

Welcome to the 2016-2017 school year! I hope you all had a wonderful summer and that you're ready for school to start.

This is our family's fifth year at Lerner. As a mommy of a first grader, I can attest that the Lerner School is an incredible institution. I am so proud of the excellent secular and pluralistic Jewish education that provides our graduates with the tools and values needed to be successful citizens of the world. There are so many exciting new things planned for this year at school. From our growing STEM curriculum to the expanded after school offerings to the mixed-age learning opportunities in electives, Lerner provides entry points to joyful and meaningful learning for all of our children.

I am especially excited about our new website this year. So many people worked so hard for the past few years to help launch it, and it is terrific. It is gorgeous and easy to navigate. Our hope is that it will serve both as an efficient way for all of us to stay informed about what's happening at school, and for prospective families to get a sense of who we are.

The website will also make it easier for the Board to keep you informed about its activities. The Board has two jobs: to support and supervise the Head of School, and to make financial and strategic decisions that enable the school to deliver on its mission. Minutes from Board meetings will be posted on the website. All of last year's meeting minutes are there now.

The Board is committed to creating more ways to connect with parents this year. In the coming months, please look for monthly Board updates in the Gesher, as well as coffee dates after drop-off to meet informally with Board members. If you have any questions about the Board's work, please reach out to me at lernerpresident@gmail.com or stop me in the hallways or parking lot.

I look forward to another wonderful year together!

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Board President