

G'mar Chasima Tova!



Middos Classes Update

A Glimpse into what we've been up to:

1st -3rd: We are learning about Respect and Derech Eretz at home, in school, and on the playground.

We have been using drama, art, group discussions and stories to help us learn this important topic!

Some of the topics we spoke about are: Respecting others' personal space, not interrupting, talking with inside voices, knocking before entering a room, standing up when a teacher walks in, not laughing when we see something or someone unusual, greeting others, etc.

4th: We are learning about Judging Others Favorably.

We have been reading stories, looking at optical illusions and role playing different situations to illustrate this important topic.

We did an experiment where the students had to read three different random pages of a chapter book and guess which book it was from and what the story was about. Of course, they couldn't come up with anything! We learned from this that EACH and EVERY person is a story. Sometimes when we meet someone or see someone, we see them at chapter 3 and don't really know how the beginning of their day was like and what their first 3 chapters entailed.

That is what we have to remember before we judge someone. We never really know the WHOLE STORY !!

Ask your children about what we've been learning and continue the discussions! Together, we can teach great middos!

Middos Menschen Stars of the Week:

- Gary Chilungu, 2nd grade - Gary gave his friend who was upset a class dollar and helped him feel better! SHARING & KINDNESS! - Mrs. Polatoff

- Mendel Hein, 3rd grade - While playing kickball, Mendel got out because of another player's mistake and he calmly went back without making the other player feel bad or embarrassing him. - R' Cohen

- Esther Mammon, 8th grade - Esther is possibly the only student who thanks me as I exit her class every day! It is nice to hear! - Ms. McDonnell

- Shimmy Max, 4th grade - Shimmy exited the lavatory and stood still to recite Asher Yatzar. - R' Roness

- Shmuel Mochkin, 1st grade - During morning work, Shmuel helped two of his friends with directions and showed them what to do (because Mrs. Klosterman was talking to another student). Shmuel was a superstar helper! - Mrs. Klosterman

- Benny Roness, 8th grade - Benny helped put up a table without being asked by anyone to help out. - R' Roness



From the Principal

Mrs. Lea Goldstein

I was deeply moved this week when, for the second time in two weeks, another brilliant educator in our community asked how she could help at DHR during her free time. Baruch Hashem, at Derech HaTorah, we are blessed with fabulous, talented mechanchim who give their all every day for our children. However, there is a limit to their strength and energy. Our teachers work so hard to plan exciting, interactive lessons and differentiate so the weakest students are supported and the strongest are challenged. Our creative, amazing general studies teachers are also supported by district special education teachers, speech-language teachers, PTs, OTs, counselors and title I teachers. Yet, they cannot do it all, and inevitably, some students only get 80 or 90 percent of what they could achieve if they had individualized attention.

Therefore, I am reaching out to those of you who can carve out a few hours, even once a week, to lend a hand at school. You don't have to be a brilliant educator, just a dedicated parent, grandparent or friend of DHR who can help out in classrooms. Please contact the office if you can make a commitment or would like to give it a try. Thank you!!!

!גמר חתימה טובה! - May it be a year of great joy and growth!

Benching Superstars!

Mindy Akkerman

Adina Goldstein

Mendel Hein



Mazel Tov...

...Rabbi and Mrs. Yitzi Shulman upon the birth of a baby boy, Aharon. ...Shalom Yaakov Tsits (7th) on the occasion of his bar mitzvah!

Get Ready for Yom Tov!

• Attention DHR boys in grades 7-8: You are invited to a Simchas Bais HaShoayvah at Rabbi Roness' house on Motzai Shabbos Chol Hamoed (10/7/17) starting at 9:00pm.

• 2 Day Yahrzeit Candles - 1 for \$2.25, 2 for \$4.00
Plastic/zippered lulav carriers - \$7.50
Contact R' Roness @ (585)271-6117
All proceeds go to DHR

Important Calendar Note:

Correction: Please note that the 5-8 boys will have Sunday classes this week (Oct. 1) but will not have Sunday classes right after Yom Tov (Oct. 15). Sorry for any inconvenience caused.

Thank You to...

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...the parents who signed up for Tops in Education - where the school earns money when our supporters shop at Tops. To those of you that have not signed up yet or signed up last year and would love to continue to support our school, you can enroll at TopsMarkets.com/Education. Thank you!

