Derech HaTorah of Rochester The Path of Respect and Excellence From the Principal

September 11, 2020 כ"ב אלול, פרשיות נצבים - וילך, תש"פ

Welcome Back!



Welcome to our New Teachers!

- ~ Ms. Aimee Hunt, kindergarten and first grade general
- ~ Mrs. Kathy Clarke, third grade general studies
- ~ Mrs. Becca Swanton, 4/5 grade girls general studies
- ~ Mr. Cole Anderson, middle school science
- ~ Rabbi Dovid Ribakow, 4/5 boys general and 2nd grade Judaic



Important Reminder!

Allergy Notice:

Due to a student's severe, anaphylactic allergy, we are not allowed to heat up fish in the school microwaves. Please do not send your child to school with fish that needs to be warmed up. Cold tuna fish is fine.



Calendar

- ~ Monday, Sept 14th Meet the Teacher Night (see attached schedule)
- ~ Friday-Sunday, September 18-20 Rosh Hashana Break (no school)
- ~ Monday, September 21st Tzom Gedalia (1:00pm dismissal)
- ~ Monday, September 28th Yom Kippur (no school)

- Thank you to...
 ...our fabulous faculty and staff who greet your children with smiles, patience and fun every day!
- ...The following families for surprising our students with an exciting entry balloon arch as they entered the building on the first day of school: Kuyunov, Serebrowski, Diskind, Scutaru & Nussbaum! Special thanks to Mrs. Nussbaum for coordinating it!

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We are back!! Yay! It's been a long time since mid-March and we've been busy getting the building ready with protective safety measures to keep everyone healthy. We have barriers in some rooms, we have social distancing precautions in place in others and in some cases, like in the halls and on the bus, our students wear masks. We have signs, hand -sanitizer, fresh-water bottle fillers instead of water fountains, up staircases and down staircases and...the list goes on and on. Bottom line: your children's safety and health are a priority and we are doing everything possible to ensure that everyone has a great year and that we stay

open! Lots of fun and learning is happening already! Once again, we are truly honored that you have entrusted us with your precious gems this year, and we would like to invite you in for a glimpse of what we are planning for the year. Please join us for Meet the Teacher Night on Monday, Sept. 14 from 7:30-8:30pm. We would like to ask parents to wear masks in halls and social distance in classrooms while we implement a new format that we tried out last fall. Instead of spending 10 minutes in each room and then running to the next classroom, we will simply have an Open House, with all classrooms open from 7:30 – 8:30pm. Teachers will be available to show off their classrooms, share their expectations and answer any questions. As we all know, communication between school and home is exceedingly important to a child's success in school. When administrators, teachers, and other school staff collaborate with parents, it supports children's learning. So, please put Open House Night on your calendar and team up with us to make sure that all of our students have a successful, fabulous year! The schedule for Meet the Teacher Night is attached

Friday Cholent, Soups & Ice Cream Sale

- -The 8th grade boys will be selling Cholent on Fridays at lunch beginning Friday, September 25th! \$1.25/Bowl
- The 8th grade girls are, once again, selling Gefen soups for lunch. Hot water is provided and the soups cost \$1.75 each.
- The 8th grade girls will be holding an ice cream sale during all three lunches on Monday. Please see attached flyer.

Making Edible Masks

Edible masks!! What fun! To make this whole back-to -school-during-a-pandemic experience less scary, the entire school made edible masks on the first day of school! Yum!!!



Microwave Use Schedule

Please see attached microwave schedule for all three lunches! **Important Rules:**

All food must be completely double-wrapped, but please avoid plastic bags and Styrofoam (they melt on the food). Make sure that containers are microwave-safe.

We have Parve and Dairy microwaves, and we have a separate Cholov Yisrael microwave.

Girls in grades 5-8 can bring in microwaveable lunches any day of the week.

Please note that this schedule does not apply to 6-8 boys' as they can bring in microwaveable lunches any day.

