REGIONAL SCIENCE FAIR WINNERS

On Saturday March 4th 2017, Science Academy of Chicago’s Seventh and Eighth grade science students attended Illinois Junior Academy Science (IJAS) Fair for the poster and paper session. Students were judged in four main sections: written report, scientific method, display, and oral presentation. This fair requires students to design an experiment to investigate a question or problem. Project categories include aerospace science, behavioral science, biochemistry, health science, earth science, computer science, engineering, mathematics, microbiology, or zoology. At the regional fair, students with the highest scores qualify to complete in the IL State Science Fair. Meliha Aycicek and Sanie Alieva will be attending the State Science Fair.

*first row from left: Sanie Alieva (8), Mary Doolabi (8), Fatima Choudhry (7), Meliha Aycicek (7), second row from left: Mucteba Yazici (7), Ari Fishkin (7), Saniye Uslu (7), Yavuz Cengiz (8)*

*not pictured: Tuba Korkmaz (7)*
A SUCCESSFUL INNOVATION-THEMED GALA

On Saturday March 11, 2017, Science Academy of Chicago hosted its annual fundraising gala. For the second year, the adults-only event was held at Crystal Palace Banquets in Mount Prospect, Illinois. Guests gathered to support STREAM (science, technology, reading, engineering, art, and math) education at SAOC. The gala included music, silent auction, live auction, speeches, photo booth, 50/50 raffle, STEAM displays, hors d’oeuvre, and dinner. Proceeds from the silent and live auction will go towards developing curriculum tools such as equipping classrooms with ELMO projectors.

Overall, this year’s gala was successful thanks to support from SAOC’s families, local businesses and communities.

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Fatima Choudhry
Bruce Doolabi
Tuba Korkmaz
Saniye Uslu
Mucteba Yazici
Nursaida Juman
Sena Tiryaki
Lena Abuhadba
Refia Caliskan
Hatice Ozey

Guests engage with hands-on math activities

Director Mustafa Yazici gives introductory speech
TEACHER SPOTLIGHT

Interview conducted by: Saniye

Q.1: What are your three traits that define you?  
A: Sincere, dedicated, and organized.

Q.2: What is your favorite food?  
A: Noodles

Q.3: What is your favorite animal?  
A: Kangaroo

Q.4: Do you watch TV? What is your favorite show or movie?  
A: Pokémon XY

Q.5: What do you want to be when you grow up?  
A: An architect

Q.6: What is your favorite subject in school?  
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A: Robot housekeepers

Q. What would you do (for a career) if you weren’t doing this?  
A: FBI agent.

Q. Tell us something that might surprise us about you?  
A: I can read the Korean alphabet!

Q. What is your favorite part about working at Science Academy of Chicago?  
A: Club time, and teaching gymnastic skills.

LOWER GRADE SPOTLIGHT

Interview conducted by: Sena Tiryaki

Q.1: When is your birthday?  
A: May 3rd, 2011

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A: Noodles

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UPPER GRADE SPOTLIGHT

Interview conducted by: Refia Caliskan

Q1: What do you see yourself doing in 10 years?  
A: Going to college.

Q2: What are you listening/reading these days?  
A: 21 Pilots.

Q3: What is your favorite hobby?  
A: Playing my violin

Q4: Where is your favorite place to be?  
A: On a cruise ship

Q5: Where is the best place you’ve traveled and why?  
A: The best place I’ve traveled to is Singapore because it had a lot of cool places, and the weather was amazing.

Q6: What is your favorite thing about being a student in Science Academy of Chicago?  
A: I really like the park and technology class
CHECK OUT GIORDANO’S

Giordano’s began in a small northern Italian town near Torino, Italy. Mama Giordano was famous around town for her exquisite cooking. Of all her renowned dishes, her most beloved meal was her “Italian Easter Pie”.

Mama Giordano would serve this double-crusted, cheese stuffed masterpiece on special occasions. This pizza pie became a sacred tradition in the Giordano family and a legend in the town of Torino.

Years later, Italian immigrants Efren and Joseph Boglio moved to Chicago to start their own pizza business. The brothers introduced their Mama’s recipe for stuffed pizza.

In 1974, on Chicago’s historic south side, Efren and Joseph opened the first Giordano’s in the world.

Over the next 40 years and counting, millions of happy and loyal fans as well as hundreds of critics call Giordano’s the city’s “best” stuffed pizza! The rest is history you can still taste today, along with our other great starters, salads, outstanding pastas and great sandwiches.

IS PLUTO REALLY A PLANET?

As you all may know, Pluto is a dwarf planet. Clyde Tombaugh discovered Pluto in 1930. But he didn’t name it. Venetia Burney, an eleven-year-old from England, was the person who named Pluto.

Well I have something else you may not know too. Pluto is as small as half of the United States! Pluto also takes 248 Earth years to go around the sun. Imagine, you celebrate your birthday every 248 years on Earth!

Pluto is also very cold. It is colder than Antarctica. Earth’s air would freeze to a snow there. It also has less gravity than Earth. So a person would weigh much less on Pluto.

Q: How does Pluto Orbit the sun?
A: Unlike most planets, Pluto’s orbit is tilted and oval.
Q: How cold is Pluto?
A: Pluto is 375 to 400 degrees below zero Fahrenheit
Q: I weigh 60 pounds on Earth. How much do I weigh on Pluto?
A: About 4 pounds
BOOK REVIEW: THE SHIFTER

By: Fatima Choudhry

The Shifter is the first in a series called the Healing Wars. The second book is Blue fire and the third book is called Darkfall. This book was first published on October 1, 2009. It was written by Janice Hardy. This is an action and violence packed book, bursting with thrill and adventure.

This book is about a young girl named Nya. She is an orphan struggling for survival in a city surrounded by war. She is also a Taker—with her touch, she can heal injuries, drawing pain from one person into her own body. If the duke finds out she has this power she will be used to crush her own people.

I think this is an amazing book. I got hooked on this book after Meliha Aycicek recommended it. I love this book because it always had me guessing what was going to happen next. I’d rate it five out of five stars if any one asked me to this fabulous book a rating.

NETFLIX ORIGINAL SERIES REVIEW: A SERIES OF UNFORTUNATE EVENTS

By: Sena Bahar Tiryaki

Netflix has a new series based on Lemony Snicket’s A Series of Unfortunate Events. The series has thirteen books about the orphaned Baudelaire children who are placed in the care of Count Olaf. Neil Patrick Harris produces the series as well as starring as Count Olaf, who tries to steal the family fortune.

So far, the first season, which consists of eight episodes, is only available. This season is based on the first four books. Future seasons are in production.

If you like dark comedy-drama and mystery, I truly recommend both the books and the television series. But, remember to read the books first!
**SONG REVIEW**

“Shelter” is a song written by the artists Porter Robinson & Madeon. This song is based on a movie. The film follows 17-year-old Rin who lives alone inside a virtual world. She controls the virtual world around her through a tablet/I-Pad on which she can draw scenes that the world around her will then become whatever she draws. She stays like this for many years, living a peaceful but lonely life.

Suddenly, she experiences scenes before her that she hasn’t created. Being invisible, Rin witnesses her own life as a 7-year-old child living in Tokyo, Japan. She is the last human left. She lives inside a rocket ship by herself, which her father built for her. The song pretty much explains this.

This song is great to listen to because the rhythm keeps rushing to your head, and you can’t stop hearing it. I recommend you watch the music video with this song so it makes more sense.

Anyway, this song makes me feel calm and relaxed. When I played it for one or two people they said that this certain part of the song just gets stuck in your head. I think many people will enjoy listening/watching this. Therefore, in my opinion I’d rate this five out of five stars!

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**DORK DIARIES: QUESTION AND ANSWER**

**Q1: What is it about?**

A1: It’s about a girl named Nikki and her friends Brandon, Chloe, and Zoey trying to take care of 8 dogs.

**Q2: What is the problem?**

A2: Nikki’s parents won’t let her take care of the dogs.

**Q3: Is there anyone or anything that stops them from doing everything?**

A3: Yes, Makenzie a.k.a. drama queen

**Q4: Are there any problems?**

A4: Of course; Nikki has to bring the dogs to school, and it’s not the best decision.

**Q5: Does the story encourage someone to read it?**

A5: Yes, it makes you addicted

My rating for this book was 4/4 because it was really detailed, and I felt like I was in it.
SUPER BOWL RECAP

By: Sena Bahar Tiryaki

The 51st Super Bowl was played on Sunday, February 5, 2017. The New England Patriots of the American Football Conference (AFC) defeated the Atlanta Falcons of the National Football Conference (NFC).

It was a very close game. Actually, it was the first Super Bowl win during an overtime: 34 to 28. So, you could say history was made.

Another memorable moment was to see the former President George H. W. Bush and his wife, Barbara, perform the coin toss because the former president was recovering from pneumonia.

Will we see Tom Brady, the quarterback for the New England Patriots, back again for his sixth Super Bowl win? We need to wait for the 52nd Super Bowl.

FUN FACTS

1. Pteronophobia is the fear of being tickled by a feather.
2. May 29th is officially “Put a Pillow on Your Fridge Day”.
3. The person who made Frisbee was cremated and made into Frisbees after he died.
4. Movie trailers were originally shown after the movie, which is why they are called “trailers”.
5. Human thighbones are stronger than concrete.
6. More than 60000 people are flying over the US in a plane right now.
7. You’re 1% shorter in the evening than in the morning.
8. Just like fingerprints, everyone has different tongue prints.
9. The tongue is the strongest muscle in the body.
10. In France, it’s legal to marry a dead person.
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Fourth graders Elif and Naile wear their Solar System Necklace recently made in after school Art Club using Sculpey clay.

Current SAOC art exhibition at Mt. Prospect Library. The art show includes Sunflower Pastel Drawings and Endangered Animal Posters art students in the 6th, 7th, and 8th grade.