

Calendar

Wed., Jan. 24 - 2nd Grade Field Trip to RMSC & Planetarium
Fri., Jan. 26-Mon., Jan. 29-Midwinter Weekend Break- **No School**
Fri., Feb. 16 - Mon., Feb. 19- Presidents Weekend- **No School**

From the Principal

Dr. Lea E. Goldstein

Derech HaTorah of Rochester's system of reporting your children's growth and progress reflects best practices and current research. Throughout each semester, your child's progress is assessed and evaluated. Formal and informal communications are conducted in a variety of settings. Please share and discuss the report cards that you will receive next week, for the first semester, with your child(ren).

At DHR, report cards are sent home twice each year. Your child's progress is also communicated through scheduled team conferences in the fall and spring. Samples of your child's work and standardized and/or diagnostic test results (if applicable) are available, as well as opportunities to speak to your children's teachers, as needed.

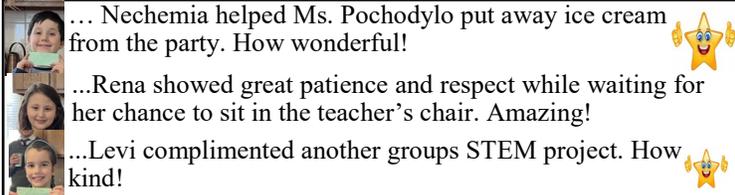
What parents can do to help their children meet DHR benchmarks:

- Stress the importance of being at school every day and on time.
- Let your children know that school is important, even if some topics seem irrelevant and unnecessary to them.
- Read to, and with, your children.
- Let them see you learning from a *sefer*, regularly attending a *shiur* and re-viewing the weekly *Parsha* – show them, through your *actions*, that you value learning.
- Celebrate your children's efforts and encourage them to read, write, and use mathematics to solve real world problems.
- Look for opportunities for purposeful writing activities at home. Adults and children can write notes, telephone messages, greeting cards, thank you letters and notes to friends.
- Sit down to learn Torah with your children regularly, even if it's not required.
- Provide a special place for your children to write, study and do homework.
- Encourage them to apply the knowledge and concepts that they learn at school in everyday life.
- Find time to show your children that you value learning and are continuing your own education.
- Get them to THINK: Challenge your children to figure out complex problems and riddles.
- When you are traveling, make your children aware of day-to-day mathematics: count vehicles and put them in different categories; study shapes and colors of road signs; show children how to read a map; calculate gasoline consumption, etc.
- Always ask your children to explain how they solved the problem that they just completed, and help your children think about how reasonable their answers are.
- Challenge them to prove the veracity of their answers by using other facts that they've learned.
- If you speak another language, continue speaking it with your children.
- Don't hesitate to communicate with your children's teachers if you have concerns or a change in circumstances.

Fun & Learning at DHR



Middos Mention...



... Nechemia helped Ms. Pochodylo put away ice cream from the party. How wonderful!

...Rena showed great patience and respect while waiting for her chance to sit in the teacher's chair. Amazing!

...Levi complimented another groups STEM project. How kind!

Benching Superstars....

Zelda Deitch	Naomi Finegold	Rochel Finegold
Baruch B. Herman	Zecharia Kuyunov	Rikki Lagunov
Russi Max	Esther Mittel	Rivka Nochomovitz
Rena Vatch	Meir Vogel	Levi Yaras

Siyum & Pajama Day & Ice Cream Party!

... Ms. Pochodylo's & Rabbi Caro's 1st Grade class earned enough DHR dollars to have an ice cream & pajama party on Tuesday! They also celebrated with a Siyum on Bereshis, Perek Gimel, on Wednesday! They are having lots of fun and accomplishing so much!



Mazel Tov to...

... Tehillim- Kriah winners for the month of Teves:
Avigail Lagunov & Leora Diskind!

...Rabbi Ribakow's 7/8 girls' Chumash class, on the completion of Parshas Shelach. They celebrated with a BBQ on Thursday! A big thank you, from the girls, to Dr. Goldstein for arranging the feast!



DHR's Distinguished Writers

The "Writing Treasury" Bulletin Board in the main hall is up and running again this semester! "Distinguished Writer at DHR". This month's "Distinguished Writers":
Ben Chilungu and Paysach Polatoff. Wow!



Yeshiva of Rochester 49th Annual Dinner

What a wonderful evening of chizuk, fun, inspiration and reconnection. The Yeshiva celebrated its 49th year with an elegant dinner in NYC. Even the amazing food, presented at dozens of mouth-watering stations, couldn't distract decades of alumni from excitedly greeting their former classmates. With over 350 guests in attendance, the Yeshiva paid tribute to beloved former TIUNY Rebbi, Rabbi Yaakov Herman; thanked Chaim Diskind, Alumnus of the Year, for his decades of generosity and service to the Yeshiva; and made a beautiful and moving Siyum Hashas in memory of the incredible TIUNY alumnus Ben Chafetz, ע"ה



This newsletter is dedicated as a zechut for a refuah shelaima - a complete recovery - for Mrs. Ruth Ulloa - רות חיה בת שרה