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PURIM BALL

We celebrated Purim with a two-day party at Lauder

This year's Purim saw students in all sorts of costumes. As well as the teachers. As is traditional at Purim, the classes gave each other gifts, and both elementary and secondary school students threw a huge party.



SUCCESS STORIES

THE MERCHANT OF VENICE AT THE KARINTHY THEATRE

The Javne Theatre group presented Shakespeare's "The Merchant of Venice"

One of the actors said it best: "It was a fantastic experience to perform on the Karinty Theatre stage under the tutelage of Margit Balla. Our play went very well, and we are confident our audience loved it, too!"



(MOCK) GEFILTE FISH

Lauder students worked together with a school from Frankfurt on a Centropa project entitled "Virtual Jewish Cookbook".



We "filmed" a six-minute movie in our student kitchen, entitled (Mock) Gefilte Fish. The story of the film we came up with is as follows: A child is fishing in the Maine river and catches a fish. They want to prepare the fish according to the Gefilte Fish recipe, but as they set up the kitchen, the fish escapes down the drain. Thankfully, the others find a chicken in the fridge, and so they prepare a Mock Gefilte Fish recipe. We then follow the story of the fugitive fish. The fish escapes into the Maine, swimming across the Maine-Danube channel, all the way to Budapest. There, the fish is caught by another child, who finally makes Gefilte Fish. (Sorry fishy, there's no escape!

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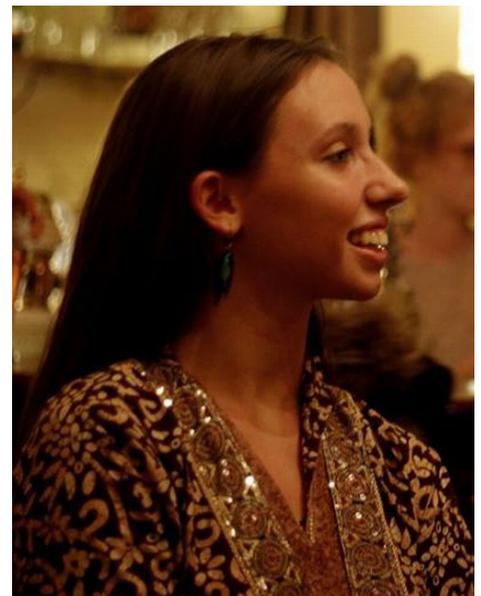


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ESZTER CSORDÁS WON THE NATIONAL SECONDARY SCHOOL COMPETITION (OKTV) IN FILM ARTS AND MEDIA STUDIES

The first round of the media OKTV competition required contestants to create a short film, a film maker's journal and film analysis. The written finals were an analysis of a media clip and the cultural examination of a short film. The oral finals required them to debate the film analyses over the course of a 90 minute postmodern art theory discussion, then write a film plan based on seven photographs, and then present the plans in accordance with given parameters.

The teachers who prepared her for the competition were Margit Balla, Ildi Szarvas and István Jávör.



AMAZING MATH VICTORY AS ÉVA ASCENDS TO THE TOP

Éva Ungár won national first place at the Varga Tamás Math Competition

Nearly a hundred 7th graders made it to the finals of the three-round Varga Tamás Math Competition. Éva Ungár received 47 of the possible 50 points, and so it is no wonder that she become the national champion.



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THE LAUDER FOOTBALL TEAM WON GOLD

The district small pitch five-a-side football competition saw the Lauder boys take home the gold in the III. age category, leaving 8 other schools behind them.

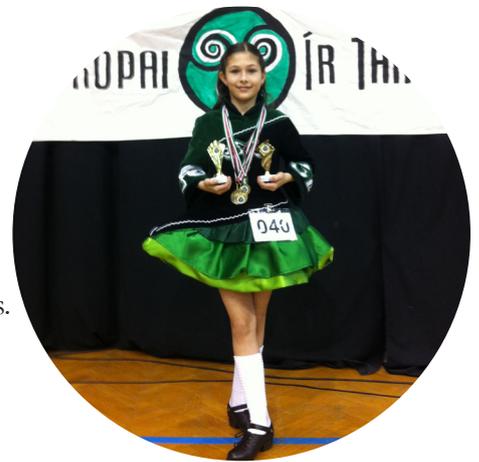


The team secured its place in the semi-finals with a strong second place (after two victories and a loss). In the four match-up, they defeated the ELTE School 4:0. The finals saw a 4:1 victory over the Arany János School. The boys played with exceptional discipline, finesse and amazing enthusiasm all throughout the games.

ZORA DANCED TO THE TOP

Zora Dunne (6th grade) won four first, a second and a fourth place at the WIDA international Irish dance competition held by the Central European Irish Dance Academy on 19 March 2016 in Budapest, earning her three medals and three cups. In one of the dances she came first as the youngest in a large group of adult contestants; no wonder it is this victory that filled her with the most joy.

The competition included more than a hundred dancers from ten countries. Zora was prepared by Júlia Gyulai, Zsófia Szekács and Ádám Czinege.



SUCCESS AT THE TENTH ART PUB OPEN – CHESS NEWS



Instead of resting, three of our Lauder chess players, Dóra Koltai, Anna Dán and Boldizsár Varga spent the long weekend at the Tenth Art Pub tournament, supported by our Lauder parent, Árpád Bakonyi. The tournament was held from Saturday to Tuesday, with 144 chess players pitting their wits against each other in two groups.

Over the past few years, the tournament has grown to become one of the most prestigious and liked open competitions in Budapest. Group A saw a lot of masters competing, while the 53 strong group B was dominated by children and MTK players, where we saw some beautiful games by Lauder students.

Boldizsár Varga was at the head of the pack the whole time, and finally secured a strong second place. Dóri Koltai started with a fiasco, and then a long, determined home stretch earned her third place, and a special award for best under 14 girl player. Anna Dán was slow and steady, earning her a commendable twelfth place.

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STUDENT EXCHANGE FROM ISTAMBUL

Our 6th graders were the hosts for the children who arrived from our sister-school in Istanbul. On Sunday afternoon, the first trip of our guests was from the airport straight to Lauder. There were some quick “speed-dates”, a tour of the school and a nighttime bus tour of the city.

The first full day was spent in the city center, checking out the Parliament building and the crown, and then we visited the shoes on the quay. After lunch, GPS coordinates led us to famous places in the Jewish quarter, where each group was given some tasks to solve, and finally, we snacked on flódni cake and played bowling.

On the 15th of March, we visited the Center of Scientific Wonders (Csodák Palotája), had soup and strudel in Szentendre, saw the Szántó Prayer House, and finally tried the summer bobsled course in Visegrád. It was a fantastic day!

On Wednesday, we were in school, where our visiting song teacher Árpi taught us a Turkish, a Hungarian and an English song during Boker. During the day our guests visited our classes, and in the afternoon we played a Turkish-Hungarian football match (with a 1:6 win for the home team). In the evening, DJ Kocka&Tibi played the tracks for our party.

On Thursday, we said goodbye to our new friends at the school. A lot of pictures documented our adventures; here you can find a selection.



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CHILDREN'S RIGHTS CASINO

Our Halacha students met with the students of the Female Youth Custody Center of Rákospalota. On the 1st of March, our Halacha students paid a visit to the girls of the Rákospalota custody center. The girls there and the students of Lauder live in completely different circumstances. One of the interesting points of the visit was that the young people had to solve example situations and problems concerning children's rights questions together. Within the framework of the board game, they explored a given idea or thought regarding ethical, moral and legal questions. A children's rights professional was there with them, explaining each of the ideas afterwards. With a kind of "waybill", the children collected information and experience through the day. Lauder students not only learned about children's rights, but could also learn about a world completely different from their own.



JEWISH OUTREACH

"SOME WERE NEIGHBORS"



On the 4th of March, the Visual World project group visited the villages of Tokaj and Mád in North-Eastern Hungary. Two valuable interviews were added to the collected materials of the project.

In Tokaj, the group met the caretaker of the small Jewish prayer house in a beautifully restored synagogue, where he talked about his childhood, his neighbors, the tragic fate of the Jews, and about the many travellers, Jews and non-Jews alike, who visit the region from all over the world to gaze upon the beauty of the landscape and Jewish buildings.

In Mád, the well-known Barna Fehér was a wonderful, funny and gracious host. He spoke proudly of the difficult years of the 20th century, his family and famous guests who often visit the synagogue in Mád.

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