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At the beginning of the year we were faced with a blank book; one waiting for us to fill in our ideas and memories. We spent countless class periods pondering a theme that would be both cohesive and fun for all ages. Then finally it struck us. Lost and Found. Losing yourself in moments you will treasure forever and finding new beginnings and adventures along the way.

We faced several challenges with this book, as any class would. In November, the network crashed, deleting a lot of our work and setting us back a full month. Several pages were lost in the digital labyrinth forever. We were able to find a way through the madness to create this beautiful book
that will hopefully be treasured not only by our yearbook staff, but also by the students described in its pages.

I have been blessed with such a wonderful staff this year. We had countless numbers of photographers that found you at your best and captured those moments forever. We had story writers and page creators who dealt with my OCD and straightend every line. There was our wonderful artist, Martin Mezei, who once again provided hand-drawn page numbers, sea

monsters and boats. There was the all-fabulous Maarya Rabbani, who stood by my side as Design Editor and Dakota Saunders who stood on my other side as Copy Editor and helped keep me on my feet through the tough moments. This book woudn't be complete without all of you! Although we were all greatly saddened by the departure of Ms. Napoli, our supervisor and supreme editor, we wish her all the best in her new life in London. She has been the rock and foundation of this book and it wouldn't be what it is today without her.

I would like to outstretch a very thankful note to Mr. Douglas who
answered question after question about photos and pages and the front office staff for scanning photo after photo.

Mrs. Sexton, thank you for making AP World a class I enjoyed and will miss very much (on a side-note, you make the best lemon-blueberry cake!).
Mr. Carignan, you have truly inspired me to be a better person and showed me how to push myself to the limits, and to all the other teachers at our humble little school, each one of you has made a footprint on my senior year and this book to make it unforgettable.
Signing off on another adventure, Grace Babinski


Aug. 27th: Authorities in Istanbul cover up Huseyin Cetinel's rainbow steps with gray paint, sparking protests and a surge of color across Turkey.


Nov, 15th: Toronto Mayor Rob Ford is removed from office in Canada after admitting to drug use while in, "a drunken stupor." He quickly became an internet sensation for his unique antics.


Nov 2nd: Typhoon Haiyan hits the Phillipines as the most powerful storm recorded at landfall, devastating huge Avaths of the region and killing around 6,000 people.

Oct. 1-16th: The US Government shuts down due to Congress' inability to reach an agreement on the 2014 fiscal plan, closing many federal jobs.

Oct. 31st: Syria meets deadline to destory their chemical weapons manufacuring facilities, after 1,429 civilians died in August in a gas attack. President Bashar-al Assad denied responsibility for the attack.


Dec. 5th: Nelson Mandela, the revered former president of South Africa, who was imprisoned for 27 years after fighting to end the Apartheid regime, died at age 95. The world mourned the passing of a great man who spread a beautiful message of love, respect and hope and who promoted peace.



Feb 26th: A Ukrainian interim government is created after violent protests. President Yanukovych flees to Russia. Many Ukrainians wanted to form stronger ties with the EU while others favored Russia and voted for seccesion from Ukraine. Russia sent troops to Crimea to protect their interests and annex them sparking diplomatic tensions between Russia and the West,

Mar. 7th: Malaysian Airlines flight MH370 disapears en route to Beijing with 227 passengers, some with stolen passports. Rumors of highjacking circulated when no debris were found, but it was finally agreed upon that the plane crashed in the southern Indian Ocean and that there were no survivors.

Jan. 22nd: Following a corruption probe where businessmen and ministers close to Prime Minister Erdogan were targeted, 120 judges and thousand of police officers were reassigned. Erdogan blames Fethullah Gulen, a cleric, for attempting a judicial coup. The scandal has since worsened Turkey's prospects of entering the EU.


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## The Leaders <br> $\mathrm{Cl} \%$



## Meet the New Principal

David Tran, our principal in the 2013/14 school year, truly reflects the international background of our school. Mr. Tran himself is halfVietnamese and half-American. He has just as much experience in education as in moving around the world. He has been a principal at different NoDS schools for the past 9 years, and, previous to that, spent 7 years being an assistant principal. His list of countries he has lived in includes Japan, Belgium, Vietnam, and the US. Now, he is adding Turkey on there and he is happy to see that things here differ to what anyone would see on the news outside of the country. The mixture of European and MiddleEastern influences make this an interesting place not only for the students, but the teachers and principals as well.

In Mr.Tran's opinion, AEHS is a micro-
reflection of the world. Meeting new people in all the countries he has moved to has been useful for him to not base his opinion and knowledge on stereotypes, but personal experience. Mr. Tran, because of his experience and open mind, is a perfect match for a school like ours, where children from all around the world meet and share their cultures.


Mr.Tran stands by the exit and wishes his students a good evening every day after school.

## Soyages <br> and <br> Successes

## Meet the Vice Principal

Rosie Uluer has been the vice principal at AEHS for six years. She is a steady presence in the sea of an always changing international environment. She has been working in education for 41 years, and has taught in DoDDS for 38 years. She started by teaching math, business, and later computer science, before becoming vice principal. These years make her a very experienced member of faculty, who has acquired an understanding of the needs and concerns of international students.

She has lived all around the globe, including 3 different cities in Turkey, Italy, and Germany. She speaks German and Turkish. She likes living in Ankara because of its culture and sports which both offer opportunities for students and teachers to relax mentally and physically.

She loves working with young people and children, and finds working at international institutions a very good and useful experience. Her international environment enables her to become and progress as a global citizen and to speak the "global language" she says.


Mrs.Uluer enjoys talking to students during lunch. She always makes a point to be involved with the students before, during and after school.


Hidir Aslan (Supply)


Serkan Cakmak (Janitor)


Rafet Aslan (Janitor)


Goksel Cetinoz
(Registrar)


Cakil Atakan
(Secretary)


Doug DeBacker (Guidance Counselor)


Terence Douglas (Educational Technologist)


Nilay Tanir-Gokdogan
(Administrative Technologist)


Zeynel Guven (Supply)


Cengiz Ozgenc (Janitor)


Mehmet Ozturk (Janitor)


Rodney Price (School Liason Officer)


Kenan Saglamer
(Janitor)


Mehmet Unur (Janitor)


Roger Vanderploeg (Transportation)


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Aimee Guignon (5th Grade)


Lynda Hayward (History \& English)


Senem Kadioglu
(Math \& Computer Science)


Douglas Kittleson (Math \& Science)


Rose Lake
(Kindergarten Aide)


John McNeal
(English \&ESL)


Katie Napoli
(Art)


Alicia Sexton
(History \& Gifted)


Elizabeth Tafoya (ESL)


Holly Vance (2nd Grade)


Tammy Walker (2nd Grade Sub)


Kathy Yayboke (Music)


Mr.Kittelson is an experienced teacher who contributes to our school's faculty with his engaging teaching methods applied in chemistry. He has been teaching for 46 years in 3 countries. Starting in the U.S., moving to Germany, and finally moving to Turkey, Mr. Kittelson has seen and knows the needs of multicultural students. He believes everyone's interest in science can be sparked with interesting experiments and demos that present the real life applications of science. He has found chemistry and math fascinating since he was a student himself, and studied both throughout his whole career, earning degrees in both subjects. When asked, Mr. Kittelson said he would be an electrician, if not a teacher, but chose teaching instead because, as he said, "It was a nice thing to do."


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Ms. Coruh is a passionate teacher who loves educating her students. Being of Turkish descent, but growing up in the United States, she finds she shares the voice of locals and international students. She has been teaching for 17 years, but while teaching she learns new things every day, she says. She realized that many students had problems learning mathemathics, so she decided she would use her mathematics degree to educate students and show them that math is actually a fun subject. Even though her favorite subject used to be English literature as a student and she was going to design cover pages for a publishing company, her love of teaching brought Ms. Coruh through several countries, educating hundreds of students of various nationalities. She has taught in Italy and Turkey.

I am a life long learner and love to learn new things. Teaching gives me the opportunity to stay fresh on my content knowledge,"-Serra Goruh


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Erin Buckley


Amanda Field

Hannah Gilda



Laniya Cross


Zoe Densmore


Inci Hasanova


Anna Imerlishvili (not pictured)


Ramy Koperly


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Aditya Nagarajan


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Siri Palo Soderberg


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Aysha Durdyyeva


Alexandra (Sasha) Flanagan


Nini Gabadze
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Artem Genchev


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Anastazja (Tusia) Kiselka


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Trinity Robertson


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Christian Goff


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## 5th Grade Band

As an effort to get the 5th graders ahead in music next year, Mrs. Yayboke held an afterschool class for any 5th grade students who chose to learn a band instrument. Many of the students took advantage of the opportunity and took up either a brass or woodwind instrument.

During the Winter
Sing-Along, the students not only performed a song they had prepared on the bells, but they also sat on stage with the beginner band students of this year and played the famous "Jingles Bells."
"It is so wonderful to see the students' enthusiasm for learning music. Their love for playing music grows more each day," Mrs. Yayboke explains when talking about her students. Sydney Brown states, "I love learning to play the flute. It is a very pretty sounding instrument."
 By Grace Babingé
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David Quiceno


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Jackson Saunders

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Angelina Wiederock


Tate Wroblewski




Ethan Carson


Melissa Gillis


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Ruby Adam


Jeffery (Jeff) Bills


Natalia Alcala



Myriam Atassi


Eliana Babinski


Jonathan Crowell

Solomon Ermatinger


Annabel Delfs


Goltane Ghazi


Gideon Hansen


Radoslaw (Radek) Kargul


Rowena Kayizali


Julia Kiselka


Melissa Lamm


Magdalena (Magda) Matenka


Dylan Nieves


Chloe Ottaviano


Safwat Rahman


Emil Raiser


Leila Sakanova


Tacy Surrett


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Mira Wroblewski


Sayazhan Zhexenova



Isabel Burns

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Jared Gallant

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"A Wrays be yourself, unless you can be a unicorn. Then always be a unicorn)!" -Stnanymous

- Beautiful music is the art of the prophets that can calm the agitations of the soul: it is one of the most magnificent and delightful presents God has given us." - Mrartin Luther

"Tro things are infinite: the universe and human stupidity: and I'm not sure about the uniserse." -slebert Einstein
"You get the best out of others when you get the best out of yourself." -TEarvey s. Firestone

"The best and mast beautiful things in the world cannot be seen on even touched -they musk be felt by the heart." -Itelen Keller

"Once in a while you get shornn the light in the strangest of places
if you look at it right." -Grateful Dead

"When you prant to succeed as bad as you want to breathe, than you will be successful."- Unknown
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- Martin Luthex King of.


We'se all got both light and dark inside us. What matters is the part we choose to act on. That's who we really are." - Sirius Black "You're only gisen one spark of madness You musn't lose it - Robin Villiams

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"Knowledge is knowing a tomato is a fruit wisdom is not putting
it in a fruit salad". - Mites Kington


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Alex Meileur, David Quiceno, Jackson Saunders, and Fran Ostrunic Hajdic find their way to their first class. It was their first day of middle school.


Top: Asya Alexander waits in the Hoca on her first day at school. Right:First graders Firaas Bin Mohd Faisal, William Horan, and Jayeh Robertson start their day of w with a friendly game of rock-
 Binmern paper-scissors


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## Journeys

"I was very excited to go to my first Englishspeaking school."

-Thomas Buckley, Kindergarten

As the end of a long summer break draws to a close, students begin itching with excitement for the first day of school. They are casually greeted with the smiles of Mr. David Tran, the new principal, Mrs.Uluer, the vice principal, and teachers , who are ready to begin classes. Elementary students sit at their tables in the Hoca awaiting their teachers, while the middle and high school students continue down the busy hall to receive their schedules and locker combinations. The halls everyone will soon be familiar with are a bustle of returning students reuniting, new students being introduced and pulled into groups of friends, and schedules being compared.
On their last first day of school, the seniors claim their spot at one end of the hall. On the other end the new 6th graders struggle with opening their lockers for the first time.
A week later, the new kindergarteners take their first steps through the doors of $\mathrm{AE} / \mathrm{HS}$ on their first, first day of school. Some are terrified as to what the day will bring, others are ready to leave their parents' side. Parents say sentimental goodbyes and leave their children in the trusted hands of the teachers.

By Grace Babinski


Top: Thomas Buckley, Rick Paulson and Isidor Palo Soderberg wait in line, eager to start their first day of kindergarten.
Left: Assistant Principal, Mrs. Rosie Uluer, greets 8th graders Sangwook Uhm and Peter Do as they enter the school.


Mrs. Holly Vance greets her new students in the hallway before beginning their first day of second grade.


Left: Mrs. Coruh instructs the Algebra 2 class about factoring and graphing. Mr. Sexton also stepped in to help during the 3 rd quarter to fill his requirements to become a teacher.
Right: Ridhi Sharma, freshman, listens to Mrs. Coruh's lesson


N Ms. Avenick's 6th grade class learns how to Senior Shivam Sengar working through his AP organize data through graphs and number lines. Calculus worksheet- the highest-level math class offered here at Ankara EHS.


Seniors Dakota Saunders, Ian Engstrom and Azamat Suyubayev flex their mathematical muscles in AP Calculus!

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At Ankara EHS, mathematics is taken seriously. From elementary classes that drill multiplication tables to AP Calculus lessons that test the very boundaries of logic, mathematics extends beyond the classroom enviromment, applying to everything we do and see in the world around us. Mrs. Kadioglu, one of the school's main math teachers, realizes the importance of not only helping students to understand the concepts covered, but encourages them to enjoy the learning process itself. "Ilike math because it is a science that is constant and always tells the truth" Mrs. Coruh said.

Many students are also challenged to take courses that they would have otherwise run in terror from, simply because of the fantastic faculty. "I enjoy learning new ways to solve problems I haven't been able to solve before. It makes math more exciting," Maarya Rabbani states. In addition to Mrs. Kadioglu, Mrs. Coruh and Mrs. Avenick are equally as experienced in math, ensuring that their younger sets of students have strong foundations in middle school math and algebra. Mathematics may be daunting to some, but at our school it is embraced!

- By Jared Gallant and Dakota Saunders

Above: Sophomore Jake Moore concentrates on an English assignment.
Below: Junior Hamid Yaghchi and Senior Zahraa Al-Obaidi look over their notes during a lecture in AP English Languag

Above: Junior Jaela Bills discusses a tough question in AP English Language and Composition.
Below: Sophomore Mehrangez Safarova gives a presentation in



Myriam Atassi, Mira Wroblewski, and Magda Matenka perform à skit in Mr. Baldemor's 8th grade language arts class. The skits were about Harriet Tubman and had to incorporate historical facts, poetry and something magical.

## The English Department

From Hamlet to Dickens and from Frost to Brontë, English teachers and their students spend all year disecting great works of literature as they attempt to understand the deeper meanings embedded within them. Additionally students at Ankara EHS learn to mimic these styles and develop their own unique voices in their writing.

The ability to communicate with one another is a foundational skill that transcends all classes and subjects. "Students need the skills taught in English, and all students can improve. If it is possible to write well, it is also possible to write better. If it is possible to comprehend, it is possible to own and reconfigure that which you comprehended," Mr. Tim Redden explains. In order
to perfect this trade, most students take two AP English classes during high school, Literature and Language, both of which emphasize the importance of composition as a means of self-expression. Mrs. Carder and Mr. Redden share the honor of teaching these rigorous courses.

However, much learning takes place before the rigor of Advanced Placement classes comes into play. Mrs. Lynda Hayward prepares her Honors students to write detailed, organized and concise essays that prepare them for their workloads ahead.

By Lixxie Nieves

Above: 8th graders Melissa Lamm and Safwat Rahman build model colonies in US History.
Below: 7th grader Oguldurson Meredova takes notes during geography with Mr. Generelli.


8th Grader Rowena Kayizali tuses a hand-on learning approach in 8th Grade US History. The project was to construct a replica of a US colony from the 1700's.


Who said history was boring? Teacher Lynda Hayward and 10th grader Kathryn Kuhar get side-tracked from their reading in Honors History. Fun is just as much a part/ of this class as learning.

## History at Ankara EHS

Knowledge of past events can help us face today's challenges. At Ankara EHS, our history department has grown to meet such rigorous standards. From Tim Redden's middle-school history classes, to Paul Generelli's senior-dominated US Government course, state management, economies, conflicts and cultures are all explored in depth in lessons that transcend the classroom. Alicia Sexton, who teaches both AP World History and US History, and Lynda Hayward, who teaches the honors classes, both recognize the importance of history as a foundational class in every student's education. "History shows us where we've been so that we can make better choices about where we're going," Mrs. Sexton said, while Ms. Hayward insisted, "because, it's just important!"

The importance of this subject does not
detract from its objective to engage students through exciting projects, class discussions and group work. According to senior Vikrant Zutshi, "In AP World History, we use informational packets and do lot of work, but we also have discussions and watch videos that make class something to look forward to."

While dates can be difficult to memorize and essays laborious to write, students from across the board insist that their teachers are always there to answer questions and smooth the often rocky learning process. th grader Gideon Hansen expressed his feeling about US History with Mr. Redden, "Even though he's an English teacher, he really understands his subject and makes sure none of his students are left behind." Despite the challenges of our rigorous curriculum, students love learning about history.
By Dakota Saunders

## Using the



Senior Azamat Suyubayev does pushups to improve his upper body strength and midline stability. Push-ups are one of the most common movements used by people wanting to get fit.

Right: 6th graders Katherine Klingaman and Tate Wroblewski do sit-ups as part of their warm up. Bottem: The 6th grade class practices air squats. Keep those hands up!


Right:Eric Meilleur, a sophmore, warms up for a workout by jumping rope. Below: Mr. Carignan instructs the elementary school students in resoponding quickly to instructions.


Top: J.C. Hamilton, a junior, sets up to do a deadlift. A deadlift is a power-move and is part of the 9 basic movements that are taught in PE.

Left: Kindergartener Nika Kochalidze reaches the top of his squat position. That's right, the kindergarten class was not exempt from working hard during their PE classes!


## Finding Sirengits

## Physical Education and Health

On the field or in the gym Leigh Carignan pushes his students to achieve their goals and holds them to high expections. Creating workouts that can be catered to each person's physical abilities, he focuses on the fundamental movements needed for each workout. "I really enjoy how Mr. C teaches us how to do movements that help us build strength," proclaims 9th grader Emma Rook. Basic movements such as squats, push-ups, sit-ups, and pull-ups are incorporated into every day workouts. When he isn't pushing the high school students to the extreme or shaping up the middle schoolers, Carignan spends time working on his own physical strength and reaches for his own goals. "I used to be worn out so much by the elementary school kids, but since I have worked on my own strength I'm the one wearing them out."
Another part of being physically fit is having good nutrition. Carignan emphasizes the importance of eating healthy, well-balanced meals as his main focus is helping students get stronger in a healthy way. Along with physical education, Carignan also teaches the basics of health. He brings the aspects of healthy muscles and bone placement back into the gym to tie it all together.
By Grace Babinski


Top: Alex Bilger, a senior, shows his strength in a full-body, strict pull up.
Left: Senior Miles Owens holds the bottom of his squat to improve his strength and flexibility.



Top: Junior, Diane Kim analyzes data on a computer during chemistry.
Bottom: Ms. Ahearn Er leads a class discussion with her students.


Top: Dr. Neil Lambert, a distinguished physicist, explains a concept to Ms. Ahearn Er's 8th grade class.
Bottom: Mr. Kittleson help junior Jeyeon Kim prepare his experiment. Each group mixed potasium iodine, hydrogen peroxide, dishwashing soap, and water to create Elephant Tooth Paste. Everyone was very surprised by the results.


Ridhi Sharma, Simran Verma, and Rahul Sengar, all freshmen, focus on their experiments in Ms. Ahearn Er's class.


Sophmore Kathryn Kuhar is carefully measuring the temperature of a solution in chemistry class. All of our school's science classes really focus on maintaining the integrity of the scientific method.


Sophomores Liza Zolotarova, Huseyn Azizov, and teacher Ms. Ahearn Er adjust a microscope so they can observe small organisms
through it.

## Testing

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## The Science Department

Our inventive science teachers at Ankara EHS always have something interesting planned for their classes. Ms. Ahearn Er has made science a very active part of the academic life of Ankara. There is never a dull moment in her classes as she incorporates hands-on activities to keep students engaged, such as observing microbes under a microscope. In addtion, she has introduced another AP science into our school, AP Environmental Science, one of the fastest growing programs in the AP system. "I feel that this school is very well equipped for the sciences with its equipment and its proximity to outside," Ms. Ahearn Er explained. While all of this is happening in Ms. Ahearn

Er's class, across the hall Mr. Kittleson is also making the world of science come to life. There is a lot of material to cover over the course of the year about space, cells, electricity and more. His classes are always given a chance to apply what they learn in intensive labs, experiments or group activities. At the end of every week, all of his classes watch a video on the topic that they have been covering and how it relates to the real world. The visual presentation helps the students to build connections between the classroom and the outside world. All in all, the science labs at Ankara EHS are overflowingwith budding scientists!

- By Deniz Alibazoglu

Left: Cem Turkoglu, a tenth grader, explains his project to a parent. Right: With so many brilliant projects on display, many interested parents and teachers crowded into the Hoca to inquire about the learning process that students experienced.


Ian Engstrom, a senior, John Yeager, a junior, and Diane Kim, also a junior, take a stroll around the Science Fair as a group, learning about all of the projects on display!


8th grader Peter Do did his experiment on the varying height of a person throughout the day. Here he shows his results and hypothesis to one of the judges.


1st grader Cameron Densmore talks about a Science Fair project on display.

## The Science Fair

This year many bright students throughout our school wanted to put their minds to the test, to experiment and present their Science Fair projects to teachers, parents and their peers. There were a large variety of interesting projects that included everything from new ways to produce electricity to the effects of acid rain on plants. Some of the projects were serious and others were more light-hearted.
"I really liked showing my classmates how to make the best-tasting popcorn!" said 3rd grader Erin Buckley. When given the job of making a Science Fair poster, the students of Ankara EHS rose to the challenge to create the most visually pleasing project displays. Many of the students remarked
afterwards that they had learned a lot through following the scientific method! Even more encouraging were the comments from students who realized they could apply their learning in real-life situations.
"I really enjoyed conducting my experiment about temperature in relation to my sports performance. My results actually applied to what I like to do," said Freshman Romeo Kayizali.

This year's Science Fair was certainly a success thanks to the avid and interested student body and the teachers, like Mrs. Ahearn Er, who made the event possible! Thank you!

By Jared Gallant

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Right: Senior Melissa Crowell admires the pictres she has taken for a project. The students had a chance to edit their photos in Photoshop after they were finished shooting with the camera Below: Sophomore Mollie Bladen practices her food photography skills. In addition to taking pictures for the yearbook, the budding photographers built a varied portfolio of photographs.


8th grader Radek Kargul films the kindergarten caroling Nduring the holiday season. The videos made in class were doften featured on the school television for all to see.
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Junior Nicolas Andrada gets an interesting perspective while photographing a class for the yearbook. "My favorite thing about taking pictures for the yearbook is capturing the moment," states Andrada.

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## Digital Photography and Video Productions

Lights! Camera! Action! This year's video and photography classes were taught by Mr. Oscar Baldemor and Ms. Katie Napoli. Both teachers are passionate experts in their fields, looking forward to their classes everyday. Ms. Napoli's passion for photography began when she started taking pictures of her travels. She especially enjoys photographing food. She teaches both sides of photography - the art and the science.
"It's easy to figure out exposure settings with a little practice, but if your image lacks an interesting
composition, then your skills will be lost in a bad photo," Ms. Napoli said. Many skills learned in photography can also be applied to Mr. Baldemor's video class, and vice versa.

Mr. Baldemor says, "I love my video classes because I am allowed to truly collaborate with some of the most creative people at Ankara EHS." He finds it interesting that students work so differently, coming up with such abstract and unique displays of work.
"I enjoy the work, and working on projects to influence them to mean something!" exclaims Laura De Pablo.
By: Maarya Rabbano

Junior Jaela Bills learns a new song. She is taking Piano 2 this year and is looking forward to playing in the Winter and Spring Concerts. Kindergartener Nika Kochalidze practices playing out a beat on the drum.


Junior Diane Kim practices an extensive piano piece in preparation for the winter concert.


Nani Khumalo, a junior, hides away in a practice room to perfect her piano skills. Khumalo has been playing the piano for 3 years.


John Do, a junior, practices a piece on piano for the Winter Concert. He enjoys



Mrs. Yayboke leads the elementary students in a holiday sing-a-along where students, teachers, and parents joined together to sing festive songs.

## The Music Department

"Music is the mediator between the spiritual and the sensual life." -Beethoven

After a long day of stressful classes, students can sit down in music and express themselves on their instrument of choice. The very experienced music teacher, Mrs. Kathy Yayboke, has been teaching music since 1971. She works hard to push her students to their limits and helps them become the best musicians they can be.

The beginning band students spend time working with their instruments, creating sound, and learning music theory and composition.

Piano 1 students are introduced to the piano and the world of scales. At the beginning of
each week the students make goals and spend class working towards their achievement.

The more advanced students-in both band and piano-spend their class time perfecting their skills and creating their own musical style. Mrs. Yayboke pushes them by assigning challenging music that she thinks will better enhance their musical portfolio. "Mrs. Yayboke helped me to learn trumpet. She makes me work hard to become better at it and become a better musician in general," says senior Deniz Alibazoglu.

In addition to her advanced middle and high school students, Mrs. Yayboke teaches the elementary kids the basics of music making and composition. Theses students perform 2 concerts a year for the school community.
By Grace Babinski




Above: Eighth grader Chloe Ottaviano is seen using value to paint a portrait of herself. Below: Eighth grader Jeff Bills is
demonstrating a photoshop technique to seventh grader Oguldursun Meredova and sixth grader Shreejal Vernekar.


Above: First grader Ksenia Genchev is diligently painting with colorful paints. Below: First grader Cameron Densmore is captured smiling as he finishes coloring the hat of his scarecrow.


Aboye: Second grader, Arnay Mohan is painting a sunflower after learning about the artist Gergia O'Keeffe.. Ms. Napoli always comes up with exciting, interactive projects to keep the elementary school kids engaged.


Fourth grader Artem Genchev applies his knowledge of the analagous color scheme and geometric shapes to his painting.



Ms. Napoli demonstrates an art technique to a group of excited 2nd graders that uses colored glue to create shapes on paper.

## The Art Department

In Ankara EHS many forms of self-expression are encouraged. Creativity is visible in the hallways as well as in our top-notch Art Department. Ms. Napoli - the elementary and middle school art teacher - likes to, "get messy!" She focuses on the talents of individual students, allowing them to express themselves. Her assignments are flexible, and tailormade to fit everyone's needs. Ms. Napoli believes that it's about the creation of the art work instead of the final product itself. Her favorite thing about teaching is being a part of a student's creative journey and, "fostering a love for art".

You can tell that art allows for a lot freedom and experimentation with materials. "I love the struggle!" says Ms. Napoli. When she feels challenged while creating a work of art, it inspires her to persevere and gain a new perspective. Art at Ankara EHS comes across in many shapes and forms of art work. Street art, sketching, painting and pastels; these are all ways that Ms. Napoli's uses ingenuity to change up her $N$ lessons in correspondence with her students' needs and wants.
By Malatya Rabbani

## Gharacter through

 Berformance Drama and Speech DepartmentThe thing that people fear most is public speaking or speaking in front of a group. Mr. Oscar Baldemor works with his speech class to get them over that fear and to help them become better public speakers. As part of their class, each student is required to do the morning announcements one day a week. This include things such as a song, quote, or question of the day. "The announcements can sometimes be a challenge with having to include so many things in them, but it gives us all practice with public speaking," freshman Emma Rook explains.

Along with speech, Mr. Baldemor also teaches drama. This
again deals with another common fear. His students learn to not only act but how to move about the stage and intrigue the audience. At the end of the year the students put on a show with one elementary school class. The elementary school students write the play themselves and perform it with the help of the drama students.

The drama class also comes together with a couple of the staff and teachers to create a play for International day. It is always a big hit and leaves the audience with a smile. "Drama is such a wonderful class because there are no limits to it," Mr.Baldemor shares.
By Grace Babinski


Shipping our Hidden


Left: Emma Rook, a freshman, displays her artwork that she created during her private art lessons. Emma has worked very hard on all her art pieces and always puts forward beautiful works. She attended Creative Connections and improved her painting skills in the fall and was very happy with the overall experience.
Middle: Showcased here is a Pablo Picasso-inspired self portrait painted by Ord grader, Ruby Lake. She has displayed an array of colors and shapes that have truly captured the essence of Picasso.
Right: This pirate self-portrait, painted by Veronika Stoianenko, displays a wide range of color and texture. She uses various blues to create an ocean inspired background and adds a pirate hat for effect.


This abstract still-life was created by 8 th grader, Chloe Ottaviano. It was one of many submitted to Mrs. Napoli for the Illuminations Publication. For this project, students were instructed to use several different mediums to create an abstract work from a realistic still life.


Ashlyn Tran, a junior, has been creating beautiful art for many years. Above she has submitting 2 pieces she has done. On the left she shows a male portrait, made with pencil and showing off techniques such as shading and blending strokes together. On the right she shows a wolf she has painted using watercolor. Ashlyn is juggling with the idea of becoming an artist when she grows up and has had the honor of going to Creative Connections. Some of her art work will also be submitted to the illuminations online magazine.

## Talents to

 StrayBelow we have 2 peoms written by 8th graders Annabel Delfs and Goltane Ghazi. These poems were some of the many that were submitted to the Illuminations Online Publication. These girls have spent many periods of English 8 working on perfecting their poems.

entering the airport half nervous half excited what expectations?

> at the check-in
seeing your luggage vanishing in nowhere it's already on its journey
security check
standing in front of the metal detector will it go off? biep biep
police men staring at you
on the way to the gate
"last call for passengers taking flight 2047 to London"
yes! not you
gate number 107 awkward silence people reading newspaper, kids crying
boarding time
"flight number 476 ready for boarding" goodbye, have a nice day

> yeah sure

This was the most important moment By Geltane Ghazi
I was going through the dressage course in my head Over and over again Until I knew it by heart This was my moment No one else's Everyone was over fifteen

> But I was eight

I was special
When the bell rang I went in with a settle trot I saluted the judges and it began The only thing I could hear was my heart
I could feel her heartbeat between my legs It was frightening
Everyone was staring at us It felt like we were flying

This photo, taken by Kathryn Kuhar, a sophomore, depicts a classical Cappadocia horizon from early in the morning. She has captured the colorful hot air ballons that excite all its riders.


Using the Adobe Photoshop knowledge she has collected over the course of the year, freshman Ridhi Sharma transformed an ordinary peacock into a colourful display.


Mollie Bladen, a sophomore, has displayed a beautiful photo taken from Ataturk's Mausoleum in Ankara. Aside from submitting this photo to Illuminations, she also submitted it to a photo contest at the British Embassy and was awarded ffist place.


Top: Jamil Zeynalov, a kindergartener, shares the letter ' $f$ ' with his classmates during his ESL class. Bottom: Ema Sosa works on a vocabulary worksheet to improve her fluency in Turkish.


Top: Lillian Meguiness and Aylar Durdyyeva, kindergarteners, match the letters of the alphabet to their flash cards in ESL. Bottom: Jessica Quiceno, a 7th grader, consults with Mr. Generelli before answer a question in middle school Spanish.


Top: John Yeager, a junior, works on a Spanish assignment. Bottom. 4th graders Ciara Roe and Brigham Ermatinger work at building their vocabulary in Turkish class.


The kindergarten ESL class takes a break from their lessons to wave to the camera.

Sophmore Ivan Tkachenko and Junior Abby Hansen practice speaking Turkish in Turkish 3. They have both come a long way since their first year. They can now participate in more complex conversations with Turkish



Alex Song, a junior, works dilligently on a worksheet in hopes of improving his vocabulary in Spanish. The class consists of oral presentations, vocabulary and grammar education, as well as cultural aspects of Spain.

## Expanding

Foreign Language Department

The halls of Ankara ES/HS are always filled with the different languages of the students that come to school. Despite its professional label, with every student coming from a different background, Ankara EHS is truly an international school.

Host nation teacher, Mrs. Fusun Agusman, brings in the native language of Turkish and teaches not only the language but also aspects of our hostnation's culture. She teaches each elementary class once a week as part of their curriculum along with any middle and high school students that wish to be exposed to the language. "I really enjoy learning the basics of Turkish. It helps me understand some of what is going on around me," states 8th grader Ela Babinski.

Spanish is also offered as an in-house foreign
language. Mr. Paul Generelli teaches multiple levels of Spanish to high school students interested in learning. "My favorite part about teaching Spanish is the fact that kids can come in here with no knowledge and by the end of the year they are able to speak this whole new language," he reflected. "It marvels me!" He has been teaching Spanish for 25 years and has enjoyed every minute of it.

Ms. Lisa Tafoya is the hero of the elementray school in terms of languages. She teaches the foreign students English as a second language. Once a week the students come in and learn the basics English and adyance their speaking skills.

Along with these in-house classes, there are a number of language classes offered through Distance ${ }^{N}$ Learning. These include Chinese, Japanese, French, Spanish, and German.
By Grace Babinski

Julia Small, Amanda Field and Zoe Densmore, 3rd graders, show their excitement and love for each other before heading off into the museum. "I loved being able to try new things with my friends," Julia Small says when reflecting on the field trip


Cameron Densmore and Alex Sledge, 1st graders, test out static electricity, They were very impressed when their hair stood up straight from their heads!

Right: 5th grader Sydney Brown and kindergartener, Aylar Durdyyeva try out static electricity and the conduction of electricity from one person to the next. Below: Aysha Durdyyeva, a 4th grader, helps give a demonstration on static electricity at the science museum.


The third grade class poses for a group shot before exploring the world of science in the museum.


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## Field Trips

Throughout the year the elementary school students took several exciting field trips around Ankara to extend their learning.

In the first semester, they took a trip to the aquarium and learned all about the world of ocean life and got to see different types of fish, both big and small.

Later in the year they took a trip to the science museum for hands-on science. They experimented with static electricity and got chances to bond with their classmates. All the students had a great time on their field trips and look forward to them all next year.
By Grace Babenski


The first grade class found an interesting statue to pose with in their group photo. They were all excited and ready to explore hands-on science.


5th grader Elay Levy and kindergartener Isidor Palo Soderberg check out an x-ray of a bone at the science museum. They learned about how to tell if a bone is broken or not.


Students who earned A's receive their awards at the Straight A Cafe and get a chance to shake hands with Mr. Tran and the Superintendent of the Mediterannean District.

## Achievements

Throughout the year our students have worked hard and reaped the benefits. Some students participated in the elementary, middle and high school Science Fairs and ended up placing in them. Others got straight A's and attended the Straight A Cafe. Many of our students won prestige as talented photographers and some of our seniors received scholarships. Artists of all sizes also competed to present our school's vision statement in a creative way on posters displayed around the school!

Our athletes are similarly successful! Our most dedicated and valuable team members receive All-Tournament Awards at the DoDEA Division II competitions and at the ASA tournaments, while others participate in competitions outside of school and earn similar accolades.

## Straight A Cafe

Senior: Dakota Saunders
Juntiors: Abby Hansen, Diane Kim
Sophomores: Huseyn Azizov, Sophie Engstrom, Kathryn Kuhar, Hazel Ozturkoglu, Alex Song Freshman: Emma Rook, Rahul Sengar, Sharif Sharipov, Ridhi Sharma, Alex Wiederock 8th Graders: Eliana Babinski, Tacy Surrett, Mira Wroblewski
7th Graders: Melissa Gillis, Avi Mohan, Aditiy
Nagarajan, Harkirat Verma, Ishita Zutshi 6th Graders: Sarah Buckley, Anna Carson, Hillary Raiser, Tate Wroblewski
5th Graders: Sydney Brown, Barbara Kargul


Achievements:
Mollie Bladen: British Embassy Photography Contest

- Best Turkey Photo and Best Overall


## DoDDS All Tournament:

Nani Khumalo - Volleyball
John Do - Basketball
Deniz Alibazoglu-Football
Mohammad Adaileh- Football
Nani Khumalo- Football

Freshman Alex Wiederock and junior Abby Hansen were selected to participate in the DoDDS 2014 Honor Band in Oberwesel, Germany.


## Science Fair Winners

1st grade: Alex Sledge
2nd grade: Ami Paulson
3rd grade: Ruby Lake
4th grade: Miranda Surrett
5th grade: Sydney Brown and Barbara Kargul 6th grade: Hillary Raiser
7th grade: Ishita Zutshi
8th grade: Tacy Surrett
9/10th grades: Sophomore Mollie Bladen, sophomore Jacob Moore, and freshman Alex Wiederock tied for first place.

11/12th grades: Junior Hamid Yaghchi

Wenjie Zheng
Kote Batonisashvili
JC Hamilton
John Yeager
Rahul Sengar

## ASA All Tournament:

Volleyball: Turan Kerimbay
Basketball: John Do
Soccer: Mohammed Adaileh, Hazel Ozturkoglu,
Laura De Pablo, Kalisse Hoach-Owens
Alex Wiederock
Ridhi Sharma


Reflecting on

1" "I liked when we went to the museum and I got to touch the electric shocky

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- Clara Derbenwick
(ise Grade)

I Coved the planets project that the kids did They had a great time using techinology and craft's to Learn about other solar system and to keep them engaged

- MrCrs. Sance
(2nd Grade Teacher)
We liked International Day. It was a lot of fun and we didn't have to do any mork. The food was also really good - Giara Rae and Sasha

Managan
(4in Grade)
"I liked the Straight \& Gafe. It made me feel rexsarded for all the hard work I have done
this year
-Sydney Brroan (5th Grade)

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Coved my trip to the - Phillippines that I took for my birthday. It was really hot and ot got sunburnt but I had fun at the hotel - 18ex Mreilleur


I liked when we measured seismio waves weith Tello -Ela Babinske
I liked the school dance It was lots of fun and very entertaining

- Leila Sakanova
(seh Grade)


International Day was my favarite day. Secause it was interesting to see all the cultures come together and Ceafn about each other

- Victoria Mlanagan (reh Grade)


## "I Coved volleyball

 season, Gecause it is my favarite sport The trip to Ttaly mas really fun. LCessandro Jemma (9th Grade) "International Day was my favarite th helps the students and teachers Cearn about the countries that everyone comes from and helps to bring us all together -arcrs. Garder (arcs/zes Teacher)Trey favarite pare of the year was the summer

- Wenjie Zhing (12th Grades)


Top: Alex Sledge and Batman read a favorite book while waiting in the Hoja for the parade to start. Bottom: Kindergarteners Shelby Meginniss and Aylar Durdyyeva pose for a picture in their


Top: The second grade class shows off their books. Bottom: 5th graders Barbara Kargul, Sydney Brown, and Kathrine Rook parade through the halls with their books and costmes.


First graders, Gianna Field and Lilly Ulmer-Glas tell the audience about their book characters.

## Finding Your Gharacter

In place of Halloween every year, the elementary classes hold a Character Parade. Students are allowed to dress up as their favorite character from a book. "My favorite part was getting to dress up like my fayorite book and look pretty," Zoe Densmore says with excitement.

With their families, teachers and friends in the audience, the excited students paraded onto the stage in the Hoja and shared who they represented and from which book. The teachers joined in the fun and dressed up as well. By the end of the day there was a Fancy Nancy, Cat in the Hat, Thing 1 , and Waldo walking around the school. After showing off their magnificent costumes they wemt back to their classrooms to enjoy a snack with their friends.


Mrs. Gildea, dressed as Fancy Nancy, poses with her students Dalila Sakanova, a witch, and Anastazja Kiselka, a leapord.

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Kindergarteners Lillian Meginniss and Aylar Durdyyeva are answering questions during one of their fun activities.

Introducing new students to the basics of education is crucial in their development. Mrs. Billls, our school's kindergarten teacher does her best to make this experience memorable for her students. Activities such as reading, writing, learning the alphabet and the basics of math help kindergarteners prepare for the new environment they are about to enter. Learning the cornerstones of science is also a part of the procedure. Kindergarteners spend their school days preparing for their transition to elementary school in fun ways.

A lot of first graders coming to AES enter their first English-speaking school. The first year of elementary academic activities is spent practicing reading and writing, working on projects and doing reasearch under the supervision of Mrs. Price. She makes sure the students stay engaged, using interesting subjects, like dinosaurs. She loves seeing students make progress and learn, especially when it comes to their potential to learn the basics of a new language in only a year.


1st graders Cameron Densmore and Firaas Bin Mohd Faisal cut paper strips to make a pinata.


Second graders Yasmin Safarova, Amirali Assylkhan and Jasmin Brown are having their snacks between two classes.

Second graders are already familiar with the surrounding of elementary school, so they are assigned more difficult tasks by Ms. Vance. Focusing on planets, the solar system and other basic ideas of science, second graders make presentations and do research on such subjects to develop their skills of communication and interpretation. Second graders are just starting to experience responsibility in a friendly environment.


Third graders spend their fourth year of elementary school analyzing history and making conclusions. Projects, such as the "American Hero Report" help them learn historical facts and the significance of historical figures. Ms. Giambanco stresses the importance of not simply memorizing, but learning and developing the skills and information needed for a nine-ten year old to spark interest in studying.

Third graders Ruby Lake, Alexis Anderson and Laniya Cross love working on projects together.

When a child's creativity is coming to its peak at an early age, it is important to provide activities that encourage students to work on and discover the details of their ideas. Mrs. Gildea loves to see her students grow mentally and does her best to make sure everything they do is fun but has an educational purpose at the same time. Visits to the museum, projects for the Science Fair and discussions regarding the basics of the subjects that will be taught later on in school are all part of the big picture for the fourth graders.


Fourth grader Brigham Ermatinger molds a reproduction of a Catawba Indian pot.


Being a fith grader means the end of your elementary experience. Therefore, subjects and activities get a bit more difficult and a bit more fascinating at the same time. Mrs. Guignon ensures the students are ready to enter middle school, and that their language, communication and learning skills are all top-notch. Book reports, experiments, reading and math-based learning help the students prepare for middle school, but are made fun so they will not lose interest.

Fifth grader Elay Levy gets advice on his writing. He came to this school as an ESL student and has made a huge amount of progress with his English speaking skills.


The kitchen is always in full motion on Wednesday afternoons, when elementary, middle and high school students flood in, ready to make a tasty treat. They learn the basics of cooking including how to measure out flour, sugar and liquids. Ms. Angelina Giambanco heads the enthusiastic crew, always willing to try out new recipes. She brings in fun ideas for the students to mix up. At the end of each club meeting the sudents get to taste their creations. "The food is so good! I love to cook!" Fifth grader Christian Goff exclaims.


Cooking Club

By Grace Babinski



8th grader Radek Kargul and his sister Barbara Kargul, 5 th grader, mix up the bas of the dough for chocolate chip cookies.


Ruby Lake, a third grader, shows off her home made pizza.


6th grader, Tate Wroblewski, cooks up some beef for a yummy treat.


5th graders, Tanner Lewis and Vivek Sharma measure out the chocolate chips into a bowl.


After making yummy snacks, the chefs get to taste their creations.


7th grader Adity Nagarajan and 8th grader, Tacy Surrett mix up the wet ingredients for cookie dough.

Participants: Venezia Padilla, Rakhbarkon Salahiddinova, Julia Small, Miranda Surrett, Ruby Lake, Ema Sosa, Trinity Robertson, Ami Paulson, Amanda Field, Erin Buckley, Tate Wroblewski, Tacy Surrett, Victoria Flanagan, Barbara Kargul, Sydney Brown, Radek Kargul, Christian Goff, Katherine Rook, Elay Levy, Tanner Lewis. Vivek Sharma, Aditiy Nagajajan


3rd grader Siri Palo Soderberg runs down the field after taking her turn to kick the ball while 3rd graders, Arshia Pundir and Inci Hasanova wait their turn.



4th grader Tursinoy Salahiddinova, 3rd grader Siri Palo Soderberg, 5th grader Barbara Kargul,4th grader Cara Roe , and 4th grader Anastazja Kiselka are warming up as a group for the activities that they are going to do.

## Get Moving Club

While the high school was busy practicing sports after school, the elementary kids got a chance to remain active, supervised by Mr. McNeil and Ms. Vanderbeek. "I love doing Get Moving Club! It's so much fun to play outside and do things we don't do in PE class!" 5 th grader Tanner Lewis exclaims.

Students are exposed to a variety of activities from basic aerobic excersices to playing organzied sports. This gave the kids a great opportunity to get outside while getting to interact with their friends outside of the classroom.
"The point of it all was to get the kids to go outside and have fun, as well as get the kids to socialize
more," Mr. McNeil explained. He continued to say that getting the kids outside was the most important thing to him since lately most kids stay at home and play videogames.

Every time they met they started the day by emphasizing basic stretching. Then the kids would run around the track three or four times to finish up the warm-up. After this Mr. McNeil and Ms. Vanderbeek would try to find an activity that they could all play together. They would try to have a variety of activities, such as soccer, kickball, and hoola hooping, too; though they usually ended up playing soccer since that was the game requested by the kids most often!

By Deniz Alibazoglu
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## Being Inspired by - Sulhors Past

Reading Night and Dr. Seuss Week


As an anual NHS and PTSO-sponsored event, elementary school students gather in the school for a night of stories told by their favorite teachers. They are provided with a pizza dinner and any side dishes the parents and NHS students brought in to share including salads and deserts.

The teachers were scattered around the elementary rooms and the library ready to read stories to students eager to listen. Students were given a reading passport to guide them from room to room and to assist in their reading adventures.

Along with the teachers, students in the NHS participated in this event by helping to serve pizza and tell stories. As an assignment, the drama class was also in charge of telling some stories. "It was a really fun night for the students to be a part of and everyone looked like they were having a great time," Mrs. Wroblewski, a PTSO member, stated when reflecting on the night.

Leading up to that during the last week of February, Ankara EHS held the annual Dr. Seuss Week for our enthusiastic elementary school students! Who is Dr. Seuss? He was an American writer and cartoonist, most widely known for his children's books with very imaginative characters.

Some of his bestselling books were "Green Eggs and Ham," The Cat in the Hat" and "One Fish Two Fish Red Fish Blue Fish." Students dressed up according to each day's theme. Themes included Mismatched Day, Crazy Hat Day, Animal Print Day, Pajama Day, and Green Day. Students and teachers alike enjoyed this week very much as it was very exciting seeing everyone dressed up and brimming with school spirit!
"We should have Dr. Seuss Week, every week!" said 4th grader Alexandra Flanagan.
By Grace Babinske and Maarya Rabbani


## Feomernork

## club

Every Monday after school, Ms. Giambanco stays after school with the elementary kids for Homework Club. The kids meet in the library, have a snack, clean up after themselves and then start their homework if they have any. Ms. Giambanco will goes around and helps the kids with their homework as needed, and when they are done they can log onto the computers and go on educational websites. "It's just a way to help the kids with their homework, while also being a social thing since they are with their friends."
By Denie Slibazoglu


The Computer Club meets every Monday after school when Ms. Giambanco gives the kids an opportunity to have some fun at the end of the school day. The kids meet in the computer lab, have a snack, and, after cleaning up, they log onto the computers and get to play any game they want. "My only rule is that there should be no blood. As long as that rule is followed, the kids can play whatever they want," she explains when discussing the club.
By Deniz stibazogu




The afterschool Game Club gives students in elementary school a nice little break from school work. Every Wednesday, the club would meet in Mrs. Price's room and they would play board games. Mrs. Price has a very large collection of board games, and she would pull them all out and let the kids choose what they want to play. They would play games such as Monopoly, Twister and several other games. Mrs. Price said, "After going through a day of math, science and doing what the teacher says, board games help the kids relax while also challenging their minds in a different and more enjoyable way."
By Denix Mlibazoglu


Mrs. Ahearn Er and her Junior Rangers Club do outside activities to help the students build bonds with nature once every week. Reading nature-related books, planting and being outside are the main activities the club offers. Mrs. Ahearn Er follows Joseph Cornell's philosophy on ideal education, which is "no child left indoors." Turning empty space into pretty gardens and having students discover their love for earth is what this amazing club has accomplished at Ankara EHS.
By Marton Mrezei


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## Participants

Sponsor: Miss Napoli
Amanda Fields
Miranda Surrett
Ema Sosa
Anastazja Kiselka
Julia Small
Zoe Densmore
Alexis Anderson
Hannah Gildea
Alexandra Flanagan
Mumina Bobobekova
Veronika Stoianenko
Ruby Lake
Barbara Kargul Jessica Goff
Ami Paulson
Brigham Ermatinger
Laniya Cross
Aysha Durdyyeva
Ciara Roe
Venezia Padilla Ms. Napoli, the elementary/middle school Art teacher, and was wonderfully set up with copious, fun activities. The projects involved watercolor, print making, collages, and sculpture-based mediums in which students exercised their artistic capabilities. Third graders Amanda Field and Zoe
Densmore described the procedure of "wet on wet" painting as if it were the craziest and most exciting creation of art. The students think the class is "a lot of fun" "[The Art club] is messy and AWESOME!" said Third grader Hannah Gildea. These second through fifth grade
Picassos sure do love to create works of art, and we love seeing it!
By: Marya Rabbani

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## Odyssey of the Mind

Every Monday Katherine Rook, Sydney Brown, Barbara Kargul, Tate Wroblewski, and


Ghallenging
 Victoria Flanagan, would meet as part of the Odyssey of the Mind club. Odyssey of the Mind is an international educational program that provides creative problem-solving opportunities for students from kindergarten through college.

For their first project, they had to write their own play about an animal that displays at least four different emotions but it could not be longer than eight minutes. The group decided to write about a butterfly that had anger issues and ends up at an anger management group. After the students completed the play, they created their own backgrounds and costumes with the challenge of all of it being under $\$ 75$. They practiced their play on the stage in the cafeteria and were ready for the final performance.

On 27 January, Ms. Uluer and Mr. Baldemor came to watch and judge their play. For their next project, the students are looking at either creating their own haunted house or making their own motor vehicle. The students all look forward to the fun projects their sponsors, Mrs. Bills and Ms. Guignon, have planned for them.
By Denix Alibazoglu

Widdle

${ }^{\text {NE }}$ NHS member Hazel Ozturkoglu dances with 6th grader Halil Sharipov!

Middle School students Gideon Hansen, Blaise Vanderploeg, Sangwook Uhm and Solomon Ermatinger watch "Mulan" in the library before the dance.


 them."

## By Denix Slibazoglu



Natalia Alcala Annabel Delfs Rowena Kayizali Maria Fernandez Safwat Rahman Ryley Ermatinger Aditya Nagarajan Woojin Song Buse Ucanlar Myriam Atassi

# SLinays Fhead 

8th grader, Melissa Gillis, demonstrates her mad karate skills during the gifted play, "Greek-side Story.'
Taught by Mrs. Sexton, middle schoolers that have been tested and have received scores above their level have been given the opportunity to participate in the gifted class. Students in this class work on projects to help their thinking skills. They build bridges, study ancient myths, listen to music and draw pictures to get their brains thinking. "We are so gifted we need our own class" Ishita Zutshi said when discussing the class. All the students that take the gifted class look forward to coming in each day and learning something new.
By Grace Babinski

Ela Babinski, an 8th grader, works hard on her History Day project. She has chosen the life of children in the time of the Holocaust. For this project students spend countless hours researching their topic and preparing a website, display board, game or presentation about this subject. This project is a very demanding one and Mrs. Sexton believes her students are ready for the challenge.



The gifted class spends a lot of time using their brains Nto solve critical thinking problems. They have all proved themselves worthy of being critical thinkers and put that to the test quite often.

As a project to help the class work together to comunicate thoughts and ideas, the gifted class-re-wrote an old Greek myth into modern times. Above 8th graders, Ela Babinski and Ishita Zutshi act on stage with 6 th grader, Tate Wroblewski, during their first scene.


Participants line up and scramble to join the annual Jingle Jog we have at Ankara EHS. Food is also available incase of hunger strikes. All donations went towards the Dog Shelter and building new dog houses.

# - Preparing to be Global Leaders 

Junior Leadership Seminar

To reflect their leadership skills, Tacy Surrett and Mira Wroblewski, escorted by Mrs. Sexton, were chosen to attend the Junior Leadership Seminar in Germany. Here they learned how to be good and effective leaders in large and small groups. They both mixed and mingled with the members of their teams and used it as an opportunity to hone their newly developed skills. Before and after attending JLS, the two girls were pulled in to do countless numbers of volunteer projects. These included helping at the Jingle Jog in December, and serving pizza at Reading Night in March. Through their participation in these events and in the seminar, the girls have proven themselves to be true leaders, ready to face any challenges thrown at them.

- By Grace Babinski


The JS students helped the NHS serve a pizza dinner for students and parents that attended Reading Night,


## Trciddle School <br> Games Glub

Every Thursday for 10 weeks a dedicated group of middle school students, including Moriah Babinski, Anna Carson, Zhasmin Kerimbay, Ryley Ermatinger and Justin Song gathered together under the supervision of our engaged literature and world history teacher, Mrs. Carder, to improve our school and just have an overall great time.

The club has played board games or team games such as: Trouble, Battleship, Sorry, Chess, card games, Charades and Pictionary along with a couple of scavenger hunts.
By: Thaarya Rabbani


Participants:
Zhasmin Kerimbay
Justin Song
Anna Carson
Moriah Babinski
Ryley Ermatinger


8th grader Emil Raiser smiles happily as he dribbles the ball down the field. European Football is one of his favorite sports.


6th grader Ayvaz Hasanov juggles the ball to practice his control. Control is one of the many skills soccer players must master in order to succed

Mr. Carignan gets involved in the games, encouraging 7th grader Miles Engstrom to steal the ball before he makes a shot.

6th grader Zhasmin Kerimbay kicks a ball away, keeping her ankle locked for safety. During play time, all the students are involved in games to keep it fun and exciting.



6th grader Halil Sharipoy and 8th grader Radek Kargul warm up by practicing kicking the ball up in the air to eachother.

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## Intermurals

While the highschoolers practice with their sports teams after school, the middle school students of Ankara EHS are busy preparing themselves for a future on the varsity teams through Intramurals. Every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday students flock to the outdoor field to practice their football skills and participate in a variety of other activities.

Mr. Carignan teaches them new techniques and participates in rousing scrimages during these fun-filled hours. "The point is to give the middle schoolers a chance to do some sports after school, and to make them better at a sport". While they are out on the field Mr.

Carignan teaches them and helps them improve their technique in soccer, while also playing with them and getting them to have fun.

When they are scrimmiging in the field, Mr. Carignan teaches them the technique by doing small drills with them. They usually start with doing these drills and then later they will move onto scrimmages. During these scrimmiges Mr. Carignan will not only play with the middle schoolers but also referee the game to make sure it is fair.

By Deniz Slibazoglu

Below: Safwat Rahman, Emil Raiser, Jeff Bills, Sangwook Uhm and Coach Baldemor have some fun while playing a double's match against each other.


Julia Kiselka practices her serve in volleyball, an important skill in the arsenal of a good volleyball

Right: Emil Raiser and Jeff Bills prepare for a practice match against each other in their training camp.
Below: Coach Baldemor instructs his
students in a pre-match stretching session!

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Coach Gildea and her middle school volleyball team!


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## MS Volleyball and Tennis

This year many middle school students took to the courts to practice their backhand and volleying in afterschool Tennis and Volleyball Clubs. Under the supervision of Mr. Baldemor and Mrs. Gildea, the students began to hone skills that they will utilize if they stay on to play in high school varsity sports.

Every Monday and Thursday the students flooded into the changing rooms, willing and ready to begin intensive training and activity. This was a great opportunity for many of them to relieve stress and improve their health and athleticism in fun, supportive groups.

These students represent the future of our school and it is important that we support them in all of their endeavors, including their extracurricular activities.

We are all excited to see their successes and growth and are hoping that they go on to represent our high school in future tournaments and teams!
By Jared Gallant


Julia Kiselka practices bumping the ball back to her partner, Zhasmin Kerimbay to improve her passing skills.


Radek Kargul and Coach Baldemor refine their techniques, crucial for a good tennis player.


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Most Likely to Get Injured... Jake Moore and Hazel Ozturkoglu


Who You Want to Be Stranded on an Island With... Alex Bilger and Kalisse Hoach-Owens

Most Likely to Find World Peace... Shivam Sengar and Abby Hansen

Standing
Best Bromance... Mohammad Adaileh and Nicolas Andrada Collie


Most School Spirit... Marton
Mezei and Emma Rook


Most Musical... John Do and
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Most Secretive... Wenjie Zheng and Hyesoo Han


Messiest Locker... Jake Moore
Most Photogenic... Ian Engstrom and Sophie Engstrom

 Balances wearing his fabulous grey scarf.


Left we have senior Vikrant Zutshi's timeless camel-tone backpack, that he's been sporting since freshman year!

Mr. Baldemor puts on his best model impression showing off his plaid pants and smart black sweater. The classiest teacher award would definitely go to him!


Junior, Hyesoo Han wears her favorite pair of shoes, and rocks her pink laced New Balances that we love!

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Fashion at Ankara EHS is truly unique. Students from all parts of the world represent themselves very stylishly through the clothing they wear. Whether it be a small article about their outfit or a graphic tee they pull on, students at Ankara EHS stand out!


Senior Marton Mezei looks fashion fly as he rests on an island in his plaid shirt and washed out jeans complimented by his black Air Force Ones.


Above we have sixth grader Dayana Shaharuddin looking comfortable in her sweatshirt, smiling right before going to


Third grader, Siri Palo Soderberg, struts her stuff as she makes a silly pose, showing off her floral tee.


Junior Abby Hansen returns to the strings group and plays "Viva La Vida" by Coldplay with the rest of the orchestra in preparation for their final performance.

## Creative Connections

Creative Connections allows students to come together for one fast-paced week with others that share their passions. Together they create beautiful artwork, intriguing plays, and flowing music. After arriving in Oberwesel, Germany, they get to work and don't stop until the end of the week, at which point they present their work in an Art Show and Performance that is aired on the Armed Forces Network. Each student comes away with a better understanding of their craft and new friends they will never forget.

Five girls from Ankara made the trek to ve Creative Connections this year. Abby Hansen and Hyesoo Han were accepted for violin. They spent weeks beforehand learning the music that
rousing final performance. "I was really excited to hear how the music came together," Abby Hansen said. This was her second time attending Creative Connections as a representative of Ankara EHS. Another returning student was sophomore Laura de Pablo, who was again accepted for Video Production. Working closely with her new group, she put together a 5 -minute video that portrayed the theme of the conference: Fusion!

Emma Rook, was accepted for the first time, based on her evident skill with watercolors. Junior Ashlyn Tran attended the drawing course. During the week, they were able to learn new techniques that helped take her talent to the next level. Every one of our students came away with success. Bravo!

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Junior Ashlyn Tran works on a portrait using watercolor and ink. "I loved being able to just work on my artwork for 11 hours straight. It was so fun," she says while describing her experience.


Top: Freshman Emma Rook works on a watercolor painting outside in the castle grounds. Working outside allowed Rook to capture the colors of the season and work in a new, sometimes challenging environment. Middle: Laura De Pablo, a sophmore, assists in editing the video in which she filmed and starred. It was a short film that followed around a ficitonal nightmare of a director. Bottom: Hyesoo Han, a junior, prepares her music for Creative Nw Connections. "I'm very happy I got the music to look at it and play first," she explains. One of the songs they played was the Coldplay hit, Viva la Vida.


Eighth grader Buse Ucanlar listens intently to the speakers.Juniors Nani Khumalo and Diane Kim listen to fellow student Maarya Rabbani give a speech.


Freshman Ridhi Sharma works her delegate magic with delegates representing another country.
Senior Alex Bilger smiles to the camera after a debate. Senior Maarya Rabbani is captured listening to the advocates read their memorandum in the International Court of Justice.


N "The Turkish International Model United Nations was an
A experience which taught me more about the people around me and caused my feilds of interest to expand " says senior Martin Mezei, pietured here with Paul Generelli.


Kote Batonisashvili looks over the notes from a previous session. Senior Dakota Saunders leads her team at the laptop. Junior Ashlyn Tran raises her countries sign to clarify a point


8th grader Myriam Atassi votes in her MUN session. 8th grade through 12 th grade participated in MUN this year.


The delegation of Afghanistan and Judge Rabbani stand together for a group photo right before the General Assembly plennirary session at Bilkent high school.

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Model United Nations or "MUN" is an extracurricular activity and a Contemporary Issues class at Ankara EHS, in which students role play as delegates of the United Nations. They simulate UN committees usually organized by a high school or college Model United Nations club.

This school year Ankara EHS participated in the Turkish Model United Nations (TIMUN) in Istanbul in the first week of December as the delegation of Bahrain as well as Afghanistan at Bilkent's MUNESCO during mid-February. Model United Nations at Ankara EHS would not have been the same without the constant guidance and support of Mr. Paul Generelli for the past fifteen years.

Our hardworking and dedicated delegates worked very hard to produce stellar resolutions and made sure to attend every lunch meeting too. The
preparation of this was noted when freshman Ridhi Sharma recieved the "Best Delegate" award. Overall, Ankara EHS, as well as Mr. Generelli, are very proud of our Model United Nations team and hope for many fruitful conferences in the future.

By. Mraarya Rabbani


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National Honor Society

Our National Honor Society students are a group of dedicated individuals who study hard, lead by example and work to improve their community one step at a time through volunteer work. Senior Alex Bilger had the honor of being the president of NHS for the 2013-2014 school year.

This year the National Honor Society was led by our resident media specialist, Ms. Pike. Despite it being her first year leading this kind of organization, the team really banded together to generate change, raise money and collect their allotted service hours. They were extremely active within the school community and even helped at events outside of school including the AMSO

Auction Night, Jingle Jog and the AMSO Fun Run. This year, the NHS team volunteered at numerous school events including Reading Night and the Night of the Arts. They also put on the highly-anticipated annual Middle School Dance.

Additionally, they raised lots of money for these different events with bake sales, they helped other organizations like the PTSO to raise money, and sent their remaining funds to the local dog shelter at the end of the year. Congratulations on a job well done!
By Dakota Saunders

NHS participants: Alex Bilger, Deniz Alibazoglu, Miles Owens, JC Hamilton, Alex Wiederock, Dakota Saunders, Hazel Ozturkoglu, Emma Rook, Diane Kim, Laura De Pablo, Abby Hansen


Top: Sopmore Hazel Ozturkoglu, senior Dakota Saunders and junior Abby Hansen read a story to an eager group of children during Reading Night. Bottom: Senior Deniz Alibazoglu serves a brownie to a customer during a bake sale.


Top: Some of the NHS girls, including Laura De Pablo, Dakota Saunders, Abby Hansen, Emma Rook and Hazel Ozturkoglu, pause for a moment at the Middle School Dance to take a picture.
Bottom: Junior JC Hamilton and senior Miles Owens work the sound booth and select songs during the Middle School Dance. Without their valuable assistance, the night would not have been nearly as successful.


Left: Ms. Pike was the sponsor for NHS this year and kept the group on track during meetings every
Tuesday, ensuring that hours requirements were met.
Right: NHS students discuss plans for the induction ceremony at a lunchtime meeting.

## Academic Bowl

Right: The Academic Bowl team, Captain Alex Bilger, Shivam Sengar, Adam Klingaman, and Emma Rook, sit in the lobby while waiting for the academic games to begin.


Every Monday and Friday, Alex Bilger, Emma Rook, Adam Klingaman, and Shivam Sengar met in Mrs. Carder's room at lunch to hone their extensive knowledge and lightningquick reflections in preperation for this year's highly competitive Academic Bowl. They were led by their team captain, Alex Bilger, who is also the only returning member of the team. The newer members, Shivam Sengar, Adam Klingaman, and Emma Rook all caught on quickly and brought different sets of strengths to the team. One was an expert in history
and warfare, another in science, one who is an expert at math, and finally a member who knew a lot about pop culture. They traveled to Hambachtal, Germany on February 5-7 to compete in these competitve games. There were 21 teams present at the games and after nail biting competition they came out with 2 wins and 2 loses. Despite not being able to place, they came out with a very rewarding experience having learned a lot, along with some healthy competition.
By: Deniz Alibazoglu

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Left: STEMposium participants freshmen Alex Wiederock and Jacob Moore and junior JC Hamilton pose with Ms. Ahearn Er, Mr. Tran and Mrs. Uluer in recognition of their achievements.
Bottom Right: Jacob Moore listens intently to a presentation and takes notes. His determination led his team to win a third place prize. Bottom Left: JC Hamilton and his team put on their thinking caps to try and solve real-world problems with the help of their advisor


Any students interested in science, mathematics, technology, or engineering were invited to this year's annual STEM-posium conference held in Oberwesel, Germany.

Chaperoned by our resident science teacher, Ms. Penelope Ahearn Er, the team set off for a week-long event where students were encouraged to develop problem-solving skills and hands-on approaches to work through elaborate real-life simulations. At their sides were field experts who offered advice and provided assistance while students developed potential solutions and tested them.

This year's theme, "Confront Disaster and Save the World!" resembled a Zombie Apocalypse,
and was certainly the event to attend. "Although it was a lot of work, STEMposium was engaging and inspiring because students got to work with real disaster-relief workers who offered credibillity," Mrs. Ahearn Er reflected.

This year, Ankara EHS sent off freshmen Alex Wiederock and Jacob Moore and junior JC Hamilton. "I love STEMposium! It's fun, engaging and educational at the same time," said Alex Wiederock. Together, they took back a 3rd Place prize! Way to go! N By: Dakota Saunders



Student Council
After a tough election process, Maarya Rabbani and Marton Mezei were voted as Co-Presidents of Student Council. They were joined by Co-Vice Presidents Vikrant Zutshi and Ashlyn Tran, Secretary John Do, Treasurer Nani Khumalo and Representatives Dakota Saunders and Alex Bilger (12), Abbey Hanson and Diane Kim (11), Laura De Pablo and Hazel Ozturkoglu (10), Emma Rook and Alex Wiederock (9), Buse Ucanlar and Mira Wroblewski (8), Habiba Mirzaeva and Ishita Zutshi (7), and Anna Carson and Tate Wroblewski (6).

The Student Council organized pep rallies promoting school spirit and encouraging our sports players to do well in their games. This year they changed history and put on the first annual Homecoming dance which will become tradition after its successful debut. As a closing event to the school year, they gather everyone outside for Field Day, where students N participate in games and water play. All the students look forward to Field Day as a day to get out of class and hang out with their friend as a reward for all of the hard work they did.


Top Left: John Do takes record of who has attended the meeting. Top Right: Tate Wroblewski and Anna Carson kick off the fun at a pep rally by dancing to the music. Ashyln Tran has fun playing with a balloon while waiting for a pep rally to begin.


Vikrant Zutshi, Maarya Rabbani and Martin Mezei review how spirit week went and what could be changed.


Top: Azamat Suyubayev leads the group in the very popular Macarena. Bottom: Beksultan Ibraimov and Lyza Zolotarova share the first dance of the night.


Top: Alex Song and Hazel Ozturkgolu dance together/during the last song. Bottom;
Everyone gets low on the floor while having a great time.


Top:Students dance to the
newest top songs chosen by DJ Nani Khumalo. Bottom: Kote Batonisashvili shows off his dance


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For the first time ever, the Student Council put on a Homecoming Dance, complete with the traditional homecoming court which was made up of Maarya Rabbani and Marton Mezei, Grace Babinski and John Do, Diane Kim and Nicolas Andrada Collie, Sophie Engstrom and Alex Song, and Emma Rook and Sharif Sharipov.

After an exciting night of dancing and socializing in the Hoja, Diane Kim and Nicolas Andrada Collie were named Homecoming queen and king. Following tradition, they shared a dance together along with the rest of the homecoming court. "I was so suprised to be queen! I never thought people would vote for me!" Kim exclaimed after being crowned.

Thank you Student Council for putting on such a wonderful night! We hope this tradition will continued


Senior Marton Mezei runs the 5 k race, working hard to beat his personal record. He was amongst those in the club with the highest attendance.


7th Grader Jessica Quiceno and 8th Grader Rowena Kayizali strengthen their legs during a fun exercise. Conditioning is an important element of running.


8th grader Ela Babinski runs her heart out during a practice. Our runners put everything they have into their races.


8th grader Mira Wroblewksi leaps forward with a smile, happy to be integrating other skills into her running practices.


8th grader Radek Kargul works on a power skill to improve his muscular strength.


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## Running Club

After Ankara's varsity Cross-Country team was unfortunately cut from the sports program, due to the number of participants, dedicated runners banded together to pursue their collective passion. Running club is managed by Ms. Napoli, the former Cross-Country coach, who saw that many students were being disenfranchised by this decision and decided to take action.
"The team qualification rules denied our students the opportunity to qualify for Europeans," Ms. Napoli explained. "When individual qualification
was announced, it opened doors for more of our students. Running is important, and we can't just quit." Every Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday, enthusiastic middle-school and high-school students alike gathered to participate in intensive training exercises and 5K races. "I like running, it's a very good way to test your self-control and motivation. Running is not a team sport. It's individual," said Marton Mezei, a senior on the club.

The Running Club at Ankara EHS admirably represents the determination and resolve of our student body, and we applaud them for their dedication and hard work.
By Dakota Saunders



The king, queen, prince and princess shared a dance to the "Prom Song" after being crowned.

## Prom 2014

Following dearest tradition, the junior class (with the help of Mrs. Hayward and Mrs, Carder) put together a beautiful prom.

The junior class spent hours selling cupcakes, cookies and doing a winter bazaar to raise money for this year's prom. They used the money to buy decorations and favors to make the prom the best it can be.
"I'm proud of how hard some of the students worked to make this happen," Mrs. Carder shared. It is a large task to take on prom but it turned out to be a magnificent night.

The junior class used the theme of "Celestial Nights" and had an archway with stars and music
that made you want to dance.
The students voted the Thursday before prom for the prince, princess, king and queen from the junior and senior girls and boys.

On May 10th, the students all showed up at the Sheraton Hotel in their beatutiful gowns and handsome tuxes for a night full of food and dancing with their friends. Hamid Yaghchi and Ashlyn Tran were named Prince and Princess and Vikrant Zutshi and Dakota Saunders were named the King and Queen. They shared a dance and a piece of cake and the party continued!
Thank you to the junior class and sponsors for a beautiful prom!

By Grace Babisnki

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Above: Sophomore Sophie Engstrom follows through on her signature serve. Below: Coach Gildea directs players on the court.


Above: Freshman Izzy Burns and Freshman Emma Rook race for a ball during a warm up drill.Below: Sophomore Hazel Ozturkoglu dives for a ball and Freshman Alex Wiederock rushes to back her up.

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Back Row: Ashlyn Tran, Grace Babinski, Hazel Ozturkoglu, Lizzie Nieves,


Freshman Alex Wiederock jumps to hit the ball past one of Incirlik's fiercest players.

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## Girls Volleyball

With only four returning players, this year's girls' team had to work harder and longer to prepare for the competitive games that loomed ahead. The group of fifteen rose to the occasion, attending grueling sessions on Saturdays and applying themselves fully in after-school practices to learn and perfect their bumping, hitting, and setting skills.. Though not all would be able to travel to Germany, everyone performed to the best of their abilities during games, knowing that the team rested not upon the shoulders of the starting six, but upon the dynamics of the entire team. Reflecting on the season, Coach Gildea says, "Considering the majority of the girls this year were beginners, I'd
have to say they came a long way since the first day of practice. This was a group of hard-working girls who put together a well-organized team on the court in a short two months. I am very proud of how much they improved over all."

Despite some early losses, the girl's persevered. In Incirlik the athletes suffered another tough loss against their rivals, the Lady Hodjas, but had their spirits uplifted with a win during a casual match against an adult base team called the Krusty Krabs. In Germany, the girls started off slow with a loss to Brussles, but ended the day on a high beating the Lajes Falcons and later defeating the Bamburg Barons. All in all it was a great season and everyone should be proud. Good job Lady Trojans! By Lizrie Nreves

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Above: Sophomores Turan Kerimbay and Alex Song back each other up as a difficult pass comes their way. Below: Coach Tim Redden explains the right techniques for saving the ball.


Alessandro lemma serves a powerful serve during a match against OASIS.



The boys practice their serving before their match against Oasis.

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## Boys' Volleyball

With only one returning player, the boys' volleyball team stood up to face challenging games throughout the season. It was Coach Sexton's first time coaching this year, but she was accompanied by Coach Redden who had coached several seasons of volleyball. They did a great job shaping the group of boys into a team who functioned well and worked together. All the new players, though lacking experience, did their best out on the court and showed dedication and enthusiasm. "Coach Redden buying us ice cream wasn't the only

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 reason I loved travelling with the team. I think the guys worked really hard and made the long bus trips very fun," said sophomore Turan Kerimbay, who played his second season of volleyball this year. "Being team captain was fun this year, even though I think the team has taught me more than I have taught them. I'm proud of the guys." said sophomore Jacob Moore, suggesting that the boys had a great time playing together. After a long trek to Italy, the team faced many defeats. However, they were victorious in the sense of improving throughout the season. With most players coming back again next year there are high hopes for them. By TMarton Treerei
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6-4, 6-3 W
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Top Left: Freshman Rahul Sengar preparing to execute one of his power shots! Top Right: Senior Deniz Alibazoglu gets ready to serve during a match against Incirlik. Middle: Sophomore Museyn Azizov reaches for a difficult ball. Right: Junior Jaela Bills returns the ball during a
warm-up.


Senior Shivam Sengar and Junior J.C Hamilton battle a fierce doubles match on the Tennis court. Shivam powering up for one of his power


Rahul Sengar, Diana Kim, JC Hamilton, Jaela Bills, Deniz Alibazoglu, Huseyn Azizov and Shivam Sengar all enjoy being a part of the Ankara EHS Tennis Team.

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## Tennis

This year, Ankara's first-class tennis team was comprised of an even mix of new and returning players, all of whom made the season a huge sucess, despite their inability to travel to Germany because of numbers. There was a great deal of practice, training, and conditioning, but it paid off during their intense matches!
"The thing I like most about tennis is making power shots. I really like the tennis team this year because I think everyone is very passionate," said Rahul Sengar about the group. Rahul and his teammates consistently dealt powerful blows to their opponents and won all of their matches. It was
an impressive feat, all in all.
Practicing in and out of school really paid off for the group. Throughout the season, they remained undefeated. Volley after volley, the tennis team prevailed and were undoubtedly champions in their own right, regardless of whether or not they traveled to the championship games. Their coach was extremely proud.
"I wanted to give them opportunities for tougher match-ups and they deserved to play more," Coach Baldemor said, "Our team worked together well and supported each other through everything." That attitude is truly the mark of a successful season.
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## Nani Khumalo

JG: "Why did you join the volleyball team?"
Nani: "I played on the volleyball team last year."
JG: "What did you like the most about your coaches?"
Nani: "Our coaches always encouraged us and were there for us."

JG: "Was there anything you practiced the most?"
Nani: "I mostly practiced on my setting."
JG: "What did being on the volleyball team teach you?"
Nani: "There ain't no I in team."
JG: "What was your favorite part of your trip to Germany?"

Nani: "I really liked the German food we ate and the roommates I had on that trip."


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## Sharif Sharipov

JG: "Why did you join the volleyball team?"
Sharifiddin: "I really wanted to improve my teamwork skills."

JG: "What did you like the most about your coaches?"
Sharifiddin: "Everything they taught me was meaningful and useful in volleyball."

JG: "Was there anything you practiced the most?"
Sharifiddin: "I practiced my blocking a lot which helped me in my games."

JG: "What did being on the volleyball team teach you?"
Sharifiddin: "It taught me that teamwork is more important than individual skill."

JG: "What was your favorite part of your trip to Italy?"
Sharifiddin: "I liked the Italian pizza we ate, but playing the games was fun too."


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## Success

 The Stories Behind the Coaches

Cheri Gildea- Girls Volleyball
"Ten-foot line!"
"I have been coaching volleyball for 20 years. I enjoy watching the growth that occurs from day 1 to the end of the season. This growth includes players skills and improvment as a team, but it also includes growth in personal skills such as teamwork, leadership, dedication and commitment. My kids are who keep me coming back each year."

Stephanie Pike- Girls Basketball "You can do it, girls!"
"This is my first year coaching. I love the energy the girls have and their willingness to learn along side me while I coach them. It is so exciting to see their faces when they make the baskets and win the games."



## Tim Redden- Boys Volleyball and Girls Football <br> "What's-his-face, you know what I'm sayin'?"

 "I have been coaching for 15 years. I started coaching because there are few times teachers get to see students all sharing the same goal and even fewer times when teachers get to share it too. Coaching is one of those times. We all want to be a part of a group, we all want to feel valued for our contributions, and we all want to be a part of the team's success. If we can accomplish that, it is rewarding. Plus, sports are fun! When you are part of a team as a coach, there is a clear opportunity to help players improve individually and collectively. You get to measure this in practices and games. I like being able to see players develop skills, assertiveness on the field, and character as teammates. Apart from being a band director, choir teacher, or the director of a play, I cannot imagine a job where the growth is so visible--blood, sweat, and tears."
## Alicia Sexton- Boys Volleyball and Boys Basketball

 "Period. End of story. I'm the mean coach, remember?" "This is my first year coaching. In highschool I played soccer my senior year (I was a band nerd). As a coach I enjoy watching the players become a team and the general positive additude out students have about playing sports. It is very exciting to see the player development at our school as many students have never played the sports before and watching them grow and become better athletes. I thought coaching would be way too big a challenge for myself, but I have fun and get to know the student body."


## Ron Parham- Girls Basketball Assistant

"Don't get your "Ds" mixed up. This is a dictatorship. Not a democracy!"
"I have been coaching for over 30 years. I coach mostly for personal enjoyment, but I love watching the girls grow and learn the game. I enjoy watching them slowly realize they can play and then watching them make their first basket."

## Leigh Carignan- Boys Football "Are you serious right now?!"

 "I have been coaching sports since 2000. I grew up around sports and always loved playing, coaching was a natural extension, but these days I find myself really targeting general athleticism and power development. The best part is the moment you just finish a training session and you look back at where you were and know how much better you are now than then- and then you look forward to the next time and how much better it will help you to be. I have those moments almost every day and every time I do I just want it more. I find that to be true both as a coach and an athlete."


Top Left: Captain Nani Khumalo prepares to pass the ball to a teammate while Diane Kim and Liza Zolotarova get open. Captain Nani certainly led by example this year!
Bottom Left: At a game in Germany, Junior Diane Kim blocks an opponent's shot, putting everything she has into a strong defense. (Photo courtesy of the Stars and Stripes)


Top Right: Freshman Alex Wiederock sprints down the court, dribbling the ball ahead of her teammates and opponents. Sophomore Jaela Bills follows close behind. Both girls were very dedicated and played hard during games. Bottom Right: Coach Parham lays out his strategy for the girls' upcoming game while the team listens attentively. The players felt that Mr. Parham's rigid discipline really pushed them to try their hardest.

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Freshman Izzy Burns and juniors Nani Khumalo and Diane Kim fight for the ball during their game against the Menwith Hill Mustangs in the tournament. (Photo courtesy of the Stars and Stripes)

# Shoot for <br> the <br> Stars Girls Basketball 

This year's girls basketball team hit the ground running, with four returning players. Their enthusiastic leader, Coach Pike, and her assistant, Coach Ron Parham, stepped up to the plate. From their very first practices, Coach Pike was focusing on her team's fitness and stamina. She ensured that the girls were able to handle themselves during a full-on game and had them performing various work-outs when the boy's team was using the court. Coach Parham taught the group his specialty defensive and offensive plays like "The Trojan" and the "1-2-2". These helped them to work cohesively as a team.
"Coach Parham always motivates us and Coach Pike keeps us on task and on track. We wouldn't be the team we are without them," said
junior Jaela Bills, a returning player.
Although the girls suffered a loss in their first match against Oasis, they played hard and well, preparing themselves for a future win against the Pakistani school. In the famous words of Coach Parham, "If your going to run with the big dogs, you can't pee like a little puppy!" In Incirlik, the girls played two games to the best of their ability and had a lot of fun. They also gave their all during the ASA tournament, and weren't afraid of their opponents.

Though they didn't win any games in Germany, they gave the Incirlik Hodjas a run for their money, hustling hard in the first half of, the game. Well done ladies!

Vikrant Zutshi carries the ball down the court with Marton Mezei close behind. Nicolas Andrada is poised to catch a pass.


This year's team consisted of:

Seniors: Ian Engstrom, Vikrant Zutshi and Martin Mezei

Juniors: Mohammad Adaileh, Nicolas Andrada Collie, John Do, Hamid Yaghchi and John Yeager

Sophmore: Alex Song, Jacob Moore and Turan Kerimbay

Freshman: Romeo Kayizaliand Alessandro Lemma

Coach: Alicia Sexton Manager: Grace Babinski


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In an attempt to throw off the defense, senior Marrton Mezei makes the cut to the back door for an kasy pass and basket while sophmore Jake Moore, stands ready for the ball.


As a defensive move, Nicolas Andrada Collie, John Do and Romeo Kayizali attempt to block the ball from being passed between the BLIS team during a non-official game.



Senior, Martin Mezei, makes a free-throw after being fouled byt the IICS school from Istanbul during the ASA Tournement.

All-tournament winner, John Do, shoots the ball during a game at the DoDDs Championships in Germany.

## Boys Basketball

Starting from scratch with over $75 \%$ of the team being new to basketball this year, the team waisted no time in learning to dribble, shoot and make lay-ups. After mastering the basics, the team, with the help of their coach, Mrs. Sexton, and manager, Grace Babinski, began to build and create plays. They included pivots, setting the pick and passing the ball to ensure an open shot at the basket. Many of these plays were used in each game as an attempt to score mazimum possible points.

As captain, junior John Do got his team warmed up at practice and at games. He gave the team the support they needed through the games and gave them points to improve their playing. His co-captain, Nicolas Andrada Collie, helped keep the team's composure when the games got tough and players moods became heated.
"Choosing a team for Germany was so hard," Shooting at sobenture Coach Sexton states. "I wish I could have taken the whole team! They have all progressed so far from the begining of the season and I am so proud of them!"

The team had a proud moment when captain and $N$ junior, John Do, was chosen for the All-Tournament Team. He was ecstatic and received his award with a big smile on his face.
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"Annie Thorisdottir is my favorite athlete, because she is a true inspiration. She has pushed the limits of human athleticism and has showed me that hard work does pay off."
-Grace Babinski

"Sachin Tendulkar is my favorite, because he is a wellrounded cricket player who shows incredible skill in batting, bowling and throwing. I like his unique style." -Shivam Sengar

"Rafael Nadal is considered the best tennis player for a reason. He is my role model when it comes to sports."


Group Photo
Back row from left to right: Dakota Saunders, Hazel Ozturkoglu, Nani Khumalo, Sophie Engstrom, Ashlyn Tran, Lizzie Nieves and Grace Babinski Middle Row: Abby Hansen, Kathryn Kuhar, Laura De Pablo, Ridhi Sharma and Emma Rook Bottom Row: Kalisse Hoach-Owens and Mollie Bladen

Bottom Left: Junior Nani Khumalo takes a corner kick at an away game in Incirlik. Nani was the team's strongest defensive player and still ran up to take multiple corners.


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Middle Top: Senior Grace Babinksi and freshman Kalisse Hoach-Owens set up a play during their first game against Oasis. Middle Center: Sophomore Hazel Ozturkoglu supports junior Ashlyn Tran, effectively keeping the ball away from Oasis.


Left: Sophomore Laura De Pablo races against one of Incirlik's strongest players for the ball. Laura shot five goals during the ASA alone.
Right: Senior Dakota Saunders prepares to header the ball against Oasis.
 scored a flawless goal via penalty shot during the girls Oasis match. Their hard work paid off, and the girls brought home the 2nd place trophy!

In Germany, the girls displayed sportsmanship and ferocity and should be very proud of their achievements.
"I feel like we have a very strong team this year and we can make it to the top!" Coach Redden exclaimed before the team headed to Europeans.

Way to go Trojans!

By: Dakota Saunders

Main Picture: Freshman Emma Rook blocks a ball and prepares to take it up the field. Without her strength and enthusiasm, the season would have turned out much differently.
Bottom Left: Goalie and senior Lizzie Nieves prepares to punt the ball to a teammate during an out on the other team. Bottom Right: Junior Abby Hansen exemplifies good sportsmanship and high-fives teammate Mollie Bladen after a har

Senior Miles Owens dramatically saves the ball right before it reaches player 4 from the Incirlik team.


Main: Sophomore Turan Kerimbay prepares to kick a hard ball away from an opponent. Below: Junior John Do throws a ball in during an ASA tournament game. He was one of the team's strongest players.


Ankara plays neck in neck againt the International School of Kabul, after losing 2-0.


The team huddles right before a match against Oasis, taking the time to mentally prepare themselves for the game ahead.



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 Boys SoccerThe last season of the year is soccer season, and, as the Trojans get ready to play their hardest, they are reminded of the teamwork and friendship that came with the victories as well as the losses.

Midfielder Marton Mezei says, "This year's team consists of all new players, which gives us an opportunity to show our quick-developing teamwork. I'm proud of all the guys because they're all putting amazing efforts into improving." Meanwhile their coach Mr. Carignan works the boys hard during training and practice so that they can become the best possible team. He keeps them busy at practice with drills, sprints and scrimmages, but the hard work pays off during matches.

The boys faced severe losses at the ASA tournament, but will pull it together and come back strong for the European Championships in

Germany.


The team warms up right before playing a match against the Incirlik Hodjas on our home freld. They start with running a lap around the field and move to stretches to avoid injuries.

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Pictured: Mohammed Adaileh, Turan Kerimbay, Aziz Azizov, Beksultan Ibraimov, Min-jin Song, Alessandro Iemma, Sharif Sharipov, Denizww Alibazoglu, Wenjie Zheng, Vikrant Zutshi, John Do, Marton Mezei, Azamat Suyubayev, Ivan Tkachenko, Romeo Kayizali Not pictured: Alp Gasimov, Cem Thomas Turkoglu

Coach Harbaugh delivered his speech eloquently and with purpose, comparing the sport of American football to other sports that our international community could visualize like European football and basketball. He even gave tips on being a goalie to Junior Nicolas Andrada.
 Coach Harbaugh exchanges a laugh with the students after sixith grader Tate Wrobelwski's dramatic antics.

Coach Harbaugh talked a lot about what it takes to be a great leader and what you should do to boost your team's morale after a win and after a loss. The entire cafeteria was riveted when he was speaking.


Senior Martin Mezei is unable to follow Mr. Harbaugh's clap rhythm, allowing a middle school win in the exercise which demonstrated teamwork and focused the group.


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This year Ankara EHS was lucky enough to host the head coach of the championship winning Baltimore Ravens, Mr. John Harbaugh. The Baltimore Ravens were the winners of the very exciting 2012 Superbowl against the 49 's and are known as a very successful American football team. John Harbaugh's brother Jim Harbaugh is the coach of the San Fransisco's 49's, the team the Ravens beat in teh Super Bowl. Harbaugh, a Miami University alum (which he shared in common with Ms. Napoli), discussed his time as a player as well as a coach.

Mr. Harbaugh traveled a long way to deliver a speech and pep talk to the middle and high schoolers in Ankara as well as to the military personnel on the base. Starting off with an ice-breaker to get everyone's attention, he encouraged the high-school and then the middle-school to clap after him to see who could follow directions better. The middle-schoolers won, to teh dismay of the high school kids.

Mr. Harbaugh answered many questions from the audience and talked about how he motivated his team. He described how he felt before big games, how he encouraged his players to keep on trying even if they were losing and explained why it was important to always lead by example.

Teachers and students alike enjoyed his motivational speech. His enthusiasm and sound advice will hopefully spur our sports teams and academically focused student body onto greater heights.
By: Dakata Saunders
Main picture: Mr. Harbaugh demonstrates the stiff handshake he exchanged with his brother after his team's superbowl win. Sixth grader Tate Wrobelwski was not prepared for Mr. Harbaugh's strength. Bottom: 8th grader Tacy Surrett gets an autographed picture from Mr. Harbaugh. Many students lined up outside the Hodja after the speech for photos and autographs.

Top Left: 8th Grader Tacy Surrett is a dedicated dancer who specializes in Irish jigs.
Bottom Left: 3rd grader Ruby Lake plays soccer with the Ankara Youth Sports League on Saturdays along with many other kids. These games always draw crowds of supporters.


Top Right: 1st grader Cameron Densmore learns how to ice skate with some of his friends.
Bottom Right: 7th grader Melissa Gillis stretches before an intense ballet practice.


1st Grader Lilly Ulmer-Glas takes an exciting horse-riding lesson where she learns how to hold the reins and direct her horse.

## Out of School Sports

Many students at Ankara EHS develop their physical fitness and pursue their athletic passions outside of the sports offered at our school. With very few sports offered, many students have taken it upon themselves to locate and participate in programs offered throughout Ankara. Such determination is an inspiration to the rest of us, to never stop pursuing our dreams, regardless of the obstacles we face.

In the high school, Marton Mezei, a senior, participates in kick-boxing classes every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, while Miles Owens, also a senior, joins in pick-up games with avid Lacrosse players on the base on Saturdays. Senior Deniz Alibazoglu practices and plays in off-season tennis matches.

The middle-schoolers get involved in their communities, too! Melissa Gillis and Tacy Surrett are both talented dancers in their respective fields and many of our middle-schoolers participate in AYSL basketball and soccer.

We also have some very dedicated elementary schoolers who particpate in a wide range of activities that get them out and about on the weekends and after school. These include gymnastics, horse-back riding, ice skating and routinely participating in AYSL soccer games and tournaments. Not only are our students intelligent, they are risk-takers!
By: Dakota Saunders

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## Pep Rallies and Spirit Week

Every year students look forward to the exciting pep rallies and spirit weeks. This year the all fabulous STUCO put on 2 pep rallies ( 1 for the volley ball/ basketball season and 1 for the football season).

As new Student Council Presidents, Maarya Rabbani and Marton Mezei collaborated together to come up with fun activities that hadn't been done before. Some of these included a clothing tricycle race, a Cheeto toss, a high school water relay and drink guessing contest. All of these events excited the students and teachers and got
our athletes fired up for their games.
Leading up to the pep rallies came a week everyone enjoys: Spirit Week. These weeks are filled with days of dressing up. The all-time favorite is pajama day but some new favorites this year were fashion disaster day, and career day.

Thank you to the Student Council for putting on some great pep rallies this year and we can't wait to see what's in store for next year's pep rallies!

By Grace Babinski

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A parent volunteer helps 2nd grader Qamar Kazam and 4th grader Mumina Bobobekova to make bugs and creatures out of materials like pipe cleaners and clothes pins!

Night of the Arts

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This year at the third annual Night of the Arts celebration, the talent show was preceded by fun and games! Students came with their famillies to the library to participate in various arts and craft stations. Some stations focused on origami while others used paints or balloons to engage kids and help them use their creatitivty.

Additionally Student Council and PTSO held a Cake Walk where students moved between numbers on the floor in time to music. When the music stopped, a number was called and the student on that number got to choose a delicious cake from the PTSO's wide selection.

High school students used the night to raise money for their grade's projects. with bake sales The seniors pushed



Above: The Junior Class went all out selling hundreds of cupcakes for Prom fundraising Below: 1st Grader Alex Sledge learns how to make an origami watch.


Above: Kindergartener Thomas Buckley gets artistic on the grafitti wall.
Below: Seniors Azamat Suyubayev and Alex Bilger earn lots of money for graduation and have fun selling cookies at the same time.


Above: Kindergartener Benjamin Moore ties a balloon. Below: 8th grader Buse Ucanlar helps 1st grader Ksenia Gencheva make a crown.


Aboye: Seniors Maarya Rabbani and Vikrant Zutshi help out with the PTSO Cake Walk as heads of the Student Council. Gianna Field from 1st grade also walked away with a cake during this
round. We hope it was tasty!
Left: 3rd grader Zoe Densmore concentrates hard on her splatter-
painting. We loved her use of vibrant colors!



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## International Day

Pulling away from tradition, International Day was held in the Hoja and Gym in an effort to make it more enjoyable for students and teachers. Put on by Mr. Generelli and the PTSO, students look forward to this day all year.

The day started off with speakers for the Middle and High School students. The speakers included people from the refugee program, dog training, therapy, martial arts, vulture conservation programs and the World Bank. They spoke on a variety of different topies to inspire students as they become global students.

After a morning of anticipation students sat in the Gym to watch their friends and classmates perform songs and dances from their home countries and finally parade across stage with other students from their home countries. Dakota Saunders and Marya Rabbani were the MC's again this year and were joined by Huseyn Azizov to make the assembly as exciting as ever. "I am so full from all the food! I love international Day!" 6th grader Ryley Ermatinger exclaimed after the excitement.

By Grace Babinski



Alex Sledge, Eryk Kiselka, and their instructor demonstrate their Tae Kwon Do skills. They are both white belts.


Venezia Padilla, a 4th grader, sang an amazing rendition of "Don't Rain on my Parade." The audience was very impressed to hear such a beautiful, powerful voice from a girl so young.

Senior, Lizzie Nieves delighted the audience with the song "Yesterday". "I was nervous but I was more touched that this would be my last talent show," she stated after singing.


First grader, William Horan gave a surprising dance performance to show off his moves. He showed off his head stands and turns to a super upbeat



Hayden Owens, a 5th grader, plays "Wrecking Ball" on the trumpet with 5th grader, Barbra Kargul who was on clarinet accompanies. Right: Kindergartener, Asya Alexander, pleased the audiences with singing "Jar of Hearts" by Christina Perry.
Twin brothers, Huysen and Aziz Azizov closed the show with a turkish song called Anason. This song told the story of 2 friends that grew old together and how the one friend was very sad when the other died and left him by himself.



First grader, Lisa Powell, performed a traditional Japanese song on a traditional Japanese instrument.

## Talent Show

Following tradition for the 3rd year in a row, the PTSO, headed up by HK Rook, put on the "Ankara's Got Talent", talent show. There were a total of 19 acts featuring a number of students ranging from K-12th grade. The Hoja was filled with parents, teachers and students, all eager to witness the amazing amounts of talent our small school has.

The students performing had to go through many hours of rehearsal and practice to make sure their performances were just right. In the end they put forth a wonderful show that everyone enjoyed.

With MC's Mollie Bladen and Mr. DeBacker, the audience had a great time cheering on their friends. Although there were several technical
difficulties with the microphones, each student that performed should be very proud of their act.

On behalf of the PTSO, HK Rook was presented with a traditional Turkish rug for all of her help and support over the years. Ms. Napoli was also presented with a beautiful plate, designed and painted by all the elementary students, as this is her last year with us after 5 years. She has always played a huge role in the Night Of The Arts, providing artwork for display and for auction.

Congratulations to all the performers and we hope to see you all back next year with more hidden talent!

By: Grace Babinski

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"Doner is a traditional meal from Turkey. This particular doner, found in Ephesus, was beef with the perfect amount of seasonings. It was served with a minced veggie salad that had a little bit of spice, and fresh village bread. The meat was served hot with the edges crispy and a sauce made from the drippings poured over the top to add another layer of flavor. It was one of the best doners I have had." - Eliana Babinski



Top: The band students rehearse for the Spring Concert. They are a mix of beginning, intermediate and advanced students that have worked hard this year to pull this concert off.

Bottom Left: Blaise Vanderploeg peforms a solo on the snare drums. He has made himself an important part of the band, carrying the beat and pulling the compositions together.

Bottom Right: Gideon Hansen tried his breath at a new instrument this year. He chose to take on the French Horn and has beautifully made progress on it. Here he performs a solo, accompanied by Alex Wiederock during the Solo Concerts in April.



Top: The elementary students sing "We Are The People," a song telling of how we are the people who can change the world. Bottom: Sophomore Liza Zolotarova sang a beautiful arrangement of "Oh, Holy Night," a traditional Christmas song.
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Top: As a collaborative effort, four middle school students came together to play a band composition that expressed the Holiday Season.
Bottom: The kindergarten and first grade classes came together to sing a very earth-friendly tune.

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Leila Sakanova, an 8th grader, plays piano for an eager audience.

To put a close to each semester, the music students, with the help of Mrs.Yayboke, put on a Winter and Spring concert. These concerts tie together all the students have worked on throughout the year, whether it be band, piano or vocal. The audience is always delighted to clap along with their favorite tunes and see how much the students have grown. Although the concert participants are only middle and high schoolers, the elementary students
and the staff fill the auditorium to hear the songs being shared with them.

Not to leave anyone out, the elementary schoolers do their own concerts. In the winter they did a sing-along with an array of Christmas songs and in the spring they did an earth-friendly concert, N singing songs about their earth and the people living in it.
By Grace Babenski



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