



THURSDAY NOTES

March 4, 2010

18 Adar 5770

Ki Tisa

Shabbat Candle Lighting: 5:56 p.m.



Teacher Work Day At Lerner

This past week, on Friday, the Lerner teachers and staff had a work day at school. Many of you may be wondering what types of things are accomplished during these work days. There were several sessions during the day that I thought you might be interested to know about.

First, we had an opportunity to do some bonding by rehearsing for our Staff Purim Spiel which was presented to all of the students (both EC & ED) on Monday as part of our Purim celebration. Ask your children about some of the strange 'characters' they met in the Spiel. So many of our teachers are clearly 'frustrated actors'.

We also had the opportunity to discuss together, during a wonderful workshop, an article from a recent Atlantic Monthly magazine entitled "What Makes a Great Teacher." It gave us a chance to think about some of the teachers and professors we have had in our educational experience and the impact they had on us and why this was the case. From this we continued to share with each other some terrific ideas on how we can be more effective in our classrooms.

During the day the educational administrators met with the teachers to do some 'visioning' exercises and share discussions about the daily class schedules we are currently using in the school. We brainstormed about how to make better use of the time we have with the students and discussed potentially changing some of our daily schedules to be more efficient and effective in what we are doing. Some of these changes will be implemented in both EC and ED during the remaining months of this year as well as next year.

The EC teachers had a separate workshop on 'The Use of Play' in an Early Childhood setting, and ways in which our children's skills can be improved through different types of play in the classroom and on the playground.

Overall it was a very productive day in which we all took the time to do some self-reflection and self-evaluation in order to be able to constantly improve the educational experience which we provide to your children day in and day out!



Jewish Parenting Series

"Making Bedtime Jewish" with Rabbi Jenny Solomon.
Please join us for coffee and discussion on
Tuesday, March 16th, 8:15-9:00 a.m.

Please remember in order to take advantage of the Early Bird Tuition discount to please turn your contracts in by Friday, March 12!

Calendar

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

Wednesday, March 10th – Class and School Pictures

Thursday, March 11th– 1st Grade Family Program– 8:15 a.m.

Friday, March 26th- Passover Family Program 8:30-9:45 a.m.

Monday, March 29th– **Tuesday, April 6th**- Spring Break – No School

Wednesday, April 7th– School Reopens



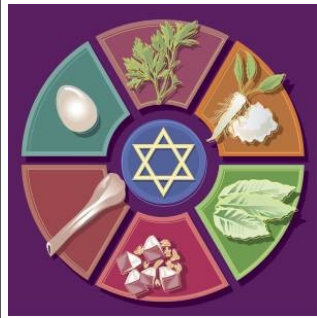
Starting tomorrow, March 5th Afterschool will resume its normal Friday closing time of 5:30.

PAC CORNER

The Purim Carnival was a huge success!! A tremendous thank you to our volunteers: Jenny Hoffman, Caryn Louie, Jodi Wax, Stacy Abramowitz, Elyza Halev, Maya Cotter, Susan Springer, and Julie Anders

The Passover Family Seder is coming up, Friday March 26. We need a few more volunteers for this event. If you can help, please contact Edie (ekahn@nc.rr.com) or Jill (jandjrose@mindspring.com).

Also saw this in the Chapel Hill News on Sunday: The Kehillah offers Passover food for pick up, the deadline for ordering is Friday March 5th!! If interested go to: www.chkehillah.org or contact Stephanie Stuchiner at 942-8914.



If you are interested in buying Kosher for Passover food, you may want to check out some of the links below.

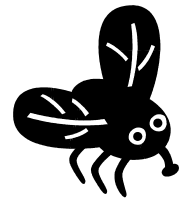
www.chkehillah.org

<http://usa.kosher.com/>

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Fly on the Wall...

Oh, what an unusual winter we have had. Fortunately it has not slowed down the learning and activities that have filled the last few weeks here at Lerner. Below are listed just a few:



- 4th and 5th Grade science presentations. Please visit Madison Springer's website at http://web.me.com/susanspringer/Ben_Franklin/Welcome.html where you can view her project.
- 3rd Grade investigating the strength of our bones by stacking books on toilet paper tubes.
- 2nd Grade's Wax Museum- Town Meeting where students gave oral presentations and answered questions about people of color who had a profound effect on their community and the world.
- 1st Grade preparing for their Family Program, March 11th, by discussing, making pictures and writing about ritual objects.
- Kindergarten students making and eating Green Eggs and Jam in celebration of Dr Seuss' birthday.
- Early Childhood children dressed in their wonderful costumes enjoying the Purim Carnival and laughing at the teachers as they performed the Purim Spiel.

We are looking forward to meeting with you on Parent / Teacher Conference Day this Monday the 8th. At that time teachers will share with you your child's Report Card, let you know how your child is doing, and work with you to plan your child's last trimester of this school year. (Yes, we are at that point already!) If you are not attending a conference on Monday, your child's Report Card will be sent home in his/her backpack on Tuesday. Enjoy the rest of your week,

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