

## **CELEBRATE ARMENIA! PRESENTING SCHOOLS & PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN & YOUTH**

offering instruction in language, culture, history and the arts during the school year and recognizing their leadership and commitment to excellence.

### **PURPOSE:**

- Inform our community and beyond of the exceptional educational resources available for our children and youth in Greater Boston.
- Provide leadership a forum to introduce their school or program.
- Recognize their dedication and commitment.

As with Celebrate Armenia! at Armenian Heritage Park in The Greenway, this is a program of Friends of Armenian Heritage Park in partnership with KAMURJNER Cultural Connections together with ALL the participating schools and programs.

**DATE:** Tuesday, February 3, 2026 at 7:00pm, virtual

**EMCEE:** Cindy Fitzgibbon, Chief Meteorologist, WCVB Channel 5 Boston

### **DAY SCHOOLS**

#### **ST. STEPHEN'S ARMENIAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

**Garine Palandjian, PhD, Head of School**

**Mission:** Provide a high-quality education within a bilingual and bicultural environment, instill students with a sense of intellectual curiosity and inspire them to become active members in both the Armenian and broader communities throughout the world.

**When:** Monday-Friday, 8:30am – 3:00pm

**Where:** St. Stephen's Armenian Elementary School  
47 Nichols Avenue, Watertown

**Grades:** preschool - grade 5

**Website:** [ssaes.org](http://ssaes.org)

**Contact:** [school@ssaes.org](mailto:school@ssaes.org)

## **ST. STEPHEN'S ARMENIAN PRESCHOOL**

**Maral Orchanian, MEd**, Preschool Director

Mission: Meet the individual needs and interests of the children and offer bilingual education (Armenian & English) that is stimulating and engaging.

When: September - May

Where: St. Stephen's Armenian Preschool  
46 Elton Avenue, Watertown

Ages: 1.8 months to 2.9 years

Website: [ssaes.org/preschool](http://ssaes.org/preschool)

Contact: [morchanian@ssaes.org](mailto:morchanian@ssaes.org)

## **MANOUG AND ME**

Music and movement program of St. Stephen's Armenian Preschool

**Maro Arakelian**, Music Instructor

Mission: Develop children's listening and Armenian language skills through an engaging and interactive musical experience.

Where: St. Stephen's Armenian Preschool  
46 Elton Avenue, Watertown

When: September - May, Monday mornings, 9am - 9:45am

Ages: 1.8 months to 2.9 years

Website: [ssaes.org/preschool-manoug-and-me/](http://ssaes.org/preschool-manoug-and-me/)

Contact: [morchanian@ssaes.org](mailto:morchanian@ssaes.org)

## **WEEKEND SCHOOLS**

### **EREBUNI ARMENIAN SCHOOL**

**Arminé Manukyan Humphrey, MEd**, Principal

Mission: Create an Armenian-speaking environment where children may broaden their interest in the Armenian culture, learn and enhance their knowledge, develop oral and literacy skills in the language and to inspire in them the love for the language.

Where: Winn Brook Elementary School  
97 Waterhouse Road, Belmont

When: Saturdays from 10am - 1pm

## **EREBUNI ARMENIAN SCHOOL - continued**

Ages: 3 -15 years  
Website: erebuniarmenianschool.org  
Contact: erebuniarmenianschool@gmail.com

### **LITTLE MIRACLES CHILDREN'S CHORUS**

Music program of the Erebuni Armenian School

**Anahit Karchikyan**, Artistic Director | Founder

Mission: Foster the love of Armenian songs and musical traditions and share the joy of performing together.  
Where: Winn Brook Elementary School  
97 Waterhouse Road, Belmont  
When: Weekly, Saturday from 10am - 1pm  
Ages: 3 - 15 years  
Website: erebuniarmenianschool.org  
Contact: erebuniarmenianschool@gmail.com

### **HOLY TRINITY ARMENIAN SCHOOL**

Program of Holy Trinity Armenian Church of Greater Boston

**Naira Balagyojian**, Director

Mission: Preserve the Armenian language, keep our traditions, spirit alive, connect students to their roots. Share news about Armenia's current news, economy and culture.  
Where: Peter Adamian Hall, Holy Trinity Armenian Church  
145 Brattle Street, Cambridge  
When: Weekly, Sundays from 12pm - 1:30pm  
Ages: 4 -18 years  
Contact: htarmenianschool@gmail.com

### **ST. SAHAG & ST. MESROB ARMENIAN SCHOOL**

Program of St. James Armenian Church

Instructor: **Annie Chekijian**

Mission: Provide instruction in the Armenian language, Western and Eastern dialects  
Where: St. James Armenian Church  
465 Mt. Auburn Street, Watertown

## **ST. SAHAG & ST. MESROB ARMENIAN SCHOOL - continued**

Program of St. James Armenian Church

When: Weekly, Saturdays from 9:30am – 12:30pm

Grades: preschool – grade 8

Website: [stjameswatertown.org](http://stjameswatertown.org)

Contact: [anniechekijian@msn.com](mailto:anniechekijian@msn.com)

## **ST. STEPHEN'S ARMENIAN SATURDAY SCHOOL**

Program of St. Stephen's Armenian Church & Armenian Relief Society

Instructor: **Mayda Melkonian**, Principal

Mission: Inspire students to learn the Armenian language (Western), history and culture, highlighting the importance of preserving Armenian identity.

Where: Armenian Cultural & Educational Center  
47 Nichols Avenue, Watertown

When: Saturday from 9:30am-12:30pm

Grades: preschool – high school

Website: [soorpstepanos.org/church-organizations](http://soorpstepanos.org/church-organizations)

Contact: [Mayda7@hotmail.com](mailto:Mayda7@hotmail.com)

## **MUSIC**

### **HAMAZKAYIN CHILDREN'S VOICE ACADEMY**

**Dr. Artur Veranian**, Artistic Director | Founder

Mission: Inspire children to explore the art of singing and develop their musical skill through learning and performing in choral harmony, playing an important role in preserving and sharing the beauty of traditional and modern Armenian songs and musical styles.

Where: Armenian Cultural and Educational Center  
47 Nichols Avenue, Watertown

When: Weekly, Wednesdays from 5:30 - 7:00PM

Ages: 5 -14 years

Contact: [vazik@mit.edu](mailto:vazik@mit.edu)

## DANCE

### **ABAKA DANCE ACADEMY**

**Apo and Arlet Ashjian**, Founders

**Alina Ashjian Palanjian**, Instructor

**Mission:** Aims to teach the importance of our music and dance and instill in young Armenians, the spirit and pride of belonging to our unique heritage.

**Location:** Abaka Dance Academy  
101 Bigelow Avenue, Watertown

**When:** Weekly, Monday & Tuesday

**Ages:** 4 -16 years

**Website:** [abakadanceacademy.com](http://abakadanceacademy.com)

**Contact:** [AbakaDanceAcademy@gmail.com](mailto:AbakaDanceAcademy@gmail.com)

### **ARMENIA DANCE STUDIO**

**Anahit Torosyan**, Artistic Director | Founder

**Mission:** Preserve and promote Armenian heritage through the Art of dance, inspiring the young generation to stay connected with their roots and culture by learning traditional a modern Armenian dances, all while encouraging teamwork, creativity, and pride in our heritage.

**Where:** 738 Main Street, Waltham

**When:** Weekly, September – June

**Ages:** 4 years & up

**Registration:** [form.jotform.com/anahittoros1992/registration-form](http://form.jotform.com/anahittoros1992/registration-form)

**Contact:** 781.817.0671 or [Anahittoros1992@gmail.com](mailto:Anahittoros1992@gmail.com)

## STORYTELLING & LANGUAGE: IN ARMENIAN

### **ԱԲՁ ԿՐԹՈՒԹՅԱՆ ԿԻՆՈՒՄ ԵՎ ԼՈՒՅՍՆԵՐԻ ՄԱՍԻՆ**

**Ani Babaian**, Director, NAASR Mardigian Library & Children's Program Coordinator

**Teni Apelian**, Leading Artist

**Guest Collaborators:** Armenian Children's Book Authors & Illustrators

**Mission:** Engage young families and build lasting connections across generations by offering a welcoming space where children can learn, explore Armenian culture, and feel a sense of belonging.

## ԱՐԳՆՆԵՐ ԿՐԹՈՒՄ ԿՈՒՆԱՆԻՔԻ ՄԱՍԻՆ - շարունակ

Where: NAASR Vartan Gregorian Building  
395 Concord Avenue, Belmont  
When: 6-8 programs, annually; dates/times announced  
Ages: up to 10 years, accompanied by an adult  
Website: [naasr.org](http://naasr.org)  
Information: [hq@naasr.org](mailto:hq@naasr.org)

## ARMENIAN CRASH COURSE

**Meghri Dervartanian Karajelian**, Teacher | Founder

Mission: Offer a crash course on social media teaching the Armenian Language (Western) as well as publish illustrated children's books in Armenian.  
Where: website, Instagram, Facebook. YouTube  
When: anytime  
Ages: all ages  
Website: [Armeniancrashcourse.com](http://Armeniancrashcourse.com)

---

## JOIN US ALSO IN CELEBRATING CHILDREN'S BOOK AUTHORS | ILLUSTRATORS FROM GREATER BOSTON:

**Alik Arzoumanian**  
[studioalique.com](http://studioalique.com)

**Taline Badrikian**  
[kidsreadingarmenian.com](http://kidsreadingarmenian.com)

**SAVE THE DATE! CELEBRATE ARMENIA!** on the occasion of Armenian Independence Day on **Saturday, September 19, 2026** at Armenian Heritage Park on The Greenway, Boston