

Friday Fun Day!



Students enjoyed extra treats and excitement on last Friday's Fun Day, including a scavenger hunt, piñatas, games and hot cocoa with marshmallows! Thank you to Mr. Loncao for coordinating the special day!

From the Principal

Mrs. Lea Goldstein

Security Update

We are happy to report that we are continuing to make significant progress with our school security upgrades, and we wanted to share the details with you! Of course, we daven for Hashem's protection, but we are also doing everything we can to continue "hardening the target", keeping suspicious people off school grounds and making sure that we have mechanisms in place that will ensure our children's safety even in a situation, G-d forbid, involving an intruder getting into the building.

We have accomplished more than 80% of our original recommended security improvement goals in the last year and a half, including installing perimeter fencing; shatterproof, security windows; a keyfob access system; additional security cameras; a working PA system; walkie-talkies for indoor issues and outdoor recess; "Stop the Bleed" and "Active Shooter" training for faculty and staff, and entry keyfobs for all Greece police officers.

Yesterday, we made additional improvements! For added security, and thanks to Mark Henderson and the Jewish Community Federation, we installed an office panic button for immediate emergency connection and 911 response. The other security upgrade installed yesterday was an alarm that sounds when any exterior doors are opened. The goal, a single point of entry, makes all visitors use the main entrance and if a student or teacher opens an exterior door for any reason, the alarm sounds to alert office staff that a door has been opened.

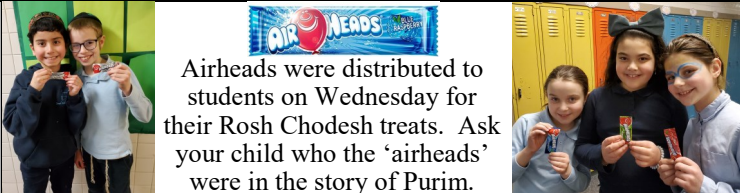
To address funding for several of our remaining infrastructure security priorities within specific grant-funding parameters, we have applied for a grant through the Federation to install a parking lot entry barrier gate. We have also applied for funding through Homeland Security's Anti-Hate Crime Grant to purchase and install new strong classroom doors with special safety locks to enable teachers to lock classroom doors in an active shooter scenario, as well as shatterproof security windows for the remaining ground and first floor rooms.

Thanks again to our advisors, the DHR security team and funders for making all of these important improvements possible!!

Reminder - Admissions Applications Due Soon!

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 your 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. If you need another copy of the Admissions Application form, it can be found under the Downloads section on the DHR website.

Airheads for Rosh Chodesh



Airheads were distributed to students on Wednesday for their Rosh Chodesh treats. Ask your child who the 'airheads' were in the story of Purim.

Second Grade's Visitor



Second graders welcomed a special visitor from the Genesee Country Museum's travelling animal exhibit. Students learned about mammals and reptiles with a tactile presentation and a live tortoise.

Thank you very much to Mrs. Polatoff for arranging the visit!

1st Grade Enjoys the 100th Day of School!



Mazel Tov to...

...Mrs. Pam Wright (office sub and fitness instructor) upon the engagement of her son Alex Wright to Ami Takahashi!

Tissues Needed for DHR!

As cold/flu season continues, we find ourselves running very low on tissues. We can make it through the rest of the school year if each DHR family sends in two boxes of tissues. Thanks in advance for your help!



Benching Superstars!

Dovi Shulman Malka Shulman **Way To Go!!**

Middos Menchen Stars of the Week

Shmuel Rosenzweig is always willing to assist Ms. Amanda in the office with various tasks. He is a caring, responsible and a very helpful young man.

Mazel Tov to this week's additional Middos Menchen Recipient: **Yaakov Lagunov** helped another boy who got hurt at recess by bringing him to the office and making sure he was ok.

Calendar

- Mon., March 9 - **Taanis Esther - 1pm dismissal - Donate \$5 to Od Yosef Chai and wear a costume or skip the uniform!**
- Mon., March 9 - **Max Farash Memorial Yartzeit Special Learning for 5-8th grade boys and their fathers** (starting with davening at 8am at DHR)
- Tues., March 10 - **Purim - No School**
- Wed., March 11 - **Shushan Purim - No School**
- Tues., March 24 - **Staff Development & Spring Conference Day - No School.** Conferences will be held in the late afternoon and evening (from 4:00 pm-8:00 pm). If you haven't signed up yet, please contact the office ASAP

Save the Date

Sunday, May 3, 2020 - **Annual Scholarship Dinner**

