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ט"ו מר חשון, פרשת וירא, תשפ"ב

Save the date....."Game Night" at DHR

Sunday, December 19th, 7pm-9pm

Enjoy a night out for adults - full of fabulous food and fun!

Calendar

- Thursday, Nov. 11: No School/Veterans Day/Conferences
- Wednesday, Nov. 24: No School/Staff development 9am-2pm
- Thurs., Nov.25 Wed., Dec. 1: No School Thanksgiving/ Chanuka Break

Middos Mentions!



Binyomin was working so diligently and patiently during Middos class even though the assignment was hard! Great job!!



Ahuva helped clean up a mess that wasn't hers!

Raziel asked where to put his eraser and when he was shown the bin, he collected all of the erasers & pencils so they would be put away properly!

Yisroel was asked to open a window and he couldn't reach it, so instead of giving up, he got a chair, brought it to the window and helped the teacher!





Adina, Atara, Tehila L (5/6 girls) for rushing to help clean up when a giant liquid-filled fidget toy EXPLODED on the staircase. We truly appreciate their zerirzus. Effective immediately, students should NOT bring liquid-filled toys to

It's all in a day's work or play...



Thank you to...

..Mr. & Mrs. Stein for donating 3 cases of Gefen soup to the 8th grade class fundraiser and for alerting us to a great donation of a combination ping pong/pool/foosball table for our game room! ..Mrs. Sue Segelman for her donating new decorative kitchen & serving bowls to DHR!

...Mrs. Karen Kessler for volunteering in our kindergarten class!

Congratulations!

Mr. and Mrs. Cole Anderson (DHR Science Teacher) on the birth of their daughter, Sophia.

From the Principal

October 22, 2021

Mrs. Lea Goldstein

Chinuch: Training for Life

The Torah relates how Avraham involved his son Yishmael in preparing the food for his guests. The Jewish patriarch did this in order to educate him in the observance of mitzvos (Bereishis 18:7 and Rashi). There is a mitzvah of chinuch, to train and educate one's progeny in their formative years of childhood, despite the fact that the obligation of mitzvah observance is only upon Jewish adults. This mitzvah involves the training and educating of our children in the ways of Torah living. In the famous words of the wisest man, Shlomo HaMelech, Chanoch l'naar al pi darko... "Train a child in the way he should go; when he matures, he will not deviate from it" (Mishlei 22:6).

The word "chinuch", often translates as "training" or "education", but it actually means "inauguration" (Rashi, Bereishis 14:14). There is nothing as important as the inaugural stage. It establishes the precedent from where everything subsequently flows: "Everything follows after the origin" (Pirkei DeRabbi Eliezer Ch.42). It is the map indicating the direction in which one is heading.

In the life of a Jew, chinuch is the basic introduction to Judaism for one's offspring, when the child experiences his induction to what Jewish living is all about. The values and ideals of a Jew – such as good character traits, faith in Hashem and love of Torah – are stamped upon the precious Jewish soul in his most impressionable developing years.

When a child learns to speak, he is immediately taught to say "The Torah that Moshe commanded us is the inheritance of the Congregation of Yaakov" (Devarim 33:4). This verse is so special because it conveys the treasured legacy that each Jewish child inherits from the parents; how their child is the next link in the chain of mesorah, the Jewish tradition. Every Jewish child is a torchbearer. Only through a successful "inauguration" can Jewish parents hope for the continuity of their Jewish living. Where Torah ideals are important to parents, they then become important to their children, who follow their example. The child joyously accustomed and enthusiastic to a life of mitzvah observance is likely to elect to continue forward on this religious pathway once he enters adulthood. Chinuch sets out to mold the child by correcting personality faults and rooting out bad traits. It arms a Jewish soul in his passage through life by providing him with the Torah outlook to successfully tackle life's vicissitudes, to love G-d and have an unswerving faith in Him to living the life of a Jew.

Excerpted from an article from Torah.org by R' Osher Chaim Levene, author of Set in Stone, 2004.

Benching Superstars!

Malka Burger Menachem Caro Shira Chastain Chana Cohen Leora Diskind

Baruch Ber Herman Ahuva Kilimnick Aviva Kuyunov Russi Max Michal Polatoff

Yosef Shulman Aliza Sloviter Shevy Sloviter Hannah Ulloa

Chanukah Soldier Packages!

Once again, we are asking DHR families to help us send Chanuka cards and care packages to U.S. soldiers serving around the world. All cards and donations need to be in the DHR office by Friday, Nov. 15.

Condolences to...

...Mrs. Malkie Eisenberg and family upon the petirah of her father Rabbi Dr. Mordechai Glick.

...the family of Levi Kamensky, former Rochesterian and DHR student. המקום ינחם אתכם בתוך שאר אבלי ציון וירושלים

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