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"UNIVERSAL SOLDIER"
or education as the weapon of Russia
in the occupied South of Ukraine



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SUMMARY

The Russian Federation continues its purposeful policy of destroying the Ukrainian identity and militarizing children, who remained in the occupied territories of Ukraine. The actions of the Russian Federation are aimed at the complete assimilation of the population of the occupied territories and the formation of children's desire to support the armed forces of the Russian Federation, including voluntary joining the army of the Russian Federation upon reaching required age.

The following tendencies can be identified for the monitoring period of January-March 2023:

- ▶ Regarding the occupied Crimea: the policy of the Russian Federation regarding the militarization and indoctrination of children of the peninsula continues. New centers of the "Movement of the First" are being opened, in which all children of the peninsula are being actively involved, including the youngest ones – through the organization "Orlyata RF".

The occupying administrations of Crimea continue to open commemorative plaques in educational institutions in honor of those who died during the so-called "Special Military Operation". Also, children and youth from the occupied parts of Zaporizhzhia and Kherson regions are being invited to Crimea for patriotic education, who are then being accepted in the ranks of the Young Army.

It should also be noted that this year's celebration of the ninth year of the occupation of Crimea was not particularly large-scale, mass events and a parade for the 78th anniversary of the "Great Victory" on May 9 were also canceled.

- ▶ Regarding the occupied parts of Zaporizhzhia and Kherson regions: it should be noted that during the monitoring period there was an intensification of the measures aimed at destroying the Ukrainian identity and replacing it with the Russian one; militarization of children and youth, as well as their active involvement in youth movements, the centers of which are being opened in the occupied territories at a frantic pace. This especially applies to the "Movement of the First" but is also relevant for the "Young Army", "Young Guard of the United Russia", #YugMolodoy and other more local centers (for example "Young Traffic Inspectors" in the occupied Berdyansk). These movements actively promote the ideas and values typical for the



Russian identity (for example, cult of victory in the “Great Patriotic War”, volunteerism and volunteering for the benefit of the Russian federation, loyalty to the Russian army etc.). The occupying administrations and youth organizations of the temporarily occupied Crimea, which actively train “activists” from the occupied South, play a significant role in these processes.

- ▶ The active militarization of children and youth has begun: solemn openings of the Young Army centers take place, children get actively involved in supporting Russian soldiers through “A letter to a soldier” campaigns, collecting clothes to send to the frontlines and participating in patriotic events. There were more frequent reports about the visits of servicemen of the Russian Federation to preschool institutions and schools, including for trainings in handling weapons and demonstration of military equipment.
- ▶ In 2023, one can observe the ousting of the Ukrainian language and literature from the public space of the occupied South through reducing the hours of language and literature study in educational institutions, removing Ukrainian books from libraries and schools, and replacing with the books of Russian classics.

On February 17, 2022, Putin signed the law, aimed at integrating the systems of education and scientific activity of DPR, LPR, Kherson and Zaporizhzhia regions into the legal system of the Russian federation. The law should bring the activities of educational organizations in the occupied Ukrainian territories into compliance with the legislation of the Russian Federation with the implementation of the so-called “**transitional period**”, based on the experience of Crimea and the city of Sevastopol – that is, actually implementing the “Crimean scenario” of the destruction of Ukrainian education. The so-called “head of Crimea” Aksyonov also stated that based on the Crimean experience the integration of “new territories” will take at least 5 years. In other words, the efforts to destroy the Ukrainian identity in the occupied territories will only intensify.

The actions Russia recorded in this monitoring report are violations of:

- **Article 26** of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, which establishes that education shall be directed to the full development of the human personality and to the strengthening of respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms. Education shall promote understanding tolerance and friendship among all nations, racial or religious groups;
- **Article 14** of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, which also actualizes the issue of education;
- **Article 20** of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, which stipulates that any propaganda of war must be prohibited by the law;



- **Article 29** of the Convention on the Rights of the Child, which indicates that the education of the child shall be directed to the preparation for responsible life in a free society, in the spirit of understanding, peace, tolerance, equality of men and women, and friendship among all peoples, ethnic, national and religious groups and persons of indigenous origin;
- **Articles 38, 39** of the Convention on the Rights of the Child, which regulate the protection of children in wartime;
- **Article 50** of the Convention on relative to the Protection of Civilian Persons in Time of War (IV Geneva Convention), which prohibits the occupier state, in particular, from enlisting children in formations or organizations subordinate to it;
- **Article 51** of the Convention relative to the Protection of Civilian Persons in Time of War (IV Geneva Convention), which prohibits the propaganda of voluntary enlistment in the armed forces of the occupier state.

METHODOLOGY

This monitoring report covers the period from January 1 to March 31, 2023.

Areas of study: militarization of children in the occupied territories, involvement of children in actions aimed at supporting the armed aggression of the Russian federation against Ukraine, destruction of Ukrainian identity, assimilation of population in the occupied territories, destruction of the Ukrainian education system.

Geography: temporarily occupied territories of Zaporizhzhia and Kherson regions, Autonomous Republic of and the city of Sevastopol.

The exclusion of the so-called “Donetsk and Luhansk People’s Republics” from the report is due to the fact that systematic destruction of Ukrainian education in these territories for the purpose of destroying Ukrainian identity and cultivation of loyalty towards the Russian Federation has been carried out since 2014, but according to the **scenario different from the Crimean**.

Occupied Crimea immediately “became a part” of the Russian Federation, and during all 9 years of occupation, the top leadership of the Russian Federation emphasized the fact that this subject of Ukraine belongs to Russia. On the other hand, the situation in the occupied parts of Donetsk and Luhansk regions was completely different – despite numerous factual evidence, until 2022, the Russian



Federation persistently denied any influence on the leadership of the quasi-republics, therefore educational policy in these territories was carried out according to the “hybrid” scheme, the content of which significantly differed from the plot of the “Crimean scenario” (the “Crimean scenario” is described in details in the report of CCE “Almenda” for 2022),¹ which is currently being implemented in the territories of Zaporizhzhia and Kherson regions controlled by the Russian Federation – as stated by the “head” of Crimea Sergey Aksyonov.² Therefore, the monitoring includes these specific regions as an example of the implementation of the policy of destroying Ukrainian education, which has already been implemented in Crimea.

The monitoring is based on the following data:

- information from the state authorities of Ukraine;
- reports of public organizations;
- information from the open sources of the temporarily occupied territories, namely:
 - information posted on the official websites and on the official pages in social networks (including the social network VKontakte) of the so-called “Ministry of Education” of the temporarily occupied territory;
 - official statistical data of the Russian Federation;
information posted on the websites of comprehensive schools of the temporarily occupied territories;
 - publications of the local mass media of the temporarily occupied territories of Zaporizhzhia and Kherson regions, Autonomous Republic of Crimea and the city of Sevastopol;
 - information published in social networks.

RESTRICTIONS

For this study the authors used only the sources available to them. Work with sources and analysis of information continued until April 7, 2023.

Information and reports that could not be verified as of the date of publication of the report were not included in this monitoring report.

1 <http://surl.li/gucxj>

2 <https://www.gazeta.ru/social/news/2023/03/10/19931731.shtml>



To write the report, the authors used the data found in the social network “VKontakte”. This is due to the fact that after the full-scale invasion of the Russian Federation into the territory of Ukraine, most of the information from the representatives of the occupation authorities was published on this social network, therefore it is now actually the only possible source of access to obtain the required data. The same considerations drove the use of the Russian sources and the sources of the temporarily occupied territories.

The information presented in this report is aimed at recording the crimes of the Russian Federation and fighting against the disinformation spread by it.

STATISTICS³

The minister of Education of the Russian Federation Sergey Kravtsov reported that on September 1, 2022, the occupation administrations opened 1,337 schools in the occupied parts of Zaporizhzhia, Kherson, Donetsk and Luhansk regions, supplying them with textbooks and required equipment. A total of 30,000 children from these regions “rested” in children’s camps.⁴

According to data provided by Kravtsov, the following supplies were delivered in the so-called “DPR”, “LPR”, occupied parts of Zaporizhzhia and Kherson regions:

4,811,079	textbooks at the expense of the federal budget
999	computer classes
744	sets of visual aids
14,737	units of sports equipment and inventory

Regarding the number of students⁵

100,920 students of 1 - 4 grades	Supplied with hot meals
15,664 children of age 14 - 18	Took part in the project “University profile educational sessions”
24,109 children	Took part in children’s recreation and health programs in subjects of the Russian Federation, which took patronage over certain districts of new Russian regions

3 Statistical data are taken from the official sources of the occupation authorities of the Russian Federation

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5 <https://kherson-news.ru/society/2023/03/10/106040.html>
<https://www.donetsk.kp.ru/daily/27475/4731374/>



1,079 children	“had rest” in federal state budgetary educational institutions “International Children’s center “Artek”, “All-Russian Children’s Center “Smena” and “All-Russian Children’s Center “Orlyonok”.
parents (legal representatives) of 311,291 students	received one-time payments in the amount of 10,000 for the new academic year
2,397 teachers and head specialists	received advanced training

Data on individual cities of the occupied South also appeared. The total number of main pedagogical staff of Berdyansk educational institutions is 784 persons, of whom 644 work in accordance with the Ukrainian program; work relations were suspended with 101 persons, who volunteered to cooperate with the occupation authorities.⁶ According to the data of the occupation administration, as of January 2023, about 80 schools and about 70 kindergartens, which are attended by approximately 15,500 children, are operating in Kherson region.⁷

According to the so-called “head of Crimea” Aksyonov, more than 17,000 teachers work in general educational institutions of Crimea, and in total – over 28,000 persons.⁸ According to the Republican Ministry of Education, 8,953 graduates will take the Russian “Unified State Exam” in Crimea.⁹

3,373 teachers work in Sevastopol schools. 564 of them are under the age of 30. There are 68 schools in Sevastopol, 63 of them are state schools (one school is closed for repairs).¹⁰

As of March 2023, doctors in Kherson region have conducted preventive medical check-up for 11,715 children,¹¹ according to the doctors’ conclusions, some have been recommended for treatment in federal clinics, which can be a potential incentive for relocation of the population of the occupied territories.

6 <https://t.me/brdVP/7666>

7 https://t.me/VGA_Kherson/6345

8 <https://crimea.ria.ru/20230105/aksenov-molodye-uchitelya-v-krymu-budut-poluchat-nadbavki-1126258287.html>

9 <https://crimea.ria.ru/20230225/start-oge-po-russkomu-yazyku-skolko-devyatiklassnikov-dopuscheno-k-ekzamenu-1127186776.html>

10 <https://crimea.ria.ru/20230328/shkola-vyzhivaniya-kak-rabotayut-uchitelya-v-sevastopole-1127791284.html>

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TEMPORARILY OCCUPIED CRIMEA AND THE CITY OF SEVASTOPOL

Textbooks

In January, Yalta schools received almost 17,000 new textbooks that correspond to the state educational standards of the Russian Federation updated in October 2022.¹² The minister of Education of the Russian Federation S. Kravtsov stated that starting next year, Crimean schools will receive History textbooks, which will have a section on the so-called “Special Military Operation”.¹³ Changes in the Literature curriculum are also planned – Putin supported the proposal to include A. Fadeyev’s “The Young Guard”, N. Ostrovsky’s “How the Steel Was Tempered”, M. Sholokhov’s “Tales from the Don”, S. Smirnov’s “Brest Fortress” and other works of patriotic-propaganda nature in children’s education.¹⁴

Also, the head of the Foreign Intelligence Service of the Russian Federation and the head of the Russian Historical Society **Sergey Naryshkin** stated that following the example of Sevastopol textbooks on the history of native land “Sevastopol Studies”, the entire system of teaching this discipline in Russia will be modernized.¹⁵

12 https://gorod24.online/yalta/news/292695-v_yaltinskom_okruga_nachalos_obnovlenie_shkolnyih_uchebnikov.html

13 <https://www.facebook.com/ppu.gov.ua/posts/pfbid0gCxXDSSJTRYrFmBmnZnsCPrfL4mCbMJBPKTHgApKooFS6MMCCznrL9W3KMH3ZkNVCl>

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15 <https://crimea.ria.ru/20230323/po-uchebnikam-sevastopolya-uluchshat-prepodavanie-istorii-kraya-vo-vsey-rossii-1127722960.html>



1 LEGITIMATION OF THE FULL-SCALE RUSSIAN INVASION IN CHILDREN'S MINDS

“A letter to a soldier”

The practice of writing letters to the frontlines continues. For example, the “Movement of the First” launched the campaign “Congratulate the Defender”, where anyone can write a letter to servicemen, which will later be delivered to the frontlines, or they can post congratulations in social networks with the hashtags #ПоздравьЗащитника (#CongratulateTheDefender) #МыВместеДети (#WeAreTogetherChildren) #РДДМ (#RMCY – Russian Movement of Children and Youth) #ДвижениеПервых (#MovementOfTheFirst).¹⁶ Students of Crimean schools wrote letters to soldiers during the so-called “Lessons of Courage” and “Conversations About the Important”.

Specialized thematic lessons

In March, in Sevastopol school No. 38 named after Mikhail Chelnokov, the annual travel game “I am a Sevastopol!”, which aims to “form the sense of high patriotic consciousness, loyalty to one’s own Fatherland”¹⁷ – that is the Russian Federation. On March 28-29, 2023, the creative workshop on the course “Sevastopol Studies” (leader – **Olga Samoilova**) held historical and ethnographical contest “Know and love your city”, in which children from twenty educational institutions of the city took part.¹⁸ The contest had five gaming quest stations (“Historical”, “Literary”, “Artistic”, “Architectural”, “Sevastopol Lotto” and a home task – a video performance of the agitator brigade) – each of which was related exclusively with the Russian narratives about the history of the city of Sevastopol. During the event, they also actively used the Russian state symbols as well as the St. Georges ribbon, banned in Ukraine.

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“Conversations about the important”

The practice of starting every Monday in Crimean schools with the “Conversations about the important” continues. In January, during a lesson dedicated to the Nativity of Christ, schoolchildren watched a video address of Patriarch Kirill.¹⁹ Although Christmas lesson was dedicated to the theme of Christian holiday,²⁰ its goal was education in the spirit of traditional Russian values according to the National Security Strategy of the Russian Federation.²¹

In Crimean schools, January 16, 2023, began with “Conversations about the important”, where they talked about the breakthrough of the siege of Leningrad. **Viktoriya Sinyavskaya**, the deputy principal on educational work of Sevastopol school No. 22, named after Nikolai Ostriakov, emphasized:



We talk about very important events – about memorable dates, about problems that exist in our country today. But everybody understands that nowadays heroic-patriotic education is the most important thing, and we approach this issue responsibly.²²



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21 <http://publication.pravo.gov.ru/Document/View/0001202107030001?index=9&rangeSize=1>

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In February, students in Crimean schools discussed the topic of “Defender of the Fatherland Day”, where they talked about the feats of servicemen in various historical periods of the Russian state. Active servicemen of the Russian army were invited to lessons in some schools, to whom schoolchildren handed over letters of congratulations as a part of the campaign “A letter to a soldier”.²³

“Lessons of courage”

Inviting active Russian military personnel is becoming an increasingly common practice. A participant of the so-called “Special Military Operation”, combat pilot, lieutenant colonel of the Air and Space Forces, who took part in war against Ukraine, met with the students of the Sevastopol State University (SevSU) as a part of the discussion platform “Open dialogue”. The speaker noted that current war against Ukraine has significantly “united and consolidated the society, especially youth” and urged students to support the Russian army.²⁴

Before the “Defender of the Fatherland Day”, students of the Crimean Federal University (CFU) talked with the tank commander, senior sergeant, “Hero of Russia” Yuri Nimchenko, The meeting began with a viewing of a biographical movie and continued with a discussion.²⁵

On March 24, 2023, a “Lesson of Courage” on the topic “Heroes of our time in the fight against Nazism” was held for the students of the conscription age on the basis of State Budgetary Educational Institution of Higher Education “Sevastopol Technical School of Architecture and Construction”. The purpose of the meeting was to encourage the technical school students to join the Russian army. For this, the following persons were present at the meeting: **Vadim Elchaninov** - military commissar of the Leninsky and Nakhimovsky districts of the city of Sevastopol; **Sergey Kharchenko** - military commissar of the Gagarinsky and Balaklavsky districts of the city of Sevastopol; **Oleg Sytnikov** - deputy military commissar of the city of Sevastopol; **Yuri Kuzmin** - senior assistant to the head of the Department for Military Training and Conscription of the Military Commissariat of the city of Sevastopol; **Elena Shapovalova** – head of the Department for Military Training

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and Conscription of Military Commissariat of the Nakhimovsky and Leninsky districts of the city of Sevastopol; **Aleksey Moskaltsov** – assistant to the head of the Department for Military Training and Conscription; **Vladimir Kovalenko** – head of the regional branch of the “Young Army” in the city of Sevastopol.²⁶

Experts of the CCE “Almenda” have already repeatedly emphasized that the provisions of international humanitarian law prohibit the conscription of residents of the occupied territories into the ranks of the armed forces of the occupier state, as well as propaganda of voluntary enlistment – therefore, the mentioned persons are directly involved in the violation of the norms of Geneva Conventions.

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Celebration of the ninth anniversary of the occupation of Crimea

This year there were no particularly lavish celebrations, especially compared to previous years. Mostly local initiatives took place this year, and of course with the involvement of children. In Simferopol the exhibition dedicated to “children of the Crimean Spring” was held: photos of children, who were born in Crimea in Spring 2014, as well as Russian military personnel, who participated in the seizure of Crimea, were presented on the stands in Gagarin Park.²⁷

On March 18, a celebratory concert “Our Russian Crimea” took place in the Center of Culture and Leisure of the city of Armyansk.²⁸ On March 16, the dancers of the choreographic ensemble “Surprise” performed in the so-called “State Council of the Republic of Crimea”.²⁹

27 https://t.me/Genichesk_ru/4236

28 <https://crimea-news.com/society/2023/03/21/1034373.html>

29 <https://crimea-news.com/society/2023/03/16/1030490.html>



In SevSU a teleconference was held with Immanuel Kant Baltic Federal University, students of which joined the celebration of the “Day of the Reunification of Crimea and the City of Sevastopol with the Russian Federation” and took part in the round table conference dedicated to the so-called “Russian Spring”.³⁰

CFU took part in the concert for servicemen of the 56th Guards Air Assault Regiment. At the end, the group of modern dances “V Dvizhenii” (“In Motion”) together with the cheerleaders team “Storms” held a flash-mob with soldiers.³¹



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A supplementary education teacher of the State Budgetary Educational Institution of Additional Education “Crimean Patriot Center” **Viktor Odokienko** held the march of the “Young Army” members in the city of Saky on the so-called day of “Reunification of Crimea with Russia”.³²





Figure 1 screenshot from the video

“Young Traffic Inspectors” of the so-called “Republic of Crimea” and the city of Sevastopol also recorded congratulations on the “9th anniversary of the reunification of Crimea and the city of Sevastopol with the Russian Federation”. In the video, children dressed in Russian symbols sing a song near the monument to the invaders of Crimea.³³

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Schools of the peninsula held thematic events and open lessons to the ninth anniversary of the so-called “Reunification of Crimea with Russia”, where children, in particular, demonstrated skills in handling weapons.³⁴ In the class 6 “B” of the Municipal State Educational Institution Secondary School No. 1, a thematic lesson “Crimea and Russia in my heart” took place, during which children watched the video “Interesting facts about Crimea”.³⁵ In general, thematic lessons were held in all cities of the occupied Crimea.³⁶



Campaigns in support of the full-scale Russian invasion

Campaigns in support of the Russian army continue, including in educational institutions of the occupied Crimea, with connivance and sometimes even active cooperation of the management of these educational institutions. In Sevastopol, pupils of a boarding school No. 1 were making camouflage nets for the Russian army.³⁷

34 https://gorod24.online/simferopol/news/304588-k_devyatoy_godovschine_vossoedineniya_kryima_s_rossiey_v_shkolah_poluostrova_provodyat_tematicheskie_meropriyatiya_i_otkryitye_uroki.html

35 <https://frolovo.bezformata.com/listnews/krima-s-rossiey-v-6-v-klasse-mkou/115325677/>

36 <https://crimea-news.com/society/2023/03/21/1034373.html>

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As a part of the volunteer project “A bag for a defender”, on February 14 and 15, 2023, in the class 5-K of the Ecotech+ school, under the supervision of the member of the youth council at the department of sports and youth **Olga Kolodina**, and a Technology teacher **Irina Barannik**, children were sewing waterproof bags out of recycled plastic bags for further shipment to the frontlines.³⁸



Activists of the “Russian Movement of Children and Youth” made “Talismans of Kindness” and handed them over to the volunteer headquarters “We are together - Sevastopol”.³⁹ Activists of the schools No. 14, 41, 31, together with advisers to school principals on education, crafted talismans, which symbolize support for the Russian soldiers.⁴⁰

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40 <https://sevastopol-news.com/society/2023/03/22/254281.html>



For the so-called “Defender of the Fatherland Day”, schoolchildren, together with advisers to the principals on education, prepared presents, talismans and words of support for Russian soldiers on the frontlines.⁴¹



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Glorification of “heroes” of the so-called “Special Military Operation”

In the period from January 18 to January 20, 2023, Regional Charitable Public Organization “We are Sevastopol” held a contest of children’s drawings “We are waiting for you with victory, warrior” for children of age 7-17.⁴² 120 works were selected for the finals, the winners were 15 children in three age groups, who received commemorative certificates and valuable gifts.



*First of all, I would like to say a big thank you to those parents who raise true patriots of their country. This support is very important for our soldiers. I thank the children for their work, – said Viktoria Tupchanenko, the president of the “Council of Wives and Mothers of Soldiers Participating in the Special Military Operation”.*⁴³



The students’ self-government of the so-called “Republic of Crimea” also organized a campaign “To you, beloved”, dedicated to the International Women’s Day (March 8), to congratulate women participating in the so-called “Special Military Operation” (soldiers, military medics, war correspondents etc.), members of families of participants of the so-called “Special Military Operation” (mothers, wives, daughters), volunteers, specialists of defense sector enterprises etc.⁴⁴ In CFU the campaign consisted of two stages: congratulations on the streets and photo with a hologram of Vladimir Putin, which could be taken using a special program.⁴⁵

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45 <https://cfuv.ru/news/vserossijskaya-akciya-vam-lyubimye-v-kfu>



Commemorative plaques

On January 24, 2023, in the MBEI “Zuya secondary school No. 1 named After A Williamson”, a commemorative plaque was opened, which was dedicated to the school’s graduate Maksim Stepanov, who died on August 24, 2022, during the so-called “Special Military Operation” and was awarded with the Order of Courage for the “combat merit”.⁴⁶



The martial arts hall of Sevastopol State University (SevSU) was renamed after the graduate Dmitry Ostrovsky, who “heroically” died during the so-called “Special Military Operation”. The SevSU Rector Sergey Nechayev emphasized that:



This is a completely deliberate policy of our university, aimed at ensuring that heroes of the Special Military Operation – our graduates – receive the same recognition as the heroes of the Great Patriotic War. So that their memory would be as sacred as the memory of soldiers who died during the Great Patriotic War.⁴⁷

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On March 15, 2023, the “United Russia” party opened a commemorative plaque in honor of Dmitry Ostrovsky at the “Physical Culture and Sports” center of SevSU.⁴⁸ In the SevSU Maritime College, there was a solemn unveiling of the commemorative plaque to the sailor Yegor Tolmachov - the serviceman of the large landing ship “Novocherkassk”, who was born in Makiivka in 2022 and died in the Russia-Ukrainian war.⁴⁹

Camps

In March the acceptance of applications for the participation of children in the extracurricular educational program “Young Legal Scholars” started, competition for the participation in which is held by the International Children’s Center “Artek” (Yalta, Crimea), the All-Russian Children’s Center “Alye Parusa” (Yevpatoria, Crimea) and the Office of the Prosecutor General of the Russian Federation. With-

48 <https://er.ru/activity/news/v-sevastopole-edinaya-rossiya-otkryla-pamyatnuyu-tablichku-v-chest-geroya-svo>

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in the framework of the thematic quota, in 2023 it is planned to organize 2 camp sessions: 1 in FSBEI “ICC “Artek”: in the period from June 21 to July 21, 2023 (7th session) and from November 12 to December 3, 2023 (13th session); 2 – in the FSBEI “ICC “Alye Parusa”: in the period from June 21 to July 14, 2023 (6th session) and from October 4 to October 27, 2023 (10th session).⁵⁰

Youth policy

In Crimea, the first “PolitZaVod” forum was held, in which more than 80 young people of age 18-35 gathered, and according to the statement of the so-called “Head of the State Committee for Youth Policy of the Republic of Crimea” **Aleksey Zinchenko**:



*This will be a platform for training young leaders of public opinion. We need our ideologically correct youth, who know how to systematically express their thoughts, work with audience, work with the public on the streets.*⁵¹

In the period from April 19 to April 23, the all-Russian session “Young Fighter Course. Informational Frontline” will be held,⁵² which is being organized by the Russian Military-Historical Society with the support of the Ministry of Education of the Russian Federation as a part of the national project “Education”. For participants, the coverage of the following topics is provided: “Methods of working with Information”, “Working with Telegram”, “Covering the newsbreaks”, “Fighting against informational fakes”, “Informational Frontlines”, “Ideology of the Future”, “Battle for Donbass: history and present times “ etc.⁵³

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2 RECRUITMENT TO THE ARMED FORCES OF THE OCCUPIER STATE

MILITARIZATION

The head of the occupation administration of Crimea Sergey Aksyonov began to open branches of the so-called “DOSAAF” (Volunteer Society for Cooperation with the Army, Aviation, and Navy), where children are taught how to handle weapons, provide first aid, and undergo shooting and engineering training. Such “military-patriotic exercises” already take place in Sovietskiy, Nyzhniokhirskiy and Chornomorskiy Raions, and in the cities of Yalta, Feodosia, Yevpatoria, Kerch and Krasnoperekopsk.⁵⁴

Representatives of the occupation administration of Kherson region follow the “best practices” of the militarization of children and youth. For example, in the Crimean “Resource Center for the Support of Volunteering”, a work meeting was held with the so-called “Minister of Youth Policy and Sports of Kherson Region” **Elvira Vitrenko**, and the deputy director of the “Youth House” **Danil Meshcheriakov**, its goal was discussing ways of cooperation and plans for joint projects between the regions.⁵⁵

On the eve of the “Defender of the Fatherland Day”, students of the colleges and technical schools visited the “Russia” cinema, where they watched the movie “Officers”, and at the end, they were shown a video clip about the Sevastopol Aleksandr Cheremnov, who died near Kherson in 2022 during the war against Ukraine.⁵⁶



54 <https://www.facebook.com/ppu.gov.ua/posts/pfbid0gCxXDSSJTRyFmBmnZnsCPrl4mCbMJBPKThgApKooF56MMcZnrL9W3KMH3zkNVCl>

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Also, the so-called “local government” of Sevastopol approved a resolution, according to which, 10 percent quotas will be implemented in the city’s secondary vocational educational institutions for children of the participants of the so-called “Special Military Operation”, so that they could enroll in specialties, selected and demanded for the region, without exams.⁵⁷

Cadet classes

In the Medical Academy of the CFU named after V. Vernadsky, the regional stage of the cadet all-round “Raising patriots” for Cadet and Cossacks classes of the occupied Crimea, in which 220 schoolchildren took part. The competitions included a complex of “Ready for Labor and Defense (TRP)”, a relay race with obstacle course, a “tug-of-war”, disassembling and assembling the rifle, as well as demonstrating first aid skills.⁵⁸



Military and sports cadet all-round competition “Raising patriots” for students of classes, patronized by the Ministry of Defense, Federal Security Service, Russian Guard, Ministry of Internal Affairs, Investigative Committee, Prosecutor’s Office

57 <https://crimea.ria.ru/20230331/v-sevastopole-v-kolledzhakh-vvedut-kvoty-dlya-detey-uchastnikov-svo-1127888861.html>

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and Ministry of Emergency situations, as well as for the Cossacks' school students. Cadets demonstrated formation drill, drum march, rifle drill, assembling and disassembling of rifles, first aid skills, participated in relay races and sports tests of endurance, strength and speed.⁵⁹



For cadets of the Ministry of Emergency Situations of the Russian Federation, classes were held in Simferopol's fire department No. 6, for which three training points were deployed for applying skills acquired during the "Lessons of Courage".⁶⁰

Mandatory military training in schools

In schools of the temporarily occupied Crimea, military training of children has started.⁶¹ Initial military training courses were opened at the "Console" gymnasium kindergarten and school. The head of the so-called "State Council of Crimea" **V. Konstantinov** wrote about this in his Telegram channel and added that electronic shooting range was equipped in educational institution to hold shooting

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61 <https://t.me/riamelitopol/85555>



classes.⁶² The footage published by RIA Novosti shows how children disassemble and assemble Kalashnikov's rifles at speed.⁶³



With every year we get more and more convinced of the correctness of our choice, and understand that events happening today, our fight for the "Russian World", for our own identity, began with the Crimean Spring.⁶⁴

Youth movements

• So-called "Cossacks"

The first Cossack university (Razumovsky Moscow State University of Technologies and Management) is opening Cossack-oriented profile programs, which will be focused on the spiritual and moral principles of Cossacks culture: Military Journalist (Media Technologies and Information Policy of Cossackhood); History Teacher ("History, local studies and ethnoculture"); Public Administrator ("State policy on Cossackhood"). Crimean students of 11th grade were invited to participate in the "Cossacks in service of the Fatherland" competition, with a grant from university rector for tuition as a prize. The winners will receive free tuition for the entire program, as well as accommodation in the university dormitory in Moscow.⁶⁵



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Students of Prybrezhnenks Technical School of Agriculture visited the exhibition “Cossacks in State Service”, which showcases a six-part exposition on the history, lifestyle and culture of Cossacks, clothing and equipment attributes, Cossack white arms. Additionally, over 30 students from schools in Simferopol, where Cossack and cadet classes are taught, attended the event and were given a tour of the college and an introduction to the exhibits at the “Great Patriotic War” museum.⁶⁶

• “Young Army” [Yunarmia]

It is reported that many instructors of the “Young Army” movement are currently fighting against Ukraine. For example, the leader of the “Sokol” Young Army detachment of the municipal budgetary educational institution “Nikolai Andreev ‘s Gymnasium” in Bakhchysarai, **Denis Krochak**, who is a teacher of Fundamentals of Life Safety, Physical Education, and a homeroom teacher of the 7th grade, is taking part in the so-called “Special Military Operation”, as was reported during the all-Russian action “Teach. Inspire. Develop”.⁶⁷ It is known that there are 53 instructors of Crimean Young Army detachments participating in the so-called “Special Military Operation”,⁶⁸ and Russian propaganda actively uses their example to educate Young Army members in patriotism, portraying “defending Donbass from Ukrainian nationalists” as a true manifestation of “patriotism and love for the Fatherland”.⁶⁹



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In Simferopol, the regional stage of the educational and sports competition in providing first aid among the Young Army teams was held at the Ivan Bogatyr's Secondary School No. 18, which was dedicated to the 213th anniversary of the birth of Nikolai Pirogov, the founder of the "Russian military field surgery" and the "Russian school of anesthesia".⁷⁰



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The younger members of the “Future of Russia” Young Army detachment carried the “honor guard” near the model of the monument to the children of the besieged Leningrad.⁷¹



“The Creative Young Army Union of the Hero City of Sevastopol” under the supervision of **Daria Shparuk** took part in the campaign in support of the so-called “Special Military Operation”, dedicated to the Day of the Worker of Culture – “Culture of Sevastopol. For the Victory”, which was organized by the Department of Culture of the city of Sevastopol together with the volunteer headquarters “We are together – Sevastopol”.⁷²

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On March 16, 2023, to the anniversary of the Crimea's occupation, in the school No. 55 (of the Frontove village), the event of Mikhail Aksyonchikov's project "Do it TOGETHER" took place for the Young Army members of the schools No. 55 and No. 52, as a part of the "School of Future Leaders" program.

The partners of the Sevastopol regional branch of the All-Russian Military-Patriotic Public Movement "Young Army" held the following master classes for children:

- Foot drill, tactical medicine, disassembling and assembling of the AK-47 rifle and multi-sports training – provided by the cadets of the Sevastopol Admiral Nakhimov Higher Naval School.
- Soldiers of the 4th Radiochemical and Bacteriological Protection Regiment taught the boys how to protect themselves from weapons of mass destruction.
- Representatives of the "Red Eagle" Sports and Entertainment Laser Tag Club taught the Young Army members shooting through laser tag games.
- Members of the Sevastopol Young Army Medical Team demonstrated first aid skills to participants.
- The Lenin Komsomol activists from Sevastopol conducted a "Victory Flag" workshop and a search squad training



At the end of the event, children were fed “soldier’s porridge”, cooked by the servicemen of the 4th RCBP Regiment.⁷³

On March 21, 2023, an inspection of the Sevastopol Governor’s Young Army Regiment took place on the territory of one of the military units of the Black Sea Fleet. The members of the Young Army were receiving the awards and honors from **Sergey Kolbin**, a colonel of the National Guard troops, who was part of the Sevastopol regiment of “Berkut” OMON (Special Purposes Mobile Unit) during the seizure of Crimea in 2014.⁷⁴



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The “School of the Young Leaders” of the SBEI “Crimean Patriot Center” accepted more than 180 boys and girls of the age 14-15 from the occupied Crimea, as well as from the occupied parts of Zaporizhzhia and Kherson regions, and the so-called “DPR” and “LPR”. In 5 days, the children completed a course of shooting training, first aid, learned how to protect themselves from radioactive radiation,⁷⁵ and also attended the lessons of patriotism.⁷⁶ Children from Kalanchak Raion of Kherson region took the “Young Army member’s oath” in the presence of the “Hero of Russia” **Dmitry Polkovnikov**.



• Orlyata of Russia

The “Orlyata of Russia” program is the first stage of the “All-Russian Movement of Children and Youth”, aimed at the development the social activity of elementary school students, “education of patriots of one’s own Fatherland”. Currently, more than 60,000 classes are involved in the movement, including 101 teams from the schools in the occupied Ukrainian territories. Children have to go through 7 courses: an erudite, a volunteer, a craftsman, a sportsman, a keeper of historical memory, an ecologist and a leader.⁷⁷

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On January 17, 2023, children from Gymnasium No. 1, Gymnasium No. 5, schools No. 20 and No. 37, and Sevastopol Polytechnic Lyceum were admitted to the ranks of “Orlyata”.⁷⁸ On March 14, 2023, in the Catherine Hall of the Sevastopol House of Officers of the Black Sea Fleet of the Russian Federation, a solemn ceremony of initiation in the ranks of the organization was held for elementary classes of schools No. 43, 11, 12, 15, ECOTECH+.⁷⁹

“ It is noteworthy that the solemn initiation in the ranks of “Orlyata of Russia” is held on the eve of the Day of Reunification of Crimea and the City of Sevastopol with the Russian Federation. Children say the words of the solemn oath, Young Army members and activists of the Russian Movement of Children and Youth tie their pioneer ties on them and hand them badges. I am sure that this day will remain in our memories and will give a start to new creative tasks and projects, – said the regional coordinator of the all-Russian project “Childhood Navigators” Natalia Zavorodnyaya.



78 <https://sev.tv/news/84006.html>

79 <https://crimea-news.com/society/2023/03/14/1028127.html>

• “Movement of the First”

The Militarization of Childhood continues. In Sevastopol and other cities of the peninsula, the branches of the “Movement of the First” began to open, where Crimean children are actively invited.⁸⁰ During the first session of the Council of the regional branch of the “Movement of the First”, the creation of 25 primary branches in Crimean schools was approved.⁸¹ In Gymnasium No. 24, the primary branch of the “Movement of the First” was opened, where children discussed their ideas with the so-called “governor” **Mikhail Razvozhayev**.⁸²

CFU attended the opening⁸³ of the primary branch of the All-Russian Public and State Movement of Children and Youth “Movement of the First” in the MBEI “Gymnasium school and kindergarten No. 25”.⁸⁴



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In the Simferopol Technical School of Railway Transport and Industry, a solemn ceremony of opening of the “Movement of the First” primary branch was held, which included the carrying of the flags of the Russian Federation and the so-called “Republic of Crimea, the performance of the anthems and the reading of the “Movement of the First” declaration”.⁸⁵ Another branch of the “Movement of the First” was opened at the Anton Makarenko Lyceum No. 3, where for the first time the students of CFU became the mentors for the children.⁸⁶



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Memory of the World War II as the instrument of militarization

On January 18, 2023, on the anniversary of the breakthrough of the seizure, more than 40 representatives of the “Movement of the First” and other public organizations of the city of Sevastopol read the letters written by the “Children of the Blockade” and talked with the veteran of the “Great Patriotic War”.⁸⁷ There was also a teleconference, dedicated to the Day of the Full Liberation of Leningrad from the Nazi Siege, in which school from the Saky Raion and St. Petersburg “Alexander Pechersky Memorial Foundation” took part.⁸⁸



In Dzhankoi, to the anniversary of the Siege of Leningrad, the all-Russian campaign “Blockade Bread” was organized: children were given bread weighing 125 g.⁸⁹



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88 <http://surl.li/gulzf>

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The “Victory Volunteers” launched the all-Russian contest “Ambassadors of the Victory”, winners of which will become the co-organizers of the key events of the celebration of 78th anniversary of the “Day of the Victory in the Great Patriotic War” at the parade in Moscow.⁹⁰ At the Yegor Pokrovsky Gymnasium No. 10, a contest “We are the heirs of victory! The immortality of the feat of the ancestors lives in the heroism of the descendants!” was held, which should preserve the memory of the “Heroes of the Great Patriotic War” and demonstrate the succession of generations – which is also one of the instruments of militarization.⁹¹



On March 23, a seminar with organizers of memorial-patriotic work in schools was held in Simferopol under the name “Traditions of the Post No. 1 near the grave of the Unknown Soldier”. The seminar was led by Oleg Poliakov, an educator at the Center for Military-Patriotic Education of Youth in Sevastopol and organized by the “ Department of Education of the City of Simferopol”. As a result, a working

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group was formed to develop unified requirements for carrying out the “memory of generations” watch at Post No. 1 in Simferopol.⁹²



Students from the Sevastopol educational organizations participated in a children’s creative contest called “Heroes of Yesterday and Today”, preparing video stories about the legacy of generations: participants of the Great Patriotic War and heroes of our days. The goal of the competition was to instill in children a “sense of love and respect for their little Fatherland and an active life position”. The contest was organized by the Bogatyr Movement “The Strongest Nation in the World” and the Regional Branch of the DOSAAF in the city of Sevastopol.⁹³

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Military-patriotic games

On January 8, specialists of the SBEI AO “Regional Center for Military Service Training and Military-Patriotic Education” held the multi-sports games “Games of the Brave”, which took place in the territory of the FSBEI “International Children’s Center “Artek”, and in which more than 300 schoolchildren took part. One of the tasks for the Artek children was the obstacle course, which consisted of the following stages: “wheel”, “windbreak”, “crawler”, “triangle”, “watch your head”, “U-shaped”, “monkey bars”.⁹⁴ On February 17, the “Young Shooter’s Day” air gun shooting tournament between the students of the secondary educational institutions of the city of Simferopol, dedicated to the “Defender of the Fatherland Day” was held at the DOSAAF air rifle range.⁹⁵ Also, students of the higher education institutions of Crimea took part in the military-patriotic relay race “Strength of the Spirit”.⁹⁶



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On March 4, 2023, representatives of the “Crimean Patriot Center” held school competitions on disassembling and assembling the rifle and the gun, loading the automatic rifle magazine with ammo, shooting from the air rifle.⁹⁷



In the Museum-Reserve, the debate-game “Polis”, organized by the Regional Public Voluntary Movement “We are together – Sevastopol”, was held, which took place as a part of the project “Sevastopol – the Patriotic Capital of Russia”⁹⁸



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PARTS OF ZAPORIZHZHIA AND KHERSON REGIONS AND THE IMPLEMENTATION OF CRIMEAN SCENARIO

On February 17, 2022, Putin signed the law, aimed at the integration of systems of education and scientific activity of the so-called “DPR”, “LPR”, Kherson and Zaporizhzhia regions into the legal system of the Russian Federation. This law should bring all activities of the educational organizations in the occupied Ukrainian territories into compliance with the legislation of the Russian Federation, with the implementation of the so-called “**transitional period**”, based on the experience of Crimea and the city of Sevastopol – that is actually implementing the “Crimean scenario” of the destruction of Ukrainian education. Based on the Crimean experience, the so-called “head of Crimea” Aksyonov also stated that the integration of the “new territories” will take at least 5 years.⁹⁹

Custody

The occupation administration of the Zaporizhzhia region held a working meeting with the Commissioner for Children’s Rights for the President of the Russian Federation **Maria Lvova-Belova** and the Russian politician and entrepreneur **Konstantin Malofeev**. Under their patronage, a joint project of Lvova-Belova and the Charitable Foundation of St. Basil the Great “Happy Childhood” is operating, which has already “provided assistance” to the Terpinnya boarding school. The following questions were discussed at the meeting:

- The mechanism of including children from Zaporizhzhia region with rare diseases, who need high-tech assistance, into the federal registry. The occupation administration of Zaporizhzhia region provided a list of 15 children, who will undergo treatment and rehabilitation in Russian federal clinics.
- The creation of three social institutions for children, where children from the earliest age to the age of 18 with various forms of disabilities will be accommodated.



- In addition, a rehabilitation center for children with disabilities and a shelter for temporary accommodation for children, whose status has not been determined, should be created separately.
- A mechanism of subdivisions of the Federal Adolescent Center is being created in the territory of Zaporizhzhia region, which will be working with difficult teenagers with the support of the Ministry of Education of the Russian Federation. The work on the creation of a methodological base for guardianship authorities, commission on minors' affairs, psychological-medical-pedagogical commission has begun.¹⁰⁰

On the initiative of the “United Russia” headquarters for humanitarian cooperation and the deputy secretary of the General Council of the party, the vice-speaker of the State Duma **Anna Kuznetsova**, the working group was created, which will conduct monitoring on the condition of children's institutions in the occupied territories.¹⁰¹ Together with the so-called “Ministry of Social Policy”, **Maria Lvova-Belova** visited 27 schools, where orphans live and study.¹⁰²

Special attention is being paid to the children from age 14 and above, who are required to issue Russian passports. Children, who haven't reached the age of 14 yet, receive a mark about the Russian citizenship in their birth certificates.¹⁰³ It was reported, that in case of parents' refusal to issue the documents for their children, the occupation administrations resorted to threats of responsibility for the improper fulfillment of parental duties.¹⁰⁴

In addition, if children were left without parental care, including those who permanently stay in educational or medical organization that provides social services, the application for acquiring Russian citizenship should be issues by the guardian or an authorized representative of such an institution – that is, Russian citizenship is de-facto imposed on children without the right of choice.¹⁰⁵

By the order of Yevgeniy Balitsky - the so-called “Chairman of the Council of Ministers of the Military-Civil Administration of the Zaporizhzhia region”, the procedure for establishing the preliminary custody of underaged children, who were left without parental care, was agreed.¹⁰⁶ On March 2, 2023, the first meeting of

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the “Commission for Juvenile Affairs and Protection of Their Rights” was held under the so-called “Government of the Zaporizhzhia region”.¹⁰⁷ It was reported that local commissions conduct raids and impose administrative sanctions on parents, who teach their children according to the Ukrainian curriculum.¹⁰⁸

There are confirmed cases of the forcible deportation of orphan children to the Russian Federation or to the Russia-occupied territories.¹⁰⁹ The Russian media outlet “Verstka” confirmed that at least 14 orphans from Kherson were transferred to the Crimean orphanage “Yolochka”, which two years ago was called a “children’s concentration camp” because of the conditions in which children lived there.¹¹⁰

During the meeting with **Lvova-Belova**, representatives of the occupation administration of Kherson region discussed the returning of the “evacuated” orphans from Crimea and Russian Federation to the occupied Kherson region, planning to simultaneously restore the system of orphanages in the region.¹¹¹

Children from the Oleshky boarding school, who in November were deported to the Labinsk and Kropotkin specialized institutions of Krasnodar Krai, returned to the Kherson region, to the city of Skadovsk in February 2023. Three specialized institutions were opened in the occupied territory of Kherson region, two of which are located in town Striletske of Henichesk Raion, and one more is in the city of Skadovsk.¹¹²

Youth policy

There is an active policy of integrating the youth of the occupied territories into the all-Russian space. The #YugMolodoi (YoungSouth) movement launched the “Accelerator of social leaders “Generation of South”, participants of which should complete 12-week long training, as a part of which federal speakers of the youth policy of the Russian Federation teach, and there will be an opportunity to complete an internship in the so-called “Ministry of youth policy of Zaporizhzhia region”.¹¹³

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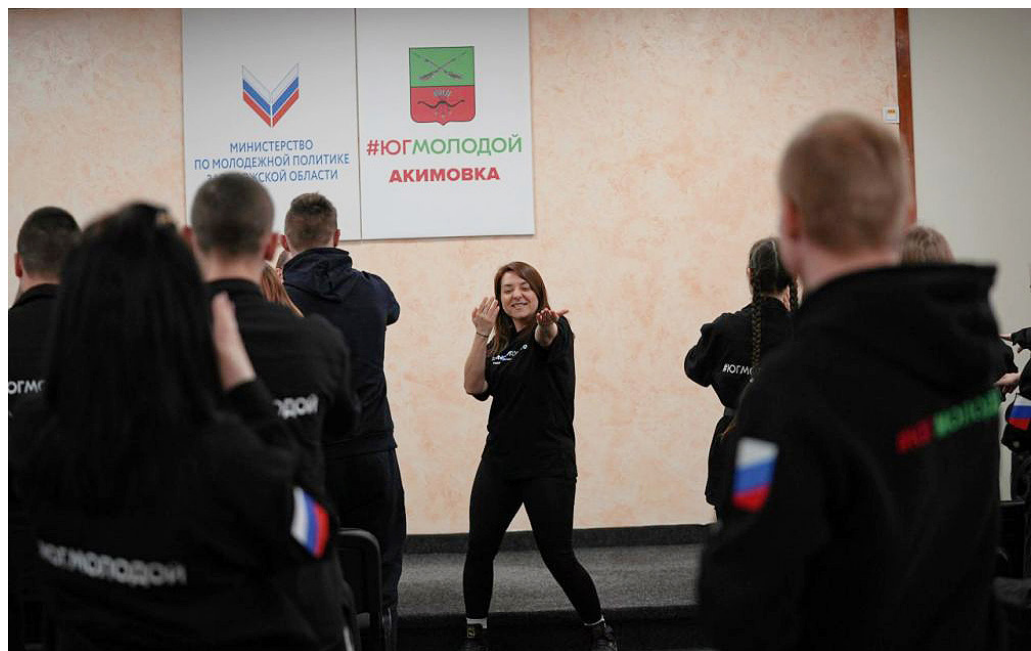
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The representatives of the Federal Agency for Youth Affairs (Rosmolodyozh – Russian Youth) paid a working visit to the so-called “Ministry of Youth Policy and Sports of Kherson region”, where measures were determined to attract young people to participate in various youth projects, as well as to create conditions for the “development of youth organizations and initiatives in Kherson region”.¹¹⁴ The representatives of the Rosmolodyozh also paid a visit to Zaporizhzhia region, where they visited the villages of Kyrilivka and Yakymivka, met with schoolchildren and students and talked about the part of the volunteer and what volunteering is.¹¹⁵



In the schools of Henichesk, “mentors from Moscow” talked about the initiatives and projects that can receive support from the federal Russian budget and how to achieve success by becoming volunteers in social, cultural and ecological spheres.¹¹⁶ The representatives of the Rosmolodyozh presented “opportunities for the Russian youth” to schoolchildren and students from the cities of Tokmak, Dniprorudne, Kamiianka–Dniprovska as well as from such villages as Mykhailivka and Velyka Bilozerka.¹¹⁷

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About 3,000 people took part in the Rosmolodyozh events in Kherson and Zaporizhzhia regions.¹¹⁸



In the so-called “Ministry of Youth Policy of Zaporizhzhia region” there were face-to-face educational events of the “Your Way” educational project from the heads of large federal projects: “Citizens’ Appeal – Chat with the state”; “NPO in Russia”. The educational program “Your Way” will continue until the end of June 2023 with face-to-face educational events, as well as consultations with experts. The “Your Way” project is implemented by the All-Russian organization “City Renovations” with the use of the grant from the President of the Russian Federation.¹¹⁹

Maria Lvova-Belova pointed out that new branches of federal youth centers will appear in Melitopol and Henichesk for providing psychological, legal and material assistance.¹²⁰ Also, a Youth Parliament will be established in Kherson region (for people of age 14-35).¹²¹

Language

The situation with studying the Ukrainian language in the occupied territories is becoming more and more difficult. Education process is exclusively in Russian, and Ukrainian language can be studied for only 3 hours a week, provided that parents can confirm that it is their native language. Previously, elementary school students used to study their native language at least 7 hours a week, as for 10th and 11th grades – they had 8 hours of Ukrainian language or more.¹²² Also, representatives of the occupation administrations force parents in the temporarily occupied territories write a waiver to refuse their children study in Ukrainian and add these 3 hours to learning Russian.¹²³

Instead, Russian language is being actively popularized – for example, in the SBEI “Prymorske school”, the day of the Russian language was held.¹²⁴



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Transition to the Russian standards of education

According to the available information, in the local schools of the Kakhovka Raion villages, the representatives of the occupation administrations prohibit school-children study by Ukrainian curriculum, and for refusal to attend the Russia-sponsored lessons they threaten to forcibly relocate children deep into the occupied Kherson region for the so-called “studying”, as well as to the Russian Federation or to the occupied Crimea.¹²⁵ There were also reports about pressure on teachers and parents for refusing to study in the Russian school, for which they resort to searches and threats, as well as intimidation with deportation.¹²⁶

On March 8, 2023, the so-called “Minister of Education and Science of Zaporizhzhia region” **Olena Shapurova** was awarded the Order of Friendship by Vladimir Putin for “restoring the educational process in Melitopol and the entire region”.¹²⁷

Teachers

In Melitopol Raion, the representatives of the occupation administrations demonstratively fired the principal of the Mikhailivske Professional Technical School Viktor Udovichenko,¹²⁸ who was accused of supporting Ukrainian army and sabotaging educational process by refusing to teach in accordance with the Russian patriotic educational programs.¹²⁹

To encourage new specialists, the personnel contest “Leaders of resurgence. Kherson region” is held.¹³⁰ The participant of the contest, teacher of Geography, Computer Studies and History of the Simferopol Financial and Economical college **Yuriy Kondratenko** said:



*We already were in such situation in Crimea: it was required to re-educate youth in the education system, because at that time they were quite pro-Ukrainian. This is a big job; I have some experience and therefore I would like to share it.*¹³¹

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129 <https://t.me/riamelitopol/79865>

130 <https://херсонскаяобласть.лидерывозрождения.рф>

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Yuriy Kondratenko is sure that the reform of education should begin with training local teachers in how to spread the “correct ideology”. In Kherson region, one of the candidates for preliminary voting in the contest was a history teacher from the village Blagodatne **Svetlana Chudnova**, who used to work as a school principal in Kherson and was an active participant of the pseudo-referendum, and now is teaching History in the occupied Skadovsk.¹³²

The Security Services of Ukraine declared suspicions to the head of the so-called “Department of Education of the Military-Civil Administration of Melitopol Raion”, who collaborated with occupation administrations and contributed to the introduction of the Russian curriculum.¹³³ It is also known about the parliamentarian of Zaporizhzhia regional Council, who was head of one of the schools in Kamianka-Dniprovska, and after the occupation accepted the offer to collaborate and implemented education according to the Russian educational standards, use of textbooks etc., and organized specialized training courses for teachers in Yevpatoria.¹³⁴

Conversations about the important

On January 30, 2023, homeroom teachers of the “Henichesk school No. 3” in Kherson region held the extracurricular lesson – “Conversations about the important” on the topic “Movement of the First”. During the lesson such values, as, in particular, “preservation of culture and values of the peoples of Russia” were formed.¹³⁵ Also, in the temporarily occupied Kamianka-Dniprovska in Zaporizhzhia region, there were patriotic lessons in the “Skifia” (“Scythia”) gymnasium.¹³⁶ photo 58



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In the period from January 23 to January 27, 2023, a lesson dedicated to the Day of the Lifting of the Siege of Leningrad was held in Berdyansk Secondary School No. 20, with the aim of “patriotic education of the young generation”; there was also an exhibition of drawings and posters, laying flowers to the Eternal Flame by the students of the school, as well as exhibition of objects on the military-historical topic “900 days of the blockade of Leningrad”.¹³⁷



Students of Melitopol Professional Technical School No. 2 were given a lesson on the siege of Leningrad.





In all educational institutions of Kherson region, extracurricular classes on the topic “Russia in the World” were held in order to form students’ ideas about the “achievements and world significance of the Russian science, culture, technologies, about Russian’s contribution to the fight against Nazism and colonialism”.¹³⁸ Y In the Skadovsk municipal district, children allegedly presented the initiative to create the informational stand, dedicated to the wars, in which Russians took part, and even proposed to organize quest on the topic “Cultural heritage of the Russian people”.¹³⁹



On February 20, 2023, lessons of the extracurricular activity course “Conversations about the important” were held in the state budgetary educational institution of Kherson region “Primorske School of Skadovsk Municipal District”, where they talked about the history of the “Defender of the Fatherland Day”, the role of army in the defense of the country and its “peacemaking mission”.¹⁴⁰



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Conversations “About traditional family values” were held with students of the schools of Henichesk municipal district, where children watched the address of the Russian actor and famous propagandist of “traditional values” **Ivan Okhlobystin**, and watched the presentation “Family values in works of Russian artists”.¹⁴¹ In Henichesk Professional Technical School No. 27 a thematic class hour was held, dedicated to the Day of the Liberation of Kherson, where students were told about the feat of the “red Army soldier” and why it is important to know the history of “one’s own country” (that is, Russia).¹⁴²

On the eve of the anniversary of the occupation of Crimea, thematic lessons were held in the schools of the occupied parts of Zaporizhzhia and Kherson regions. On March 17, 2023, conversations on the topic “Day of Reunification of Crimea with Russia” were held with children in the Secondary School No. 43 of the Vesele village of Melitopol Raion.¹⁴³ On March 20, in Primorske school of Skadovsk Municipal District of Kherson region, a lesson on the topic “Day of Reunification of Crimea with the Russian Federation” was held.¹⁴⁴

The veterans of hostilities in Afghanistan **Igor Plakida** and **Nikolai Shyriayev**, as well as the deputy chairman of the Council of the Sevastopol regional branch of the public organization “Battle Brotherhood”, parliamentarian of Nakhimov municipal district **Andrey Pavlov** met with the students of the Melitopol school No. 4, Yakymivka school No. 27 and Kostyantynivka school No. 1, who spoke about the holding of the so-called “referendum” and the “returning of Crimea to Russia”.¹⁴⁵



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Historical memory

The occupation administrations continue to manipulate historical questions for the sake of justifying Russian aggression against Ukraine and changing minds of Ukrainians in the occupied territories. In March 2023, a regional branch of the “Knowledge” (“Znannia”) society was opened in the occupied part of Kherson region, which should hold marathons, lectures and master classes on the history of Russia for schoolchildren and students. The management body of Kherson “Knowledge” included the rector of the so-called “Kherson State University” **Tatiana Tomilina**, the rector of the so-called “Kherson Technical University” **Galina Raiko**, the principal of Henichesk school No. 2 **Elena Fedosova** and the heads of regional branches of the “Battle Brotherhood” and “Young Army” **Igor Telegin** and **Serafim Ivanov**.¹⁴⁶

Vladimir Saldo held a meeting with the Deputy Chairman of the All-Russian Public-State Organization “Russian Military-Historical Society” **Nikolai Ovsienko** on the issue of preserving the military-historical heritage of the region and its application to the patriotic education of the younger generation.¹⁴⁷

Vladimir Putin signed an order to allocate funds from the Presidential Reserve Fund for the creation, installation and reconstruction of monuments and memorials in the “newly occupied” territories, as well as to allocate funds for the creation of the multimedia historical park “Russia – My history” in the city of Melitopol.¹⁴⁸ The Russian Historical Society and the “History of Fatherland” foundation launch the international contest for ethnographers, who work with young people, including in the temporarily occupied parts of Zaporizhzhia and Kherson regions.¹⁴⁹

• Monuments

In Melitopol State University named after Anton Makarenko the restoration of the monument to Soviet soldiers of the “Great Patriotic War” has begun.¹⁵⁰ On January 31, 2023, volunteers of the “Young Guard” of the United Russia and #YugMolodoi laid flowers at the “Underground Heroes” monument in memory of the Young Guardsmen, who were executed in the years of the “Great Patriotic War”.¹⁵¹

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On February 2, 2023, the Skadovsk school No. 1 together with the Department of Patriotic Education of the so-called “Ministry of Youth Policy and Sport of Kher-son region” organized the historical event-lecture for students, dedicated to the 80th anniversary of the Victory in Battle of Stalingrad.¹⁵² The members of the “Volunteers of the Victory” movement from Zaporizhzhia region laid flowers at the monument to those killed in Afghanistan, as well as at the Afghan Soldiers’ Memorial Alley.¹⁵³



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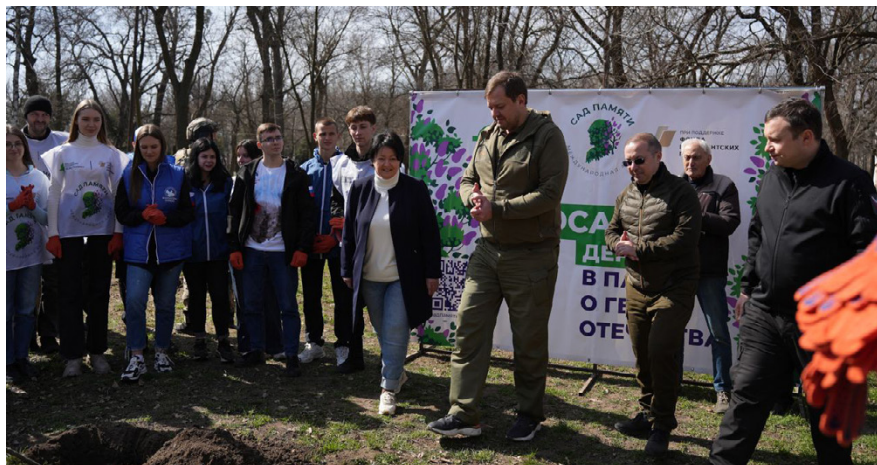
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On the Day of the Liberation of Kherson from the “German fascist invaders”, the district headquarters of the All-Russian Military-Patriotic Movement “Young Army” took part in laying flowers at the monument to those who died in those times. Young Army members were given lesson on why it is necessary to honor the memory of heroes of the “Great Patriotic War”.¹⁵⁴



As a part of the all-Russian campaign “Garden of memory”, dedicated to those who died in the years of the “Great Patriotic War”, the seedlings of young trees were planted in Gorkiy’s Park in Melitopol.¹⁵⁵



As a part of the all-Russian campaign “Return the name to the Hero”, launched by the “Young Army” movement with support of the Ministry of Defense of the Russian Federation to the 78th anniversary of the victory in the “Great Patriotic War”, the Young Army members of the “Alpha” detachment and cadets of the specialized faculty of the Melitopol State University named after Anton Makarenko were cleaning at the mass grave memorial.¹⁵⁶

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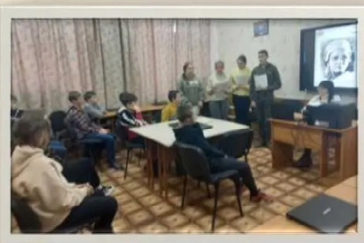
• Cinematography

In Henichesk cinema “Russia”, a free screening of the movie “They Fought for Their Motherland” took place, dedicated to the 80th anniversary of the Victory in the Battle of Stalingrad. As reported, the screening was attended by the students of the educational institutions, who “were reminded about the feats of the Soviet soldiers, who won victory in one of the most important battles for our Fatherland”.¹⁵⁷ On February 3, students at the secondary school No. 3 were shown the film “Hot snow”. An employee of the so-called “Ministry of Youth Policy and Sports of Kherson Region” gave a historical tour, urging the youth to not forget “at what cost we got the Great Victory on May 9, 1945”. In the future, regular screenings of the films, dedicated to the honorable dates of the Russian history, are planned not only in Skadovsk, but also in other cities and villages of Kherson region.¹⁵⁸

• Holidays and events

In February, to the Day of Remembrance of the Young Anti-Fascist Hero and the International Day of Children-Soldiers, high school students held a lesson – they gave presentation to the students of 6th grade about children and teenagers, who fought on the frontlines of the Great Patriotic War in partisan units, in the resistance.¹⁵⁹

День памяти юного героя – антифашиста



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As a part of the civic-patriotic education month, in secondary school of Kherston region “Henichesk school No. 1 of Henichesk municipal district” the following events were organized: sports games “Sons of the Fatherland”, memorial lessons “Let’s remember the feat of Leningrad”. The events were held with the goal “to cultivate a caring attitude to the historical and cultural heritage of Russia; to establish patriotic values, views and beliefs in students’ minds; to form respect for the culture, traditions and heroic past of Russia”.¹⁶⁰



On February 20, 2023, on the eve of the “Defender of the Fatherland Day”, a festive lineup was held in Primorske school of Skadovsk municipal district, where children were introduced to the history of creation of the Russian army and its combat past.¹⁶¹

“ Conducting such events is necessary for the young generation, because they cultivate the sense of love and pride for their Fatherland, respect for Russian history and language, as well as readiness to defend Russia and serve in army. We hope that the growing generation of the young defenders will be equal to these worthy people” (c) Irina Bachinskaya, the school’s principal.

On the occasion of the anniversary of the Battle of Stalingrad as the “symbol of defiance of the Russian people”, a thematic event for the students of the secondary school No. 16 was held in the “Podvig” (“Feat” museum), in order to cultivate the feeling of “participation in heroic past of their country”.¹⁶²

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• Lessons

With the support of the Russian Society “Knowledge”, by the end of May, a volunteer historical troops will begin to work in the “newly occupied” territories, which will conduct classes on historical topics.¹⁶³

On the Holocaust Remembrance Day, thematic lessons with high school students were held in Henichesk. In school No. 2, the first conversation was conducted by the representative of the “United Russia” party **Igor Kastiukevich**.

“ This is the history which was not taught in Ukraine. In schools, they deliberately ignored the topic of fascists' atrocities, because it was necessary to heroize such inhumans as Bandera and Shukhevych.”¹⁶⁴

A series of events dedicated to the patriotic education of youth took place in Melitopol school No. 1. As a part of the lecture “History and Peoples of Novorossia”, children learned what peoples live in the territory of Russia and watched the movie “Forever”.¹⁶⁵



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More than 80 high school students from Chaplynka listened to a video-lecture given by the Minister of Education of the Russian Federation **Sergey Kravtsov**, who talked about the role of the teacher in the history of Russia.¹⁶⁶



The Russian Society “Knowledge” held an event dedicated to the “Day of the Reunification of Crimea with the Russian Federation” in Melitopol Multidisciplinary College, where blogger **Ivan Reva** and Sevastopol parliamentarian **Aleksander Borodavchenko** were the speakers.¹⁶⁷



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Young people from Zaporizhzhia and Kherson regions took part in the historical-patriotic program in Crimea, dedicated to the so-called “Crimean Spring”¹⁶⁸ A delegation from the occupied South met with the “active youth of Crimea” in Simferopol, where participants discussed youth policy and interaction between regions, and also played the board game “Victory”.



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On March 24, 2023, 150 students of high schools from Henichesk municipal district were given a lecture, dedicated to Aleksander Suvorov.¹⁶⁹ The lecture was a part of the party project “Historical Conversations”, initiated by the regional branch of the “United Russia” in Kherson region with the help and support of the “Knowledge” society. In the Melitopol Museum of Local History, works of students of Children’s Art School of Melitopol were presented at the exhibition “Victory in Colors”.¹⁷⁰

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Textbooks and books

Melitopol Central Children's Library named after Kirov became the first object of library network, where the large-scale check was launched for the possibility of developing in the legal field of the Russian Federation, which will ensure the replenishment of funds, which have been replenished with more than 800 copies from the charitable organizations from all over Russia.¹⁷¹ In general, in the libraries of the temporarily occupied cities, the inventory of books has begun to replace them with the Russian ones.¹⁷²

In schools, the replacement of the educational literature with the Russian is also underway. The so-called "Ministry of Youth Policy and Sports of Kherson region" together with the youth organization "I am Kherson" presented the school of Primorske village teaching materials: geographical maps, chemistry tables and charts, history posters and maps and other teaching aids.¹⁷³

Schoolchildren in Kherson region received books of the Russian classics, 48 sets of books by such authors as Kuprin, Tsvetayeva, Chekhov, Turgenev and other



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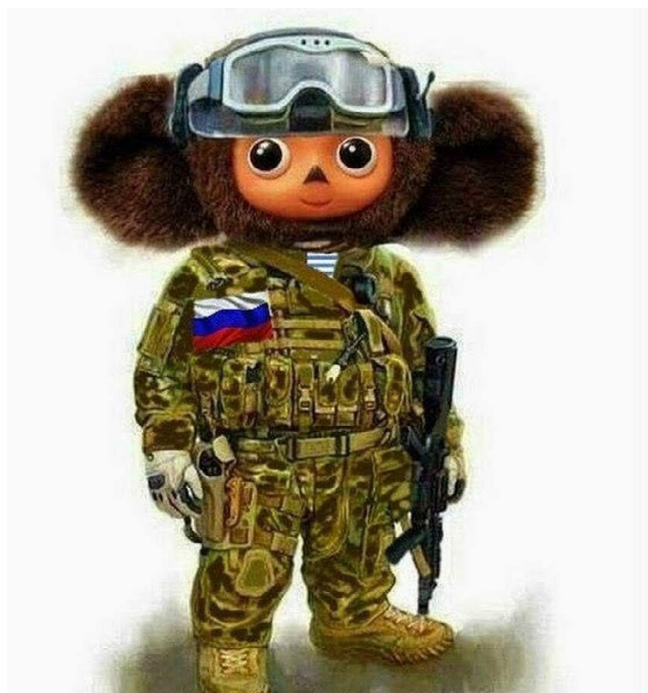
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were delivered to the schools.¹⁷⁴ On the initiative of the State Duma parliamentarian from the “United Russia” **Elena Arshynova**, the information and printing complex “Terra Holding Company” provided 11 school libraries of Skadovsk Raion with sets of books by the following Russian classics: Kuprin, Tsvetayeva, Chekhov, Leskov, Turgenev, Ostrovsky and other. In total, 48 such sets were delivered to the region.¹⁷⁵ In honor of the “Day of Good Deeds”, the leaders of the “Movement of the First” all-Russian movement of children and youth brought board games and fiction books to the school No. 51 of Zaporizhzhia village.¹⁷⁶ The members of the movement #WeAreTogether also handed over 150 Russian books to Melitopol school No. 8 as a part of the campaign “Moscow helps”.¹⁷⁷

Preschool institutions

Special forces of the Ministry of Internal Affairs visited the Epiphany holiday in the kindergarten of the village Zaliznyi Port. At the end of the holiday, children handed the employees of the Ministry of Internal Affairs handmade gifts: letters of gratitude and drawings.¹⁷⁸ Skadovsk kindergarten “Cheburashka” with an updated logo opened new groups and invited children from 2 to 6 years old.¹⁷⁹



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On January 9, 2023, employees of the occupation Police visited a kindergarten in the village Striletske of Henichesk municipal district in Kherson region. The law enforcement officers presented children with boxes of sweets, talked with the management and congratulated everyone with the New Year and Christmas.¹⁸⁰



Extracurricular activities

“Movement of the First” launched the All-Russian project “Classroom meetings” in Zaporizhzhia region, which is being implemented as a part of the orders of the President of the Russian Federation Vladimir Putin and is a part of the national project “Education”. In Melitopol school No. 8, there was a meeting of the students of 5th-8th grades with the head of the Department of Marketing, International Economic Relations and National Economics, Professor **Olga Galtsova**. Schoolchildren received gifts for their activity during the meeting.¹⁸¹

The occupation administrations introduce the analogue of the Crimean “Pushkin’s Card” for students of the so-called “DPR”, “LPR”, Zaporizhzhia and Kherson regions (this tool for simulating visits to cultural institutions of the Russian Federations was described in detail in the monitoring report “Universal Soldier” dated **September 2022**). The “Culture Card 4+85” will become this analogue, which will

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allow at least 10,000 schoolchildren to travel in the Russian Federation every year, starting in 2023.¹⁸²

University sessions

The new phase of the project “University sessions” was launched.¹⁸³ In March 2023, 10 activists of the Sevastopol branch of the “Movement of the First” visited Dagestan State Pedagogical University.¹⁸⁴ During the spring phase, 50 schoolchildren and students from Zaporizhzhia region and DPR visited Volgograd, among which there also were the “Movement of the First” members from Melitopol Multi-disciplinary College.¹⁸⁵

MILITARIZATION

On February 1, 2023, employees of the “Crimean Patriot Center” visited the following educational institutions of Kherson region: “Kalanchak school No. 1”, “Oleksandrivka school”, “Vadim school named after Yuri Gagarin”.¹⁸⁶



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Activists of the youth movement #YugMolodoi of the urban-type settlement Chernihivka (Zaporizhzhia region), together with the representatives of the village administration as well as employees of the department of culture and tourism of Chernihivka, took part in the opening of the exhibition of photographs of the “heroes” of the so-called “Special Military Operation”.¹⁸⁷



The Telegram channel “Berdyansk Secondary School No. 10” posted a number of photo collages and videos about the “patriotic event” with the use of weapons and military equipment.¹⁸⁸ As of the date of the report publication, it was not possible to collect more detailed information about the contents and the occasion of the event.



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In Skadovsk schools, employees of the so-called “Department of Youth Policy and Sports of MSA of Skadovsk MD” together with the representatives of the military police conduct lessons of patriotic education, where children are told about the “Heroes of the Great Patriotic War” and the so-called “Special Military Operation”. During the lessons, children have opportunity to try on body armor and helmets, hold a Kalashnikov rifle and a Makarov pistol in their hands.¹⁸⁹

Military training

Employees of the so-called “Department of Patriotic Education of the Ministry of Youth Policy and Sports of Kherson region” together with the military police held military training with students of 7th grade of Primorske school, familiarized them with military statute, and demonstrated weapons.¹⁹⁰



Support of the army of the Russian Federation

On the eve of the so-called “Defender of the Fatherland Day” in schools of the temporarily occupied Melitopol an order was approved on the need to make presents to servicemen of the army of the Russian Federation, allegedly on behalf of children. Letters to soldiers should be folded in triangles by analogy with the letters of the “Great Patriotic War” times. The following activities were offered to choose from:

- Write a letter / Draw a picture
- Knit socks
- Bring preserved food
- Bring underwear or a pair of socks

If schoolchildren refuse to participate, teachers threaten parents with sanctions.¹⁹¹

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As a part of the All-Russian campaign “To our Heroes”, dedicated to the so-called “Defender of the Fatherland Day” and the anniversary of the beginning of the so-called “Special Military Operation” the following mass events were planned in the occupied Kherson region:

February 20 – school campaigns “Heroes of our time” and “Victory letters”, filming videos with congratulations and writing letters to the Russian soldiers on the frontlines.

February 21 – the “We thank our Heroes” campaign with personal congratulations to the “defenders” and campaign of cleaning memorial complex “Memory of Generations”.

February 22 – school lessons of courage “Heroes next to us” and meetings of schoolchildren with servicemen and veterans of the Great Patriotic War (“Descendants of Victory” campaign)

February 23 – the “Trench Candle” campaign – master classes on crafting candles for soldiers.¹⁹²

On the eve of the “Defender of the Fatherland Day”, “We are Together!” campaign in support of Russian servicemen started in Skadovsk kindergarten “Dzvinochok”, where children drew postcards to send them to the frontlines further. It is reported that the initiators of the campaign were the head of the kindergarten **Irina Melnichenko**, methodologist **Evgeniya Khlusova**, and all teachers and employees of the kindergarten.¹⁹³ As a part of the all-Russian campaign “To our Heroes”, students of Blahodatne school in Skadovsk municipal district met with servicemen, who gave schoolchildren a tour of the technical part and told them about service in army.¹⁹⁴



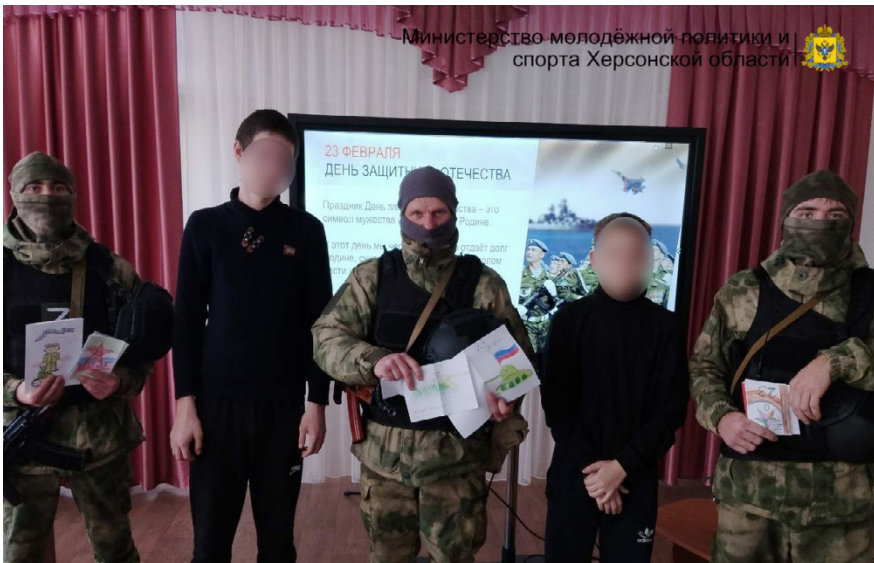
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As a part of the “Victory letters” campaign, schoolchildren in Skadovsk schools No. 1 and 3 wrote letters with congratulations with the “Defender of the Fatherland Day” to the Russian soldiers on the frontlines, sending them together with drawings.¹⁹⁵





As a part of the all-Russian campaign “To our Heroes”, all educational institutions of Henichesk district involved children in writing letters and congratulations to Russian soldiers. The so-called “Ministry of Youth Policy and Sports of Kherson region” organized further delivery of prepared materials to the Russian soldiers on the frontlines.¹⁹⁶



The “Primorske school of Skadovsk municipal district” in Kherson region held a competition dedicated to the “Defender of the Fatherland Day”, and also organized an exhibition of drawings.¹⁹⁷

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Also, with the connivance of educational institutions' administrations, students of schools and colleges in Henichesk created a "Hero's Star".¹⁹⁸

The policemen of the Kherson region prepared a concert and an exhibition of military equipment for the young men on the "Defender of the Fatherland Day". At the event, artists and officers performed, who performed compositions dedicated to the so-called "Special Military Operation". Teenagers could sit at the armored vehicles and armored personnel carriers.¹⁹⁹



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As a part of the “Moscow helps”, volunteers of the regional headquarters of #WeAreTogether in Zaporizhzhia region delivered aid to the Russian servicemen in form of sets of thermal clothing, hats, gloves and sweets.²⁰⁰ As a part of the “Trench Candle” campaign, employees of the so-called “Ministry of Youth Policy and Sports” held a master class on making trench candles for soldiers for the students from the village Krasnok in Kherson region.²⁰¹



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At the base of the so-called “Ministry of Youth Policy” and Melitopol State University named after Anton Makarenko, a photo exhibition with portraits of “heroes” of the so-called “Special Military Operation” opened in Melitopol in honor of the “Defender of the Fatherland Day”. The exhibition was organized by the volunteers of the regional headquarters of #WeAreTogether in Zaporizhzhia region.²⁰²



202 collecting a total of 50 boxes to the “Day of the National Guard dkdldijwoiwi”

Students, their parents and teachers of schools of the city of Berdyansk and Berdyansk Raion collected parcels to the soldiers of the Russian Federation with congratulations and wishes to the “Defender of the Fatherland Day”.²⁰³



Students and teachers of the Faculty of Natural Sciences of Melitopol State University named after Anton Makarenko took part in the campaign “Parcel to the Frontlines”, collecting festive postcards with wishes, warm clothes, sweets and hygiene products.²⁰⁴ As a part of the campaign “Share the kindness”, members of the “Movement of the First” in Melitopol school No. 1 organized the collection of humanitarian aid, collecting a total of 50 boxes to the “Day of the National Guard of the Russian Federation”.²⁰⁵

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Cadet classes

Cadet classes will be created in Kherson region, the first two will appear in Skadovsk, as announced in February 2023 by the so-called “acting governor of Kherson region” **Vladimir Saldo** and “senator from the region” **Konstantin Basyuk**.²⁰⁶

“The topic of the military-patriotic upbringing and education is extremely important for Kherson region. Here, children were “lost” in terms of education”. They were taught the “American” version of history, where everything is turned upside down. We will fix this”.²⁰⁷

The first two Suvorov cadet classes will appear in Skadovsk, and later it is planned to open a Suvorov school, where graduates of cadet classes will be able to continue their studies.²⁰⁸

Young Army

On January 30, 2023, the so-called “Department of patriotic education of the Ministry of Youth Policy and Sports of Kherson region” held a meeting with children, who are willing to join the Young Army detachment, their parents and the director of the Novotroitske Children’s Arts Center. During the meeting, specialists of the Department held a class on the topic “Why I want to join the Young Army” and answered questions.²⁰⁹

ON February 2, 2023, students of the Novotroitske school solemnly took the oath of the newly-created “Torch” unit to the sound of the Young Army anthem – also with the assistance of the department mentioned above. During the ceremony, children laid flowers at the memorial to the Unknown Soldier, honoring “the memory of the ancestors’ victory in the Battle of Stalingrad”.²¹⁰



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The so-called “Ministry of Youth Policy and Sports” together with the representatives of the occupation authorities of the Military Administration of Chaplynka Raion visited the Children’s Arts Center in the village Chaplynka, where they appraised the works of the young artists, and also discussed the possibility of creation of the Young Army detachment on the base of this educational institution.²¹¹

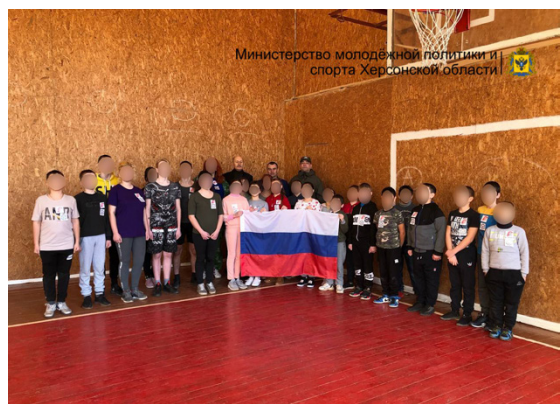




On the “Defender of the Fatherland Day”, a ceremony of the initiation of 27 schoolchildren in the ranks of the Young Army was held in Henichesk for the first time.²¹²



The so-called “Ministry of Youth Policy and Sports of Kherson region” together with the administration of Shyroke school held first class on military training with students of the educational institution and campaigned for joining the Young Army.²¹³



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On the “Defender of the Fatherland Day”, the first oath of ten young Melitopol citizens aged 10 to 18 to the ranks of the Young Army took place at the Fraternal Cemetery in the city of Melitopol.²¹⁴



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The “Alpha” team of Zaporizhzhia branch of the Young Army and cadets of the specialized faculty of Melitopol State University named after Anton Makarenko took part in the all-Russian campaign “Kilometer of Beauty”. Led by the rector **Andrey Chuikov**, who is also the head of the Young Army of Zaporizhzhia region, boys went out to congratulate women on March 8 (Women’s Day).²¹⁵

The Zaporizhzhia branch of the military-patriotic movement “Young Army” is preparing to open the House of the Young Army, and for this event, chevrons with the “Young Army raccoon” will appear on the uniform²¹⁶– the same raccoon stolen from Kherson Zoo, who was earlier accepted in the ranks of the Young Army.



In Henichesk school No. 4, a solemn ceremony of the military-patriotic movement Young Army was held. 17 children joined the ranks of this movement.²¹⁷ In Skadovsk school No. 1 in Kherson region, a Young Army detachment named after the Hero of the Soviet Union Vladimir Gumanenko was opened.²¹⁸

The “Alpha” team of the Young Army detachment of Zaporizhzhia region, led by Andrey Chuikov, took part in the event, dedicated to taking the oath by the cadets of the Ministry of International Affairs of the Russian Federation.²¹⁹

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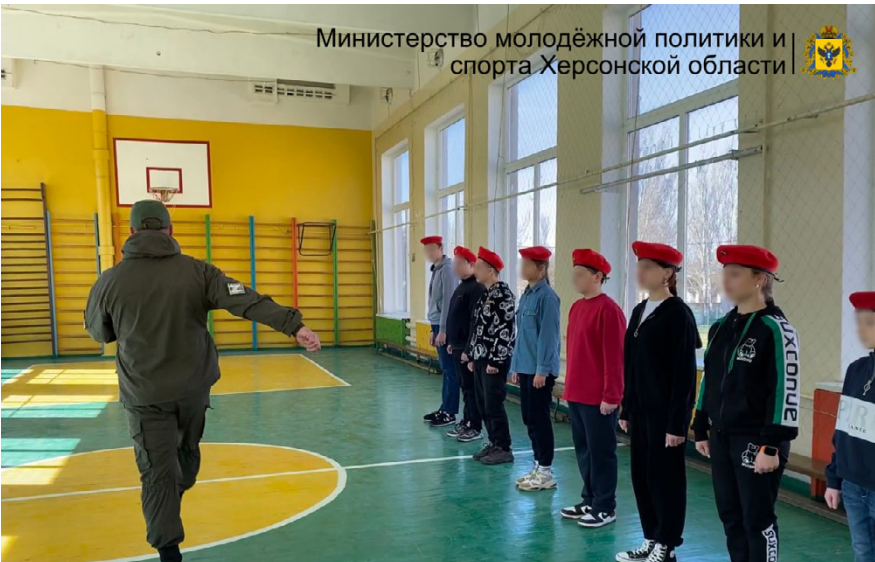
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The representatives of the so-called “Ministry of Youth Policy and Sports of Kher-son region” organize military training classes for the Young Army members in Skadovsk school No. 1.²²⁰



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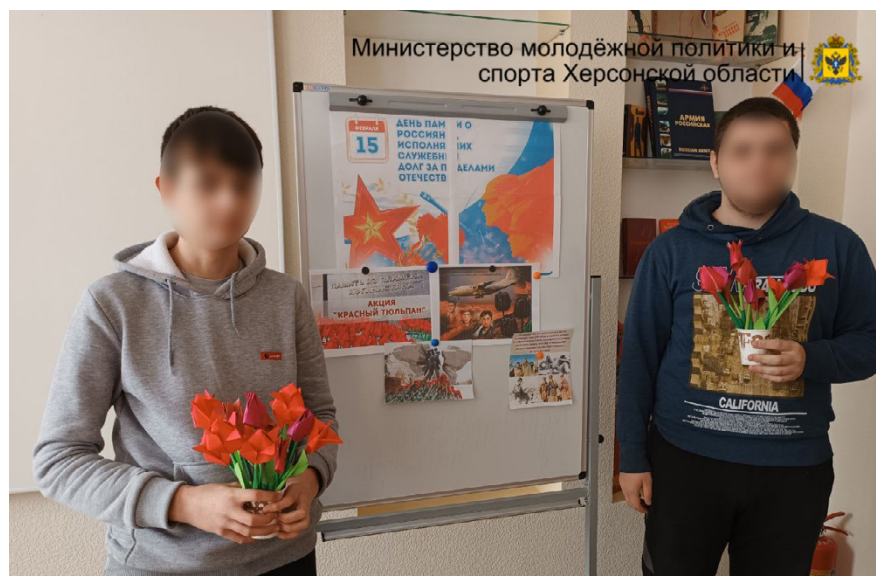
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On the International Writer's Day, the Young Army members of the Novotroitsk district headquarters of the All-Russian military-patriotic organization "Young Army" held a lesson on reading Russian poetry as the "main foundation of the Russian soul".²²¹ The "Alpha" team of the Zaporizhzhia detachment of the "Young Army", led by the head (rector of MSU) **Andrey Chuikov**, took part in the patriotic seminar "Power in People".²²² Additionally, the "Alpha" team of the Zaporizhzhia detachment of the "Young Army", led by **Andrey Chuikov**, participated in the all-Russian "Garden of Memory" campaign, where children planted coniferous trees and decorative shrubs on the territory of the memorial at the Votan breakthrough line.²²³

A letter to a soldier

As a part of the "Victory letters" campaign to the Defender of the Fatherland Day, students of Skadovsk school No. 1 wrote letters to Russian soldiers.²²⁴



During one week, in the schools of the Hola Prystan municipal district, the campaign "Congratulatory postcard-letter to a soldier" was held, in which children from Zaliznyi Port, Chulakivks and Dolmativka schools took part. Children prepared postcards, wrote congratulatory letters to soldiers, and at the end of the

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campaign there was a tea party with soldiers of the Russian Federation at the school, to which the following persons were invited: the head of the department of education of Hola Prystan municipal district – **Zoya Loseva**, the representative of the Council of the Priests of the Russian Federation – **priest Dlonisiy**. The goal of the congratulatory campaign was “to show children the connection of generations, to cultivate respect for military feat”.²²⁵



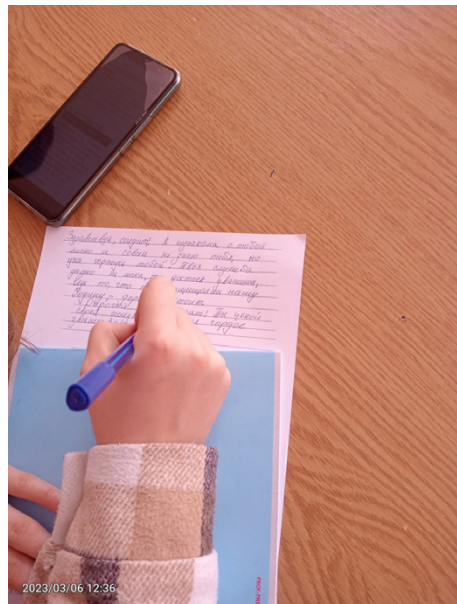
Cultural institutions and schools of Chaplynka municipal district organized the exhibition of children’s letters and drawings, which were later sent to soldiers on the frontlines.²²⁶

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In Vadim school of Kalanchak municipal district, open lessons “Heroes of our time” and “A letter to a soldier” were held for patriotic education of the younger generation to “form an image of a true patriot and defender of the Fatherland”.²²⁷ Although it is stated that children write letters independently and voluntarily, it can be seen that a child is copying the prepared letter from the phone screen, and the wording itself raises doubts that these letters are written by younger schoolchildren.



To the “Defender of the Fatherland Day”, members of the “Movement of the First” in Zaporizhzhia region sent humanitarian aid to soldiers of the army of the Russian Federation, which included hygienic products, clothes, blankets and food kits: canned food, cereals, tea and sweets.²²⁸



Camps and recreation

Children from Kgherson region took part in the all-Russian project “City of Discoveries”, during which 44 children from Kherson region visited the capital of the Russian Federation at the invitation of the Moscow government. This trip was organized with the support of the so-called “Ministry of Labor and Social Policy of Kherson region”, headed by **Alla Barkhatnova**. Hosting of children was organized by the Department of National Policy and Interregional Relations of Moscow and other specialized organizations. Children had career guidance testing and received recommendations from experts on choosing their future professions.²²⁹

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A total of 1620 children were sent to Moscow for the New Year holidays, promised to be shown “a real New Year miracle” by Rosmolodyozh, Russian Movement of Schoolchildren and “The Great Change”.²³⁰

On January 22, 2023, 26 students of Henichesk Medical College went to the “Artek” camp for 3 weeks, where they were offered a health and education program.²³¹ In total, more than 60 children from Kherson region went there. Organization of such a trip has become possible thanks to a December meeting of children with the Minister of Education of the Russian Federation **Sergey Kravtsov** and the directors of the children’s centers “Artek” – **Konstantin Fedorenko** and “Orlyonok” – **Aleksander Dzheus**.²³²

From February 13 to February 27, on the initiative of Maria Lvova-Belova, the first camp session in 2023 was held as a part of the strategic program “Country for children”, for the teenagers in the age 15-17 from Donetsk and Luhansk Peoples Republics, Zaporizhzhia, Kherson and Belgorod regions. A large vocational educational program was prepared for them, which included excursions to Moscow.²³³

35 schoolchildren from Kamianka-Dniprovska Raion of Zaporizhzhia region took part in the second camp session in 2023 – “The day after tomorrow” which took place in Moscow region. A total of 155 schoolchildren from Zaporizhzhia region already took part in camp sessions as a part of the program “Country for children”.²³⁴ 196 teenagers aged 15-17 from the Ukrainian territories, occupied by the Russian Federation, as well as from Kursk and Briansk regions came to the social and psychological rehabilitation. Those are children or relatives of the mobilized, volunteer servicemen and soldiers. A total of 1,191 teenagers from the “new regions” and Belgorod region took part in this program, and by the end of 2023 it is planned to organize 9 more camp sessions.²³⁵

The so-called “Ministry of Youth Policy and Sports of Kherson region” organized a trip for active young people to the historical-patriotic event in the occupied Crimea, which took place in the period from March 16 to March 20, 2023. During the trip, the representatives of Kherson region aged 14-35 were involved in studying the history of Crimea, heroic feats and events related to the “Great Patriotic

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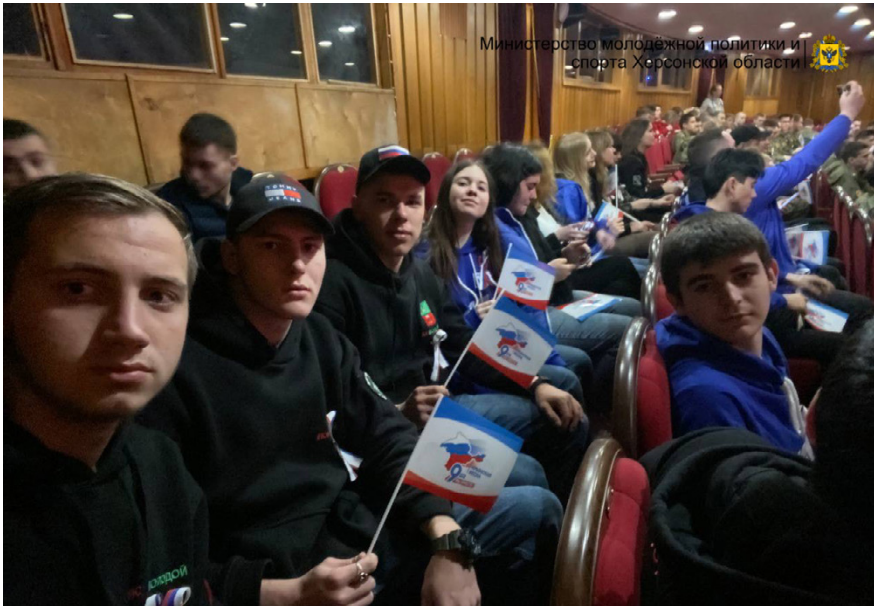
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War". The main goal of the trip for the youth was "the exchange of experience, which allows to bring two subjects of the Russian Federation closer".²³⁶





Four young activists from the occupied Kherson region took part in a four-day educational program of the “Tavrida” Art-cluster in the occupied Crimea on the territory of the University of Creative Industries.²³⁷ The activists of the youth movement from Zaporizhzhia region met with the representatives of youth movements from Sevastopol and visited the regional headquarters of #WeAreTogether, which also operates in the territory of Zaporizhzhia region.²³⁸

On March 27-28, 2023, “Marathon of the First” took place in Krasnodar Krai, in which children from Zaporizhzhia region took part.²³⁹



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Also, in 2023, children from Kherson region will go for rest and study in Primorye – to the Far East, in the children’s camp on the shores of the Sea of Japan. **Vladimir Saldo** and the head of the all-Russian children’s center “Ocean” Natalia Solovei signed the corresponding agreement.²⁴⁰

The so-called “Head of Crimea” **Vladimir Konstantinov** paid a working visit to the children’s camp “Luchisty” in Yevpatoria, in which more than 620 children from Kherson region have rested since October 2022. As of March 1, there were 90 children there.²⁴¹



“The Insider” writes that they identified the person, who intimidated and beat Ukrainian children, who were taken to the “Druzhba” camp in Yevpatoria. He turned out to be a former employee of the “Berkut” special forces **Valeriy Astakhov**, who in 2014 already relocated dozens of children from Slovyansk to Rostov region in the Russian Federation, and in the “Druzhba” camp he was taking children to the basement, showing them a rod and threatening to beat them for supporting Ukraine.²⁴²

MOVEMENTS OF CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Branches of the Russian youth movements and local initiatives are being actively opened in the occupied territories of Kherson and Zaporizhzhia regions. The so-called “Ministry of Youth Policy” held a presentation of the youth organizations of the occupied parts of Zaporizhzhia region:

- #YugMolodoi (<https://t.me/YugMolodoj>)
- #WeAreTogether (<https://t.me/paraskanlive>)

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241 https://t.me/va_konstantinov/1588

242 <https://www.pravda.com.ua/news/2023/03/27/7395176/>

- “Volunteers of the Victory” (https://t.me/zapobedu_ZO)
- “Russian Youth Union” (https://t.me/rsm_zp)
- “Russian Movement of Children and Youth: Movement of the First” (https://t.me/rddm_zp)
- “Young Guard of the United Russia” (https://t.me/mger_85)
- “Do It!” (<https://t.me/delayzp>)
- “All-Russian Students Rescue Corps” (<https://t.me/vskrsrscor>)
- “Volunteer Medics” (<https://t.me/volmedic>)
- KVN Union (Club of the Funny and Inventive)²⁴³



Similar presentations also took place in Melitopol.²⁴⁴ In addition, agitators visit Melitopol schools, encouraging children to join the “centers” of the all-Russian movements of children and youth, convincing children that “Russia is cool, perspective and modern”.²⁴⁵ Representatives of the occupation administrations are actively engaged in this. The so-called “Minister of Youth Policy of Zaporizhzhia region” **Anton Titskyi** visited school No. 1 in the city of Tokmak, where he talked about the volunteer movements and discussed the development of youth policy in Tokmak.²⁴⁶

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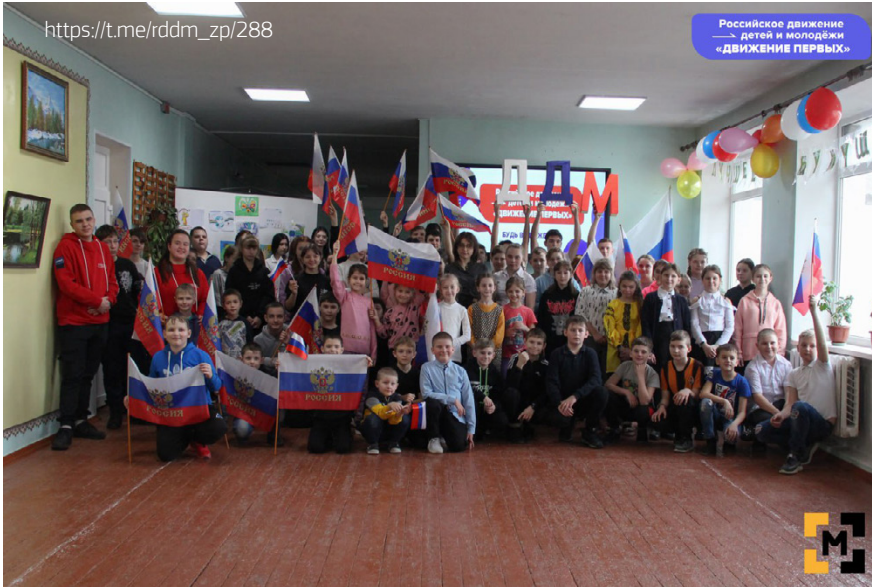
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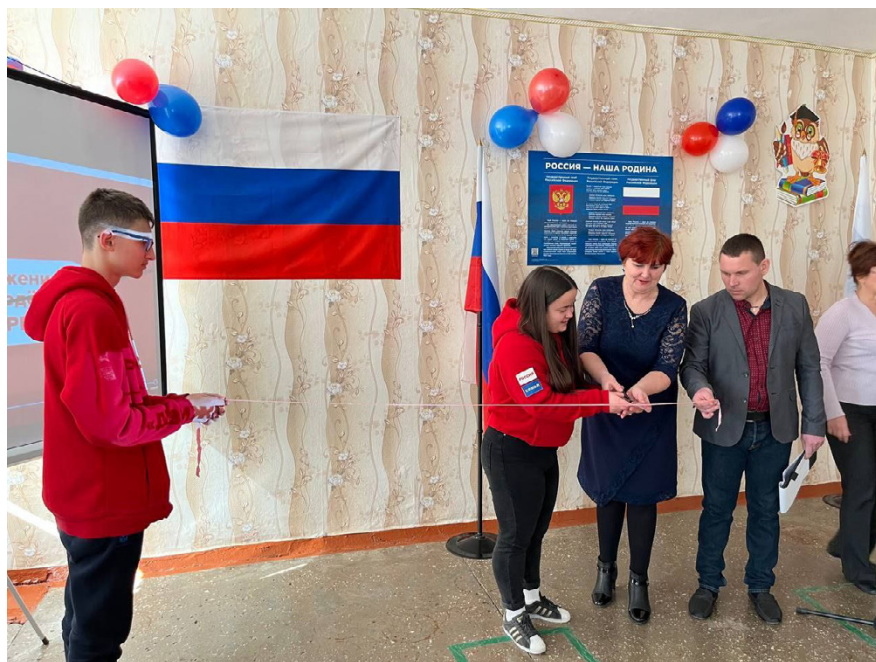
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● Movement of the First Zaporizhzhia region

In Zaporizhzhia region, new centers of the “Movement of the First” were opened at a frantic pace.







Date of opening	Educational institution
January 20	Melitopol Technical School No. 2 ²⁴⁷
January 23	Melitopol schools No. 6 and No. 4 ²⁴⁸
February 9	Melitopol State University ²⁴⁹
February 18-25	Radionovka school No. 28, Rozivka school No. 29, Vovchanske school No. 31, Yakymivka schools No. 26 and No. 27, Yakymivka Lyceum ²⁵⁰
February 27	Novodanylivka school No. 32 and Velyka Ternivka school No. 33 ²⁵¹ Kostiantynivka school No. 2 ²⁵²

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During one week from February 3 to February 10	Pryazovske school No. 9, Volodymyrivske school No. 10, Bohdanivka school No. 11, Terpinnya school No. 13, Spasivka school No. 15, Promin school No. 16, Svitla Dolyna school No. 17. ²⁵³
During one week from February 12 to February 19	10 centers in Orlivka school No. 62, Danylo-Ivanivka school No. 18, Fruktove school No. 19, Dolynka school No. 20, Mordvynivka school No. 21, Novhorodkivka school No. 22, Novomykolaivka school No. 23, Semenivka school No. 24, Vysoke school No. 25 and Polyanivka school No. 61. ²⁵⁴
As of February 28	More than 40 centers of the all-Russian movement of children and youth “Movement of the first” are actively operating in the territory of Zaporizhzhia region.
	Tavriiske school No. 35 and Peremoha school No. 34 in Melitopol Raion. ²⁵⁵
March 19-26	Villages: Novodniprovka, Blahovishchenka, Vodyane, Novodyanske, Zapovitne; cities: Dniprorudne and Enerhodar. ²⁵⁶
March 27 – April 1	Dniprovka school No. 1, Dniprovka school No. 2, Mala Bilozerka school No. 2, Balky and Pryshyb schools ²⁵⁷
March 12	Oleksandrivka school No. 46 and Stepanivka school No. 47 ²⁵⁸
March 13	Devninske school No. 48 and Novobohdanivka school No. 49 ²⁵⁹
March 15	Starobohdanivka school No. 49, Vidrozhennya school No. 50, Zaporizke school No. 51, Vesele school No. 52, Vesele Professional Agricultural Lyceum ²⁶⁰

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March 17	Novovasylyvka school No. 53, Hannivka school No. 54, Voskresenka school No. 58, Hanno-Opanlynka school No. 63 ²⁶¹
March 20	Enerhodar schools No. 2 and No. 4 ²⁶²
March 29	Mala Bilozerka school No. 1 and Dniprovka school No. 2 ²⁶³

Kherson region

On January 24, 2023, a branch was opened at the Henichesk College of Service. It has already become the third in the city, after the centers opened at the end of last year in the school No. 1 and in Henichesk Medical College. It is planned to open the movement centers in every educational institution of Kherson region.²⁶⁴ On March 27, 2023, the primary branch of the “Movement of the First” was opened in Prymorske school.²⁶⁵ On March 20, 2023, the ceremonial opening of the primary branch of the “Movement of the First” was held in Hryhorivka village school in Kherson region.²⁶⁶



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• YugMolodoi

On March 21, 2023, the first congress of the youth movement #YugMolodoi took place in Zaporizhzhia region at the base of the so-called “Ministry of Youth Policy”, where over 300 participants held a reporting and election conference and summed up their activities. During the event, **Yulia Klymenko** was elected as the leader of the Inter-regional movement #YugMolodoi#, and **Nikita Romanenko** and **Sofiya Samar-skaya** – as the leaders of the branches of Zaporizhzhia and Kherson regions.²⁶⁷





As a part of the first congress of the youth movement #YugMolodoi, the so-called “Minister of Youth Policy” **Anton Titskyi** awarded the so-called “Deputy Head of the Government of Zaporizhzhia Region” **Aleksey Lysov**, as well as musical performers Akim Apachev and Daria Frei, presenting them honorary awards “For significant contribution in the implementation of the youth policy in Zaporizhzhia region”.²⁶⁸

In Melitopol State University named after Anton Makarenko (Berdyansk branch), a meeting of the #YugMolodoi movement members took place, at which more than 60 people were present. In addition, new members, who filled out application forms, joined the team. Most active members of the #YugMolodoi movement received diplomas and thermal mugs.²⁶⁹

On the eve of the “Defender of the Fatherland Day”, the activists of the youth movement #YugMolodoi from the urban-type settlement Chernihivka held a contest of children’s drawings.²⁷⁰



In Melitopol, children took part in the consecration of the future site of the construction of a chapel in honor of Yaroslav the Wise in the territory of the so-called “Ministry of Youth Policy”, and also went on a humanitarian trip together with the activists from the regional branch of the “Young Guard of the United Russia”. As a part of the meeting with the leader of the #YugMolodoi movement Yulia Klimenko children from Prymorsk received the #YugMolodoi symbols, and also watched the presentation of all youth public organizations operating in Zaporizhzhia region.²⁷¹

The activists of the Pryazovske youth movement #YugMolodoi visited Pryazovske school No. 9 and held an information hour for high school students on the top-

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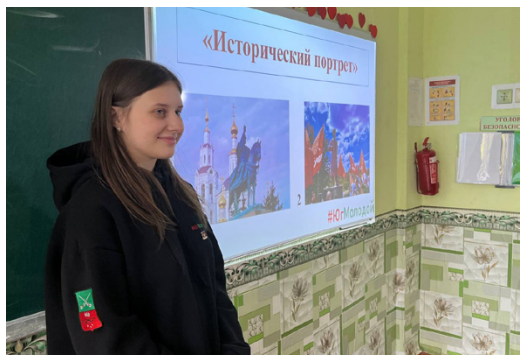


ic “We are one”, about volunteering, self-determination and self-identification in modern life. The information hour was also attended by the members of the “Movement of the First”, who presented sweet gifts to schoolchildren as a part of the “Moscow helps” campaign.²⁷²

#YugMolodoi and children of the city of Dniprorudne sent amulets and letters to the Russian soldiers – Motanka dolls, made by their own hands.²⁷³ On the eve of the “Defender of the Fatherland Day”, members of #YugMolodoi from Zaporizhzhia region congratulated men on the streets of Melitopol, expressing gratitude and respect, and also handed out St. George’s ribbons.²⁷⁴



The #YugMolodoi members also held a quiz “Russia is my Motherland” in Melitopol school No. 1 for students of 11th grades.²⁷⁵



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• The Young Guard of the Russian Federation

In Chernihivka Raion of Zaporizhzhia region, the opening of the local branch of “The Young Guard of the United Russia” took place, in which the so-called “Head of the Military-Civil Administration of Chernihivka Raion” **Ilona Shchipenko** took part. As a part of the event, Gennadiy Bezklubov was elected as the head of the branch, and also the local headquarters of the organization was created.²⁷⁶ In Dniprorudne, the local branch of “The Young Guard of the United Russia” opened, headed by **Vladimir Cherkashyn**.²⁷⁷



The activists of the youth organizations “The Young Guard of the United Russia”, “Volunteers of the Victory” and “Volunteer Medics” held a commemorative event in children’s camp “Molodaya Gvardiya”, dedicated to the anniversary of the execution of members of the “Young Guard” Soviet underground organization.²⁷⁸ Also, “You Young Guard of the United Russia” organized a master class of the World Champions in Boxing and Combat Sambo **Dmitry Pirog** and **Fedor Durymanov** for sportsmen from Melitopol.²⁷⁹

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Melitopol kindergarten No. 44 received literature, children's kits and children's food.²⁸⁰ In addition, the activists of the regional branch of the "Young Guard of the United Russia" together with the "Volunteer Company of the Battle Brotherhood" delivered 200 units of children's literature to the Melitopol kindergartens No. 43 and No. 17.²⁸¹



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- Other

Patriotic detachments of schoolchildren “Volunteers of the Victory” were created in Zaporizhzhia region.²⁸² On the day of remembrance of the Holocaust victims, the activists of the movement, on behalf of Melitopol Jewish community, urged “their like-minded people around the world to help end the support for the Kyiv regime and prevent the resurgence of Nazism”.²⁸³

Also, the organization “Volunteer Medics” was created, which is also active in the occupied Sevastopol. Sevastopol “Volunteer Medics” met with young people from Zaporizhzhia region and introduced the movement to the children, encouraging them to join it in the future.²⁸⁴



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The Movement “I am Kherson” is quite active in Kherson region. The representatives of this movement, together with the members from Melitopol and Skadovsk, took part in the IV International Youth Conference “Yalta Conference of the Heads of Allied States. Experience in Finding Compromises” on the topic “Change of State Borders in Conditions of the Post-Yalta World”. At the conference, processes of “integration of Kherson region” into the Russian Federation and the participation of young people in the “events of the new history” were discussed.²⁸⁵

Also, local branches of the movements “Do it!”, “Volunteers of the Victory” and “Volunteer Medics” opened in Berdyansk and Primorsk.²⁸⁶

The “Young Traffic Inspectors” detachments have been created and are actively developing in all educational institutions of the city of Berdyansk and Berdyansk Raion. As a part of the regional large-scale campaign “Safe Spring Roads”, preventive activities “Safe Pedestrian Walk” were held in Berdyansk, when children together with the employees of the Department of State Road Safety Inspectorate of the Department of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Russian Federation drew attention to both pedestrians and drivers.²⁸⁷



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Cultural events

The American pianist of Ukrainian origin Valentina Lisitsa gave another solo concert in Henichesk, dedicated to the 150th anniversary of the Russian composer Sergei Rachmaninov. Concert events were organized by the so-called “Ministry of Culture of Kherson region”, “Young Army” and the “Tavria” TV and Radio company.²⁸⁸

Students of Chulakivka school in Henichesk took part in the “Kaleidoscope of Talents” festival and demonstrated a choreographic performance to Shaman’s song “Ya Russkiy” (“I am Russian”).²⁸⁹

On February 25, 2023, Henichesk activists supported the all-Russian sports and patriotic campaign “Being healthy is trendy”. More than 30 persons of various age simultaneously doused themselves with cold water from buckets painted in colors of the Russian flag.²⁹⁰

Higher Education Institutions

The Pyatigorsk State University hosted the all-Russian scientific and practical conference “Issues of countering the ideology of terrorism in modern conditions”, where Kherson region was represented by the rector of the so-called “Kherson Technical University” **Galina Raiko**.



This seminar is extremely important, because for the universities of the liberated territories it is the methodological and legal basis, which regulates all further activities of the university. The integration of the university into the educational space is the main and priority direction. I would like to say that, as a result of the evacuation, KTU relocated to the city of Henichesk in Kherson region, where we have an educational building. All classes take place in full-time and extramural form.”²⁹¹

According to the new law on the integration of education, students in Kherson region, who graduated from the local Higher Education Institutions in 2022, will receive Russian diplomas. In addition, citizens of the Russian Federation, who used to study at the universities in the “newly occupied” territories, will be able to

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continue their studies at the universities of the Russian Federation.²⁹² However, it is known that in the occupied Berdyansk, for example, there are difficulties with establishing the educational process in the seized Pedagogical University, due to the lack of personnel.²⁹³

A youth project “From Zero to Career”, organized by the Russian society “Knowledge”, was launched at the Melitopol State University named after Anton Makarenko. This project offers a “two-day intensive” from “the best Russian experts in the field of career and business development”. The so-called “Deputy Minister for Youth Policy” **Veronika Aksyutina** took part in the opening of the project.²⁹⁴ Also, a presentation conference “Russian Student Units in Zaporizhzhia Region: Opportunities for Fulfillment in Student and Professional Activities” took place in Melitopol State University. “Russian Student Units” is the biggest youth organization in the Russian Federation, which provides employment to more than 150,000 young people, and also engages in “civil and patriotic education”.²⁹⁵

At the Melitopol State University, the rector **Andrey Chuikov** met with the representatives of the All-Russian Students Rescue Corps. During the meeting, the parties signed the agreement on cooperation with the involvement of students in rescue training programs at the All-Russian Center for the Preparation of Students Rescue Formations.²⁹⁶



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