

Derech HaTorah of Rochester The Path of Respect and Excellence

November 10, 2022 ט"ו מר חשון, פרשת וירא, תשפ"ג

Calendar

Fri., Nov. 11- Staff Development Day 9am-12pm - No School Tues., Nov. 22- Evening Parent -Teacher Conf. 6:00pm - 8:00pm Wed., Nov. 23- Parent-Teacher Conferences - 10:00am - 12:00pm and 12:30pm to 2:30pm- No School

Thurs., Nov. 24 - Fri., Nov. 25- Thanksgiving Break - No School Mon., Dec. 19 - Save the Date for TIUNY & DHR's Chanuka Party!

Work & Fun at DHR...



Benching Superstars

Ephraim Burger Rochie Dan Sara Katz Rikki Lagunov Liba Mittel Ahron Shulman Aliza Sloviter Nechemia Solomon Tzipporah Twersky Nosson Vogel Moshe Zargary

Tehillim Challenge

On Monday, we announced the exciting new Tehillim Challenge for our middle school girls:

- ◆ Say/Read the entire ספר תהלים in Hebrew & English from now (11/7/22) until Chanuka (12/26/22).
- Have a parent sign that they heard/saw you recite each of the "7 days" of Sefer Tehillim.
- Win \$75 cash and a new Artscroll Interlinear Tehillim! Everyone who completes the sefer is a winner!
- May this inspire our talmidos to develop a lifelong connection to the beauty of Tehillim.
- ♦ Sponsored by the Davidowitz Family in loving memory of Helen Schlesinger who devotedly completed Sefer Tehillim every week for decades! לזכר נשמת רבקה בת יצחק אייזיק

Thank you to...

...Kate Lipsky for her very generous donation of \$500 to DHR! ...DHR little talmidim who live on Varinna and Rhinecliff for collecting donations for the school totaling \$6.66!

... Aliza Berenstein (DHR Class of 2015) for sponsoring Naomi's Snax (for children who forget snacks) in memory of her Aunt Naomi Malka Bas Rochel!



Chanukah Soldier Packages!





From the Principal

Dr. Lea E. Goldstein

This week's principal's letter is dedicated to some very special kind-hearted, thoughtful children who are showing us that teaching Middos pays precious dividends!

The first incident happened on Friday, during Rabbi Cohen's third grade class auction/store. Two boys decided to pool their funds to increase their chances of getting a bigger prize. Sadly, one got a bit greedy and quickly bought himself a big prize and told his partner that he could get the next prize in a few weeks. Dismissal was moments later and the boy who got the proverbial short end of the stick walked sadly out of the building – without any of the adults realizing what had transpired. Another boy in the class realized what happened and arranged for his own prize to be delivered to the boy who didn't get a prize. When the teacher told me what happened on Monday morning (as the boy brought his "Middos Menshen" into the office), I asked him what motivated him to give up his prize. He said, "well, I asked myself, which is more important, my new putty or his feelings and the chance to get a mitzvah"! Wow!

On Monday, we had some logistical challenges with substitutes and coverage. Mrs. London thoughtfully volunteered to take the 4th and 5th grade boys outside for recess. As they were going outside, a student said, "thank you so much for taking us outside for recess, it was very nice of you".

On Tuesday, Mrs. Sanders sent the following note to a parent: Just wanted to let you know what a responsible, kind, and respectful son you are raising. He participated in Physics class today by raising his hand and answering challenging questions. After class, he noticed that I was left with 17 heavy books to tend to along with a mess left behind by his peers who ran out the door to get to lunch on time. He stayed behind and gathered all the books for me while helping to clean the room - without being asked.

While any type of chesed is beautiful, the real challenge is teaching our children to stretch beyond their comfort zones; inspiring them to go against their natures. If they tend towards stinginess, teach them to share; if they don't like reaching outside their circle of friends, encourage them to invite over a less popular child. That's where the real growth begins. There are few greater moments of true nachas and pride than the times when our children go out of their way to make someone feel good. May all of our school's parents be

Condolences to ...

...Mrs. Esther Caro on the passing of her uncle, Jonathan Levine.

"המקום ינחם אתכם בתוך שאר אבלי ציון וירושלים"

Middos Mentions...

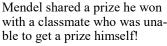


children!

Ben was a wonderful role model and listener in P.E. class!

zoche to get nachas reports like this about their

Binyamin helped in P.E. class and was a great listener!





Yosef helped clean the lunch room. He also cleaned someone else's mess in the classroom. Such a Tzadik!



Zelda shared her snack with her sister. How thoughtful!

