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**INDYKIDS SPOTLIGHTS ARMENIAN HISTORY, CULTURE,  
AND GENOCIDE AWARENESS IN MAY/JUNE 2007 ISSUE**

New York, N.Y. -- *IndyKids*—a bi-monthly student newspaper, teaching tool and alternative to *TIME for Kids*—has produced an 8-page edition which spotlights Armenian history, culture and genocide awareness. Distributed to schools, libraries, bookstores, and individuals in New York and elsewhere, *IndyKids* is customized for readers ages 9-12 (grades 4-7) and is produced with the help of New York City Indymedia—a grassroots organization committed to using media production and distribution as tools for promoting social and economic justice, and one of over 130 Indymedia chapters doing this work around the world.

The May/June issue introduces readers to the Armenians, with news sections that include: a “fast facts” section about Armenia; a profile of an Armenian-American child; an article about Turkish denial of the Armenian Genocide, an item about slain journalist Hrant Dink, a book review, and an Armenian recipe. Other articles in this issue pertain to immigrant families in detention, innocent prisoners set free thanks to DNA evidence, kids’ opinions about military recruiters in schools, and a special feature about journalism. Teacher/editor Amanda Vender and journalist Lucine Kasbarian conceptualized the Armenian themes in this issue.

Today’s children are exposed to an average of 8 hours and 33 minutes of media content daily—very little of which covers current events news or critical reporting. As a result, *IndyKids* was created by a group of activists, parents, teachers and New York City Indymedia to inform children of current news and world events from a progressive perspective and to inspire a passion for social justice and learning.

“My students look forward to receiving *IndyKids* each month. They usually bug me about when the next issue will be coming,” said John Yanno, a 6<sup>th</sup> grade teacher at the Secondary School for Law in Brooklyn, NY. “I have been teaching current events for years, and always had to face the fact that ‘regular’ newspapers are difficult for 11 and 12 year olds to read. *IndyKids* has really made teaching current events a lot easier. The kids are finally motivated to read, and more importantly, to discuss and get active.”

The May/June issue is downloadable at :  
[http://www.indykids.net/issues/pdf/indykids\\_iss09.pdf](http://www.indykids.net/issues/pdf/indykids_iss09.pdf)

Its Teacher's Guide, which offers projects to complement each article, including Armenian-related activities for the classroom, is available at: [www.indykids.net/docs/mayjune\\_2007.doc](http://www.indykids.net/docs/mayjune_2007.doc). Teachers, students and families wishing to obtain single or multiple hard copy editions of the May/June issue to promote genocide awareness in schools may submit requests to [info@indykids.org](mailto:info@indykids.org).

Although future issues of *IndyKids* will not spotlight the Armenians, *IndyKids* encourages readers to consider subscribing to an age-appropriate publication that fills a gap created by mainstream media outlets.

Free copies are available in NYC at: the Bank Street Bookstore, Broadway and 112th St.; Bluestockings Bookstore, 172 Allen St (betw Stanton and Rivington Sts.); Housing Works Bookstore Cafe, 126 Crosby St., betw E. Houston and Prince Sts.; and the Muhlenberg Library, 209 West 23rd Street (near Seventh Ave.).

IndyKids is produced five times a year -- in September, November, January, March and May. Annual subscriptions are free – subscribers only pay mailing costs. Individual subscriptions (1 copy per issue ) is \$10; classroom subscriptions (35 copies per issue) are \$35; multi-class subscriptions (150 copies per issue) are \$55; bulk class subscriptions (250 copies per issue) are \$75. See: <http://indykids.net/main/get-indykids/subscribe/>

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