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Principal



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A Message from Our Principal

By: Dalia Shabatian

Dear Parents and Students,

Welcome back to a new school year! I hope that you've had a relaxing and enjoyable summer and are looking forward to an exciting and stimulating new year. Each new year brings with it the anticipation for a year of growth and development for our students. We are eager to continue the warm relationships that we have made thus far and forge strong relationships with the new LIHA families. This year, we will be able to enjoy a few weeks of school before the Chagim arrive. Please take the time to read my personal note of welcome in the new school year calendar, received by all of our students. I'm enthusiastic about sharing with you the many dynamic programs and activities that we have planned and introducing you to our new staff over the next few weeks.

This year we will continue our exciting Chumash program, L'havin Ulehaskil. We will be utilizing it in both the 2nd, 3rd & 4th grades.

The Smartboards for kindergarten, 1st, 3rd and 5th grades, generously provided by the Center for Initiatives in Jewish Education under the sponsorship of the Gruss Life Foundation. They have also expanded our computer lab and updated our software to be in line with the Common Core Curriculum. The Successmaker Program is designed to help every child achieve success at their own pace. The kindergarten has benefitted from computers utilizing the Waterford Program. In addition, some of our teachers have attended the teacher training workshop that they have provided in order to maximize each student's experience. Those teachers found the workshop extremely enriching.

Under a grant from the Smart Schools Bond Act, we will be getting additional Smart interactive flat panels.

1. This year we added STEM to our curriculum and Ms. Zaleskie will be teaching it to our children as well becoming our new resource room teacher. We will also introduce Computer Explorers back into our curriculum besides for the regular Success Makers program that we currently have.
2. This year we continue our beautiful Tefillah program for grades 3-5 under the guidance of Rabbi Levy. The students enjoy praying in the beit midrash every morning with him.
3. Morah Chaya is our Hebrew resource room teacher and will be working with students in small groups. In addition, she will be teaching the fifth grade and produce programs for all of the Chagim.
4. We welcome back our old staff and are happy to have many new faces joining our faculty this year. Morah Tzivia is our new Toddler teacher and Norah Natalie is our new Nursery teacher. The new first grade Hebrew teacher is Morah Tamar. Mrs. Rabbanifar is our 5th grade General Ed teacher and Ms. Zaleskie is our 3rd grade General Ed teacher as well as STEM teacher and resource room teacher.
1. At the request of our parents, once again I am pleased to bring back our **extended hours program** (for Toddlers to Pre-K) that will take place in the morning, prior to the start of the school day and also at the closing of the school day with our toddler assistant Morah Pandora.

We want to acknowledge with much gratitude the generous scholarships that have been awarded to our students under the auspices of the UJA, Rose Biller DSS, SHAI, Oorah and Nechamas Yisroel. Without their support in these difficult economic times, some of our students would have been unable to continue their yeshiva education.

Parashat Shoftim 
Shabbat Candle Lighting time is at 7:05 p.m.
Havdalah time is at 8:08

Last, but not least, we want to thank our hardworking PTA for all of their efforts. We hope that all parents will participate in making their projects successful throughout the year. We applaud their efforts for providing all the extras that our students benefit from. We are currently in the process of looking for parents to volunteer to become members of our PTA and also we need a PTA President. Please call the school to volunteer time or nominate someone as PTA President. We want to welcome all of our new students and their families into our family, the LIHA family. Please make sure to friend us on FB. Our FB name is LIHA PTA. Come see all the amazing things that go on here in LIHA on a day to day basis.

As in previous years, our entire staff is devoted to the well being of our students in every respect. My door is always open and I welcome your suggestions. If you see an area that you think can be changed or improved, please let us know. If you see something that you are happy with, let us know as well. It is equally important that the students, parents, and staff collaboratively work together. This will ensure a smooth transition into the new academic year.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Shabatian

