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Talent display by special children

By YOCEE Team

Soroptimist International of Chennai conducted their 9th Annual Inter-school Talent Contest exclusively for students with Learning Disabilities on August 7, 2011, at Sir M.Ct.M. Higher Secondary School, Egmore.

More than contestants from eight special schools participated in the contests.

The contestants were from Sankalp-The Open

School, Ananya Learning Center, Alpha to Omega Learning Centre, Saraswathi Kendra Learning Centre, SIET Dyslexia Centre, Diksa, Ananya and the students of the remedial centre at Lady Andal Venkatasubbarao School.



The aim of the contest is to encourage students with Learning Disabilities to participate in such activity, since such opportunity is otherwise not available to them. It also gives

them a forum to exhibit their talents and encourages them to hone their skills.

The overall winners were the students of Saraswathi Kendra and the Runners-up were the Lady Andal School students.

MADRAS WEEK EVENTS FOR YOU

Art contest

Aug. 21, 2011 - 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Conducted by Kalaamanjari.

Theme: Clean Green Chennai and Places of Interest in Chennai

Contact Kalaa Manjari at 6/12, First Street, Venus Colony. Alwarpet. Phone: 24312676

Performances & Finale

Aug. 21, 2011

Finals of Oratorical contest

Villupattu – Netru, Indru, Naalai

Contact The Yellow Bus at E-35/2, 2nd Avenue, Besant Nagar. Next to ICICI Bank

Phones : 45511819; 98845 49688

Madras – experience your cultural heritage

Aug. 27, 2011. From 3.30 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Spring and Zoom, KK Nagar hosts an event where children can experiment and create exquisite products using the potter's wheel and palm leaves. Supported by resource persons from DakshinaChitra; open to children five years and above.

At Hotel Green Park, Vadapalani. Contact 9940450495 / 9940286740.

Madras 372 – Quiz for school students

Aug. 28, 2011. From 2.00 p.m. to 6 p.m.

At Lady Andal School's Venkata Subba Rao Auditorium

Organised by Murugappa group.

Details at

<http://www.murugappa.com/MMQ.htm>

Map Ur Way – Map Workshop / walk / competition

August 20, 2011 from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.



Learning session on how to construct and read maps followed by a walk in the neighborhood and a presentation contest. Open to first 25 registrations only. For children of 12 years and above.

Conducted by Kalaa Manjari After School Activity Centre and Bambaram Toy Library

Register at Kalaa Manjari, 6/12, First Street, Venus Colony, Alwarpet, Chennai – 18 in person on or before August 18, 2011. For more details, Contact 99623 87624.

BIDDING A FAREWELL TO THE BEST PRINCIPAL OF D.A.V

By Smruthi S
Student Reporter

Ms .Lalitha Chandrasekaran, Former Principal, D.A.V Girls Senior Secondary School, had retired from the services of the school recently.

Tears rolled off the cheeks of D.A.V. students on the day of her retirement. She has bagged the 'BEST PRINCIPAL AWARD' and has also won the 'BEST SCHOOL AWARD' for D.A.V. Girls Senior Secondary School, Gopalapuram.

She had been the principal for the past 15-years and has taught all her students moral values along with academics. She has been an epitome of discipline, cheerfulness and simplicity.

A Chemistry teacher by profession, Smt. Lalitha Chandrasekaran has taught the students many a valuable lessons, guided them in the time of obstacles and has been with them in their glee moments.

"Lalitha ma'm is very humble, encouraging and very simple. When she was the Principal, the hidden talents and potentials of all students were tapped out and recognized. She was very understanding too. I miss her a lot L ", said T.Harini, a student of class IX from D.A.V.

The School Prefect said, "Lalitha ma'm has always remained an embodiment of integrity and simplicity. She ended every assembly with an important message. She has been a



perfect role model for all of us. Really very sad to miss her."

Under her leadership, she has carried D.A.V'S glory to great heights. Where ever she goes, she has carved an unsurpassable niche in the hearts of all the D.A.V students.

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Fin, flipper and you

By P.S. Nandini
Student Reporter

Blue, fins, water. What picture do these words create in your mind? Something related to the sea, perhaps?

If you had gone to the Kumararani Meena Muthaia School and College, Adyar on 4th and 5th August, 2011, you would have been greeted by two huge Olive Ridley turtles made of curved sticks with a painted jute cloth spread over it.

Wondering what they were there



for? Yes, the Flipper Fest 2011 organised by the TREE (Trust for Environment Education) Foundation along with Roots 'n' Shoots India was conducted at the college premises this year.

Flipper Fest, started in 2007, is an annual event which acts as a prelude to the International Coastal Cleanup Day that is observed every year on the third Saturday of September. This Fest is all about marine ecosystem, marine biodiversity and the threats to it and the various conservative measures underway. This year 47 schools and 6 colleges participated.

The first day of the Fest witnessed the poster making and essay writing competitions and a quiz.

Topics and themes for all events were related to marine biodiversity.

The quiz contained various interesting questions such as 'What do deep-sea organisms make use of for communication?' the answer for which is 'Bioluminescence' (it is the production and emission of light by a living organism). Another question, the answer to which shocked the participants, was 'Which is the largest marine mammal found off the Chennai coast?'

The answer was Blue Whale (the largest known animal to have ever existed on this earth) which is found about 20 nautical miles off the coast of Chennai!

The presentation and ecodrama competitions were held on the second day. This was followed by the valedictory function, for which the Chief Guest was Mr.

A.S.Balanathan, IFS, Chief Conservator of Forests, Tamil Nadu Forest Department.

Dr. Supraja Dharini, the founder of TREE Foundation, who opened the valedictory address, said "Our actions on land make an impact on the ocean". She talked about how humans have increased the amount of



stress levels on the inter-tidal zone areas, that is, the beaches. She also said researchers have found that the amount of plastic fragments on the seabed is six times more than the

amount of phytoplankton, which form the basis of the oceanic food chain.

The Chief Guest's A.S.Balanathan,



IFS, spoke about the various challenges that a person faces when trying to work for conservation and protection of nature. He said, "Being in the top position, I can say it's not easy. It's a great challenge. There are so many adverse conditions and situations".

The much awaited prize distribution followed next. The prize winners, from various schools and colleges received certificates, books, DVDs and cash prizes.

The children went back home with much needed knowledge- an important tool in conserving our unique marine ecosystem in its pristine glory.

Do you know?

- International Coastal Cleanup Day is observed on the third Saturday of September every year.
- Deep-sea organisms make use of Bioluminescence for communication.
- The largest marine mammal found off the Chennai coast is the Blue Whale

Meet the changemakers

Right from the left over blank pages of your school notebook at the end of the year to piracy of films screened, the children are concerned about what is happening around them.

ideas were displayed by the five short-listed school students at the Changemakers conference held at the Bhavan's Rajaji Vidyashram on July 22, 2011.

Her project Kora Kagaz (blank paper) focuses on ways to make use of the blank pages from notebooks of students at the end of the school year. "If sheets of paper were collected, made into new books (of 50 pages each) and distributed to children who do not have access, a school can roughly contribute 6,000 books," she explained to the audience.

For Harshavardhan of Vidya Mandir, it was piracy of films that mattered a lot.

He thought of a infrared light emitting diode in cinema halls to prevent people from recording films.

A. Janani of Kola Saraswathi Vaishnav Senior Secondary School, Kilpauk received a special mention from the panel of judges for her project 'Sampoorna Shiksha Sabha' to educate the poor students in schools.

The shortlisted students were selected from out of 220 entries received for the conference.



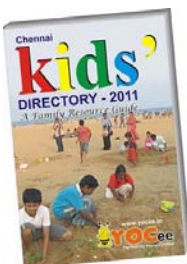
And they want to bring about a change.

So they innovate, come up with ideas and show you ways to implement them. These innovations and

Shreya Prakash, class XII student of Chinmaya Vidyalaya, Taylors Road, won the first prize at this inter-school event organised by Bhavan's Rajaji Vidyashram and The Debate Club, Chennai.

Thinking of a music or dance class to join this Vijayadasami?

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