





### Our Pride and Honour



One of the oldest traditions of our school is the tradition to study well. No wonder that a great share of the student body participate in academic contests in a broad variety of subjects, from Maths to History, from Biology to the Chinese language. Our most talented students win diplomas at all levels— district, region, and national.

We, the faculty of the Foreign Languages department of E. Karsky Gymnasium of Grodno, believe that academic competitions are good for students because they encourage and reward students for excelling in their studies, especially when the competing students get the honour of representing their school at area events, and that can be a source of well – deserved pride both for the kids and for their teachers.

In the autumn, the Gymnasium's top foreign language speakers competed against their peers from other schools in the school district. They demonstrated proficiency in Grammar, Auding and Oral Speech. 17 diplomas (4 – 1<sup>st</sup>, 2 – 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2 – 3<sup>rd</sup>) out of 23 participating students were won in the district stage of the olympiad.

In January, the winners from all the districts competed again for the right to represent Grodno Region in the All-National event. 12 of our best speakers took on their peers from Lida, Volkovysk, Mosty, Ivye, Shchuchin and got 8 diplomas and 4 certificates of honour.

We are proud of M.Trubnikova, Y.Dedushkina, Y.Martyushina, M.Bernadsky, V.Smotritskaya, Y.Danko, Y.Yanchilick, A.Gomanchuck. It took the kids a lot of work to prepare for each of the three rounds. At the moment, they are going through a tough preparation period full of thorough studies and a lot of practice.

We want to express our warmest gratitude to the teachers who spent a great deal of extra – curricular time to prepare their students for both written and oral rounds of the contest. Such quality preparation is what took our kids through the difficulties of the contest and helped clear all the hurdles. The students have shown extraordinary skills and stamina to make it to the Region Team. The teachers' selfless work helped students shine out as brilliant individuals.

That proves competition can have performance – enhancing effects if it's applied to academic pursuits.

*L.A.Shcherbakova, the deputy head of Gymnasium №1*



### Our Gymnasium Family Has Become Larger

January 26, 2018 was a ceremonial day at Gymnasium №1. The Assembly Hall of our school welcomed students, teachers and parents. The students of the fifth form joined our friendly gymnasium family. During the ceremony the pupils took the oath of a gymnasium member. They promised to be good pupils and obey the gymnasium rules. They sang the anthem of the gymnasium with pride and excitement. Headmaster Boris Sebrovski congratulated the pupils on that wonderful event and wished them to keep up our glorious school traditions.



Before this ceremony the fifth formers were given a tour around the gymnasium. They visited the Karsky Museum where they got acquainted with the life and work of the famous Belarusian philologist. Then the librarians welcomed the pupils, they took part in the quiz “Do you know our country?”.

The pupils were invited to the UNESCO Club “Gorad zhytsyta”. The senior pupils informed them about the projects that the pupils of our gymnasium took part in. After that the fifth formers visited the school ecological center where they got to know about the work of this center, the research done by our students. Finally, they got some information about the eventful life of the pioneer organization, the leader of this organization told the fifth formers about their future plans.

*Varvara Smotritskaya, 10 “Z”*

### Our Feelings and Emotions

*- I enjoyed singing the anthem of the Gymnasium.*

**Melania Romanenko 5 “Y”  
Anna Rybalko 5 “Y”**

*- I liked visiting the Karsky school museum.*

**Polina Makey 5 “Z”  
Alexandra Savelieva 5**

*- It was interesting to answer the questions of the quiz about pioneers.*

**Uliana Linko 5 “Z”**

*- It was excited to take the oath so as to become a gymnasium member.*

**Anton Stepuro 5 “Y”**

*- I was happy to get a gymnasium membership card.*

**Ksenia Sitko 5 “Y”**

*- I was proud of being the leader of my class during the tour.*

**Nadezhda Matusevich 5”Y”**



### Congratulations !



On January 26<sup>th</sup> the best students of our gymnasium were awarded E.F. Karsky Scholarships. The Headmaster of our gymnasium B.A. Sebrovsky congratulated the students and gave them certificates and valuable prizes. Boris Alexandrovich emphasized that the awarded students are the honour of our gymnasium as they are the winners of different competitions, tournaments, subject olympiads, international conferences.

#### **The First Scholarship Winners**

1. *Arseny Polyakov* 11 "Z"
2. *Margarita Trubnikova* 11 "Z"
3. *Danila Litskevich* 11 "M"
4. *Maxim Bernatsky* 11 "Z"
5. *Yekaterina Martyushina* 11 "Z"

#### **The Second Scholarship Winners**

1. *Maria Gomanchuck* 11 "F"
2. *Ignaty Urbanovich* 11 "M"
3. *Mikhail Talai* 11 "V"
4. *Ilia Alipov* 11 "V"
5. *Yekaterina Dedushkina* 11 "F"

“To study at Gymnasium №1 is very prestigious. But it is not an easy thing. The teachers are strict but fair. The subjects are rather difficult but interesting. No doubt, our gymnasium provides us not only with a certain amount of knowledge but also gives us a good start in life. I would like to thank all my teachers, who have created a good educational background which helps us to become unique and smart. I am very proud of studying in our school,” – said Ilia Alipov.

*Yelizaveta Kolosha, 10 "Z"*



I'm very grateful to Lyudmila Ilyinichna Zaboyeva, the artistic director of the theatre "Antei". She is the person I really admire. She has brought us to the wonderful world of theatre. Lyudmila Ilyinichna has revealed our talents and helped to overcome the fear of public per-



forming.

But there were people around me who supported and helped to forget about the fear, the audience and the camera. After the performance we were full of emotions and eager to share them with each other and our teacher. I realized that I had found the place where I'd like to spend my time and devote myself to it.

Last year we performed our favourite play "The Dawns Here are Quiet". There were such exciting emotions, so much delight which I hadn't felt before. I'll never forget it. These are the memories that are so dear to me and I'd like to share them with my future children.

I'm writing and my eyes are full of tears of joy. Thank you, school, thank you, Lyudmila Ilyinichna for these wonderful feelings and memories!



Having performed once you'll have a strong desire to return there again.

Don't you believe? Why not try it?

Yours sincerely,

*Yulia Zenkevich, 11 "Y"*



## Chinese New Year

Chinese New Year is also known as Spring Festival . It starts on the 23rd day of the 12th lunar month of the Chinese calendar. The festival lasts about 23 days and ends on the 15th day of the first lunar month . This year the Chinese celebrated New Year on the 16<sup>th</sup> of February.

Our school enables international cooperation with different countries such as Russia, Poland and Lithuania. Our students and teachers take part in many international projects . Two years ago a Chinese volunteer came to our school to teach Chinese to our students . Soon the Class of Confucius was opened in our gymnasium. A lot of students are interested in studying Chinese. All the students who study this language are also eager to know more about the culture of China that's why it has become a tradition to celebrate Chinese New Year in Gymnasium №1. Last year we had a chance to admire a wonderful concert and taste Chinese dumplings during the celebration. This year our school has greeted two new volunteers from China.

On 24<sup>th</sup> February 2018 we again took part in celebrating Chinese New Year. There was a wonderful concert, where the students of our gymnasium sang Chinese songs, recited poems. We also participated in the traditional tea ceremony where we got to know how the Chinese make tea. Our students took part in some Chinese workshops: they were taught different folk crafts and developed their skills in knitting knots, cutting interesting things out of paper, making origami and Chinese masks.

*Sophia Iodkovskaya, 8 "Y"*



春节是中华民族最隆重的传统佳节，是中国传统农历新年的开始。临近春节时，人们忙着采购物品，清扫房屋，做各种传统食物。除夕夜，家家贴红对联、燃放爆竹；户户烛火通明、守更待岁，吃“年夜饭”，观看春节联欢晚会，一家人其乐融融，享受亲情的温暖。饺子，代表着团圆吉祥，是中国北方春节必不可少的食物，而中国南方则以年糕为春节主要食物。



正月初一春节当天，人们穿新装走亲访友，孩子们要给长辈拜年，长辈会给孩子们分发“压岁钱”，以佑其平安。中国春节通常会持续半个月左右，从正月初一到正月十五每天都有各自的传统习俗，舞狮子，耍龙灯，演社火，游花市，逛庙会等各种活动热闹非凡。正月十五元宵节是春节之后的第一个重要节日，也代表着春节的结束。元宵之夜，大街小巷张灯结彩，人们赏灯，猜灯谜，吃元宵，将从除夕开始延续的庆祝活动推向又一个高潮。



春节是汉族最重要的节日，但满、蒙古、瑶、壮、白、高山、赫哲、哈尼、达斡尔、侗、黎等十几个少数民族也有过春节的习俗，只是过节的形式更有自己的民族特色，更蕴味无穷。



**China with the Eye of the Children**



**Veronika Gavrosh 3 "Y"**



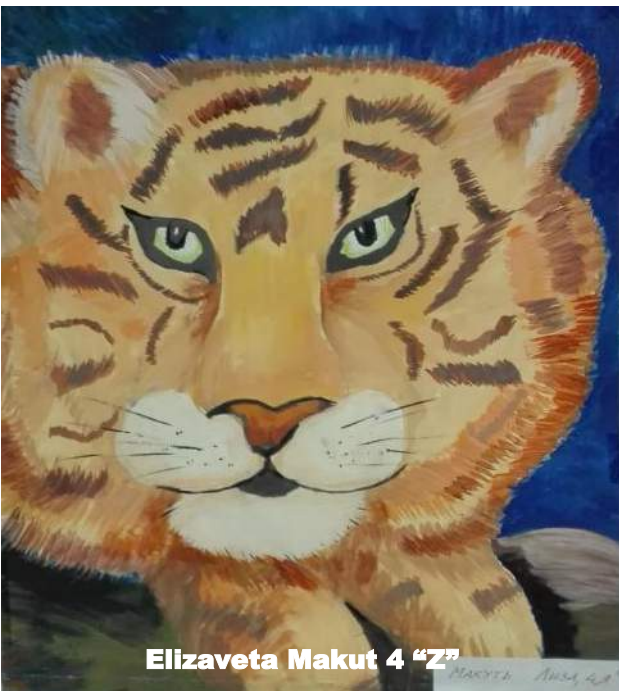
**Valeria Vashkevich 3 "Y"**



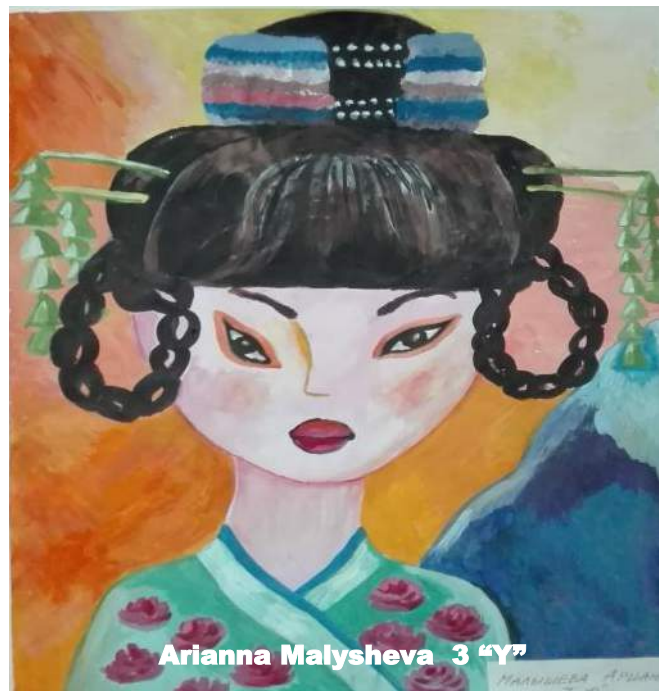
**Artyom Stefanovich 8 "M"**



**Anastasia Gozdevich, 4 "Z"**



**Elizaveta Makut 4 "Z"**



**Arianna Malysheva 3 "Y"**



# St. Valentine's Day Crossword

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**FEBRUARY**  
**FLOWERS**  
**POEM**  
**TEDDY BEAR**

**CARD**  
**CHOCOLATE**  
**HEART**  
**PINK**  
**LOVE**

**DATE**  
**CUPID**  
**CANDY**  
**PRESENT**

Trust in the Lord  
with all thine hearts;  
and lean not unto  
thine own understanding.  
Proverbs 3:5

Be My Valentine!

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