

COLOR WAR!!



After a hysterical, surprising, unexpected Color War Breakout (V.I.P. "visitor" Rabbi Roness, decked out in silver and gold scarves, pulled up in a long, black limousine to a red carpet welcome), the fun began. At DHR, Color War is always a blast! We try new things each year, but also keep everyone's favorite events on the schedule. From Color War breakout until the announcement of final scores, DHR dollars were awarded for great middos and sportsmanship. The big boys started their Color War days with shiurim while the girls and younger students practiced and performed their melodic and energetic team songs. Then they played all sorts of sports, ranging from baseball to basketball to soccer to kickball to machanayim, to hockey to football on a real field with uprights. They raced around the Overtake tracks, then played a full school One-by-One game. The 5-8 boys participated in the High Speed Gemara/ Mishna/ Chidon, while the Girls had a Chumash Chidon and the little people had a great Color Chain Hunt. After refreshing, juicy watermelon for snack, the whole school played Science Highlights and then Beachball taps. And that was only the first day of Color War! Whew!

The second day was even better. The weather, although hot, held up for most of the day. There were many more sporting events, then presentations of beautiful, creative team banners, inspiring Divrei Torah and finally the Relay Marathons. Then, there was a giant Gone Fishin' & Bird Watchin' event and tons of funny and challenging grade-by-grade challenges and teambuilding activities. Most impressive of all was the kindness and warmth displayed. What a great group of young people! This was fun!

Thank you to...

...Mr. Robert Spall, former principal of Barnard elementary school, for his generous donation of \$100 and his kind words: "Dear Madame Principal, You were so kind to take the time to give me a tour of the Derech HaTorah School. I so enjoyed being principal for 10 years when it was then Barnard. You and your associates have given the school such a great facelift. I was very impressed by your efforts. I have been so sad over the last few years to see the building sit idle. Now I am joyful that it is back serving children under what I believe to be your very capable leadership. The children I met during our tour gave me hope for the future of our country. Private schools like yours offer us the best opportunity for future national leadership."

Calendar

- Monday, May 30th:** Memorial Day, no school.
- Wednesday, June 1st:** DHR/ TIUNY Post Lag Ba'Omer Picnic, 4:30pm.
- Monday, June 6th:** Grades 4 & 8 Science Written NY State Exam.
- Tuesday, June 7th:** Teacher Appreciation Picnic, 11:30am.
- Friday June 10th - Tuesday, June 14th:** Shavous Break, no school.
- Wednesday, June 15th:** 5/6 Girls' Cantata, 7pm.
- Monday, June 20th:** Kindergarten Graduation & Chumash Presentation, 2pm. **PLEASE NOTE DATE CHANGE**
- Monday, June 20th:** 8th Grade Graduation, 7:30pm.