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TCA Arshag Dickranian School's Eighth Graders Visit Washington D.C. and New York

Los Angeles, May 2, 2011 - The 8th grade students of TCA Arshag Dickranian School had a very unique Easter Vacation this year visiting New York City, Washington D.C. and Philadelphia. The six day trip was organized by Maro Travel Teck and took place from April 16th through April 22nd. The students were escorted by their home room teacher Miss Alvard Uzunyan, along with Principal Vartkes Kourouyan, his wife Alice and some thirty parents.

As a part of the educational curriculum, this is the second year that the school organizes the trip for its 8th graders during the Easter Vacation to give them the opportunity to observe these locations, so they can visually learn about the historical and significant sites of the Nation.

The first day of the trip was spent in New York City where students got the opportunity to explore various historical and world renowned places, namely the Empire State Building, the United Nations Headquarters, Rockefeller Center, Central Park, Plaza Hotel and Fifth Avenue. The second day being Palm Sunday, the students first visited St. Vartan Armenian Cathedral to light their candles and offer their prayers. The group then continued their excursion, visiting the Statue of Liberty, Wall Street, New York Stock Exchange and the World Trade Center's Ground Zero, where they paid their respects to the lives lost on that ignoble September 11, 2001.



Eighth graders, the Principal and parents in front of the White House

On the third day of the trip, the group boarded their bus heading towards Philadelphia. While there, they visited the historic Old Capitol Building, the Independence Hall and the Liberty Bell, not forgetting to enjoy savoring the Philly steak sandwiches before bidding farewell to the city of friendship.

The fourth day of the trip was spent in Washington D.C., touring the significant sites of the Nation's Capital, such as the White House, Capitol Hill, The Jefferson Memorial, the Lincoln Memorial, Vietnam Veterans Memorial, World War II Memorial and the tomb of the Unknown Soldier. The fifth and sixth days of the trip started with a stop at the Arlington National Cemetery, President John F. Kennedy's tomb, followed by the Smithsonian and Air Space Museums. A special highlight on the fifth day

was visiting the Embassy of the Republic of Armenia.



**The students gathered around their homeroom teacher Miss Alvard Uzunyan
in front of Capitol Building**

On the last evening of the trip, the students surprised the Principal, Mrs. Alice Kourouyan and Miss Alvard Uzunyan with a small party at the Marriot Courtyard Gaithersburg to show their appreciation.

Upon their return, the 8th graders found their week long excursion very enjoyable and informative, whereas their parents expressed their high level of satisfaction about the way the program was organized.

Located at 1200 North Cahuenga Blvd., Los Angeles, the TCA Arshag Dickranian Armenian School is a federally tax exempt, Pre-K to 12th grade private educational institution. For more information visit www.dickranianschool.org.

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