



## BEYOND ACADEMICS

Doughnuts, Doughnuts –Lots of Fun! Have Your Fill When School is Done!



As the long, third term of the school year came to its end, along with it, a long, cold winter, our little scholars came together to celebrate their sweet success! A well-deserved celebration of school spirit with lovely smiles and laughter marked the arrival of Spring and the final, fourth school term. Doughnuts of every flavor helped to sweeten and to reward hard work! For our students, the Big Apple Academy is their second home and as with all extended families, we were touched to see our wonderful little family members happy and excited! This was a celebration well deserved!





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CELEBRATING DOUGHNUT DAY



**What's a party without magic? During the celebration, a magic show made the doughnuts that much sweeter! Thank you for supporting us and keeping the magic alive! Happy smiles and astonished looks of wonder made the day ever so much more special for all!**





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“A Word Conceived by Fire of the Soul”  
—Lermontov

Such was the title of the event celebrating the 200th anniversary of the renowned Russian poet, Mikhail Urieivich Lermontov. This musical presentation took place on February 12th, 2015 and was directed by our very own Tatiana Ivanovna Komolova, a distinguished teacher of Russian Literature and Language at the Big Apple Academy. Our Middle School students passionately delivered Lermontov’s verses, showing appreciation and understanding of the literary word. Lermontov’s dramatic achievements came to life as our students performed with their hearts and souls, brilliantly interpreting difficult Russian texts through an incredible show of talent!





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A true holiday of the Russian poetic word would not be possible without a passionate Russian dance! Lermontov’s lyrics were brought to life through the intricate choreography of Svetlana Cherner. And surely, the Russian theatrical performance cannot be considered complete without the power of music. The professionally composed musical pieces were tastefully presented under direction of a talented musical director, Svetlana Bronevitskaya!



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The fire and soul of Lermontov’s legacy was further represented in the décor, specifically designed by the joint efforts of homeroom teachers Ira Ruda, Zhenya Bloch, and Irina Sterlikova. Without doubt, the Big Apple Academy and its many members celebrated the true spirit and genius embodied in the everlasting words of Mikhail Urievich Lermontov.



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## Parents' Voices

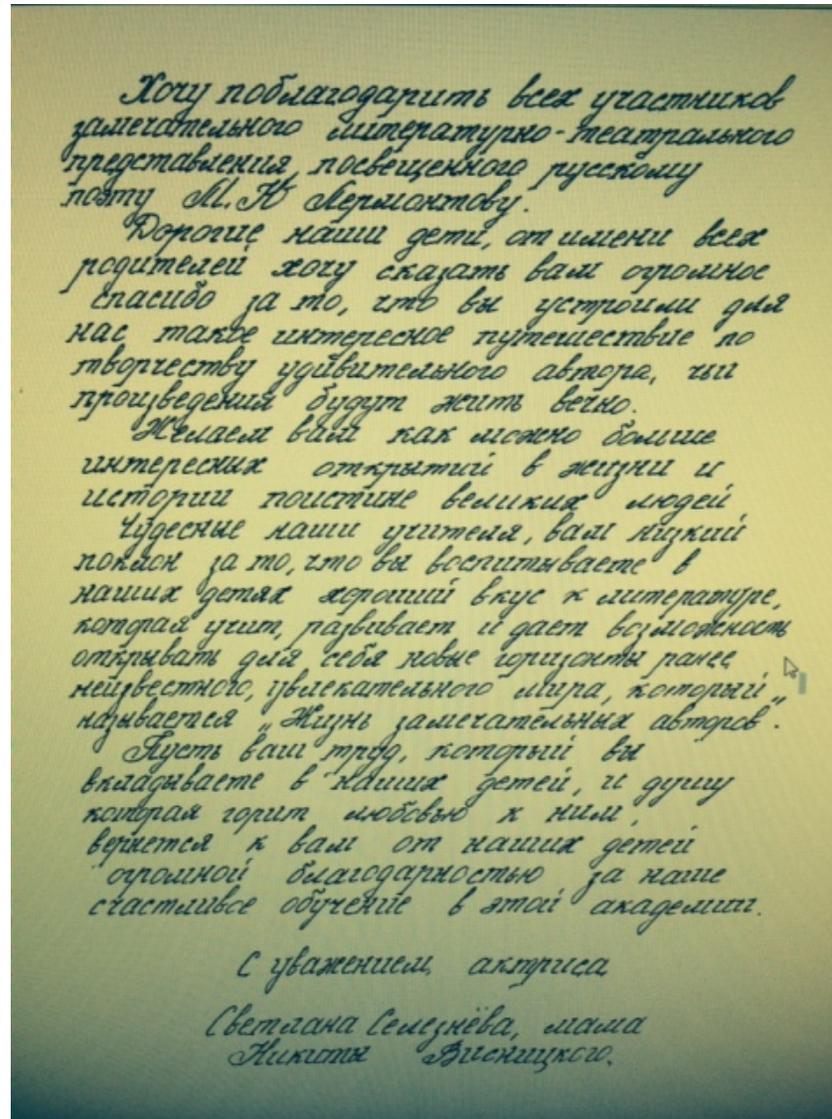
We would like to thank our teachers for putting on an amazing play. The children's performance was outstanding and we really enjoyed watching it.

Sincerely,

Parents of Mark Katsev (6C)

Certainly, it was an incredible collaboration of tireless teachers and devoted middle school students. A surprising and unforgettable treat for all who were lucky to be there on that cold, winter morning at Big Apple Academy!

Yelena Raykhman (6C)



Captivating! Inspirational! Delightful! This show went beyond the facts of this legendary poet's life, his poems and musical numbers. This was one of those rare events that offered a glimpse into the depth of a Russian soul.

Let me express my deepest and most sincere gratitude to all those who put their hearts and souls into this event. There are no words, which can describe how much the students and parents of class 7A and other classes enjoyed this poetic celebration. Talented production by Tatiana Komolova was a masterpiece worthy of admiration!

Sincerely,

Larisa Isakov