



LEARNING FOR LIFE

Thursday Notes

October 6, 2011

Dear Parents,

I hope you are all enjoying this beautiful fall weather as much as I am. As I walk around school I realize daily what a privilege it is to be an educator and more importantly an educator at the Lerner School. Although the field of education, through necessity, is always changing, the one constant that remains is the most important and that is the children. As I walk in and out of classrooms, traverse the hallways, walk over to the classes at the J, and watch the children playing on the new playground, their desire to learn and their inherent curiosity is everywhere. As you read the *Fly on the Wall* and the *Friday Class Newsletters* you will get a glimpse of part of Lerner's mission in action. Today I watched the children stand by the fountain with the water flowing reciting the blessing and casting away bread crumbs representing things they wanted to get rid of as they prepared to start the new year with a clean slate. It was the perfect opportunity for me to see in action an integral part of our mission, that piece that sets us apart, that added value of "fostering of strong Jewish values through culture and tradition" - that which makes us the Lerner Jewish Community Day School.

Mary

Parents,

Please be on the lookout for your first After-school / Extra Care bill. It will be going home in your child's Friday Folder. Bills will always go out the first Friday of the month in folders. Please pay these bills by check.



New to Lerner this year? Check your email for your Evite to the Newcomer's Brunch on October 16th at 10am.

Come enjoy a delicious brunch and get to know one another and our Board Members. There will be supervised childcare for your little ones on the Lerner playground.

Remember to RSVP by October 10th!



8 Tishri 5772
Shabbat Candle Lighting: 6:34 pm

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Lunch in the Sukkah!

Join us for lunch in the sukkah with your child! Each day an honorable local rabbi will join us and provide “food for the soul.” Don’t miss participating in this mitzvah!

2nd and 3rd grade - Monday, October 17th

K and 1st grades - Wednesday, October 19th

4th and 5th grades - Tuesday, October 18th



All lunches will begin at 11:30 a.m. Please bring a packed lunch and a blanket.



**Thank you Daphne Emodi,
Gili Bethlehem and Edie Kahn, for all
of your help with our Elementary Rosh
Hashanah Celebration. We couldn't
have done it with out you!**



Alex was 4 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 to date.

Next week, the Lerner school will host its Seventh Annual Alex's Lemonade Stand during Sukkot. The children will be selling fresh squeezed lemonade. Please support this effort by sending your child to school with a lemon or two on Monday, October 10th.



Fly on the Wall

Weekly observations from Mary

If you were a fly on the wall at the Lerner School these last few weeks you might have seen or heard the following:

1st Grade Hebrew – “Ronit, it doesn’t make sense, why is learning how to read and write Hebrew so easy?”

Kindergarten Hebrew – learning not only the importance of Slicha (saying I am sorry), but also thinking of all the good deeds you have done.

Preschool, Prachim (flowers) class – enjoying the spontaneous, impromptu performances of each class member as they came up to the stage, held tight to the microphone and performed various renditions of the *Itzy Bitsy Spider*, the *ABC* song and various other class favorites to loud applause.

5th Grades students- discussing the continents and various landforms and carrying that into math as they work on maps depicting their ideas of what they believe the earth will look like in 65,000 to 200 million years by calculating how many inches, feet and miles the continents may shift. Noam will be writing on the 5th grade blog about what they have discovered so be sure to follow the blog for more information!

2nd grade students – delightfully sharing their **Then and Now** stories as they work on their time lines comparing 2nd grade today and 2nd grade in years gone by, discovered through the memories of those they interviewed.

3rd grade students - learning about soil as they prepare for their school-wide composting project.

Preschool children – laughing in delight as they enjoy a puppet show put on by their teachers in the Parent Lounge.

4th Grade students – making their own globes as they learn about the equator and the prime meridian.

Come one, come all! Kids and adults of ALL ages! Enjoy a night in the great outdoors!

The Lerner Havdalah Sleepover

November 12th 2011 @ 6:30pm

Join Lerner families for Havdalah, storytelling, singing around the fire, games, and, of course... food!

Visit the links below to register and to sign up to volunteer!

To register: <https://seljcds.ejoinme.org/havadalahsleepover>

To volunteer: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/havdallah3>



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Making Connections

In Art class, the Kindergarten just recently read Elmer the Elephant as part of a drawing project.

Below is an exchange between our art teacher, Julie Harris and a kindergartner

Zeke : "Julie, do you want to hear a joke?"

Julie: What Zeke?

Zeke: "We are drawing Elmer the elephant and there is Elmer's glue" as he pointed to a glue bottle.

JCC Storytelling Series with Rachel Galper

Sunday, Oct 30 2:30 pm

In the first of the JCC's fall storytelling series, Maggid (Jewish Storyteller) Rachel Galper presents an engaging storytelling performance of inspirational Jewish stories to usher in the new year.

Ages: 4+

Cost: Members-\$10 per family;

Potential Members-\$20 per family

Future date: Sun Dec 4

Join us for new Yoga classes at the JCC starting next week!



Laughter Yoga: Mondays at 8:30, beginning 10/10
with Roselyn Kachuck, Bubbie of Lerner students Sasha and Isaiah Donaldson

Laughter lowers blood pressure, improves the immune system, increases oxygen levels and is a good aerobic exercise. Laughter Yoga incorporates yogic breathing into laughter exercises and sessions conclude with a deep relaxation. Please bring your own mat.

Ashtanga Vinyasa: Wednesdays at 8:30 am, beginning 10/12
with Jennifer Hoffman, mom of Lerner students Noah, Sadie and Asa Hoffman

Ashtanga yoga is a set, flowing sequence of postures designed to strengthen, align and purify the entire body and mind. Vinyasa synchronizes the breath to the movement, which enables the development of concentration, endurance, flexibility, balance and clarity. Appropriate for beginners (who are ready for a bit of a challenge) through experienced practitioners. Please bring your own mat.

Cost: JCC Members: free with membership
Non JCC Members: Only \$10/day pass, includes full use of the JCC facilities!

Hope to see you!
-Roselyn and Jenny