



Derech HaTorah of Rochester

The Path of Respect and Excellence

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Summer Fun!



Big Reminders!

Please take a moment to review these important DHR reminders to ensure a successful start to the new school year.

- ~ Supply Lists - School supply lists are available on our website, (www.derechhatorah.org) - under the downloads tab.
- ~ Summer Homework - Recommended summer homework is available on our website (www.derechhatorah.org) - under the downloads tab. Please remind students that they will earn DHR dollars that can be used at our fabulous new and improved back-to-school DHR summer homework store!
- ~ Student Fees - Please send the completed, mandatory Student Fee form, along with payment, to the DHR office by August 15th. Thank you!
- ~ Immunizations/Physical Exams - NYSED requires an annual physical exam for new entrants and students entering grades K, 1, 3, 5 and 7. Please have your doctor fax over the completed forms as soon as possible to DHR at (585) 486-1089 or email to secretary@derechhatorah.org. Per state law, there are no religious exemptions.
- ~ District Registration & Busing - Please make sure that your children are fully registered within their school district and that you have submitted all required transportation/busing documentation. This information was due to the districts on April 1st.
- ~ Tuition Contracts - Tuition contracts will be mailed out this week. Please sign and return yours with post dated checked to the DHR office by August 15th, 2021. Unfortunately, we will not permit students to start school without signed contracts, post-dated checks and student fees submitted to the office.
- ~ The DHR Uniform Gemach has moved to DHR! If you would like to "shop", please call the office to schedule a time to do so!

Calendar

- ~ Fri. Aug. 27th: Teacher Work Day (9 - 1pm)
- ~ Mon. Aug. 30th - Tues. Aug. 31st: Teacher Work Days (9 - 3pm)
- ~ Tues. Aug. 31st **Open House & Ice Cream Social (2 - 2:30pm)**
- ~ Wed. Sept. 1st: **First Day of School!**
- ~ Sun. Sept. 5th: **Save the Date! Giant Thank You BBQ & Back to School Party (12 - 2pm)**
- ~ Mon. Sept. 6th: Labor Day (No School)
- ~ Tues. Sept 7th - Wed. Sept. 8th: Rosh Hashana Break (no school)
- ~ Thurs. Sept. 9th: Tzom Gedalia (1pm dismissal)
- ~ Mon. Sep. 13th: "Meet the Teacher" Night
- ~ Wed. Sept. 15th: Erev Yom Kippur (no school)
- ~ Thurs. Sept. 16th: Yom Kippur (no school)
- ~ Fri. Sept. 17th - Thurs. Sept. 30th: Sukkos Break (no school)

Exciting New Developments Mrs. Lea Goldstein

- We are thrilled to announce that we have a **wonderful, new Kindergarten general studies teacher!!** Kate Klatt has her Masters in Early Childhood Inclusive Education from Nazareth and is NYS certified in Early Childhood Education (Birth-Gr. 2) and Students with Disabilities (Birth-Gr. 2). Kate has experience working as a Kindergarten teacher and in Early Intervention and Pre-school. Mrs. Klatt is also a Certified Child Life Specialist and has 20 years of experience working with children (and their families) who have been diagnosed with life threatening illnesses. Kate is a mom to three children and loves spending time with her family and their pets, crafting, gardening, reading and doing anything on the water. She is SO excited about joining the DHR faculty!

- Speaking of Kindergarten, to accommodate our largest incoming kindergarten ever, we have some new furniture, but most importantly, we are working on **hiring a para/aide** and we will have several of our **superstar teachers pushing in to the kindergarten classroom throughout the day to provide an extra pair of experienced and qualified hands.** They will help with both Hebrew and English reading, math, projects, activities and the development of social skills.

- Thanks to a very generous grant from the Dan family through the Federation, DHR is getting **additional security upgrades this summer!** We are replacing the original doors and door frames on the older part of the building with new, high security doors and frames. These doors will significantly improve our ability to protect our children if an intruder ever, chas veshalom, gained access to our facility. Additionally, this funding will enable us to replace the old windows in the ground and first floor rooms that have not yet been upgraded to the shatter-proof, safety windows. Finally, we are in the process of scheduling the construction of a sliding access gate at the entrance to our campus! We'll keep you updated!

- In keeping with our efforts to continuously upgrade our programming, we're excited to **share the news that Mrs. Mariam Mammon will have an expanded role** in our middos programming and in providing extra social/emotional supports for our students. She will continue to teach middos classes, and will have scheduled "tea & talk" time for students at all three lunch periods. Additionally, she will have scheduled slots to meet with teachers and our two counselors to help troubleshoot issues with friendships, classroom dynamics, etc., and she will have time in her day to talk with parents about their children's social needs. Finally, we are looking forward to fun and interactive Rosh Chodesh events coordinated by Mrs. Mammon.

- We are working on finalizing our new all-star lineup of **Title I teachers.** We'll keep you updated.

- The classroom floors look great! After having them stripped and waxed, they are ready for teachers to start setting up their classrooms over the next few weeks! Yay!

Thank you to...

- ~ Mrs. Nancy Klein (& Cong. Rosh Pinah) for her \$100 donation.
- ~ R' & Mrs. Nossan Fromowitz for their donation of numerous books and sefarim.
- ~ Dr. Sandee Eiduson's estate for donating many books, sefarim and three wooden bookshelves in perfect condition.
- ~ Many more donors who will be listed in our next newsletter!

Condolences...

- ~ to R' Danny Goldstein upon the passing of his mother, Harriet Daar.
- ~ to Mrs. Devorah Scutaru upon the passing of her father, Jeffrey Stewart Firestone.

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