

Derech HaTorah of Rochester The Path of Respect and Excellence

November 12, 2021 ח' כסלו, פרשת ויצא, 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

- Wednesday, Nov. 24: No School/Staff Development 9am-2pm
- Thurs., Nov.25 Wed., Dec. 1: No School Thanksgiving/ Chanuka Break

Middos Mentions!



Michal helped her friend clean up a mess without being asked!



Devorah helped a friend with his Art Project and gave up computer time to help clean the Art room!



Parsnips grown in our school garden!



Wonders of a chocolate fountain!



4th grade intro to science lab!

Thank you to...

- ...Rabbi & Mrs. Michoel Abrahamson for the Yahrtzeit donation. ...Visionary DHR donors -and now parents - Drs. Ariel and
- Zemirah Eidelman for their major donation to DHR this week. Wow!
- ...The incredible Lyn & Jeff Springut for their major donation to DHR this week. It came with this note: "A small donation, sent with love".
- ...From the 8th grade boys to Rabbi Chastain for helping with all of their fundraisers. They really appreciate his help!

Chanukah Soldier Packages!

Soldiers' Chanuka Cards and Care Packages need to be at DHR by Monday, November 15th. Mr. Keith Freedman, the organizer, asked us to announce that a record 100 schools in more than 35 states are participating this year! If possible, please put the school name, child's first name and first letter of their last name on the back of the cards or on the packages. Mr. Freedman often receives thank you emails and photos and he makes every effort to forward them on to the schools.

From the Principal

Mrs. Lea Goldstein

It was great seeing so many of you at conferences. We hope that you were pleased with the new "arena" style format. We will learn more as we digest all of the parent and teacher conference comments that were put into the "comments box" that was set up in the lunchroom during conferences.

Our priority and most important consideration is to partner with you, DHR parents, to make sure that each and every one of your children receives what they need. Throughout the school year, please reach out directly to your child(ren)'s teachers if you have any concerns so issues don't fester or get blown out of proportion.

As we've mentioned many times before, we utilize the team conference format, even though it's harder to schedule, because of its many benefits. We've found that when we work as a team with parents and teachers, we can problem-solve collaboratively, share what works, what's been tried, and make suggestions for improvement.



Covid Updates ...

Like last year, we, at DHR, believe that in-person learning is essential and imperative. As you might have heard, a new study out of Japan (Fukumoto, McClean and Nakagawa, 2021) investigated the effectiveness of school closures as one of the most frequent non -pharmaceutical interventions and the effectiveness of these policies at mitigating community transmission. The study assessed the causal effect of school closures in Japan on reducing the spread of COVID-19 in spring 2020. Not surprisingly, they not find any evidence that school closures reduced the spread of COVID-19. Their null results suggest that policies on school closures should be reexamined given the potential negative consequences and substantial costs, such as learning loss.

With yet another piece of evidence from Israel (Somekh, Boker and Shohat, 2021) that children not only are at low risk for developing COVID-19 but also don't play a significant role in its spread while attending school, we are hoping that perhaps the tides will change regarding the threats of quarantines and forced school

However, in the interim, please don't send your children to school if they have a cough, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, or have lost their sense of taste or smell. Additionally, if they have fever, chills, muscle aches, headache, sore throat, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea or fatigue, please keep them home until they have been tested for COVID-19 and received a negative result.

Thanks for your caution and assistance in keeping everyone healthy and helping us avoid having to quarantine classes or close school.

Benching Superstars!

Leora Diskind Russi Max Yosef Shulman Esther Hadassah Mory Adina Herman Hannah Ulloa Baruch Ber Herman Michal Polatoff Sara Katz Meir Leib Shulman

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