



Save the date
"Game Night" at DHR

Sunday, December 19th
7pm-9pm

Enjoy a night out for adults ,
full of fabulous
food and fun!!

From the Principal

Mrs. Lea Goldstein

Although the news is filled with shocking stories of parents getting dragged out of school board meetings, not being allowed access to their districts' curricula or a say in their children's education, we, at DHR, fundamentally disagree with the philosophies and decisions of those schools and districts.

As I am sure you all know, research has shown that successful students have strong academic support from their involved parents (Sheldon, 2009). In schools where students are learning and achieving, research has consistently shown that those schools have strong and positive school-home relationships (Sanders & Sheldon, 2009; Sheldon, 2009). Not surprisingly, these excellent schools with positive school climate connect regularly with their students' families. Sanders and Sheldon (2009) maintain that schools become and remain successful when a strong and constructive relationship has been established amongst students, parents, teachers and the community. Research has also found what we know to be obvious: all students are more likely to experience academic success if their home environment is supportive of their schooling (Henderson & Berla, 1994; Sanders & Sheldon, 2009). Other benefits of these partnerships are that they improve school climate and school programming, they help fine-tune parenting skills, assist families in connecting with each other, and assist teachers with student progress.

All these reasons underscore the importance of parents playing an active role in their children's education and schooling.

So, how can you get involved and play an active role in your children's education?

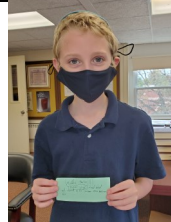
- Keep asking your delicious little (and medium-sized) kids about how their day went, even if the only response is "fine".
- Encourage them to show you their homework, check their Yoman and ask if they need a study partner for tests and quizzes.
- Model lifelong reading and learning. Show them, through your actions, that you value knowledge and enjoy learning new skills.
- Point out when something that they've learned connects with an area that interests them. For example, if they are football fans and are learning about the metric system, take them outside to show them how many feet/rulers it takes to get 10 yards to a first down.
- If your children are too old for you to read to them, discuss the themes of books, favorite characters and lessons.

Together, we will be even better! As always, please don't hesitate to reach out to us with any questions, concerns...or compliments!

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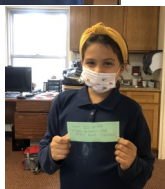
When Mrs. Dan's supply box fell, Zeesa cleaned it up without being asked!



Mottel stayed behind and cleaned up the classroom after everyone left!



Rusi was helping her friend with her work without the teacher even asking her!



Hannah ran to help clean up someone else's table! Great job!



Rochie noticed that a friend had left her water bottle outside the library, so she brought it to her in the lunchroom!



It's all in a day's work or play....



Library fun - "How many books" contest!



How many books? Last week 4,091..but now we are up to 4,126!!



Congrats to Malka, Chananya & Dovi - their guesses' were the closest to the correct number of books! Special thank you to Mrs. Dan, our librarian - and baker of the amazing cookie prizes that the students won!!

Benching Superstars!

Rochie Dan, Baruch Ber Herman, Yosef Shulman, Aliza Sloviter



Chanukah Soldier Packages!

Once again, we are asking DHR families to help us send Chanuka cards and care packages to U.S. soldiers serving around the world. All cards and donations need to be in the DHR office by **Friday, Nov. 15**. To participate, please send cards, fresh baked goods, toiletries or other Chanuka gifts.

It's Soup & Cholent time!

- **Back in stock!** The 8th grade girls will be selling Gefen soup at lunch for **\$2.00 per soup**.
- The 8th grade boys will be selling Cholent on Fridays for **\$1.25**

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