

AzETA Times



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Journalism classes in AzETA

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A new class started at AzETA (Azerbaijan English Teachers' Association) on March 29, 2007. This is Journalism Class. Students were involved to this class to learn journalism.



Steven Youngblood teaches students Journalism classes in AzETA

Our teacher Steven Youngblood, Fulbright scholar from Park University in Parkville, USA, taught us how to write news stories, feature stories, how to read newspapers professionally and some other things.

Maleyka, AzETA member, a teacher of English from Azerbaijan University of Languages also attended our classes, she helped us in our writings.

The editor of the newspaper is Yashar Aliyev, from our group.

I asked them: "How can Journalism Classes help us in future?" Our teacher Steven Youngblood said: "Journalism classes will help you to improve your language skills."

Maleyka said: "This is a great chance for you to practice as a journalist, to write about the topics you are interested in."

One of the students might want to work as a journalist in future: "This is not only a lesson but also a profession, maybe some of us will work as a journalist in future", students say.

Aliyev Yashar: "We had a chance to write on different topics and check or writings, work together, share opinions."

Soon we are going to produce our first newspaper. We have named the newspaper "AzETA Times."

We will be happy to see the result of our hard work.

Murphy bids students farewell

by *Murad Ramazanli*

This party is dedicated to Elizabeth Murphy's leaving. There were a lot of people-students, parents, teachers, representatives of American Embassy, students from Madrasa, members of Enjoy English Club (AzETA). Do you want to know who opened the ceremony? Miss Ragsana khanim, president of AzETA (Azerbaijan English Teachers' Association) opened the ceremony. She thanked Elizabeth Murphy for her help to AzETA, especially for the work with students.



Elizabeth Murphy dances with children in the farewell party March 26, 2007

Ragsana khanim gave a memory present to Elizabeth Murphy on behalf of AzETA teachers and students. After Ragsana

khanim's speech Elizabeth Murphy spoke kindly about AzETA's work. For organizing farewell party she thanked to them.

Madrassa students performed with poems, songs, dances and dialogues. Madrassa students performed songs together with Murphy. Little children invited Murphy to dance with them.

Then students asked Murphy some questions: "Who is your sunshine?"

Murphy answered: "You are all my sunshine", she added "I am happy here in Baku. I see Caspian Sea every day. I will miss you when I leave you."

Parents from Mastaga said: "Thanks to Murphy our children go to school. We wish you a good health, you are great person."

After dance students invited Murphy to farewell dinner. The difference of this party from others was that Embassy representatives were together with students.

Students were happy to see Elizabeth Murphy: "We were happy that Murphy attended all our measures", said students.

Islam in Azerbaijan

by Gulnar Jamilova

Every religion of the world has been named either after its founder or after the community or nation in which it was born. For instance, Christianity takes its name from its prophet Jesus Christ; Buddhism from its founder, Gautama Buddha; Zoroastrianism from its founder Zoroaster; and Judaism, the religion of the Jews, from the name of the tribe Judah (of the country of Judea) where it originated.

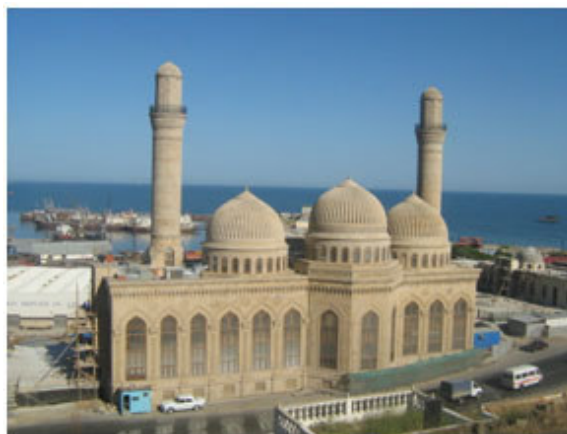


Holy book of Muslims "Koran"

The same is true of all other religions except Islam, which enjoys the unique distinction of having no such association

with any particular person or people or country. Nor is it the product of any human mind. It is a universal religion and its objective is to create and cultivate in man the quality and attitude of Islam.

Islam, in fact, is an attributive title. Anyone who possesses this attribute, whatever race, community, country or group he belongs to, is a Muslim. According to the Qur'an (the Holy Book of the Muslims), among every people and in all ages there have been good and righteous people who possessed this attribute- and all of them were and are Muslims.



Bibi-Heybet-Mosque Baku, Azerbaijan

Islam is an Arabic word and connotes submission, surrender and obedience. As a religion, Islam stand for complete submission and obedience to Allah.

Nowadays Islam is widely spread in Azerbaijan. So many religious schools, madrasas have been opened in Azerbaijan in the last few years.

Why have the people become so close to Islam during the last few years?- As to me, everyone consciously understands its value, truthfulness while he/she reads the holy 'Koran', even witnesses the scientific discoveries that are mentioned in 'Koran' many many years ago. For example in 'Koran' it is mentioned that the meaning of 'Koran' becomes much more clear as the science and technology develops and the level of people increases. There are lots of interesting facts in 'Koran' that make us believe in this holy book which appeared in early centuries.

It seems to us as a book of legends that contains all the truth and has turned to reality at the present time. So the more we

understand the 'Koran' the more we believe in its truthfulness and closeness to reality.

But it doesn't mean that all people should do namaz or believe to 'Koran'

'All the nations and religions are wonderful. We should respect and be tolerant to all humanity and nations not for their being human beings and respect them as equals, because we all deserve equal rights in everything the holy', 'Koran' says.

So we respect all religions, but we are proud of being Muslims and having such a source as holy 'Koran' leading us to flourishing future.

Orkhan studies to become a doctor

by Yashar Aliyev

My best friend's name is Orkhan. Do you want to know more about him and what is his purpose in the life?

He is my best friend who wants to become a dentist .He studies at Azerbaijan International University. He studies to become a good dentist. I am familiar with his teacher who teaches him and takes practice. "Orkhan is a hard working and talented student, this is why I allow him to cure patients", his teacher says about him.



Students practice journalism in AzETA office, Baku

My friend Orkhan is very much satisfied with his profession. He is quite different from the other students in his faculty. He says: "I shall begin to treat poor families when I begin working and Allah will remunerate me for it", Orkhan says.

At present Orkhan continues his education to reach his aim.

Children football develops in Azerbaijan

by Elvin Hassanov

One of the main problems of football in Azerbaijan is development of children's football.

Do you think that children's football develop in Azerbaijan?

Mais Guliyev, a trainer, trains children from Zengezur in republican stadium named after Tofiq Bahramov. In a short period of time he has trained many talents. His son is also among the children. His name is Emin Guliyev.



The future of the Azerbaijan football depends on talented children

"We have halls for trainings and even less than football schools. And in fact, without children's football team it is impossible to have a good national team.

Many sections are expected in areas as in the districts. Oktay, one of the pupils of Mais Guliyev, goes to these trainings for 6 years. But he plays with senior guys: "I have a great desire. As a player, I want to play in any position and to become a football-star".

Children come to the stadium to play football when they have free time. They want to be professional in this field.

Ayshah studies at our school

by Hashimli Asmar

I have many friends. Who is my best friend? Her name is Ayshan. She is 15, and she is merry girl. "My hobby is painting", she says.

"I like collecting stamps and making models", Ayshan says. She likes national

meals , too. “My favorite food is pizza and pilaf ”, she says.

Aysha is also fond of sport. We are close friends. Everyday we prepare our lessons together and go for a walk. Her difference from other students is that she tries hard to know everything.

We study at the same school.

Rafiga wants to be a teacher

by Aygun Aliyeva

My friend’s name is Rafiga. She is a schoolgirl. Do you want to know what her favorite lesson is? What is her favorite sport? What does she want to become?

She loves math. She learns her lessons very well; she works very hard to become a mathematic teacher. She is also interested in volleyball.

Rafiga says: “I want to become a teacher of mathematics and teach children”. Her difference from other students is that she plays in volleyball team.



Rafiga prepares to perform a new song

She is interested in classic music, too. Every day after classes she plays the piano.

Rafiga’s teacher says about her: “Rafiga is very talented student, especially in math. I hope she will be a good teacher in future.”

But now Rafiga continues her education to be a good specialist in future.

Guler is a diligent student

by Gulnar Jamilova

My friend’s name is Guler. She is my classmate. She is a nice girl. What does she like to do every day?

She likes going to very nice places. Her difference from other students is that she often reads ‘Koran’. Every day after classes she reads books to know much about religion. Guler says: “I want to learn Arabic and English languages very well.”

Her teacher says about her: “Guler is very talented and clever student”.

Guler works hard to learn all her lessons very well.

Nigar learns foreign languages

by Elvin Hasanov

I think I am very happy man over the world. I have a beautiful and prettiest friend. Her name is Nigar. She is a tall girl. Her eyes are black. Do you want to know in what languages does she speak?

She speaks in three foreign languages—English, Russian, and a little in German. She studies very well. She reads many books. Everyday we speak about our lessons, and prepare our lessons together.

She says: “Books help me in everything and everywhere.”

I tell her all my secrets. We never argue. When I ask her about my opinion she says: “I can not say anything, this is your opinion.”

She is quite different from the other girls in my group and that is why I believe her.

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