

Moldovan Student Sponsorship Newsletter

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LET'S PROTECT OUR ENVIRONMENT

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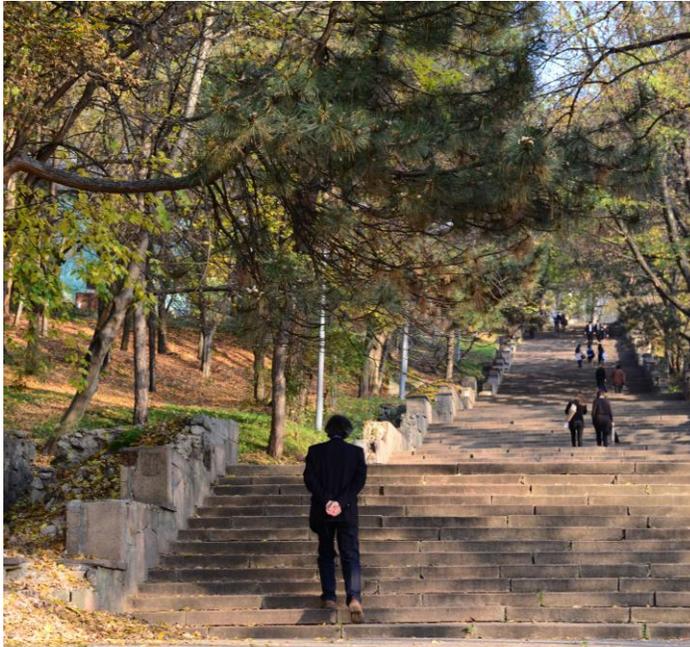
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It's amazing how fast time flies; yesterday we celebrated Christmas, today it's already March. The spring atmosphere is living in everybody's hearts and minds and is flushing our looks. Nature is reviving and people are doing this too. They want to leave behind the difficulties, troubles, problems, and even germs that flooded Moldova this year and make a new step, one full of hopes and ambitions in a healthy and safe Environment.

"Let's Protect Our Environment" was our topic for the quarterly meeting held in mid-March. It's a very well-known theme and people have been speaking about it for many, many years, but it's still topical. "Environment" is much more than some of us think. Environment is our surrounding, which includes everything from a non-living to a living being. Environment is not only affected by natural catastrophes, but much more by people's deeds. This is one of the reasons that made me choose this topic. Another reason is people's bad attitude towards Chisinau city, to both its natural and built environment.

Chisinau is a very green city and the majority of us value its treasure: the woods, parks, trees. However, among people of good faith, there are many vagrants who ruin Chisinau's beauty and lungs. For example, the Mills Valley Park, one of the biggest and most beautiful in Chisinau, became the target of criminals. Repeatedly, unnamed individuals have damaged the charm of this park breaking the lake hedge and destroying the stone alley.

MILLS VALLEY PARK, CHISINAU



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The common people are outraged by what happens, but the authorities can't find the perpetrators. Also in this park and some others, benches are broken, trees are cut, and trash is spread. It's impossible to understand these deeds of killing the health source, when nothing is to be won. Our duty is to make people analyze their acts in terms of the impact for tens, hundreds and thousands of years ahead; to make them aware that nature has an interesting growth cycle; the root is what we have nowadays, the trunk and top is what will have next years. So, we are primarily responsible for the society's future fruit. It's important to know that our foolish activities towards our environment are the direct stimulus that push our next generations into the abyss.

We discussed these problems with our students and agreed to bring our contribution to the protection of our city and the environment in general. We decided to look for solutions, talking to people about them and urging everybody to clean the parks after picnics, keep the benches clean, use the same plastic bag more than once, use bicycles instead of cars, avoid cutting the trees, etc. Very simple things but which have a precious consequence for us, for our children, grandchildren, etc. One must realize the importance of a healthy environment, and that it is their moral and human duty to protect it and to take measures to make and keep the world clean and green. Polluting and destroying our nature, we pollute our culture, dignity and we kill humanity. "We won't have a society if we destroy the environment".

News about our students

1. **Oleg Turcan** – participated at the National Kickboxing Championship and won 1st place. He also started to train another taekwondo group of 65 children.
2. **Victor Organ** is producing a film which will be presented at the Academy of Arts in May. Good luck, Victor!
3. **Alexandru Cojevnicov** – began training a football team.
4. **Mihai Galbura** and **Oxana Gutu** are performing in "Martisor" concerts this month.
5. **Welcome new students: Valentina Garstea, Eduard Cebortari, Andrei Gosovschi, and Ana Diacov.**
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News from Moldova

- March is considered the month of "Martisor", and on this occasion many performances take place. Among them it is the international musical festival "Martisor" which starts on the 1st of March and lasts for 10 days. The festival, started in 1967, becomes more popular each year and many international guests and singers come to the festival. On March 1st, people begin wearing "martisoare" and on March 31 the "martisoare" are taken from their clothes and tied to blossoming fruit trees. This is the symbol of harvest.
- March 8 – we celebrate Women's Day. It's a national holiday, and women are given flowers and other gifts.

Vendors fill the streets with Martisor tokens and flowers for Women's Day

