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TCA ARSHAG DICKKRANIAN ARMENIAN SCHOOL
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CENTENNIAL FUND CELEBRATES ELEANOR DICKKRANIAN'S 100th BIRTHDAY

Los Angeles, March 8, 2012 -Arshag Dickranian Armenian School has established a special Centennial Fund to honor the 100th Birthday of the school's benefactress, Eleanor Dickranian. In lieu of the event, the Dickranian family has asked that anyone wishing to mark this momentous occasion consider making a donation to the school's Centennial Fund.

"We are so pleased that Mrs. Dickranian is with us to witness the growth and accomplishments of the school since it opened more than 30 years ago. Our graduates are distinguishing themselves in all professional fields, and our current students continue to excel and win honors in science, sports and scholastic competitions," observed Board Chairman, George Mandossian. "The contributions in honor of Mrs. Dickranian's birthday will be used to enhance these programs, and to make certain that our school will be able to continue to prepare future leaders for the Armenian community."



Eleanor Dickranian celebrating her 100th birthday with daughters Cindy Norian and Laurel Karabian

Eleanor Dickranian, along with her late husband Arshag Dickranian, has been an active leader in establishing and developing Los Angeles' Armenian community. Beginning in the 1930's, they participated in every Armenian cause, especially embracing projects focusing on education, the arts and the church. Their early leadership set the pace for Armenian philanthropy in Southern California and beyond.

Donors to the Centennial Fund will be acknowledged in a commemorative booklet, in a full page dedication placed in various community newspapers, in the school's annual report and on its website. To ensure recognition in printed materials, please respond by March 12. Contributions should be sent to the TCA Arshag Dickranian School, 1200 N. Cahuenga Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90038. For additional information, please call the school at (323) 461-4377.

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TCA Arshag Dickranian School High School Wins 1st Place In "Franklin Lu Hands-On Competition" of DWP's Science Bowl

Los Angeles, March 19, 2012 - On Saturday February 25th, TCA Arshag Dickranian School's high school students won first place in the "Franklin Lu Hands-On Competition" of the Regional Science Bowl Competition held at the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power's John Ferraro Building in downtown. This was the second time ADS students impress the science community of LADWP after winning first place in the same competition in 2008.

Under the guidance of the senior science teacher Ms. Nanor Markarian, twelfth graders Morris Sarafian and Armine Sanosyan, eleventh graders Aram Ekimyan and Onnig Ashikyan, and 10th grader Artur Mazlounian answered science related questions and built a remarkable mechanical claw to pick up and transport objects.



Left to right: Students Aram Ekimyan, Artur Mazlounian, Armine Sanosyan, Morris Sarafian along with senior science teacher Ms. Nanor Markarian

The LADWP Science Bowl is an official regional competition of the Department of Energy National Science Bowl and is open to all public and private schools of the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) or in Inyo and Mono counties.

"Success in this competition shows how our teachers are dedicated, how serious our students are and how well they are prepared to present their school and their community in the scientific community of Los Angeles...I sincerely congratulate our teachers and students for this prestigious success," said Principal Vartkes Kourouyan.

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TCA Arshag Dickranian School's Kindergartners Visit Local Fire Station

Los Angeles, March 12, 2012 - The Kindergarten students of TCA Arshag Dickranian School paid the local fire station a visit on Wednesday, February 22nd, which was both educational and fun for the children.

The Kindergartners walked to the nearby Fire Station #27, at 1237 Cole Ave., accompanied by their teacher Mrs. Anahid Avanesian and T.A. Mrs. Tamara Nahapetyan.

At the station, the students were greeted by very friendly firefighters who gave them a tour of the station, helped them climb into the fire trucks and showed them how they put on their protective attire such as the knee length coats, boots, gloves, helmets and masks. The firefighters also showed the students some of the tools that they use during fires in car accidents or other natural hazards like the power saw, bolt cutter, axe, hammer, oxygen tank, among others. The students also took turns pumping water through a giant hose. After visiting the kitchen and the lunch area, the kindergartners thanked the firefighters and bid them farewell and walked back to school.



**The Kindergartners with their teacher Mrs. Anahid Avanesian (L),
fire fighters and T.A. Mrs. Tamara Nahapetyan**

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