

## LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Ararat Charter School Families,

The first month of school is over! Thank you to all who attended parent/teacher conferences. By working together all our students will progress and attain the high academic goals set for them.

After-school valet at ACS2 is working well. Remember that the valet line is around the school only. If you are coming from Fulton Avenue, please DO NOT attempt to cut into the valet line on Nagle. Continue on Erwin Street and find your place at the end of the valet line. Your cooperation in following these procedures is requested. In addition, if you would like to volunteer to assist with valet please come see me. It's only 15-20 minutes of volunteer time a day and would be highly appreciated.

A big "THANK YOU" to all families who donated money for our school beautification project, your support is needed and most welcome. If you haven't sent in your donation, please do so as soon as possible. The monies will go directly for pots, trees, benches, and ground cover to beautify both campuses.

After-school programs (RISE and ACE) begin on October 3, 2011. Confirmation letters will be sent home in the Wednesday Folder.

Should you have any questions, concerns, or commendations please don't hesitate to contact me directly.

Sincerely,

*Aida Tatirossian*

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Principal

### Reminder

- STUDENT LATE ARRIVAL: Parents must walk tardy children into the school and sign them in.
- LOST ARTICLES OF CLOTHING: We have a few items of clothing (mostly jackets) that need to find their owners. Please come by the office and check the lost and found for any missing jackets, sweaters, headbands or other items.

### Literacy

Your child can practice phonics skills and boost spelling with this activity.

*Ingredients: paper, pencil, bag*

Write each letter of the alphabet on a slip of paper and mix them together in a bag. Take turns choosing a slip and reading the letter aloud.

Then, name a word that begins with the letter, a word that ends with it, and a word with the letter in the middle. *Example*, for "t", you might come up with "toe," "cat," and "little."

Play until all the letters have been drawn. Score a point for each word. The player with the most points wins.

### School Uniforms

Thank you parents and students for the increased adherence to the school dress code. Show pride in your school by wearing complete uniforms. Please note the appropriate dress.





**Attendance Awards**

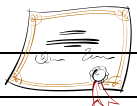

*Congratulations to Miss Dora's Kindergarten class with 98.16% attendance, Miss Hajian's 1<sup>st</sup> grade class with 98.80%, Mrs. Karapetyan's 2<sup>nd</sup> grade class with 100%, and Miss Mohammad's 3<sup>rd</sup> grade class with 98.80% attendance. They are the recipients of the September Attendance Award! These four rooms will display their attendance trophies with pride!*


## Awards

*Congratulations to the following students who are the recipients of Citizenship, Academic, Character, and Rainbow, awards for the month of September.*

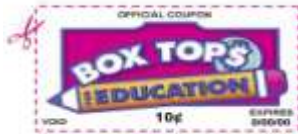
<u><b>Mrs. Cabral</b></u>	<u><b>Mrs. Gleason</b></u>	<u><b>Miss Saad</b></u> 
<b>Citizenship Awards</b>	<b>Citizenship Awards</b>	<b>Citizenship Awards</b>
Xavier Perry David Margarian	Emily Sarkisyan Hayk Mushegyan Victoria Nagapetyan Andy Katabyan	David Asilyan Elizabeth Azatyan Mariam Ketsoyan Stephan Martirosyan Milia Mikaelian
<b>Academic Awards</b>	<b>Academic Awards</b>	<b>Academic Awards</b>
Mariam Mkrtchian	Movses Gyoalyan	Gevork Arakelyan Allen Nersisyan
<b>Character Awards</b>	<b>Character Awards</b>	<b>Character Awards</b>
Tony Nalbandyan	Julianna Ouzounian	Mariam Torosyan

<u><b>Miss Niazi</b></u>	<u><b>Miss Hajian</b></u>	<u><b>Miss Espinoza</b></u> 
<b>Citizenship Awards</b>	<b>Citizenship Awards</b>	<b>Citizenship Awards</b>
	Isabel Nazikyan Hayk Nikoghosyan David Ksachukyan Vahe Petrosyan Anna Aslanyan Alisa Movsisyan	Adreena Amirians David Indrikyan Christina Gevorgyan
<b>Academic Awards</b>	<b>Academic Awards</b>	<b>Academic Awards</b>
Lena Gyulbekyan	Rebecca Altunkaryan	Aram Galstyan
<b>Character Awards</b>	<b>Character Awards</b>	<b>Character Awards</b>
Angelina Grigoryan	Natalie Azizyan	Lida Asatryan

<u><b>Mrs. Karapetyan</b></u>	<u><b>Mrs. Davitian</b></u>	<u><b>Miss Parisen</b></u> 
<b>Citizenship Awards</b>	<b>Citizenship Awards</b>	<b>Citizenship Awards</b>
Aida Arakelyan Gabriel Injejian Vana Sherbetjian	Serine Melikyan Stella Nalbandian Gohar Andreasyan Arman Azatyan	Ani Karajyan Robert Safaryan Sarkis Manukyan Lily Palezyan Gor Papoyan
<b>Academic Awards</b>	<b>Academic Awards</b>	<b>Academic Awards</b>
Jack Berghoudian	Jessica Kavukchyan	Tatiana Sako
<b>Character Awards</b>	<b>Character Awards</b>	<b>Character Awards</b>
Mary Yanikian	Aram Melik-Bakhshyan	Hovanes Gemdzhyan

<u>Miss Mohammed</u>	<u>Mr. Banks</u> 
<b>Citizenship Awards</b>	<b>Citizenship Awards</b>
Gevork Agazaryan Violet Erdoglyan Milena Petrosyan	Anna Arzumanyan Nane Babayan Michael Boyadjian Diana Petrosyan Aram Simikyan
<b>Academic Awards</b>	<b>Academic Awards</b>
Arthur Galstyan	Lillian Gabrelian
<b>Character Awards</b>	<b>Character Awards</b>
Vartan Zakarian	Suzanna Darmandzhyan

## BOX TOPS!



### BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

#### **WELCOME TO A GREAT YEAR AT ARARAT CHARTER SCHOOL!!**

This year, our goal is to raise \$500 for our school. I know if we all work together, we will have NO PROBLEM reaching our goal!

Since 1996, Box Tops for Education has helped America's schools raise over \$300 million to buy things they need, but can't always afford, such as library books, school supplies, playground equipment and field trips. School budgets are tighter than ever, and ARARAT CHARTER SCHOOL needs your support!

Clip Box Top coupons from hundreds of participating products and send them to your school. Box Tops coupons are worth 10 pennies each and are found on many of the products and items that you already use in your home. Things like...Juicy Juice, Cheerios, Coco Puffs, Go-Gurt, Ziploc bags, Avery Labels and 3-ring binders just to name a few!

For now, start gathering those Box Tops from friends, neighbors and grandparents! We'll have fun incentives and great rewards for classes with 100% participation! So, let's get clipping & see how many Box tops Ararat Charter School students can collect!

Mrs. Cabral, (Room 1)  
Coordinator for Box Tops for Education

## LABELS FOR EDUCATION

Remember to cut out and bring in the labels for education.  
Each label earns money for our school!



### How to Contact Ararat Charter School

Office Hours:

**Monday - Friday** 7:30 am to 4:15 pm  
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*Closed on weekends and holidays*

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#### Attachments:

October Cafeteria Menu  
Home & School Connection  
Box Top for Education Sheet



# Math Minute

By Mr. Jared Banks, 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher

One of the hardest concepts for kids to grasp is number sense. Most kids understand that the digit 2 means two or that the numeral 47 means forty seven, but kids often do not realize that digits and the numerals they create are just representations of a grouping of anything. Three apples is the same as 3. Forty five dollars is the same as 45. Kids need to learn that digits are just representations of numbers and that numbers are everywhere. Whether you are at the gas station or at the park, in the kitchen or playing games, recognize the numbers made out of the things around you and point them out to your kids. Challenge them to combine them, sort them, and find the difference. Talk about the patterns you recognize and ask them if they see any. A strong understanding of numbers and learning how to play with them will help kids in all areas of their education, as well as in mathematics.

## Children Better Prepared For School If Their Parents Read Aloud To Them

By Ms. Samantha Parisen, 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Teacher

*ScienceDaily* (May 12, 2008) – Young children whose parents read aloud to them have better language and literacy skills when they go to school, according to a review published online ahead of print in the Archives of Disease in Childhood.

Children who have been read aloud to are also more likely to develop a love of reading, which can be even more important than the head start in language and literacy. And the advantages they gain persist, with children who start out as poor readers in their first year of school likely to remain so.

In addition, describing pictures in the book, explaining the meaning of the story, and encouraging the child to talk about what has been read to them and to ask questions can improve their understanding of the world and their social skills.

The review brings together a wide range of published research on the benefits of reading aloud to children. It also includes evidence that middle class parents are more likely to read to their children than poorer families.

The authors explain that the style of reading has more impact on children's early language and literacy development than the frequency of reading aloud. Middle class parents tend to use a more interactive style, making connections to the child's own experience or real world, explaining new words and the motivations of the characters, while working class parents tend to focus more on labeling and describing pictures. These differences in reading styles can impact on children's development of language and literacy-related skills.

The Reach Out and Read program in Boston has improved the language skills of children in low income families by increasing the proportion of parents reading to their children.

The program provides books and advice to the parents about the importance of reading aloud. Parents who have been given books were four times more likely to say they had looked at books with their children or that looking at books was one of their child's favorite activities, and twice as likely to read aloud to their children at least three times a week.

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