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TCA ARSHAG DICKRANIAN ARMENIAN SCHOOL
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Former NKR President Arkadi Ghougassian Visits TCA Arshag Dickranian School

Los Angeles, November 10, 2009 - TCA Arshag Dickranian School was honored with a visit from former NKR president Mr. Arkadi Ghougassian, accompanied by The Armenia Fund Chairman Ara Aghishian, Esq. and the Fund's Executive Director Mr. Sarkis Kotanjian on Friday, November 6th, 2009. The guests arrived at the school at 2:30 p.m. where they were warmly greeted by the chairman of the School Board of Trustees Mr. George Mandossian, vice chairman Mr. Parsegh Kartalian, board member Mr. Yeghia Taglyan, principal Vartkes Kourouyan and members of the Student Council. This was Mr. Ghougassian's second visit to Arshag Dickranian School, as his first was in September 2002.



Mr. Ghougassian was first escorted to the principal's office for a briefing. There he was presented with a back copy of the school's 2002-2003 yearbook bearing the pictures of his first visit. The guests were then led to the Walter and Laurel Karabian Hall where 6th to 11th grade students, teachers and PTO members had gathered to greet them and conduct a short program.

Welcoming remarks were made by vice chair Parsegh Kartalian, student council president Alex Garibyan and teacher Ms. Alvard Uzunyan. After the greeting remarks the students watched a video projection about Karabakh and a short documentary about the hardships of a family living in Shoushi.

Mr. Ghougassian then got to the podium following the introductory remarks by Mr. Ara Aghishian. "Such gatherings remind us of our Armenian identity and heritage," said the honored guest. "We are all obligated to serve our country and to contribute to its development." Mr. Ghougassian also reminded students of the importance of supporting Shoushi and encouraged them to participate in the upcoming Thanksgiving Telethon on November 26th, 2009.



After the program, the guests proceeded to the school's new basketball court where a rousing free throw match took place between Mr. Ghougassian and the school team captain Alex Garibyan amid the cheers and applause of the onlookers.

At the end and prior to their departure, the guests were invited to join the school lounge for a treat of assorted cookies and refreshments served by the PTO.

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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