Derech HaTorah of Rochester The Path of Respect and Excellence

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Learning From Home

We are so proud of all our DHR families, teachers and staff and students who have quickly and successfully adjusted to this 'new normal'. Take a look at some of our students learning alongside their classmates in their virtual classrooms!



Six Flags Read to Succeed

Students can still receive their free Six Flags tickets, regardless of their classroom situation. Parents can register their child(ren) at home by logging each child's reading hours. Once a student hits 6 hours of reading, Six Flags will deliver the ticket directly to your email. To register your child go to www.sixflags.com/books and use code 1KKCQ. The deadline to com-

plete the online reading log is April 17, 2020. Tickets will be sent out by Six Flags





Niddos Menchen Stars of the Week



to parent emails in May.

Ruvy Dan happily gave up half of his meal from Sabra to a sibling whose order got accidentally switched. Great job! Yerucham Dahari has been helping with his younger siblings and has been understanding of the situation and being cooped up at home, he has a very positive attitude!

From the Principal

Mrs. Lea Goldstein

First, I would like to thank all of you for your warm wishes and tefillos. We are recovering slowly, and we find ourselves agreeing wholeheartedly with those who say that this is no joke. It is a nasty, dangerous virus. Please do everything that you can to stay healthy.

We have received amazing feedback from so many DHR parents who are superheroes! They are taking care of their families and keeping their children on schedules that allow them to learn and keep up with their studies. We also have received dozens of pictures and videos of children hard at work, in addition to the great feedback from teachers about their well-attended (averaging 90%-100% attendance) daily Zoom classes.

We realize that the children also deserve a lot of credit for taking ownership of their learning. They are focused, responsible, emailing back completed homework and making sure that they have a quiet place to log on, work and learn.

Finally, a huge thank you to our teachers!! Within 24-48 hours, our teachers went from finding out that we were forced to close to creating full, online learning plans. I would also like to thank our assistant principal, Rabbi Dov Chastain, for devoting many hours to coordinating the training and logistics of our online learning.

Finally, people are asking when DHR will reopen. I wish that I knew the answer to that, but unfortunately, we all know that this crisis is not yet over and we don't know when it will end, nor when we will be allowed to welcome back our students. I do know that meanwhile, we are davening for the people who are fighting for their lives.

Rabbi Lazer Brody, in this week's Jewish Press, suggests turning the fear and panic over the coronavirus into an opportunity to get closer to Hashem, who "has the power to rescind harsh judgments and overturn nature."

And, in the words of Rabbi Yaakov Feitman, printed in this week's Yated, "there are many signs that we all have the opportunity to be better people and better Jews when all this is be'ezras Hashem over. Let's daven in our homes to bring an end to this plague, even as we prepare to remember how the makkos brought on Mitzrayim were the matrix for our rise out of the 49 levels of defilement to become the nation that received the Torah just a few weeks later (Haggadas Rav Tzadok of Lublin)."

May we be zoche to see the end of this plague, speedily! Be well and stay healthy!

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...Hydroponic romaine lettuce (for Pesach) is growing in our STEM lab! Special thanks to Mr. Gennadiy Mirochnik and ABC Aquari-

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