

## 4th Grade Native American Museum

Mrs. Nguyen's 4th graders have been working hard over the past few weeks to create museum displays of Native American tribes from the northeast. Today, they presented what they've learned to their parents, special guests and other classes.



## From the Principal

Mrs. Lea Goldstein

As we begin this Presidents' weekend, I would like to publicly express our hakaras hatov, our appreciation, to the USA, the מדינה של חסד - "Medina Shel Chesed" (Country of Kindness). As Jews, we have been exiled and persecuted; we've suffered through brutal pogroms and inquisitions and have been decimated through genocide.

Yet, in America, the Land of the Free and the Home of the Brave, we have liberty, equality and democracy. Despite the recent spate of anti-Semitic incidents, we can identify as Jews without fear. We have freedom of religion, and proudly display our Chanuka lights for the world to see. We are grateful to Hakadosh Baruch Hu for enabling us to prosper and live peacefully in this land of opportunity where we have experienced a great resurgence of Torah, עד ביאת הגואל.

## Registration/Admission for 2020-2021

Admission forms for next school year were mailed this week. We are hopeful that you will, once again, entrust us with your precious treasures. In order for us to plan accurately, and for your registration fee to be applied to tuition, please return the completed paperwork by March 20th. Also, please note that DHR, like the rest of NYS, has a December 1st cut-off date and your child must turn five by that date in order to begin Kindergarten in September.

## New York State Testing Schedule

Listed below is the NYS testing schedule for this year. Please avoid scheduling appointments, trips, etc. on these dates:

- Grades 3-8 English Language Arts** - Wednesday, March 25 - Friday, March 27
- Grades 3-8 Mathematics** - Tuesday, April 21 - Thursday, April 23
- Grades 4 & 8 Science Performance Test** - Wednesday, May 27
- Grade 4 & 8 Science Written Test** - Monday, June 1



## Mazel Tov to...

- ...Levi & Miri Akkerman on the birth of their baby boy! Congratulations to first-time aunts and uncle: Mindy, Taly & Zecharia!
- ...our Kindergarteners for completing all of their lower case letters, nekudos and their first math book! Mrs. Shulman is very proud of their accomplishments! They celebrated today with a "triple-siyum"!

## Thank You to...

- ...Kindergarten's tzedaka box donation of \$4.18!
- ...Mr. Yudi Polatoff for his "\$100 for 100 weeks" donation to DHR's Sharon Polatoff Memorial Scholarship Fund!
- ...Mr. & Mrs. Isaac Schlesinger for their VERY generous donation!
- ...Several members of DHR's class of 2013 for their ongoing donations!
- ...Mr. & Mrs. Elliott Polatoff for their \$18 monthly donation to the Sharon Polatoff Memorial Fund!



- ...the anonymous donor who replenished the Naomi's Snax cupboard!
- ...R' Dovid Roness, DHR's 8th grade Rebbe, for teaching his shiur on the snow day (last Friday) and then chauffeuring his class around Brighton with the cholent-mobile to help them raise funds and ensure that the Friday cholent didn't go to waste!

## Torah Bowl Learning at Light of Israel



On Sunday, February 2nd, nearly 50 people, including many Derech HaTorah students, went to Light of Israel for a special learning program. It was a meaningful and enjoyable evening for all with an hour of learning, delicious food, and the Halftime for Torah show. Thank you to Rabbi Shulman for helping arrange the event and for giving a shiur for the middle school boys.

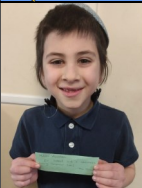
## Benching Superstars!

Hirshy Cohen  
 Yerucham Dahari  
 Mordechai Mammon

Malka Shulman  
 Mottel Vogel



## Middos Menchen Stars of the Week



Eli was a great classmate and helped a fellow student during computer lab! - Mrs. Polatoff  
**Chana Blima** and **Menachem Caro** both stayed after recess in the gym and helped clean up the balls without anyone asking. Thank you for being so kind and helpful! - Mr. Loncao

## Calendar

**DHR families who use RCS D, Rush-Henrietta or Pittsford busing will need to arrange transportation for their students next week (Feb. 18-21, February Recess for all districts). Brighton will provide transportation for students during those days.**

- Fri.- Mon., Feb. 14 -17 - February Break Weekend - **No School**
- Tues., March 24 - Staff Development & Spring Conference Day -**No School**. In response to the parent surveys, conferences will be held in the late afternoon and evening (from 4:00-8:00). Sign up sheets will be attached to today's newsletter!
- Adar is coming! To mix things up and inject some fun, please note that next **Friday, Feb. 21st**, our students will enjoy a fun, very different Friday **Uniforms will not be required.**

