elementary hallways. For "Read Across America Week", the elementary students enjoyed a week of dressing up and reading stories to celebrate Dr. Seuss's birthday. Each day of the week the students honored a different Dr. Seuss classic by dressing up and reading the corresponding story. For *The 500 Hats of Bartholomew Cubbins*, kids wore goofy hats all day. If *I Ran the Zoo* was read with the students wearing clothes with pictures of animals or animal prints. For the final day of our Dr. Seuss and Read Across America Week, students dressed in green, ate green eggs and ham, watched a Dr. Seuss movie in the Hoca. It was a fun filled week and everyone enjoyed reading Dr. Seuss' books, but more importantly, learning the importance of his messages.

By Lizzie Nieves

Dr. Seuss Week



Kindergartener Zhanell Yessengeldi proudly draws truffula trees in art class to celebrate the Lorax during Dr. Seuss Week. The elementary school did many activities like this to celebrate the many books Dr. Seuss wrote.



Ms. Guignon's fifth grade class enjoys listening to a Dr. Seuss book while lounging in their pajamas for the themed Dr. Seuss day. Every day was a different What a great way to spend a Thursday!

Second grader, Julia Small reads Dr. Seuss's *Sleep Book* to her fellow classmates. The week celebrated reading and literacy through Dr. Seuss's works of literature and rhyme.



SPOTLIGHT: THE VOICE OF KAHS



"Gooooood morning, this is the voice of KAHS, the voice of Ankara School in Ankara, Turkey!" This is how we are greeted every morning through the loud speaker. Tate Wroblewski, a fifth grader, brings us the weather, the word of the day, birthdays, and school announcements with enthusiasm, rain or shine. Wroblewski darts straight to Mr. Douglas' office where he reads the script written by Douglas which is simultaneously recorded. Everyone recognizes the voice as that of KAHS, but few realize it's really Wroblewski. "Many people don't actually know it's me. A lot of people just figured it out and were surprised!" comments Wroblewski. His signature good morning greeting was inspired by the movie *Good Morning, Vietnam* featuring Robin Williams. "My parents gave me the idea to say good morning that way," says Tate. While our budding radio personality loves his job every morning, he is nervous about continuing next year. "I don't want to be tardy," says Wroblewski, "Mr. Douglas will have to write me a pass every morning!"



That's right — they're the



Mr. Baldemor rocks a black and white checkered bowtie, combined with some brown cowboy boots. We love it. Take note, teachers - it's creativity like this that gets you the Fashion 5.0 seal of approval!



Maria Fernandez Delicado looks cool and casual in her turquoise full-sleeved shirt and accompanying bright pants - complete with a pair of nicely toned brown boots. This girl got style!

Fashion police.



Diane Kim always wears the cutest stuff! Check out the faded blue-jeans heart on her full-sleeved shirt and the colorful shoes. Look out for this fashionista in the hallway!



Barnabas Soos is all set for first period in this oh-so-green shirt, contrasted with a pair of tasteful mustard-colored pants. The grey backpack completes his sporty look. Here's to guys who can pull off a color-contrasted outfit!



Feelin' the



Above: 7th Grader Adity Nagarajan concentrates on playing her best piece during the winter concert. Along with many other students in the middle school music classes, Adity practiced diligently to familiarize herself with the piano. Right: The Middle and High School Band looks to Kathy Yayboke, their conductor, while playing a particularly difficult piece. The band worked on their coordination and synchronization skills in preparation for the annual concerts.



Teachers Kathy Yayboke and Fusun Agusman cheerfully guide the elementary students in a song performed in Turkish. The two teachers often collaborated to include a song from Turkey in each elementary performance.



Gideon Hansen, a 7th grader, performs a piano compilation at the spring recital. The students worked endlessly to perfect their solos.



Seventh grader Oleksandra Shteliuk plays a jaunty tune at the spring recitals in front of parents, teachers, and students. She and her classmates worked hard during music class over the course of the year with great results!

Music



Ankara ES/HS specializes in putting on musical extravaganzas! From the elementary winter concerts to music class performances, all the way to the meticulous soloists at spring recitals, we have an enormously talented student body. The winter concert celebrated the joys of the holiday season; and instead of the usual suspects (Jingle Bells, Let it Snow), Mrs. Yayboke was able to create a unique program for this year's band ensemble. The solo performances in which some of the high school students sang were always a treat. Towards the end of the year, the elementary school put on their environmentalist caps and had a concert to celebrate Earth Day. They all dressed up in costumes that explained recycling, and transformed into trees and performed a "recycle rap" that was popular with students and teachers alike.

By: Clara Hamilton



"It's a really exciting experience to perform on stage. I don't get nervous anymore."

-DENIZ ALIBAZOGLU, GRADE 11

Kindergartners Jaylen Robertson and Lilly Ulmer-Glas sing enthusiastically during their spring concert with the rest of the elementary school. The concert required hours of preparation and coordination among the elementary classes. Their theme was "Everyday is Earth Day".

Seen, Heard, Not

What is something new that you tried this year?

"Wearing a fancy dress,"
~Dakota Saunders, Gr. 11

"I made a new friend."
~Tornike Samkharadze, Gr. 2

"I challenged myself by trying
to graduate early and finish all
my credits."
~Aygerim Temirbek-Kyzy, Gr. 12

"I ran for Student Council -
and got it!"
~Dalila Sakanova, Gr.3



Best movie of the year?

"Iron Man 3"
- Oleksiy Shteliuk, Gr. 10

"Iron Man 3"
~ Elay Levy, Gr. 4

"The Hunger Games"
~ Dayana Shaharuddin, Gr. 5

"Modern Times"
~Jaela Bills, Gr. 10



ted and Quoted

If you could design your own class, what would it be?

"Horse-riding class - outside."
~Aliz Soos, Gr. 10

"Paintballing class."
~Sibel Akyurek, Gr. 12

"Wall-Climbing class."
~Hillary Raiser, Gr. 5

"How to Defend Yourself."
~Linn Adolfsson, Gr. 12

What dreams do you have for the world of tomorrow?

"Less pollution and a remedy for cancer."
~Yelizaveta Zolotorova, Gr. 9

"A sustainable energy source."
~Zaheer Rabbani, Gr. 10

"If people could appear whenever you wanted them to, like if my mom could appear."
~Amanda Fields, Gr. 2

"We could make the future better by not polluting the air and helping animals."
~Abbygail Zanoni, Gr. 2

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Best celebrity look-alike:
Karey and John Do



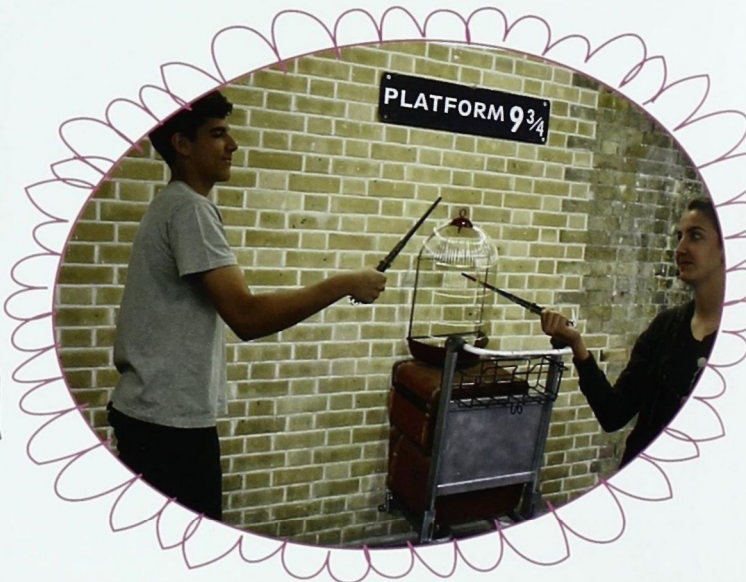
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Shivam and Abigail



Best dressed:
Marton and Linn



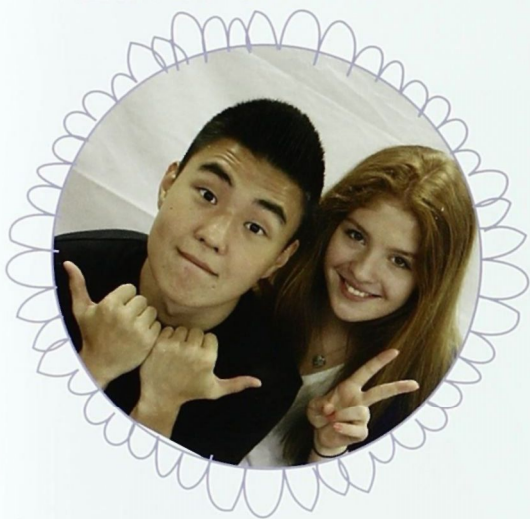
Most likely to run into platform 9 3/4:
Nicolas Andrada and Dakota



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Most likely to brighten your day:
Nicolas Andrada and Maarya

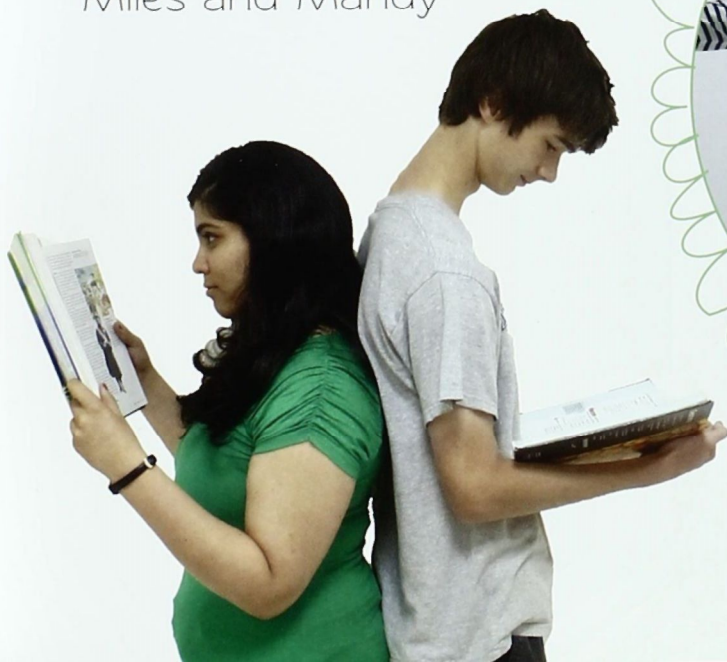
Best hair:
Azamat and Aliz



Most likely to win an Olympic gold medal:
Niko and Kat



Most intelligent:
Miles and Mandy



Most likely to become president:
Mandy and Ata



Most likely to survive a zombie
apocalypse:
Sam and Alex



Cutest couple:
Henry and Sibel



Best eyes:
Davin and Linn



Class clown:
Hazel and Greg



Best bromance:
Niko and Azamat



Most huggable:
Trey and Kat



Next American Idol:
Karey and Deniz





Life is a stage, and it's your time in the spotlight.

Go ahead. Get involved. Live a little.

Because, at the end of the day, it's what you do with it that counts.

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DREAM



Get Movin'

Advisor: Tina Bills



Kindergartener Cameron Densmore races to the finish line. Members of the club ran laps to improve health and fitness. Good job, Cameron!



Second grader Eric Sledge runs away in glee while playing a friendly (and tiring!) game of tag. "It was a lot of fun and we really got moving!" Eric said.



The kids play a game of 'What time is it Mr. Wolf?' The Get Moving club was a great way for the kids to burn off some extra energy and have some fun at the end of the school day.



1st grader Arnav Mohan captures the attention of some of his school fellows. What's the big secret, Arnav?



Get Movin'

Advisors: Soraya Vanderbeek and
John McNeal



Advisor John McNeal plans the club's activities for the day. The students really enjoyed the activities arranged by him and Ms. Vanderbeek.



Third grader Tagandurdy Meredov sprints to the finish line ahead of everyone else! The kids benefited from the extra fitness and the thrill of a race.



4th graders Hayden Owens and Ville Vanhanen chase the ball like pro players. Run for it, kids!



Members of the Get Movin' Club gather around the goal post to decide teams for the football match. Exciting stuff!



HS Cooking Club

Advisor: Penelope Ahearn-Er



Ninth grader Arseniy Ermolovich pours fresh juice into plastic cups. The students not only learned how to cook, but helped one another put together meals and dishes.



Freshmen Samantha Root and Simran Verma cut potatoes into long cube-like slices to make french fries. Students are assigned different jobs along every step of the way; the club is entirely collaborative.



Freshmen Simran Verma, 7th grader Magda Matenka, and sophomore Abby Hansen stir their soup tentatively. The cooking club usually makes everything from scratch.



Yum! Freshman Huseyn Azizov, junior Maarya Rabbani and seventh grader Magda Matenka enjoy sandwiches with potatoes and blended juice. At the end of every club session, the cooking club always settles down for some good food.



Cooking Club

Advisors: Penelope Ahearn Er and
Angelina Giambanco



Third grader Brigham Ermatinger stirs the macaroni and cheese. The cooking club prepared dishes ranging from savory to sweet.



Third grader Tursinoy Salahiddinova adds salt to the dish after carefully measuring it out. The students had to learn to work together in groups and complete a recipe accurately for the best product.



Third grade teacher Angelina Giambanco helps second grader Inci Hasanova while laying out tortillas and rolling them in the shapes of burritos.



5th grader Angelina Wiederock divides up the kitchen jobs equally amongst a group of students. The students were in charge of every step of the cooking process, from the prep to the clean-up.

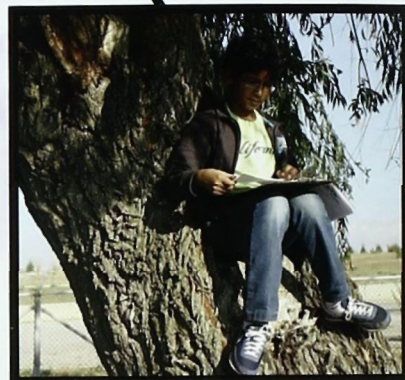


Junior Rangers

Advisor: Penelope Ahearn Er



Penelope Ahearn Er, the sponsor, teaches Ryan Keller, a 6th grader, about the dandelion seeds that flutter around the Ankara city. Part of being in Junior Rangers was to learn about the local flora and fauna.



On the top of a tree, working from a slightly different perspective, 6th grader Avi Mohan is taking some notes on his observation of the environment.



7th grader, Mira Wroblewski, becomes one with the earth as she lies on the ground covered in twigs and leaves. The goal of the Junior Rangers was to be respectful to the earth and observe nature.



6th grader Habiba Mirzaeva and Ms. Ahearn Er work together to plant tulips in the front roundabout at the base entrance. The group could be seen every Friday planting flowers in the garden.



MS Intramurals

Advisor: Linda Price



Peter Do sits down for a break after blocking an amazing goal. The kids were able to hone their skills as good sportmen while playing soccer.



Jessica Quiceno tags Shahzod Niyazov in a game of freeze tag.



The team gets together to discuss the strategy against the opposing team. Teamwork was a very important facet of the winning teams.



Aiman Abdul Nabeel drives the ball across the field. Essential skills specific to certain sports were emphasized, and the kids got to work off some of the energy from school during club hours.



National Honor Society

Advisor: Lynda Hayward



Advisor Lynda Hayward welcomes the new members to NHS. Hayward was always organizing ways for the kids to contribute to their community, whether through bake sales, or food drives.



Junior Dakota Saunders looks happily at her National Honor Society shirt, prepared by the existing members. Selection to the NHS requires a high GPA and extensive community service.



Freshman Laura DePablo looks surprised as NHS President and senior Clara Hamilton 'shirts' her. 'Shirting' is a tradition for NHS - the old members decorate shirts and surprise the inductees in the morning with news of their selection by yanking it over their heads!



Sophmores Abby Hansen, JC Hamilton and Junior Alex Bilger listen attentively during the meeting. The National Honor Society makes all their decisions during these Monday meetings, mostly pertaining to money raised for the dog shelter.



ESL Club

Advisor: Lisa Tafoya



Siri Palo Soderberg makes a sculpture out of clay representing characters from a story. Not only does this improve understanding of a story, it builds fine-motor skills.



3rd grader Anastazja Kiselka plays the part of a pony in the role-play center. The students make up story lines and act out the parts of the characters with their clubmates.



4th grader Najmiddin Razzakov reads a story aloud to club advisor, Lisa Tafoya. The ESL club focuses on building students' English speaking and reading skills.



At the art center, Elay Levy, a 4th grader, watercolor paints on coffee filters. They can sponge paint and watercolor at this station which allows the students to express their ideas in a creative way.



Not pictured: Ata Kazaz, Gregory Er, Clara Hamilton

HS/MS School Student Council

Advisor: Alicia Sexton



Ata Kazaz works the bake sale at the beginning of the year to collect money for the student council. Kazaz was the vice president of the group, voted by his fellow students.



Seniors Greg Er and Sibel Akyurek give us a smile during one of their pep rallies. As presidents, they rose to the challenge of managing school-wide events and making them as fun as possible!



10th grade representative Diane Kim explains the game to some students. The student council representatives are responsible for the coordination of the entire student body during pep rallies.



Student Council representatives are amply provided for through member-sponsored lunches every Wednesday. The work involved definitely balances the perks of being in student council, though!



Not pictured Sidney Brown, Sahar Rabbani

Elementary Student Council

Advisor: Beth Favor



Student Council representatives Sapphira Thompson and Angelina Wiederock create the program for the student of the month event. Among other things, the monthly awards for elementary students take up a significant portion of the agenda.



Second grader Tagandurdy Meredov looks pleased with his student of the month award. The award recognizes qualities such as fairness, honesty, and hard work.



Ms. Smith and Mrs. Uluer smile proudly with Barbara Kargul, Julia Small, Eleanor Jack, Nurrانيا Alfian, Trinity Robertson, and Justin Song as they hold up their character awards.



Fourth grader Sahar Rabbani makes a note of how many books were donated in the book drive. Recording results of donations was one of the jobs covered by representatives, along with extensive advertising.

AHS Academic Bowl

Advisor: Margaret Carder



Nora Cahill throws her hands up in exasperation while attempting some mental math. The Academic Bowl won 7th place at the annual European Championships. After winning against Vicenza, Incirlik, and Hohenfels, they passed the first day of competition and proceeded to the double elimination round, where they unfortunately lost to Ramstein and K-Town. Good job Trojans!

"The treaty of Ghent." Senior and captain Mandy Chandra buzzes in quickly as she answers the question about the war of 1812. "It requires the most eclectic knowledge," she said. "Half of the time I don't even know why I even know this stuff."



"The hippocampus." Junior Alexander Bilger sounds confident as he interrupts Mrs. Carder's question mid-sentence. The Academic Bowl met every Tuesday and Friday to prepare for the championships. Alex Bilger joined the team this year, and his knowledge of science and history has been crucial for the team.



Nora Cahill attacks a math problem with multiple variables. Using individual talents, the team was able to answer questions ranging from technology to philosophy. Seniors Mandy Chandra and Ata Kazaz, junior Alexander Bilger, and freshman Nora Cahill were selected for the championships.

STEMposium

Advisor: Beth Favor



Junior Dan Bolboceanu watches a team leader measure a particular distance to test a possible solution to the big question. "It's all about problem-based learning - students from all over DoDDs come together to solve big world problems," said sponsor Beth Favor



Alex Bilger puts up his robot for display at the STEMposium - a great achievement. "What's exciting about it is that it's a real-world problem with real world applications," said sponsor Beth Favor.



One of the projects, addressing another big problem to solve for the students. Juniors Alex Bilger and Dan Bolboceanu had to conquer these crises with plain science. "I keep thinking - man, I wish I had this in high school!" said sponsor Beth Favor.



Junior Alex Bilger tries his hand at robotics as part of his team. He tested his robot, with great success. The highlight of the STEMposium was seeing science in action and the ways in which practical applications of technology could benefit the world.

Junior Leadership Seminar

The Junior Leadership Seminar, which took place in October in Oberwesel, Germany, involved two students; Alexandra Wiederock and Kalisse Hoach-Owens, both eighth graders. Together, with the help of advisor Alicia Sexton, they organized the community event, Jingle Jog. This event was a 5k run around the Balgat base where all could participate. Students from other organizations, including National Honor Society and Student Council, were also involved, setting up their own stands to sell food and drinks to the the runners. Organizing Jingle Jog took a lot of time and effort, from organizing the time and place, getting the word out to the community and providing the t-shirts for all the participants. It was all worth it in the end because of all the funds collected, \$1,500, \$1,300 went to the Yenimahle Animal Rescue Society dog shelter.

By: Daniel McCrory



Eighth grader Justin Keller, continues the race while quenching his thirst with the water provided by the students of different classes helping out at the event.



Teacher Alicia Sexton announces the start of the race. She sponsored the Junior Leadership Seminar program and participated in the seminar's activities in Oberwesel, Germany.



Seventh grader D'Michael Thompson and his dad both did well at the event, receiving medals for their place in the race. Look at those medals!

International Student Leadership Institute

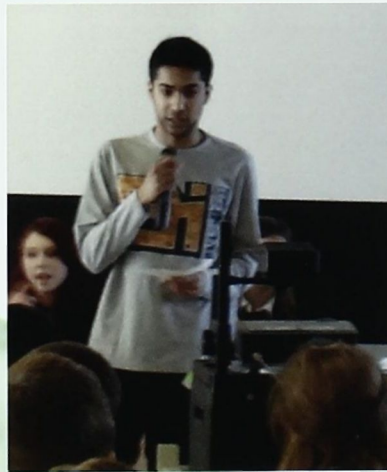
Sophomores Vikrant Zutshi and Nani Khumalo were selected to attend the International Student Leadership Institute conference held in Germany. It was a difficult selection process, and Khumalo and Zutshi came out ahead. The International Student Leadership Institute prepares students for their role in an increasingly interdependent world; the organization believes that leadership training cannot be left to chance. It is the belief of the ISLI that participants must be provided continuous practice and feedback, enabling them to develop techniques and evaluate the outcomes of effective leadership, which in turn leads to an acceptance of leadership responsibilities. To further these skills, the International Student Leadership Institute provides a variety of social activities - the students enacted skits, wrote songs, and debated about important issues. Mr. Baldemor was proud of their success. "ISLI is an organization where student leaders develop student leaders. Ankara was well-represented by Vikrant Zutshi and Nani Khumalo, who demonstrated how to be authentic leaders," he said. *By: Azamat Suyubayev*



TOP: Khumalo courageously delivers her speech in front of 150 students and teachers. She was running to become a member of the ISLI Board of Regents. Although she didn't make it, she was one of the better speakers of the event. RIGHT: Zutshi, Khumalo, and Oscar Baldemor smile for the camera as they enjoy their final night at ISLI.



Khumalo stands among her team, the Lime Aids, in the midst of a presentation. It wasn't just about leadership - students also learn how to be team players.



Zutshi informs the gathered students about the task his team will be completing. While broken up into teams, the students had to work together to complete the task most creatively.



Khumalo stands to present a poster before a spell-bound audience. Presentations were important because they allowed the leaders to organize their thoughts.

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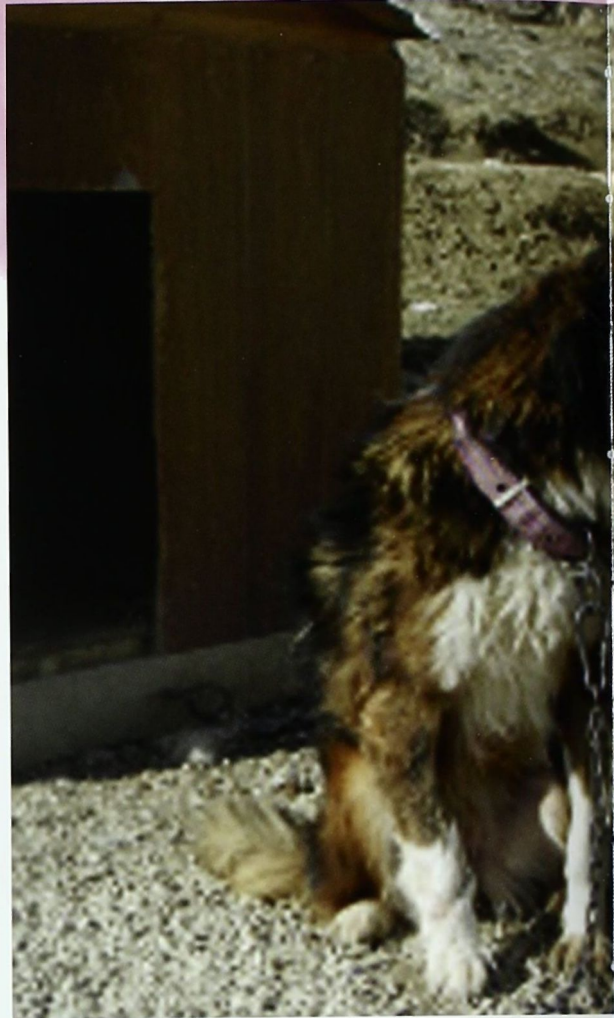
The Dog Shelter



Above: One of the many dogs at the shelter poses for a picture. This dog was found on the street. Most of the dogs in the shelter have been rejected from other shelters in town, so the Carignans are really the end of the line for these lovable mutts. RIGHT: Donna Carignan, one of the main sponsors of the dog shelter and more importantly, a dog lover, nuzzles one of the dogs she has gotten to know at the shelter.

"Thank you for
being the
difference!"

-LEIGH CARIGNAN, PHYSICAL ED TEACHER



Before the dog shelter was taken up as a project by the school, it was barren, giving the injured animals no shelter from the elements. One dog poses for the camera on the site soon to be a covered area. Far right: The Kindergarten 100th day of school project results are displayed for all to see...as you can probably guess from Coach Carignan's enormous grin!



ppy LOVE



Before the school year began, Yeni Mahalli Dog Shelter was in desperate need of help. They needed more dog food and material to build shelters; they needed blankets and shade for the summers and winters. Leigh Carignan and Donna Carignan stepped in to help the cause. The Carignans found a supportive community at Ankara ES/HS; from Student Council to the senior class to NHS, the students raised money through donations and drives to build more kennels and provide food and blankets. A small army of big-hearted kindergarteners held a 100th day of school drive to collect 100 items for the shelter. Numerous bake sales held by the National Honor Society managed to provide a kennel or two and close to 60 bags of dog food. The Jingle Jog, managed by student council, the PTSO, and the JLS students, was created to donate to the dog shelter. "The students and staff of Ankara EHS opened their hearts to the cause and have helped to make so many positive changes over the course of the year. It is amazing to see how powerful a group of people can be when they come together," said Leigh Carignan.

By: Clara Hamilton



Far Left: During the Jingle Jog, one of the many participants runs with a dog to show her support. The 5K event had a stall for the dog shelter, where many dogs were up for adoption. Left: Mr. Carignan and Mrs. Carignan discuss the next step for the dog shelter, while showing some love to the pups.





MS Newspaper

Advisor: Linda Price



Advisor Linda Price and sixth grader Jessica Quiceno turn the pages as they discuss of what layout they will be choosing to use as their newspaper.



Sixth grader Jessica Quiceno points out a special function on Microsoft Word to fellow journalist Habiba Mirzaeva. The students learn a great deal about creating designs layouts and computer skills while making the final product.



Advisor Linda Price edits sixth grader Jessica Quiceno's article over her shoulder. Proofreading for quality and relevance is a big part of the Middle School Newspaper.



6th grader Habiba Mirzaeva flips the pages of the newspaper as she reads and learns the techniques of writing an article.

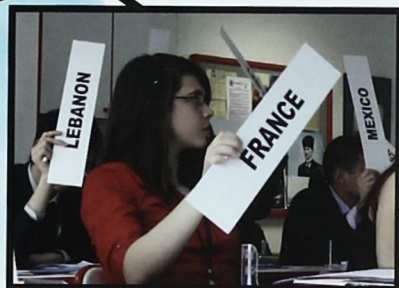


Model United Nations

Advisor: Paul Generelli



Junior Dan Bolboconeau leads the discussion as he describes his stance about the Euro crisis. As France, Bolboconeau had quite a bit of clout at the conference.



The debate at the MUN Organization starts out smooth. Freshman, Hazel Ozturkoglu raises her nation card up as she votes on their final resolution. Ankara HS represented France at the convention this year.



Juniors Wenjie Zheng and Shivam Sengar lift up their identity cards happily. A lot of preparation went into the conference. They practiced debating, learned about international issues, and had to decide their stance such issues.

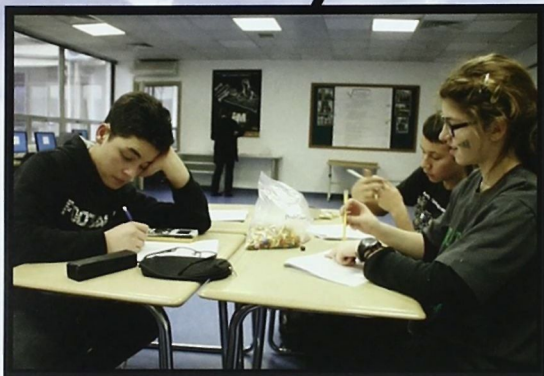


8th grader Justin Keller begins a dialogue with other nations as he expresses his suggestions for the reconstruction of daily lives and businesses in Fatah and Hamas. Negotiation and compromise, as the delegates learned, is a crucial part of formulating policy.



Mathcounts

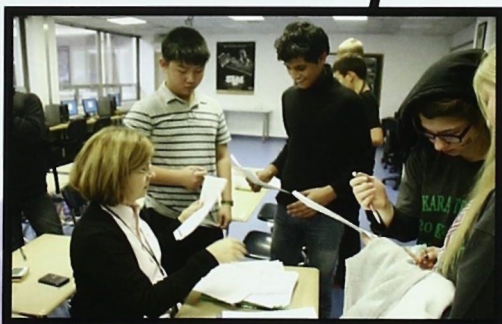
Advisor: Senem Kadioglu



8th graders, D'Michael Thompson, Sharif Sharipov, and Alex Wiederock eat snacks and do math problems. Sharipov placed 8th in the DoDEA Math Counts Championship. "It was a hard competition, there were many smart students. I am still really happy to get 8th place among 50 students. Our team did pretty good, but I don't know why we didn't win. I think we need more concentration. It is not we lose, it is they win," said Sharif Sharipov.



8th graders, Sharif Sharipov and Justin Keller solve problems together and sometimes argue about the solutions. Justin is doing trigonometry problems. It was both an intense and an interesting club - students either cooperate or do the work by themselves. "The questions were really hard, but we had fun with them. I wish I could do it again," said Keller.



Ms. Kadioglu explains the solution to a geometry problem to 7th grader Sangwook Uhm and 8th grader Rahul Sengar. The second half of the club involves asking and explaining the questions students have in their worksheets. "We simply enjoy solving math problems and in addition, if we win, it is just the fringe benefit," said Kadioglu.



7th grader Mira Wroblewski is very hard-working - she always comes to class first and leaves the latest to prepare for the European Championships. Math is a subject that not only requires talent, but also effort.



Computer Club

Advisor: Beth Favor



Fifth grader Tate Wroblewski enjoys his gaming technology experience. Wroblewski is really interested in studying the structure of games, and has attempted to make mini games.



Kylie Burke-Gorczyński, a second grader, is practicing her typing skills. By the help of fun and interesting typing software, children could learn to improve their typing correctness and speed through a series of fun skill-developing steps.



Shahzod Niyazov and Harkirat Verma, both 6th graders, learn how to use microsoft office document. These students also designed websites on cricket and origami with the assistance of Mrs. Favor.



Ciara Roe, a third grader, plays an educational game. Students had the options of playing such games, working on school computer projects, or designing websites.

Out We Go



The seniors enjoy lunch at Big Chef's during the big week of Terra Nova testing back at school. The senior lunch was definitely a perk, but was also one of their last outings, all together, before graduation. The seniors had a blast, and according to Trey Daniel, it was certainly a day to remember. "It was a wonderful time to have everyone together and a great atmosphere," he said.



7th grader Charles Bring proceeds with his experiment about the eruption of a volcano. His science class took a special outing to mix vinegar and baking soda in a cylinder case to build a miniature model and to compare the model to the actual eruption of a volcano.

Science teacher Penelope Ahearn-Er's middle school class smiles at Uzman Plant Nursery. The trip was a very educational outing, and the students learned a great deal of botany.



Trojans

Moving Education Outside the Classroom



Not just an excuse to get out of school- Ankara EHS's field trips are fun and educational! Field trips are an opportunity to get out the classroom and get some hands-on learning done; they were a huge part of the Ankara science curriculum and the elementary's academic units this year. Teachers, such as Penelope Ahearn-Er, ensured that the students actively engaged with the concepts learned in their regular classrooms. As part of the plant development unit, the middle school students went to a plant nursery to learn a little something about the growth of plants; the elementary teachers also planned for a trip to the local aquarium and to a science museum in Ankara for a special unit, so that they could observe the diversity of marine organisms first-hand. 7th grader Peter Do says, "It was a good opportunity for me to get up close with science. I hope we can do this more often next year." It's not all about the science, though! The kindergarteners took a trip around the BX and commissary to explore the idea of a 'consumer's market' as part of a larger trip to learn about the community. All in all, it's been a pretty fun year here in Ankara ES/HS. The great part about being a student in school is this - whether you're a mile away from the classroom or right in the midst of it, you never stop learning.

By: John Do



ABOVE: Tammy Walker instructs the kindergarten and 1st grade classes to line up for a mini tour of the base's library. The study trip was used learn about different occupations around the base. BELOW: Kindergartener Eleanor Jack and 5th grader Sapphira Thompson work together at the Ankara science museum. The entire elementary school had the opportunity to experience the wonders of electricity, use microscopes, and experiment with energy.



With Stars in



The participants of Creative Connections (Left to Right): Senior Kateryna Torlak, Freshman Laura de Pablo, Senior Gabrielle Sigurdsson, Junior Grace Babinski, and Sophomore Karey Daniel.

This year, five talented high school girls in grades nine through eleven were selected to go to the Creative Connections workshop in Oberweisel, Germany. Despite the fact that the students were housed together, and two had classes together all of the girls were thrown into new environments and forced to meet new people. Despite feeling isolated at first, by the end of the trip all five girls were happy to have had the experience. Sophomore Karey Daniel expanded her vocal abilities by training with some of the best vocal talents in all of DoDDs. Gabrielle Sigurdsson and Laura de Pablo put their passions to work creating short films and demonstrating a keen eye for the likings of the general film enjoying popplace. Grace Babinski joined an enchanting strings ensemble and showed the skills she has been developing since the second grade. Kateryna Torlak honed her movement abilities by choreographing and performing her own dance routines. By: Lizzie Nieves



A band of marines entertained the students at Creative Connections for one night; our students enjoyed blowing off some steam after another strenuous day of creativity and hard work.

Their Eyes

"Creative Connections gave me
the opportunity to learn more
about how to sing."

- KAREY DANIEL, GRADE 10



Sophomore Karey Daniel sings her heart out at the talent show and taps her foot to the ever-popular Adele's version of 'Make You Feel My Love.' She put her lessons to use that day as she entertained the audience with her beautiful voice.

The Hero of Your Dreams

Fall - the time of year when children are preparing for winter, while still enjoying the warm weather. Before they start talking about Christmas, though, they get to dress up as their favorite book characters. Seen in the parade were princesses, princes, lions, tigers - and even pirates! They each had to choose a person from a book and do a show-and-tell presentation about which character they picked. While there were a few overly popular choices, students used their creativity to choose their favorite characters. All the students had a blast, and are looking forward to next year, when they are permitted once again to live a day in the life of their book character. We hope, for our own safety, that there aren't so many ghosts, ghouls, and pirates next year!

Fourth Grader Katherine Rook and her teacher Cheri Gildea both dressed as Medusa for the character parade! Their creativity was lauded by teachers and students alike - Mrs. Gildea, in particular, has a history of fantastic costumes.



Fifth grader Tate Wroblewski proudly shows off his penguin costume from the book 'Mr. Popper's Penguins'. This book is written by Richard and Florence Atwater. Good choice, Tate!



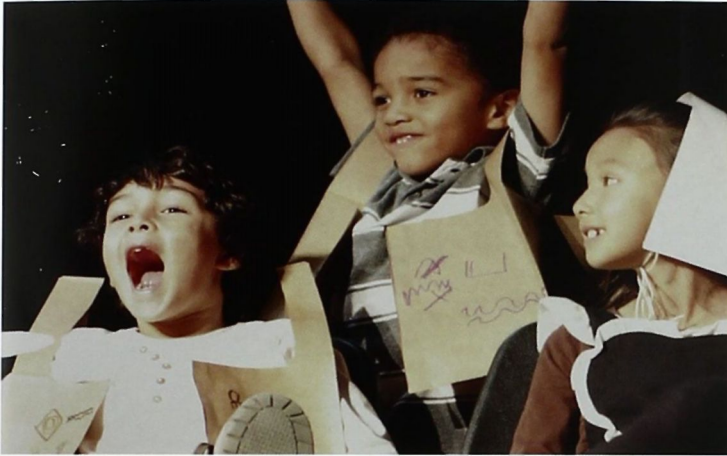
Second grader Hannah Gildea talks to the audience about her character from 'Monster High' - Lagoona Blue. You look great, Hannah!



Fourth grader Hayden Owens was dressed as the world's favorite sleuth! He was seen fixing his tie more than once while faithfully representing Sherlock Holmes.



Envisioning a Feast



Karan Kara, William Horan, and Ami Paulson, all celebrate cheerfully as the program ends. They worked extremely hard to present their speeches in the morning and were more than happy to proceed to the feast!

Thanksgiving day at Ankara Elementary school began and ended in the best possible ways: costumes and food. The students celebrated the traditional American holiday by explaining what they were thankful for in their lives. "I am thankful for health and food," said fourth grader Barbara Kargul. Fifth grader Katie Klingaman exclaimed, "I am thankful for family and friends." The colorful costumes of pilgrims and Native Americans filled the Hoja - feathers and paint adorned the young ones as they gathered around the tables. The traditional meal served onto the beautifully-decorated tables was a perfect ending to the day. *By Clara Hamilton*



Kindergartener Amber Ozturkoglu waits patiently in line while eyeing the delicious thanksgiving feast. Dig in, Amber!

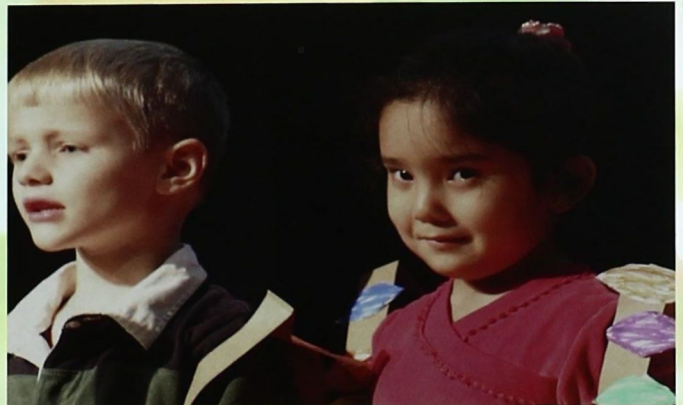


William Horan tells us what he is thankful for. The students, completely uninhibited by stage fright, were refreshingly honest.




Nicole Sledge and Munisa Bobobekova explain how thankful they are this year.

First graders Eryk Kisleka and Ami Paulson show off their pilgrim costumes and reveal what they are thankful for this year.



Alex Sledge and Zhanel Yessengeldi share their thoughts about Thanksgiving. They both worked very hard on their speeches and put a lot of thought behind their costumes!





They know you inside out.

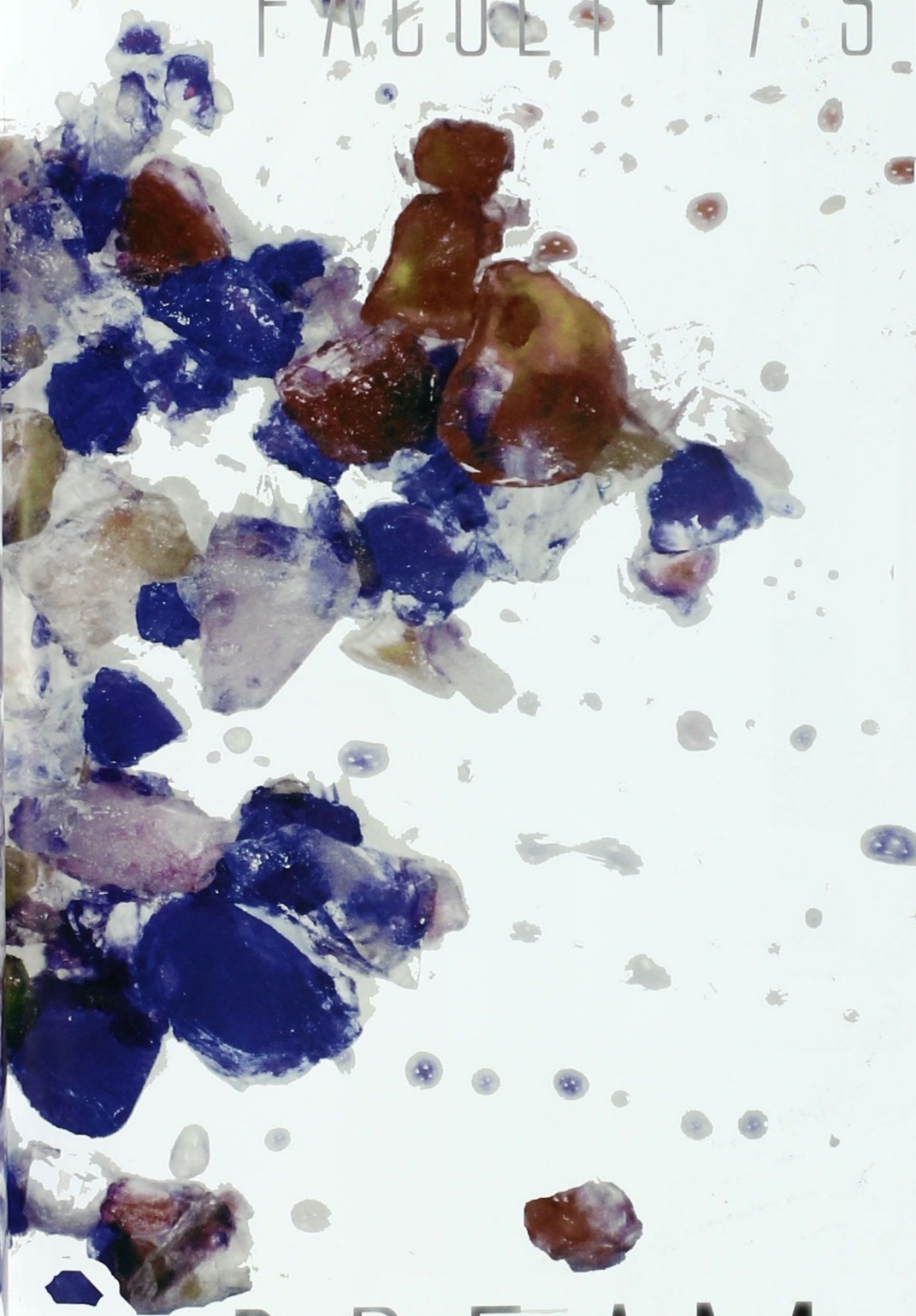
They know what you can do, what you believe, where you stand.

They make sense of the impossible. They show you the light.

And for this, you love them.

TEACH THE

FACULTY / STAFF



DREAM

Faculty



Fusun Agusman



Penelope Ahearn Er



Danielle
Avenick



Oscar
Baldemor



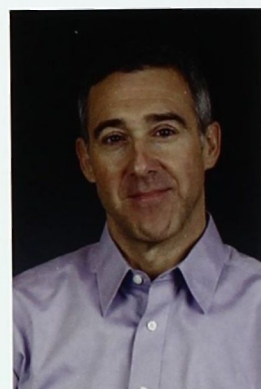
Margaret Carder



Leigh Carignan



Serra Coruh



Paul Generelli



Lynda
Hayward



Senem Kadiouglu



Douglas
Kittleson

WHO WAS YOUR FAVORITE TEACHER IN SCHOOL AND WHY?



"In 9th grade, I got a new teacher, Madame Boinard. She was very smart and modern. She took us to the theater and I watched my first play ever."

-Ms. Danielle Avenick, Math and French

"Mr. Monica was my U.S. history teacher. He helped me see my abilities and pursue my dream.."

-Ms. Marie Knoll, Special Education and Speech

"My fifth grade teacher, Mr. Dunlap, who made me feel excited to come to school and learn. He made it fun."

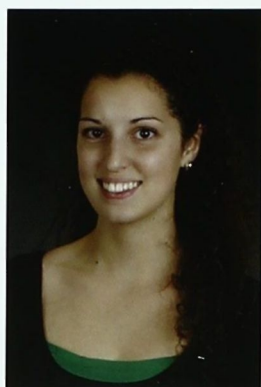
-Mr. John McNeal, Reading and Language Arts



F a c u l t y



John McNeal



Katie Napoli



Linda Price



Timothy Redden



Alicia Sexton



Elizabeth Tafoya



Kathy Yayboke



Why do they do it?



You see them every week day for 36 weeks of the year. They're arming you with knowledge, inspiration, and creativity so that you can go into the world and be the best version of yourself. They are your teachers. The job requires knowledge in a specialized area, and the passion to want to share that knowledge with younger generations. "Through being with children, I came to understand how wonderful it is to pass knowledge along and inspire others to discover their own talents," says science teacher Penelope Ahearn Er. Many of the teachers at Ankara EHS have been inspired by their own teachers to go out into the world and pass on that spark. Music teacher Kathy Yayboke states, "My music teachers from high school truly inspired me to pass on the love of music to others." Being a teacher has its challenges- the kid in the back of the class that hates your subject, the one that has all the potential in the world, but doesn't try, you get the idea. Many teachers agree that the key is to make the class and information relevant and fun. English teacher Margaret Carder describes teaching as a true test of perseverance, but adds that she enjoys the challenges. So, as you walk through these halls one last time, don't forget to thank your teachers for their dedication to your education.



3rd grade teacher, Ms. Angie Giambanco, introduces a parent to her expectations during open house. Parent communication is an essential part of being a teacher- they must work together to ensure their student gets the most out of their schooling.

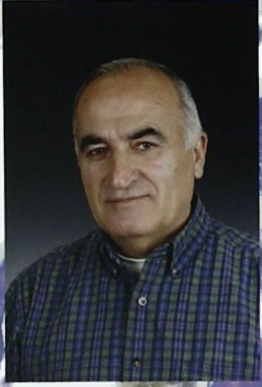


Douglas Kittelson passes back some papers during his technology class. Kittelson also taught math and science in the middle and high school. He has been teaching in DoDDs for several years in various locales around Europe.



Mrs. Dianne Keller, the kindergarten aide, assists Saba Batiashvili, a first grader, in the base library during a field trip for first grade and kindergarteners. Keller went everywhere with the kindergarten class and was an integral part to their education and life as a kindergarten.

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Hidir Aslan



Rafet Aslan



Çakıl Atakan



Mustafa Birol



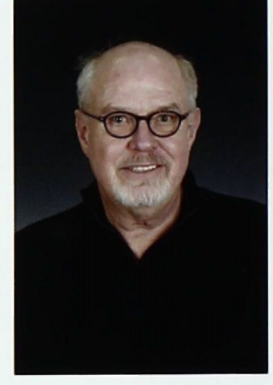
Serkan Çakmak



Göksel Çetinöz



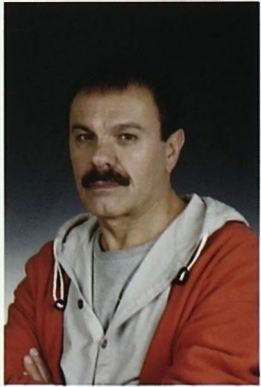
Doug DeBacker



Terence Douglas



Nilay Tanır-
Gökdoğan



Zeynel Güven



Cengiz Özgenç



Mehmet Öztürk

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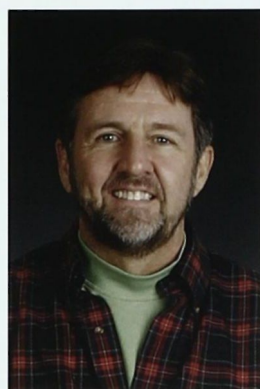
Rodney Price



Nilay Tanir



Mehmet Ünür



Roger
Vanderploeg



Soraya
Vanderbeek





Holly Vance, Second Grade Teacher



Angie Giambanco, Third Grade Teacher



Goksel Cetinoz, Office Assistant



Douglas DeBacker, School Counselor



Nilay Tanir-Gokdogan, Digital Specialist



Terence Douglas, Digital Specialist

How well do you know your faculty?

MATCH THE ANSWERS TO THE PICTURES!

1. DO YOU HAVE ANY SPECIAL COLLECTIONS, HOBBIES, OR INTERESTS?

2. IF YOU COULD DO ANYTHING DIFFERENTLY OR CHANGE ANYTHING ABOUT YOUR HIGH SCHOOL EXPERIENCE, WHAT WOULD IT BE?

1. "...poorly play the piano. Love to swim, hate to drive. I obviously love to eat and hate to exercise."
2. "I would've repeated all my Math classes. I don't think I was very good at it."

1. "I collect paintings, I started in Germany...I just started taikwondo. My hobbies are hiking and reading."
2. "I was a very shy person; I would change my shyness. I would get more involved - join things, do things."

1. "I do theater - well, amateur theater. I like to ski."
2. "I would change my class size; I would change my strict teachers."

1. "I ski, mostly."
2. "I don't know, I'm pretty satisfied with my school experience."

1. "I like to garden and I like snorkeling and diving. I'm going to the dog shelter - I volunteer with cleaning, petting, feeding, and playing."
2. "I would like to have more career counseling, that would be nice."

1. "I collect flower vases from places I visit. I collect refrigerator magnets. I like listening to music."
2. "There's so much. I would listen to my parents' advice more; I would have studied more."



And just like that, it was over. One picture, one place, one moment.

It went quickly. You stood tall and proud. You gave it everything you had.

So when you get out there and look the world in the eye...

Give 'em your best.

FACE THE



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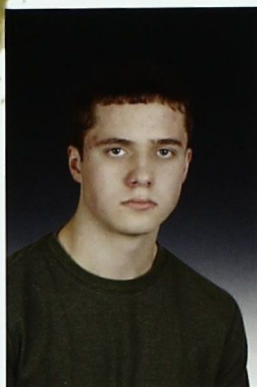
Eleventh



Deniz Alibazoglu



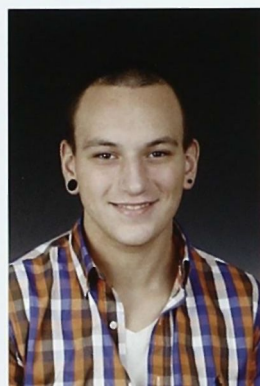
Grace Babinski



Alexander Bilger



Dan Bolboceanu



Márton Mezei



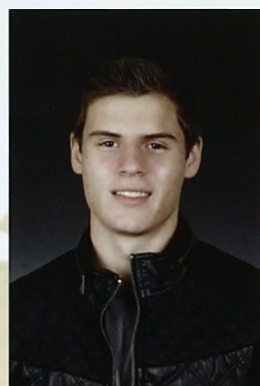
Mary (Lizzie) Nieves



Miles Owens



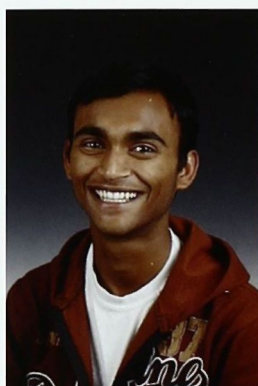
Maarya Rabbani



Nicholas Root



Dakota Saunders

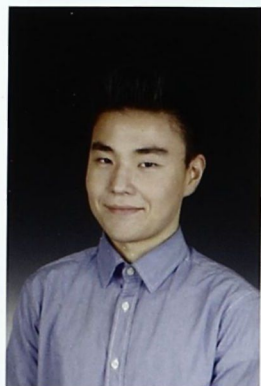


Shivam Sengar



Gabrielle
Sigurdsson

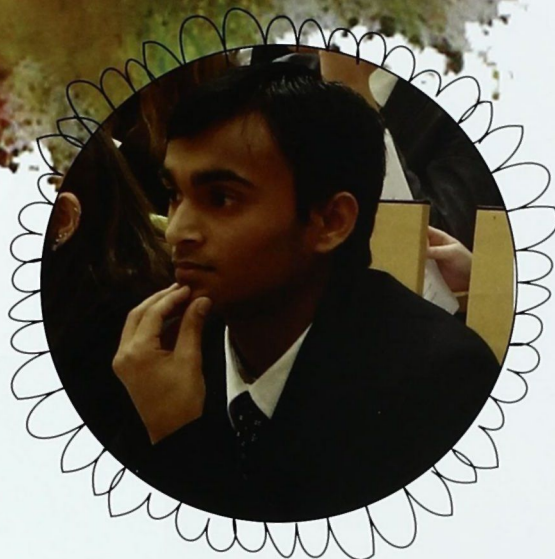
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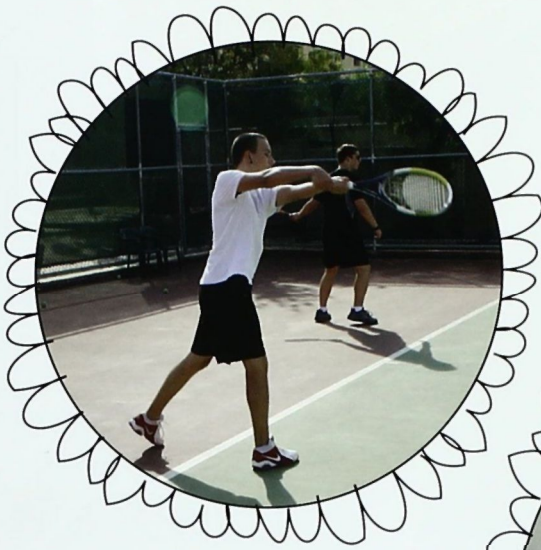


Azamat Suyubayev



Wenjie Zheng





In Profile: DAKOTA SAUNDERS

As a junior, you're on the prom committee. How is that going?

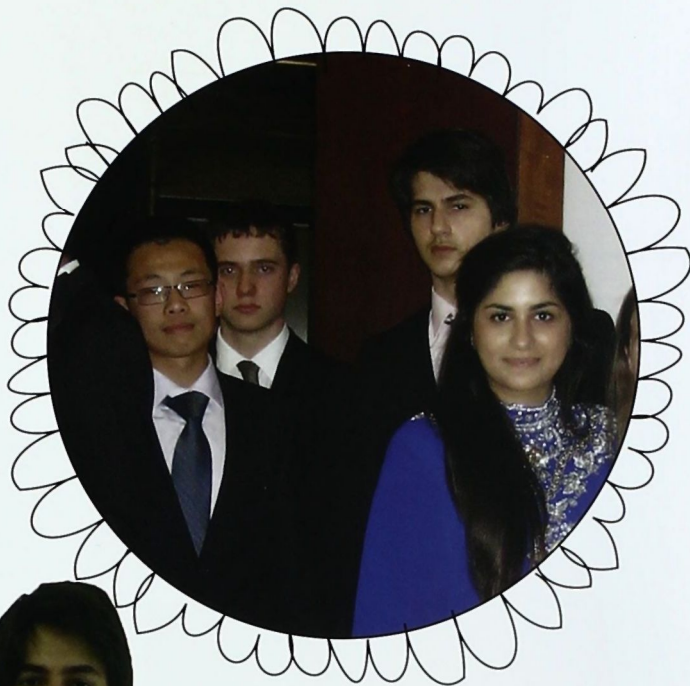
The Prom is pretty stressful. I just sit in the back and let my classmates discuss all the issues.

Are you here next year?

Yes.

How do you feel about being a senior at Ankara ES/HS next year?

I'm happy. I just hope the teachers aren't so hard on us next year.



In Profile: DAN BOLBOCEANU

**How long have you been in
this school?**

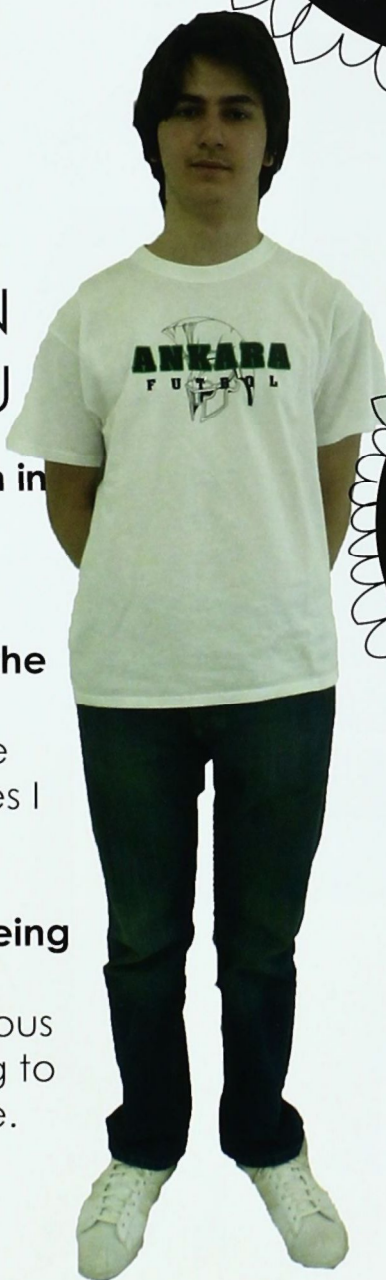
One and a half years

**What do you feel about the
school?**

I like the diversity of the
students and opportunities I
have.

**How do you feel about being
a senior next year?**

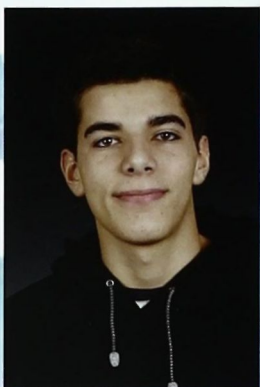
I'm excited but I'm nervous
because I know it's going to
be a tough year for me.



Tenth



Mohammad Adaileh



Nicolas Andrada Collie



Konstantine Batonisashvili



Jaela Bills



Nicolas Burns



Karen Daniel



John Do



John Hamilton



Abigail Hansen



Nani Khumalo



Diane Kim



Jeyeon Kim

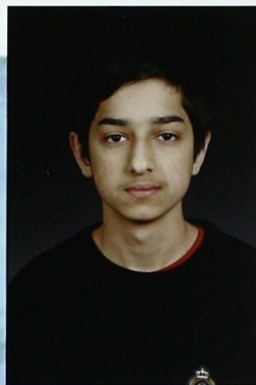
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Adam Klingaman



Gonzalo Marin Gomez



Zaheeruddin Rabbani



Oleksiy Shteliuk



Aliz Soos

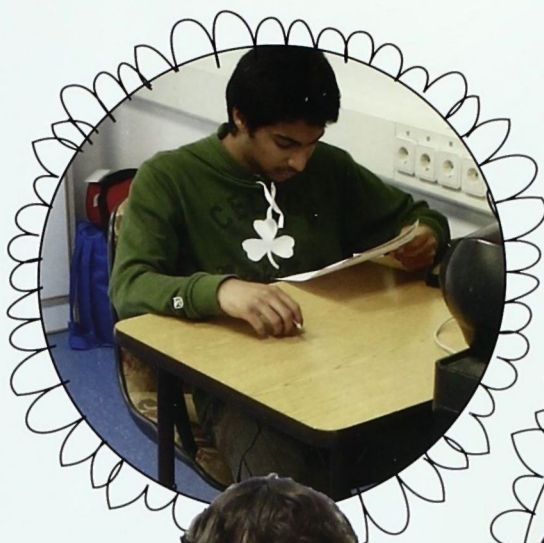


Barnabas Soos



Vikrant Zutshi





In Profile: ADAM KLINGMAN

Which countries have you lived in?

US, England, Greece, Philippines, Turkey

Favorite band:
Breaking Benjamin

Favorite things to do on your free time:

Watch a lot of movies

Favorite movie:
Inception



In Profile: DIANE KIM

Where are you from?
Seoul, Korea

Biggest Phobia:
Birds, I hate birds

Favorite Sport:
Soccer

Favorit Food:
I like anything with pasta

Ninth



Aziz Azizov



Huseyn Azizov



Anneliese Bring



Nora Cahill



Laura De Pablo
Cabrera



Arseniy Ermolovich



Turan Kerimbay



Hazel Ozturkoglu



Grade



Samantha Root



Feike Sterk



Alex Song



Ivan Tkachenko

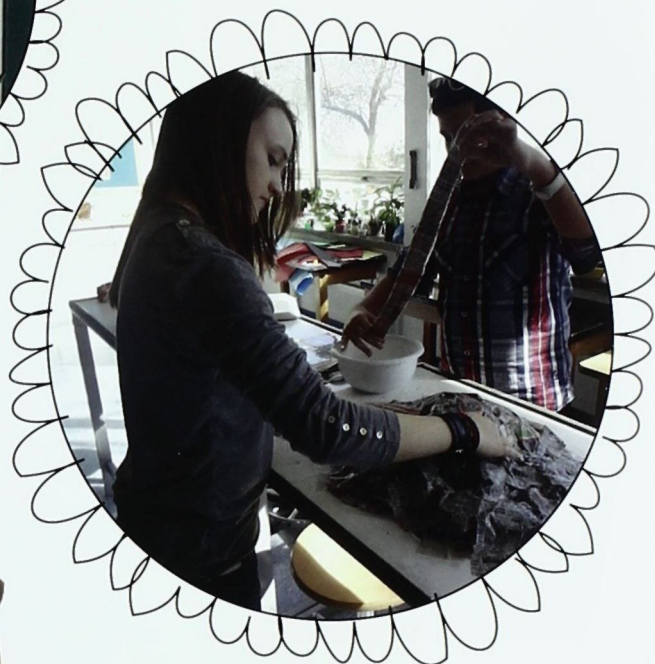
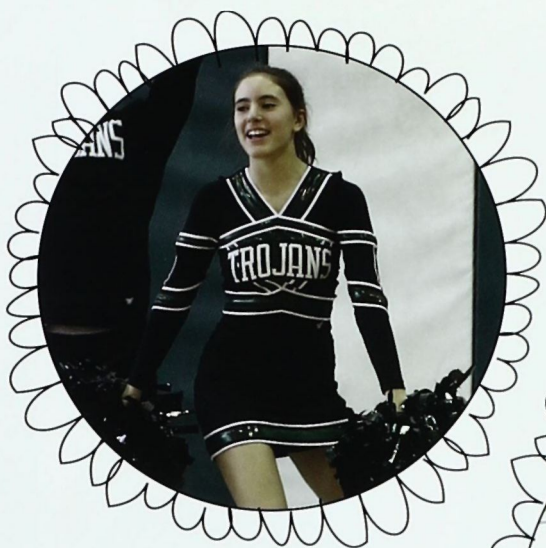


Simran Verma



Yelyzaueta
Zolotarova





In Profile: SIMRAN VERMA

Places where you have lived:
India, Pakistan, and now Turkey

What do you do on your free time?

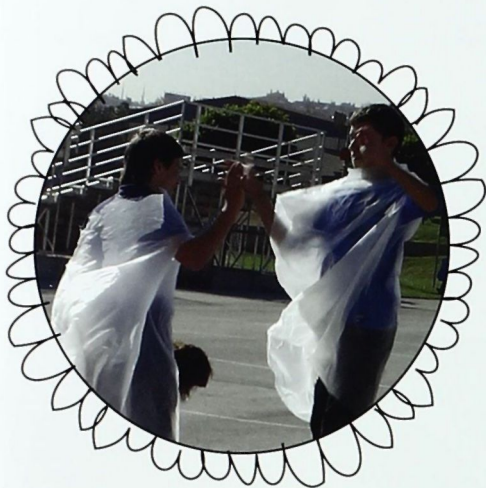
I read books and surf the web

What sort of music do you like?

I like music from Bollywood movies

Which book is your favorite?

Charlie and the Chocolate Factory



In Profile: ALEX SONG

Places where you have lived:

South Korea, California,
Turkey

What do you usually do on your free time?

I play computer games
online

Which is your favorite band?

Linkin Park

Favorite movie:

Transformers



Eighth



Talal Alkhalifah



Douglas Bassi Rodriguez



Jared Gallant



Kalisse Hoach-Owens



Rahul Sengar



Cihan Senol



Sharifiddin Sharipov



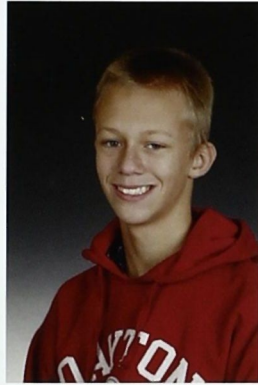
D'Micheal Thompson



Grade



Beksultan Ibraimov



Justin Keller



Revaz Pataradze



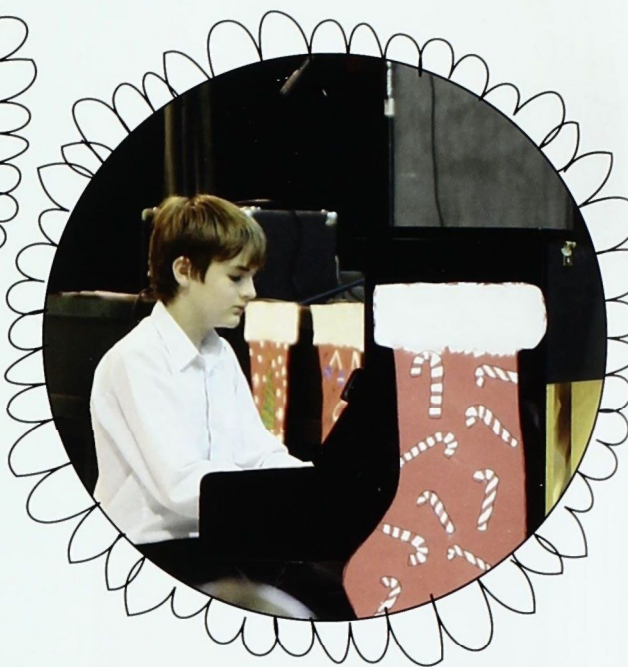
Emma Rook



Alexandra Wiederock



Eighth Grade



In Profile: TALAL ALKHALIFAH

Home Country: Kuwait

Favorite Class:
PE, because you can play
football

Favorite Animal:
A tiger because it's fast

Favorite Place Visited: France,
it was nice weather and a very
good visit.

Best Thing about 8th grade: I learn
lots of facts and knowledge for
my education which will help me
in university.



In Profile: ISABEL BURNS

Home Country:
Australia

Favorite thing about this School:
My friends, and the food at the BX is pretty good.

Favorite Class:
Music

Favorite Vacation Spot:
Anywhere with snow

Favorite Band:
Sancisco



Seventh



Jeffery Bills



Robert Bring



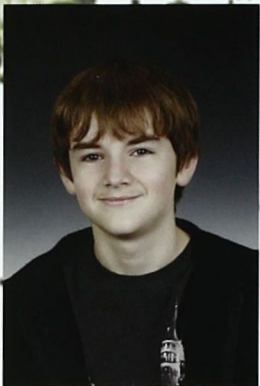
Sumant Dangi



Peter Do



Solomon Ermatinger



Gideon Hansen



Radoslaw Kargul



Julia Kiselka



Melissa Lamm



Magdalena Matenka



Dylan Nieves



Shohsanam Niyazova

Grade



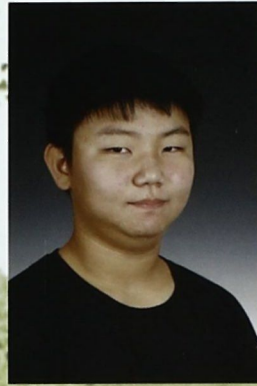
Emil Raiser



Leila Sakonova



Oleksandra Shteliuk



Sangwook Uhm



Blaise Vanderploeg



Mira Wroblewski



Seventh Grade



In Profile: RADEK KARGUL

Home country:
Poland

How many languages do you speak?
Polish, English, Russian,
Lithuanian.

Favorite Place:
Tenerife, Spain- It's a small
island, it's quiet, you can rest.

Best thing about our school:
We respect each other.



7th Grade Class Representative
Mira Wroblewski, Sumant Dangi (not
pictured)



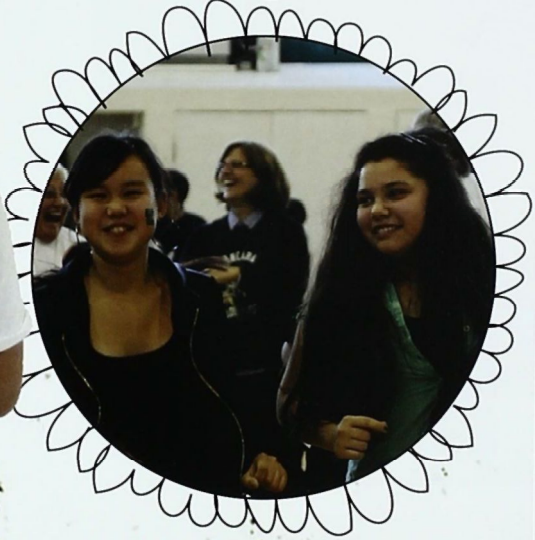
In Profile: LEILA SAKINOVA

Favorite Singer:
Victoria Justice

Hobbies :
I play music and create
art on the weekends

**Favorite Thing About This
School:**
I really like the teachers at
this school

Favorite TV Show:
Vampire Diaries



Sixth



Ethan Carson



Maria Fernandez
Delicado



Melissa Gillis



Ryan Keller



Oguldursun
Meredova



Habiba Mirzaeva



Avi Mohan



Aditiy Nagarajan



Shahzod Niyazov



Jessica Quiceno



Oliha Sharipova

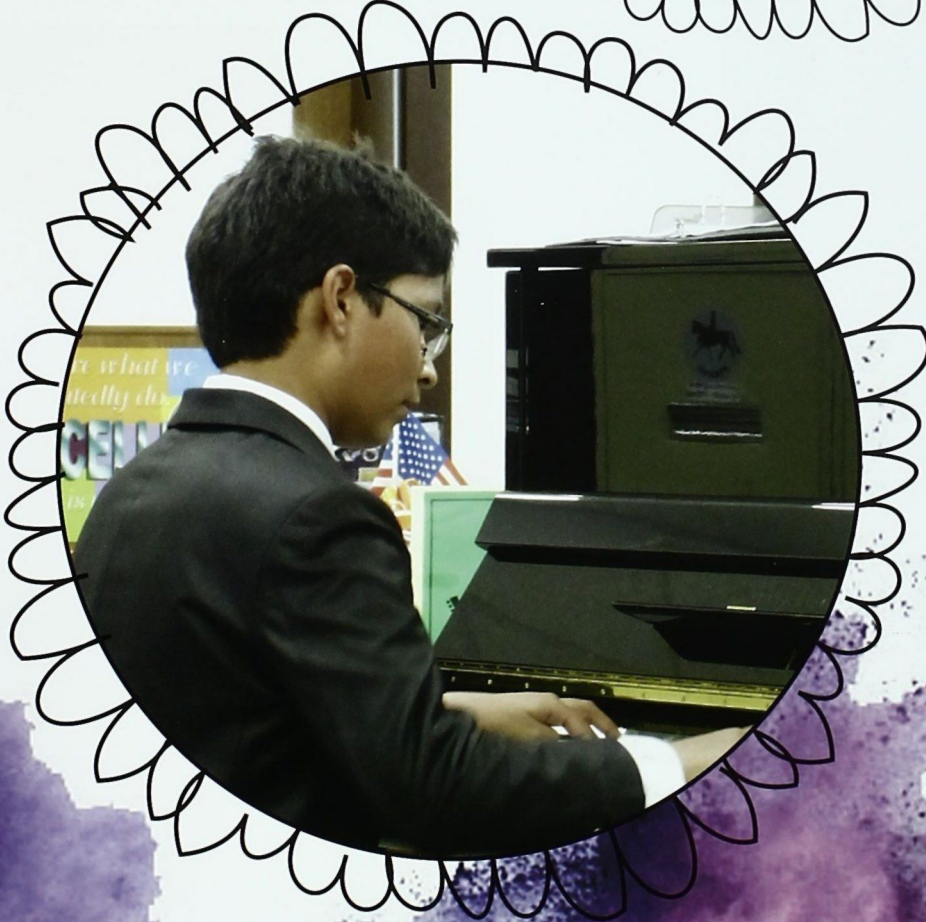


Harkirat Verma

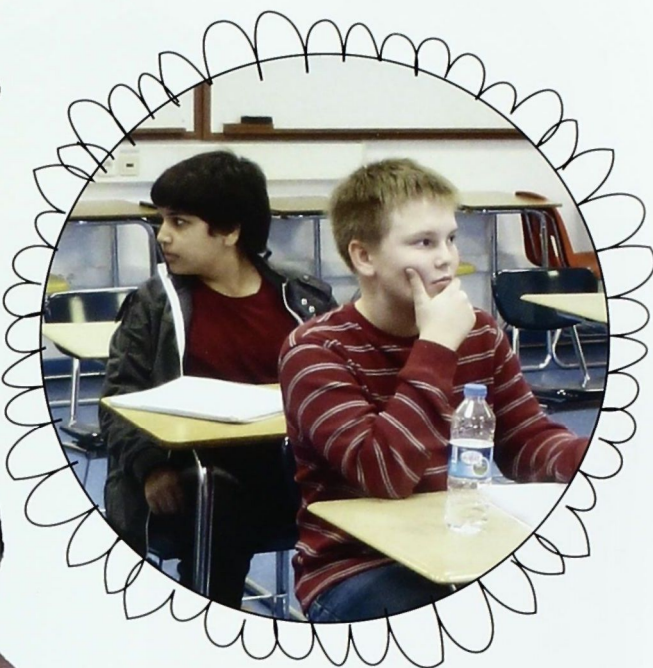
Grade



Ishita Zutshi



Sixth Grade



In Profile:
ISHITA ZUTSHI

Hometown:
Delhi, India

Favorite Hobby:
Reading

Favorite Artist:
Taylor Swift

Favorite TV-Show:
The Simpsons

Best memory of the year:
Straight A Cafe, it was really fun

Best thing about being in sixth grade:
Having lockers!

Student Council representatives
Ethan Carson and Ryan Keller



In Profile: HARKIRAT VERMA

Hometown:
Delhi, India

Favorite Hobby:
Playing cricket

Favorite Artist:
Bob Marley

Favorite TV-Show:
Phineas and Ferb

Favorite Place On Earth:
Rio de Janeiro

Best thing about being in sixth grade:
Having classes with Ms. Ahearn-Er



Fifth



Sarah Buckley



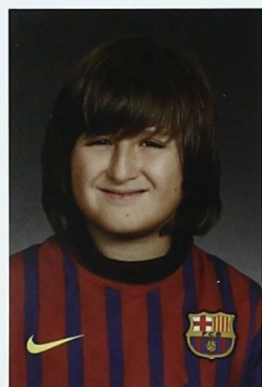
Anna Carson



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Ayvaz Hasanov



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Hillary Raiser



Jackson Saunders



Dayana Shaharuddin

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Halil Sharipov



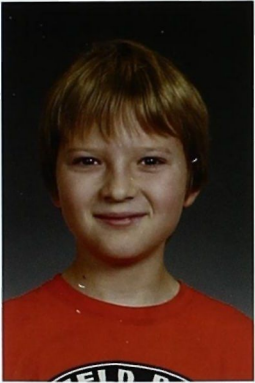
Elizabeth Squire



Sapphira Thompson



Angelina Wiederock



Tate Wroblewski



Ms. Aimee Guignon



Fifth Grade



In Profile: RYLEY ERMATINGER

Favorite Color:

My favorite color is red
because it's cool.

Favorite Food:

My favorite food is sushi
because I love food with rice.

Future Occupation:

When I grow up I want to be
a veterinarian because I love
animals.

Hometown: Bristol, Tennessee,
U.S.A.



In Profile: DAVID QUINCENO

Favorite Color:

My favorite color is red

Favorite Food:

My favorite food is spaghetti because I love food that contains noodles or tomato sauce.

Future Occupation:

When I grow up I want to be a professional soccer player because I want to be like Messi.

Hometown: Manizales,
Columbia



Fourth



Sydney Brown



Barbara Kargul



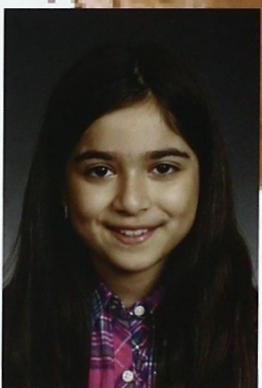
Damin Kim



Elay Levy



Hayden Owens



Sahar Rabbani



Najmiddin Razzakov



Katherine Rook



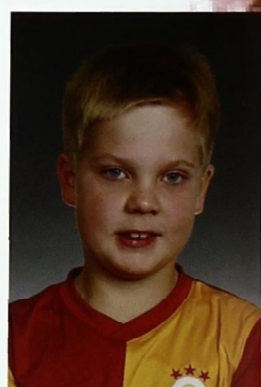
Dastan Rystayev



Vivek Sharma



Arttu Tuominen



Ville Vanhanen

Grade



Tiffany Zanoni



Cheri Gildea



Fourth Grade



In Profile: HAYDEN OWENS

Favorite Color:

My favorite color is pink because I like bright colors.

Favorite Food:

My favorite food is cheese pizza because it is delicious.

Future Occupation: When

I grow up I want to be a professional soccer player because it is my favorite sport.

Hometown: Maryland, U.S.A



In Profile: TIFFANY ZANONI

Favorite Color:

My favorite color is blue because it reminds me of the beach.

Favorite Food:

My favorite food is spaghetti with tomato sauce.

Future Occupation:

When I grow up I want to be a veterinarian because I love animals.

Hometown: California, U.S.A

Third



Mumina Bobobekova



Devin Cevikoglu



Aysha Durdyeva



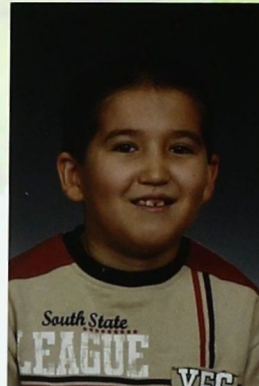
Brigham Ermatinger



Artem Genchev



Anastazja Kiselka



Tagandurdy Meredov



Trinity Robertson



Grade



Clara Roe



Dalila Sakanova



Tursinoy Salahiddinova



Julia Saldana



Ema Sosa



Veronika Stoianenko



Ms. Angelina
Giambanco



Third Grade



In Profile: ANASTAZJA KISELKA

Favorite Color:

My favorite color is green because I love nature.

Favorite Food:

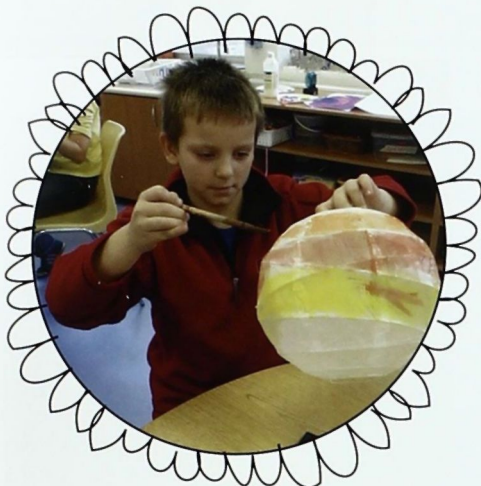
My favorite food is ice cream because they cool down my heat.

Future Occupation:

When I grow up I want to be a singer because I love the stage.

Hometown:

Poznan, Poland



In Profile: ARTEM GENCHEV

Favorite Color:

My favorite color is black.

Favorite Food:

My favorite food is cheese pizza because it is delicious.

Future Occupation:

When I grow up I want to be a pilot because I want to travel in the air, especially Egypt.

Hometown:

Kiev, Ukraine



Second



Erin Buckley



Kylee
Burke-Gorczyński



Zoe Densmore



Amanda Field



Hannah Gildea



Isaac Hale



Inci Hasanova



Aditya Nagarajan



Grade



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Palo Soderberg



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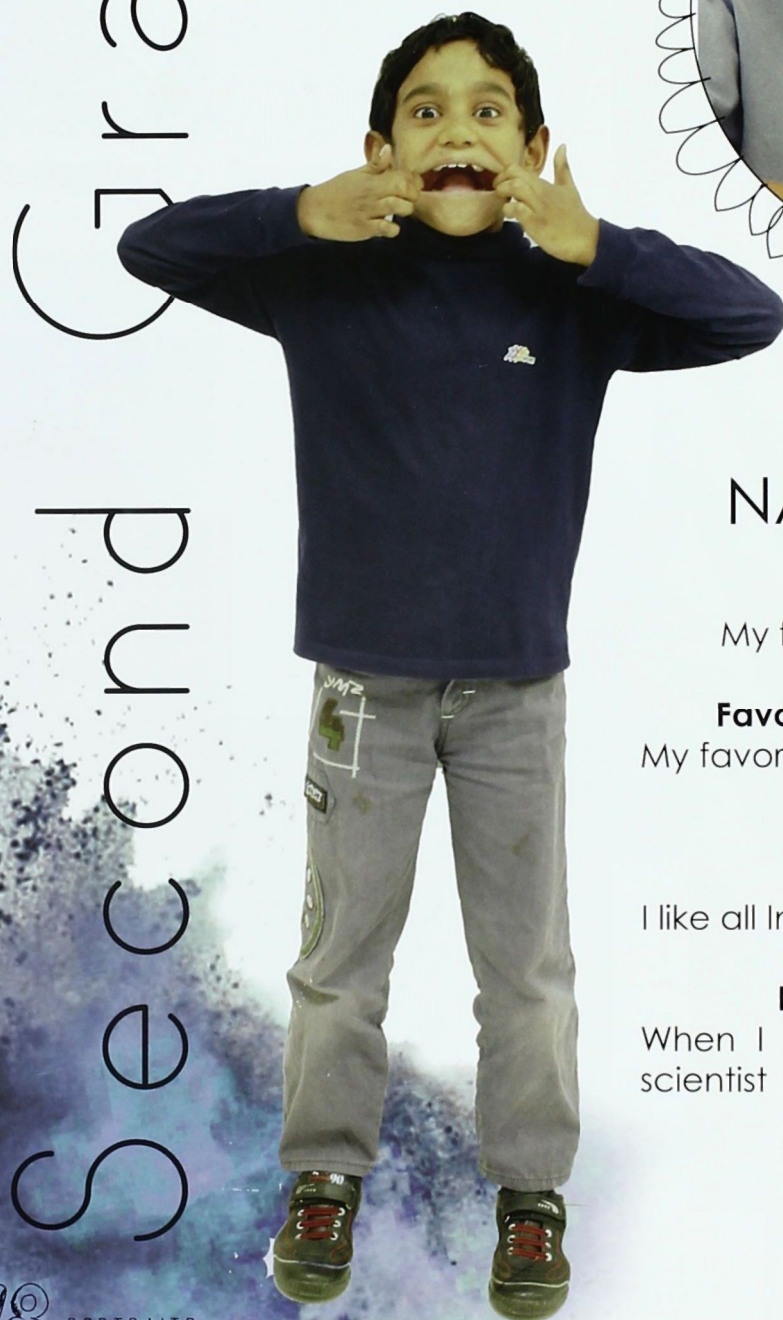


Abbygail Zanoni



Ms. Holly Vance





In Profile: ADITYA NAGARAJAN

Favorite Color:

My favorite color is yellow.

Favorite Cartoon Character:

My favorite cartoon character is Tom and Jerry.

Favorite Food:

I like all Indian foods, and pancakes

Future Occupation:

When I grow up I want to be a scientist and discover fossils and bones.

Hometown:

Chennai, India



In Profile: INCI HASANOVA

Favorite Color:

My favorite color is purple.

Favorite Food:

My favorite food is pepperoni pizza.

Future Occupation:

When I grow up I want to be a veterinarian so that I can love animals and care for them.

Hometown:

Azerbaijan



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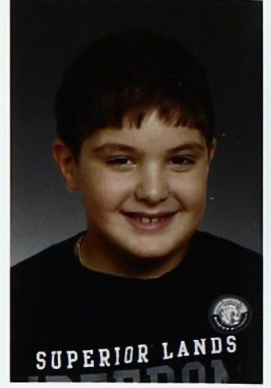
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Amirali Assylkhan



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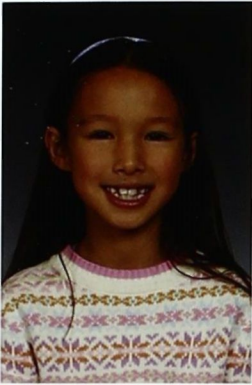


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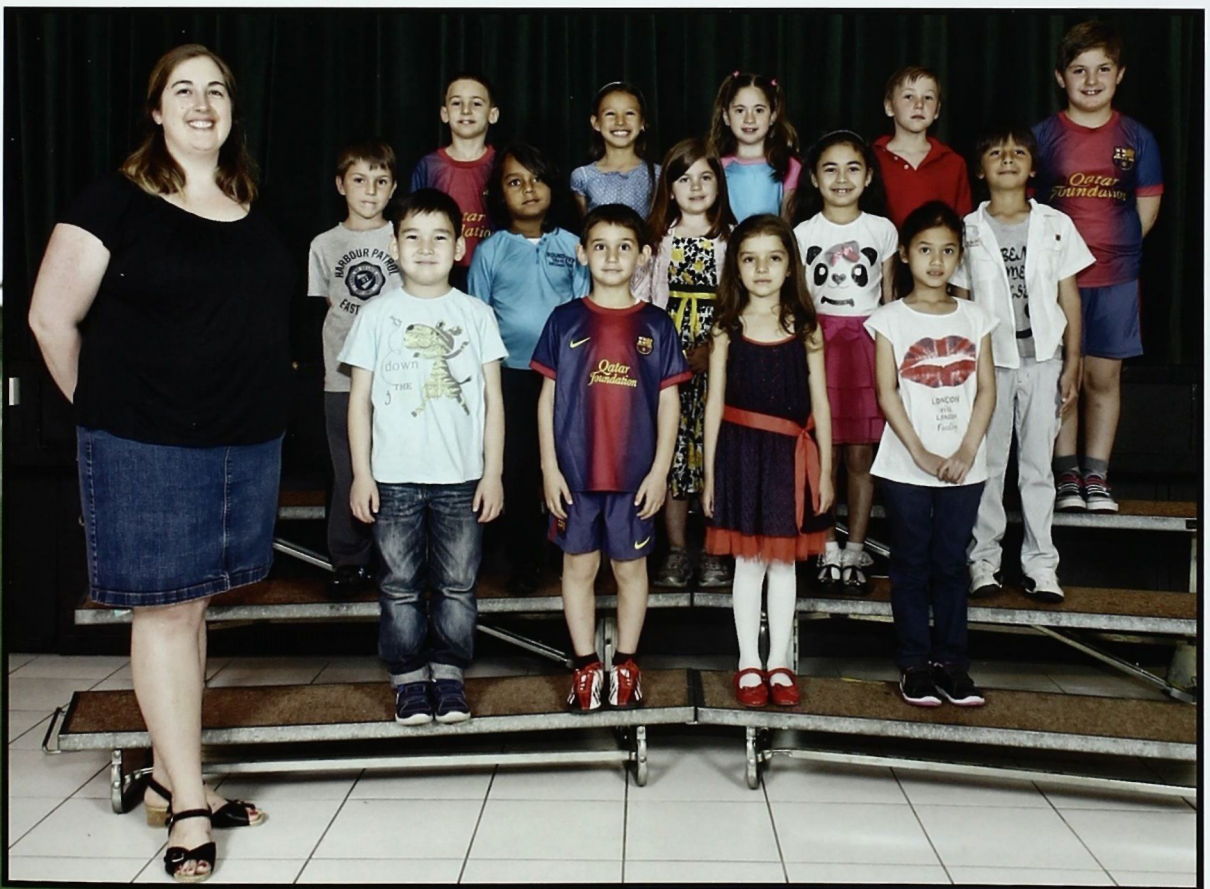
Ami Paulson



Rakhbarkhon
Salahiddinova



Mrs. Beth Favor



First Grade



Liad Levy

Favorite Color:

My favorite color is gold because it is the color of my favorite Power Ranger.

Favorite Food:

My favorite food is bananas because they are yellow and healthy.

Future Occupation:

When I grow up I want to be a dad and an astronaut.

Hometown:

Israel



Kaylee
Carson

Favorite Color:

My favorite color is purple.

Favorite Food:

My favorite food is spaghetti because they are easy to chew on.

Future Occupation:

When I grow up I want to be an artist because I love painting.

Hometown:
Alaska



Kinder



Selin Akkaya



Firaas Bin Mohd Faisal



Cornelia Blixt



Munisa Bobobekova



Cameron Densmore



Gianna Field



Tessa Hale



William Horan



Kirra Horton



Eleanor Jack



Karan Kara



Zhibek Meirasbek

garten



Nikoloz Pataradze



Lisa Powell



Jaylen Robertson



Alexander Sledge



Nicole Sledge



Isabelle Taylor



Lilly Ulmer-Glas



Zhanel Yessengeldi



Mrs. Tinia Bills



Mrs. Diane Keller



In Profile:
**CAMERON
DENSMORE**

Favorite Color:

My favorite colors are dark blue and black.

Favorite Food:

My favorite foods are waffles and pasta.

Future Occupation:

When I grow up I want to be a police officer so that I can get rid of bad guys.

Hometown:

New York, USA



In Profile: CORNELIA BLIXT

Favorite Color:

My favorite color is blue.

Favorite Food:

My favorite food is spaghetti with meatballs.

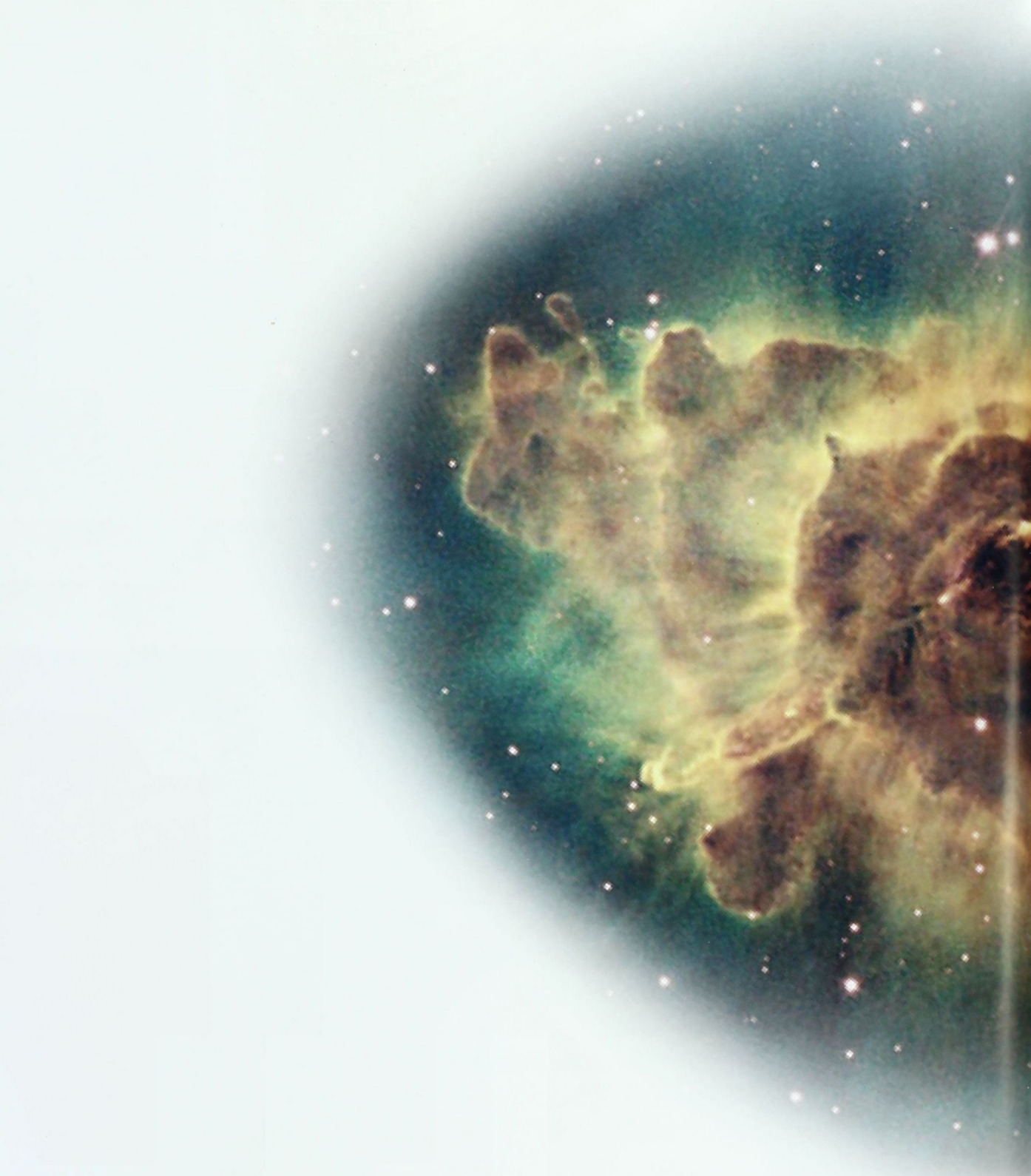
Future Occupation:

When I grow up, I want to be an animal doctor.

Hometown:

Stockholm, Sweden





LIVE THE



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It's time.

Thirteen years later, like a sailor awaiting the first rays of dawn,

You know that it's time.

You learned the dream.

You played the dream.

You crafted the dream.

So when you leave these hallways, don't forget to love every
second of it.

DREAM

CLASS



LINN ADOLFSSON

Future Plans: To live.

"Where's your will to be weird?"

-Jim Morrison



SIBEL AKPUREK

Future Plans: Study psychology at the University of Vermont.

"Not all those who wander are lost."

-J.R.R. Tolkien

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DAVIN BAXTER

Future Plans: Work, and attending community college



MANDAKINI CHANDRA

Future Plans: To see as much of it as possible; McGill University

"The woods are lovely, dark and deep,
But I have promises to keep,
And miles to go before I sleep,
And miles to go before I sleep."

- Robert Frost

CLASS



JAMES DANIEL III

Future Plans: Air Force OSI agent or Police Officer.

"You know what keeps running through my head?
Where is my sandwich?"

-Robert Downey Jr.



IRMAK ECEVIT

Future Plans: Stop worrying, be happy- find true happiness.

"You are not a drop in the ocean. You are the entire ocean, in a drop."

-Rumi

"Nothing is impossible, the world itself says 'I'm possible'!"

-Audrey Hepburn

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GREGORY ER

Future Plans: Will attend University of California -Santa Cruz

"I'd rather be hated for who I am, than loved for who I am not."

- Kurt Cobain

"Dream as if you'll live forever. Live as if you'll die today."

- James Dean



HENRY GLOVER

Future Plans: Work at a recording studio as a sound engineer

CLASS



CLARA HAMILTON

Future Plans: Texas Christian University

"Be a best friend, tell the truth, and
overuse I love you,
Go to work, do your best, don't outsmart
your common sense,
Never let your prayin knees get lazy,
And love like crazy."

— Lee Ann Womack



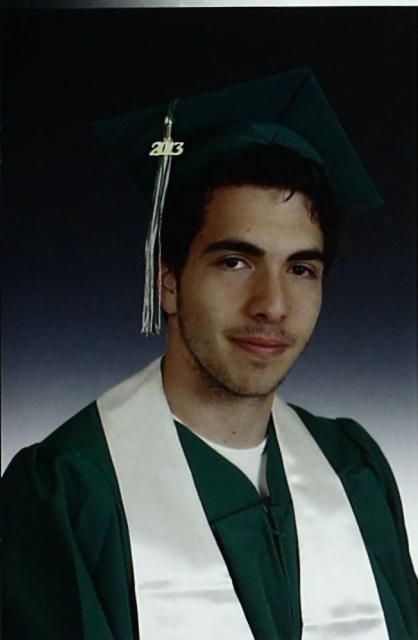
SHAHIDA KARIMOVA

Future plans: Study Business
Administration and International
Relations, and work for United Nations

"In a gentle way, you can shake the
world."

— Mahatma Gandhi

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ATA KAZAZ

Future Plans: Will attend New York University

"It is not from the benevolence of the butcher, the brewer, or the baker that we expect our dinner, but from their regard to their self interest."

-Adam Smith

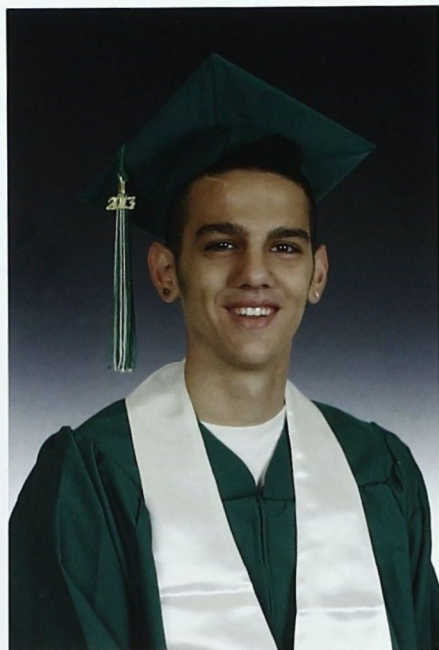
"Effort only fully releases its reward after a person refuses to quit" -Napoleon Hill



MIKHEIL KHAKHUTASHVILI

Future Plans: Return to Georgia and pursue a vocation.

CLASS



BERAT KIVANC

Future Plans: Will attend Purdue University-Calumet

"I love you and your family, you are amazing, I love whoever made you. Stay positive."

-Lil B



DANIEL MCCRORY

Future Plans: College ROTC for four years, then be commissioned as a 2nd lieutenant in the United States Air Force. And obtain a very exclusive shoe collection.

"Hard work beats talent when talent fails to work hard."

-Kevin Durant

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AYGERIM TEMIRBEK KYZDY

Future Plans: Study film directing and work in the movie and television industry

"I definitely intend to start living sometime soon."

- Ashleigh Brilliant



EKATERINA TORLAK

Future Plans: Get onto the cheerleading squad in university and open a dance academy.

"Sometimes, in order to become emotionally and mentally strong, you have to be broken down to your weakest point in order to build yourself back up. Not only broken down, but ripped to pieces in order to realize that life is not that fairytale that you grew up wishing upon."

- Aly Johnson



One Step Ahead



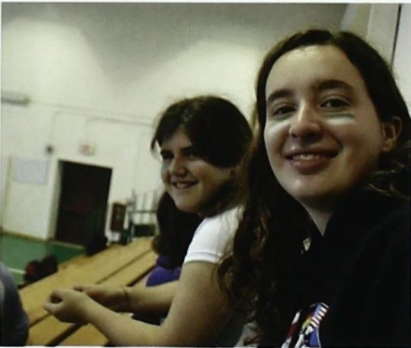
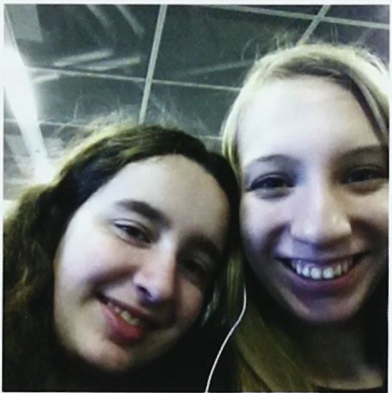
In January, the seniors had to say goodbye to one of their own. Shahida Karimova's family moved back to Uzbekistan, and Shahida went with them. Luckily, Shahida had all of her credits to graduate and a graduation ceremony was held with all the pomp and circumstance expected of such an event. With her family, teachers, and fellow students in attendance, Shahida glowed as she walked to the stage in her cap and gown. Abby Hansen and Karey Daniel sang a beautiful rendition of "Because I Knew You" and touching speeches were given by Leigh Carignan and Shahida's best friend Greg Er. Shahida was missed the second half of the school year, but it was a great feeling to know that she was given a proper send off surrounded by her friends and family.



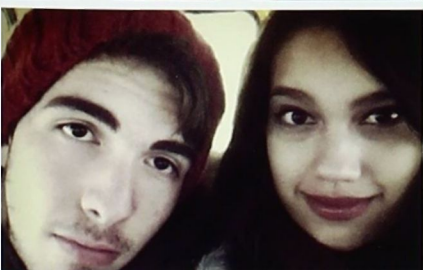
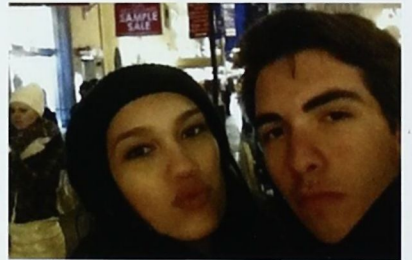
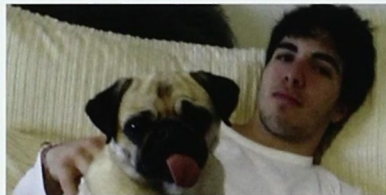
Above: Senior Shahida Karimova prepares to hand a bouquet to her parents. Below: The senior class smiles with newly-graduated Shahida Karimova. Congratulations!



CLARA HAMILTON



ATA KAZAZ



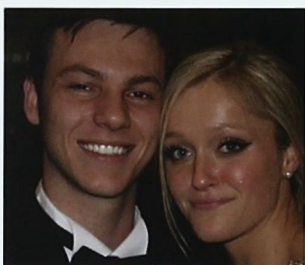
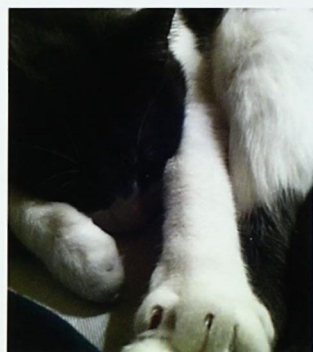
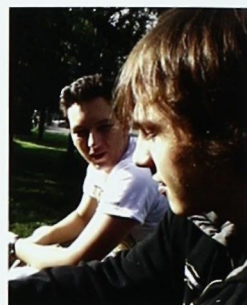
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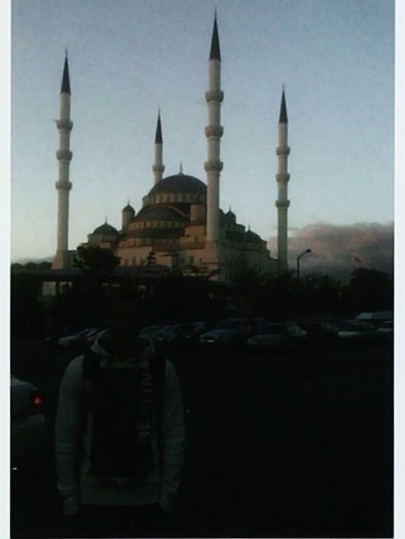
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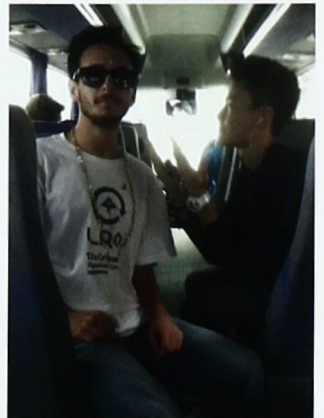
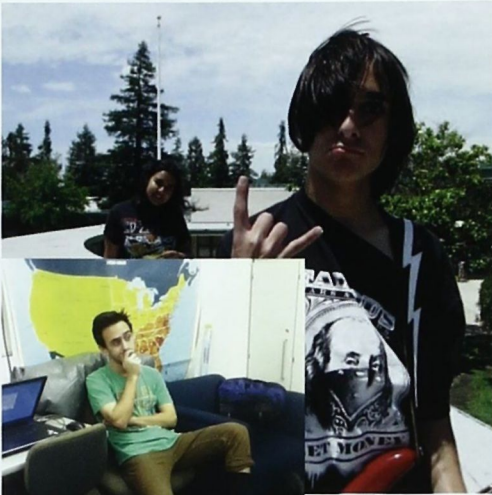
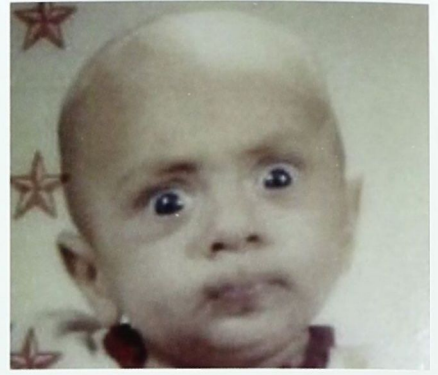
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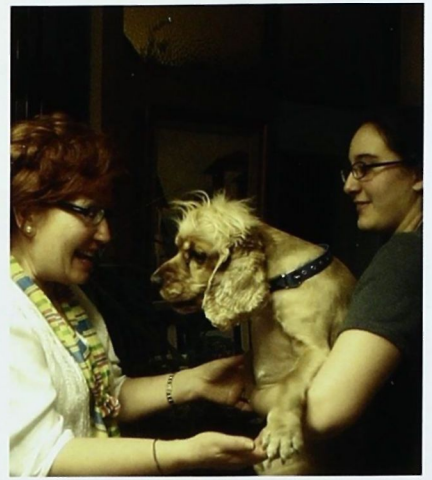
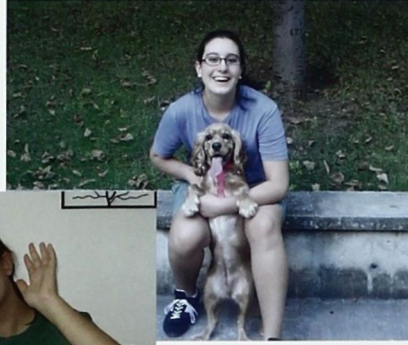
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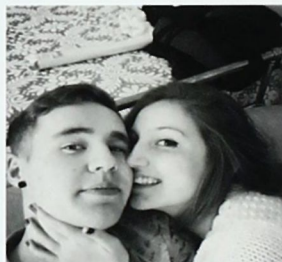
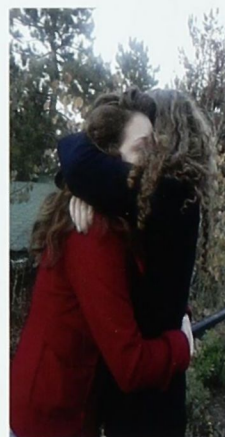
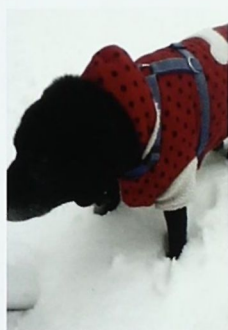
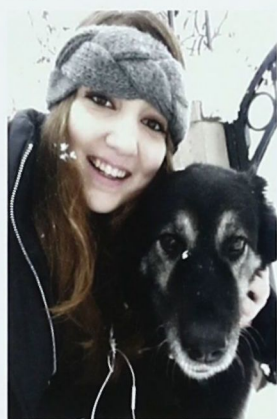
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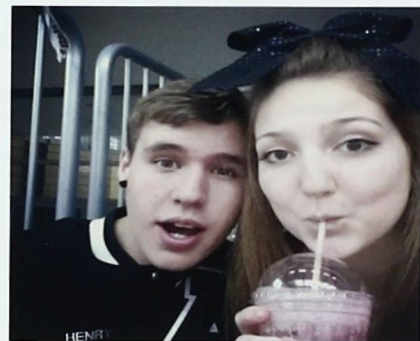
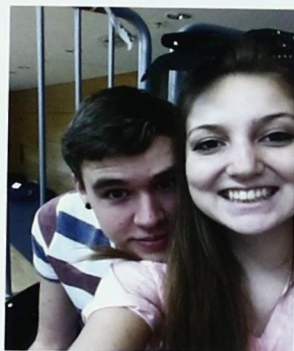
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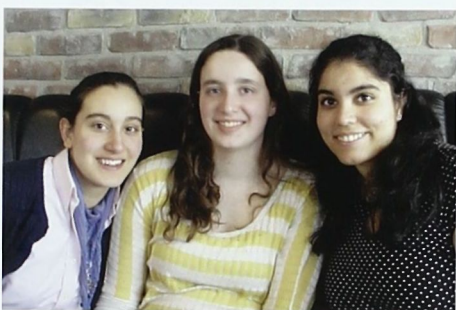
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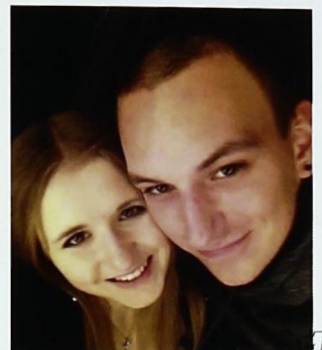
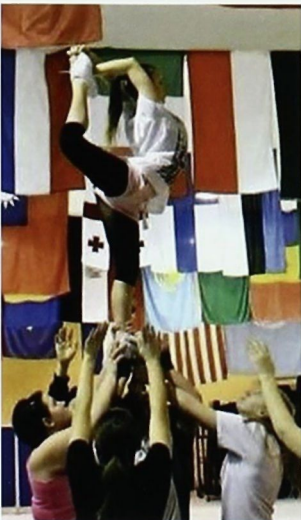
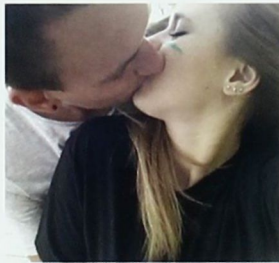
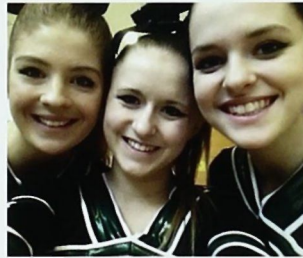
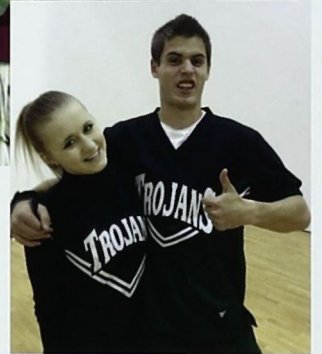
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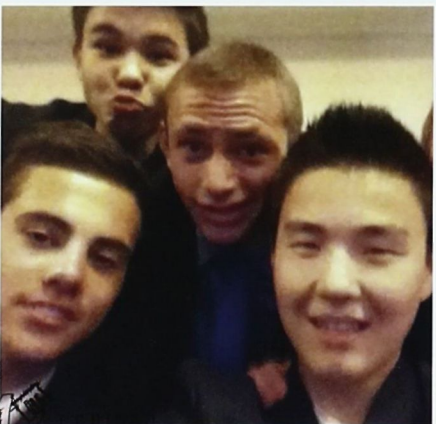
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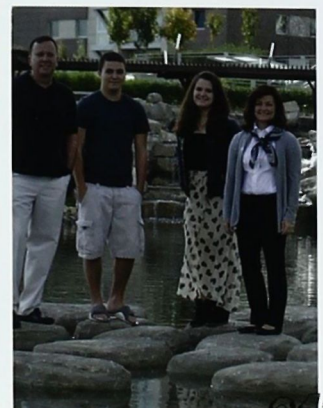
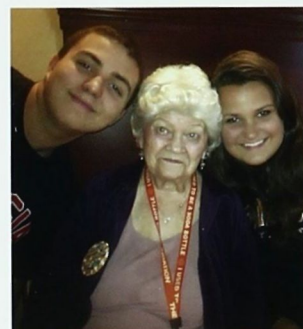
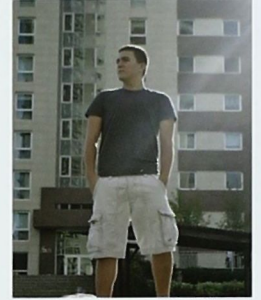
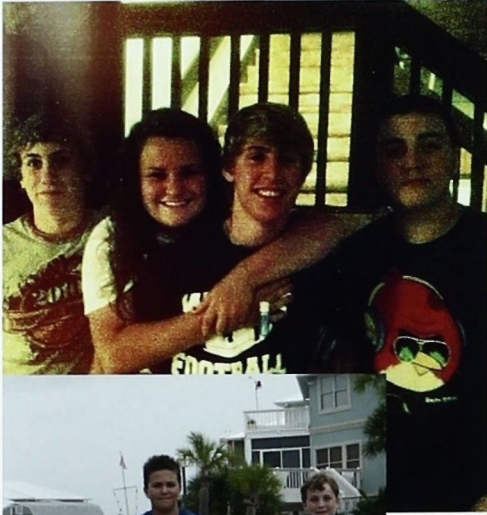
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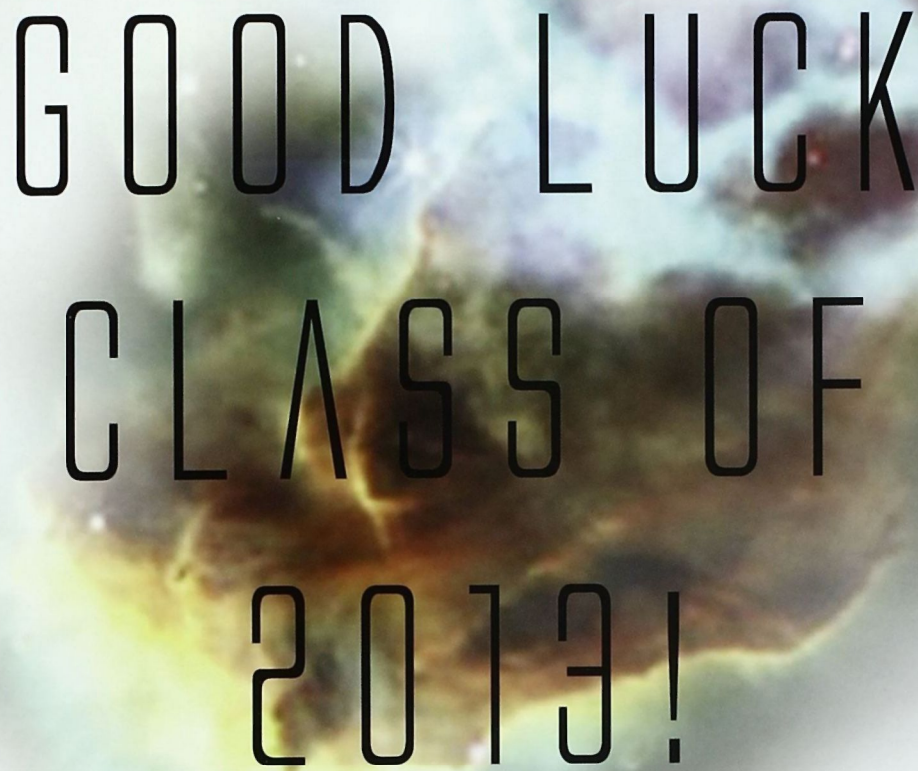


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SHAHIDA KARIMOVA





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ADMINISTRATION, AND
FELLOW CLASSMATES
WISH YOU ALL THE
BEST IN YOUR FUTURE!

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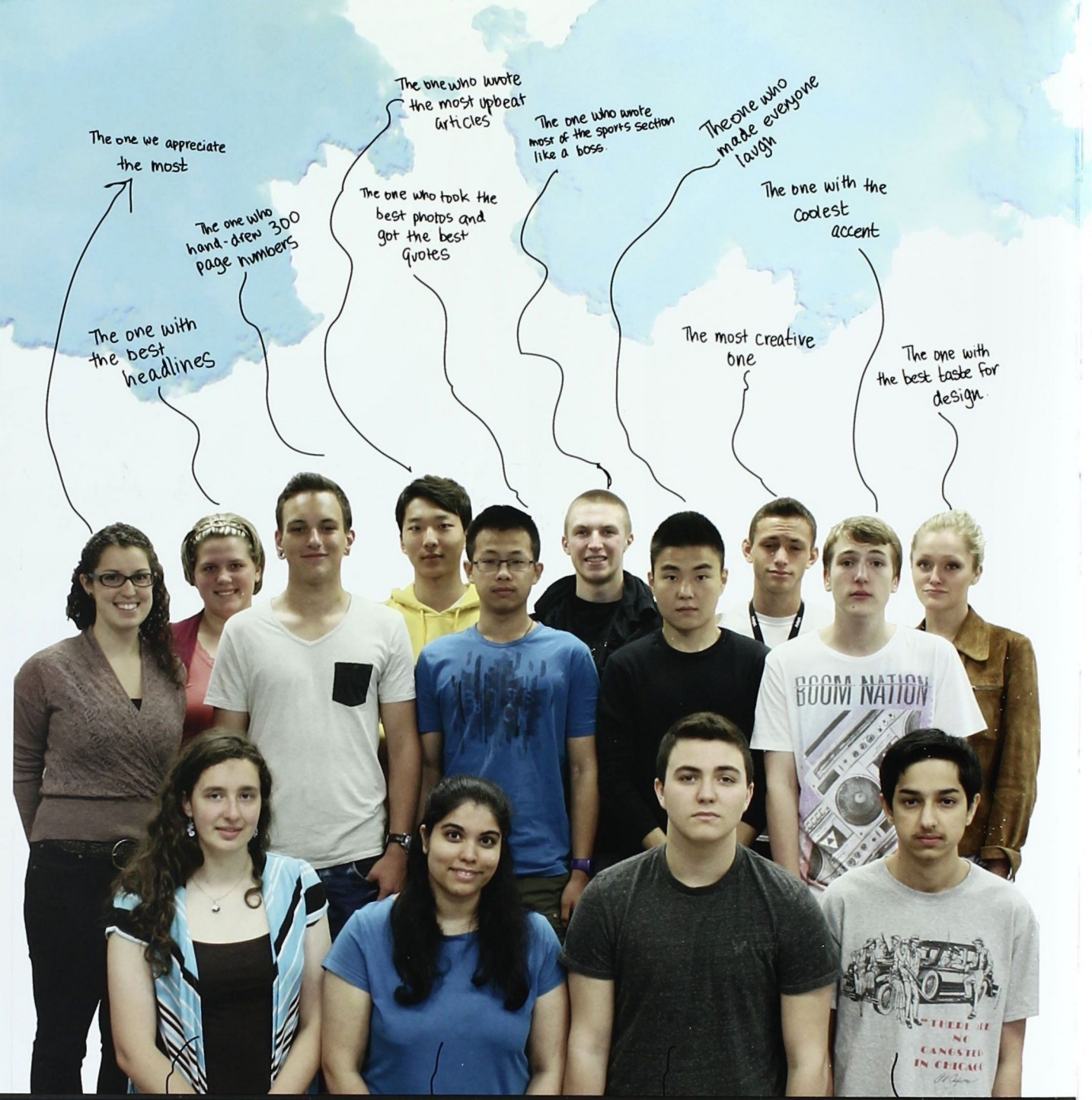
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And through it all, we've

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Pursue the moment.

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Have a great summer!
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Have a great summer!
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next year!
Thank!

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and get rid of your
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-Habiba

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are funny → You are not!

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best summer!
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life! See you
next year
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