



LEARNING FOR LIFE

# Thursday Notes

October 27, 2011

## The Book Fair is Almost Here!



From Thursday 11/10 through Friday 11/18, the Open Space will be transformed into a well-stocked, colorful bookstore from Scholastic and Jewish book vendor, Kar-Ben. Start your holiday shopping and contribute to a wonderful school fund-raiser too.

- **New this year! Beginning tomorrow (10/28) through 11/18, visit our Online Book Fair!** Purchase books from our Scholastic Book Fair for everyone on your list, from preschool- adult. Books are shipped FREE to school and delivered to a child or teacher of your choice. Visit: [www.scholastic.com](http://www.scholastic.com) or click on the "Online Book Fair" link on the [Lerner homepage](#).
- Want to purchase **Book Fair gift certificates** for your child or their teachers? [Click here](#).

Questions? Contact Jenny Hoffman: [jennyannehoffman@gmail.com](mailto:jennyannehoffman@gmail.com)

**Please note that the Cleanup Day which was scheduled for this Sunday will instead be held in the Spring. Stay posted for more details closer to the time.**

**Shabbat Together this Friday!**  
*For children ages 18 months– 4 years*

Bring a friend and meet other families while welcoming Shabbat through songs, creative movement, playtime and challah! October 28<sup>th</sup> from 9:30am – 11am in the Parent Lounge.  
\$3 per session. RSVP at [rsvp@lernerschool.org](mailto:rsvp@lernerschool.org).



29 Tishri 5772  
Shabbat Candle Lighting: 6:07 pm



## SAVE THE DATE ~ LERNER SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE!

Join us – and bring a friend – to our open house programs!  
Meet students, parents and teachers while visiting our engaging classrooms.

**November 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> – 8:30am – 9:30am**  
**December 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> – 10:30am – 11:30am**

RSVP to Susan at [rsvp@lernerschool.org](mailto:rsvp@lernerschool.org) or [admissions@lernerschool.org](mailto:admissions@lernerschool.org).

## Thank You...

- To our Sukkah Builders Jodi Beetham (chief architect), Nicole Beetham, Idan and Yarden Dalyot, Jeff Koweeek, Eva Donaldson, Isaac Price.
- To Rabbi Fischer, a longtime supporter of Lerner, for donating our Sukkot Lulav and Etrog each year.
- To our special guests in the sukkah, Rabbi Jenny Solomon, Rabbi Daniel Greyber, and Rabbi Leah Berkowitz.
- Our wonderful families for joining us for lunches in the sukkah and supporting Alex's Lemonade Stand.
- To our picture day helpers, Pam Cohen, Regina Sander, Julie Anders, Stacy Abramowitz, Julie Fishkin.
- To Helen Kalisher for her help assembling the school's composter
- To Brad Hammer, Odeya Liberty, Eliya Liberty, Leel Liberty, Arel Liberty, Gabe Liberty for taking down the sukkah.

## ALEX'S LEMONADE STAND

The Lerner School hosted its sixth annual Alex's Lemonade Stand on Sukkot.



Alex was four years old when she started selling lemonade to raise money for childhood cancer research. The fundraiser turned into a major event all across America through the non-profit organization "Alex's Lemonade Stand." The organization has raised over a million dollars.

Our entire school was involved in the production and sale of the lemonade. The students started squeezing lemons upon arriving to the school in the morning. They then sold the lemonade to their parents or just enjoyed the juice along with their snack in the sukkah, as did the preschoolers.

Each glass was sold for \$1 and proceeds went toward childhood cancer research.

The Lerner community raised \$180. Yishar Koach!!



**Reminder: If you arrive after 8:00am and staff members are no longer at the curb you must PARK in a designated parking space and walk your child into the building. If you are a Preschool parent you will need to bring your child to their classroom. Lately parents having been pulling up to the curb and dropping their children off assuming that someone will open the door and bring their child to the classroom. This is not always possible. Curb-side drop-off ends promptly at 8 a.m.**



## Fly on the Wall - Weekly observations from Mary

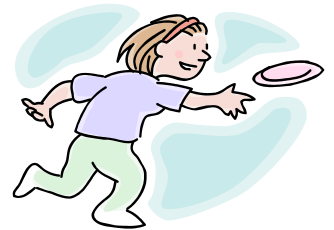
If you were a fly on the wall these past few weeks at Lerner you would have seen:

- 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students making signs for the lunch table compost and landfill buckets. After the compost is collected it is added to the new composting bin next to the 1<sup>st</sup> grade fall vegetable garden.
- 1<sup>st</sup> Grade students preparing for their field study at the Eno. The Eno is a wonderful place to observe, investigate and compare native plants and animals. Our young scientist left Lerner with their clip boards and enthusiasm and came back tired and full of information and questions!
- Preschool students tumbling, jumping and walking on blocks in their large motor room.
- Kindergarten students studying magnets and looking on in amazement as Cecilia demonstrated repelling and attracting. Next they became scientists as they worked with both magnets and compasses.
- 5<sup>th</sup> grade students studying US geography, using the Smart Board to interact with the map and beginning their research into the different regions that will culminate in the writing of guidebooks and PowerPoint presentations.
- Carolyn and Caryn's preschool class returning from an art class at the J and telling a new visitor to our school about their artwork.
- Our elementary families sharing lunch and our Preschool students and teachers sharing a snack in our Sukkah.
- 4<sup>th</sup> grade students studying animal adaptations, and making tiger masks in art with Julie as they prepare for their field study at the Tiger Rescue Center in Sanford next week.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students, reading the book *Granny Torrelli Makes Soup* by Sharon Creech, choosing a character, drawing the characters and assigning them character traits. They also learned some words in Italian! Check out their bulletin board in the hallway.
- Our 5<sup>th</sup> grade students taking turns reading from the Torah during the Lerner Simchat Torah celebration on Monday.

## ULTIMATE FRISBEE

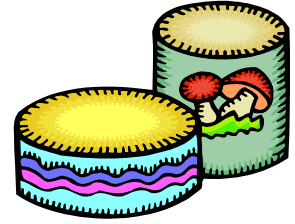
The Levin JCC is partnering with the Triangle Youth Ultimate League (TYUL) to host an ultimate frisbee clinic for 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> graders. The clinic will be held in the JCC gym from 12pm-1:30pm on November 13<sup>th</sup>. This is a free event. Instructors will include last year's USA Ultimate's NC High School Coach of the Year.

If you would like to attend email Aaron Stern at [aaron.stern@levinjcc.org](mailto:aaron.stern@levinjcc.org).





## The Mitzvah of Tikkun Olam



Did you know there is a food shelf at The Lerner School where you can leave non-perishable food items? This year the Kindergarteners will be heading up this important project. They will work with Jewish Family Service to supply its food pantry, and will help deliver these items as well.

We will also continue to deliver food to the Durham Crisis & Response Center, a shelter for women in crisis.

This will be our ninth year fulfilling the mitzvah of feeding the poor. Keep your eyes out for monthly reports about collections and deliveries!

## CHALLAH CLUB

Come one. Come all. Come Bake. Come Walk.  
Come Hang out with a lovely group of  
Lerner-connected folks!



**Challah Club** is back in action starting *THIS Friday, 10/28/11* and we need you to come be a Challah Chelper!!

Please [click here](#) to 'chelp' out.

Upcoming dates for baking are: 10/28, 11/4,  
11/18, 12/2, 12/9.

(Click the link above for more dates)

For information or questions contact:

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## LEARNING FOR GOOD

### Exciting Tzedekah Project.

Our preschooler here at Lerner have developed a unique project that is all their own! Jewish Family Services organizes volunteers to assist with Shabbat at Emerald Pond (a senior housing development) In the past volunteers supplied the Challah for this weekly ritual. The preschool have taken this project over! In addition to the Challah they bake for their own weekly Shabbat, they bake an extra one for the seniors to enjoy.