

THURSDAY NOTES



February 4, 2010

20 Shevat 5770

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Shabbat Candle Lighting: 5:28 p.m.



TRAFFIC – BEWARE !!!!

I AM DEVOTING THE SPACE I HAVE IN THIS WEEK'S THURSDAY NOTES TO A VERY IMPORTANT AND SERIOUS TOPIC. SO – I AM ASKING EVERYONE TO PLEASE TAKE A MINUTE OR TWO TO READ THIS WEEK'S ARTICLE – THANK YOU!

The situation in our parking lot and driveway has become a very serious safety issue, for our children, our staff, and our parents! If people do not follow our procedures it will only be a matter of time until somebody gets seriously hurt. Listed below are some reminders which are in place to help insure the well-being of all of us. I am asking you to please pay careful attention to all of these procedures:

- There is no passing allowed on the carpool line while driving up the hill. You must wait until you reach the top of the hill and come around the corner, at which point you are allowed to SLOWLY PASS the cars in line waiting for drop-off or pick-up.
- If you are dropping off at the curb you must wait your turn in line and not cut to the front of other waiting cars.
- When you drop off in the morning, between 7:45 a.m. and 8:00 a.m in the car pool lane, you are not allowed to get out of your car – if your child can not exit the car by themselves please park your car and walk them in.
- All children must exit/enter on the passenger side of the car. If this is not feasible in your car, we ask that you park and walk your child into the building.
- If you arrive at school after 8:00 a.m., and there are no staff members still opening car doors, you MUST WALK YOUR CHILD into the building and sign them in. No students will be allowed to enter their classes unless they have been signed in at the front desk.
- There is absolutely no parking at the curb at any time – this is a fire lane and you must be in your car when at the curb. The Fire Marshall has warned us about this situation!
- You must hold the hand of young children when walking from your car through the parking lot to the sidewalk.
- Cell phones can not be used while in the car pool line.
- Please drive slowly through the parking lot at all times, and be aware of children and adults walking in the lot.

We appreciate everyone's diligence and cooperation in these matters. A few extra minutes time, to avoid injuring someone, is well worth it. I also wanted to let you know that we have begun meeting with the Campus Committee, made up of members from Lerner, Judea Reform, and the new JCC, to talk about issues in the parking lot. Some of the items on the agenda include: adding new sidewalks on the campus, adding a turning lane into Lerner at the top of the hill, and possibly widening the road in other areas. As we move forward with the PJC's plans for the JCC, I will keep you informed about plans for safety revisions for our driveway and parking lot. Thank you!

TU B'SHEVAT SEDER

On Wednesday our students hosted members of the Chaverim group (senior citizens from the Jewish Federation) for a Tu B'Shevat Seder, providing a new enrichment opportunity for our Fourth and Fifth grade students. These students prepared a Kabalistic-style Seder and proudly lead the holiday ritual. Adorning beautiful tables were plates filled with exotic fruits and wine cups filled with different types of colored grape juice, symbolizing the changing seasons; our students led a superb Seder. They recited the blessings over the food, explained the symbolism for each different type of fruit and sang songs. Following the Seder, the Chaverim members enjoyed a delicious lunch cooked in the school by the Fifth graders and a few parent volunteers. It was a wonderful experience that connected two generations.

Financial Assistance Applications for the 2010-2011 school year are due tomorrow **February 5th**! Contact Elizabeth Takla for assistance.

Jewish Parenting Series

Join us for another discussion in our Jewish Parenting Series ! Tuesday, Feb. 16th, 8:15-9:00 a.m. led by Rabbi Michael Goldman. Look for the flyer home describing his talk!



A Special thank you to Hagit Ayalon for her help preparing the fruit for our Tu B'Shevat Seder!

TRIBUTE FUND

Donations have been made by the following people to commemorate special events:

- Marian Wilcox in honor of Ben and Elie Goldman
- Peter and Rhoda Trooboff in honor of Ben and Elie Goldman
- Roger and Sondra Eichel in honor of Sadie Rapp's Bat Mitzvah
- Clifford and Phyllis Seresky in honor of Liana and Jake Eisner
- Mik and Jodi Beetham in memory of Robert C. Beetham
- Greg and Bryna Rapp in honor of Carolyn & Danielle Rogers donating their outstanding babysitting services for Sadie's Bat Mitzvah
- Eric and Miriam Feldstein in honor of Sadie Rapp's Bat Mitzvah
- Lawrence and Paige Sirota in honor of Sadie Rapp's Bat Mitzvah
- Carolyn and Philip Rogers in memory of Marshal Shapiro and Moshe Shweky
- Isaac Janiak Stein in memory of Chester Janiak

Calendar

Friday, February 12th– VIP/Grandparent's and EC Family Shabbat Day

Saturday, February 13th– School Auction Gala– 7:00 p.m.

Friday, February 26th– No School– Teacher Professional Development Day

Monday, March 1st– Purim Celebration

Monday, March 8th– No School- Parent/Teacher Conferences

Question of the Week- Kindergarten- 5th Grade

Question: For how many days did the Israelites need to prepare in order to be ready to receive the 10 commandments at Mt. Sinai?

Answer: 3 Days



**Moonlight Over Manhattan
Lerner School Auction Gala
Saturday, February 13, 2009
7:00 p.m.**

COMING UP SOON!!!

Duke Basketball (2 tickets)
Duke vs. Virginia Tech
Sunday, February 21, 2010
7:45pm game

The Full Monty (2 tickets)
NC Theater Conservatory
Production runs through the end of March!

2 Family 5-Packs of Carolina Hurricanes Tickets, March 21, 2010, 5pm

BID TOGETHER WITH OTHER FAMILIES ON THESE PACKAGES!!!

1. California Pizza Kitchen with Maria Siegel for 10-12
2. High Tea at the Carolina Inn with Arielle Derby for 4
3. Hurricanes Game with Fiona and Stefanee for 6
4. Rock Climbing with Guy and Ahuva for 6
5. Faye and Gordon Rapp Moroccan Dinner for 6-8
6. Spinner Halev Family Ethiopian Dinner for 6
7. Adam Goldstein and Matt Springer Champagne Brunch Party
8. Egnoto/Wallack Family Gourmet Dinner for 6
9. Bearman Family Vegetarian Dinner and Campfire
10. Ivy Wingate's Knitting or Quilting Class for 4
11. Learn Mah Jong with Lois Price for 6
12. Fischer Family Gourmet Chinese Dinner for 6

RESTAURANTS

Nanas, An, Chapel Hill Restaurant Group (411 West, Spanky's, Squid, Mez, 518 West), Bistro 64, Lucky 32 Kitchen & Wine Bar

CHILDCARE

Lerner Alumni 3-HR 'MOTHER'S HELPER' PACKAGES!

Super Raffle Tickets Are Still Available!!!
Win a Fantastic New York Weekend Getaway Package
Reserve your tickets now!
\$75 each at www.lernerschool.org
Thanks to the generous donation of the Sander family
in memory of Leila Levenson Nikpour

SIGN UP AT THE AUCTION

Yoga for Lerner!!

90 minute yoga class with Triangle yoga guru Christine Wall



Saturday, April 24, 2010

1:30 - 3:00 p.m.

Sync Studio

Renaissance Center

6815 Fayetteville Rd, Durham

\$10 per person

All proceeds to benefit the Lerner School Auction!!