

ECC NEWS

OCTOBER 2010

23 Tishre 5771 - 23 Cheshvan 5771

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER...

Wednesday, October 6	<u>MAGATHON KICK OFF</u>
Friday, October 8	<i>Kira & Nadine's class lead Shabbat</i>
Wednesday, October 13	MAGATHON TURN IN
Tuesday, October 12, 13, 14	<u>Class Pictures</u> (Order Form and Individual Class Schedules included)
Thursday, October 14	Speech & Language Screening
Friday, October 15	<i>Elaine & Amy's class lead Shabbat</i>
Tuesday, October 19	MAGATHON TURN IN
Friday, October 22	MAGATHON TURN IN
Friday, October 22	<i>Kathleen & Leah's class lead Shabbat</i> Kindergarten Preview 10:00am
Thursday, October 25	Vision & Hearing Screening
Friday, October 29	<i>Beverly & Jodi's class lead Shabbat</i>
Friday, October 16	<i>Elaine & Janice's class lead Shabbat</i>
Tuesday, October 20	Coffee with Head of School 8:00am-9:00am
Friday, October 23	<i>Kira & Nadine's class lead Shabbat</i>
Friday, October 30	<i>Katy & Tami's class lead Shabbat</i>



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A Note from Sheryl...

“If you build it, they will come.”, a memorable line from the movie “A Field of Dreams”. This is the same vision I have had for Levine Academy since becoming Director of the ECC. Improving and enhancing our existing playgrounds and building on our new Hillcrest outdoor space is one of our greatest desires.

The ECC is so grateful for the work that the Parents’ Association (PA) does for our school. Last year, our parent participation in the Mag-A-Thon program enabled us to buy new equipment for our playground and our PE program. The past funds raised in the Mag-A-Thon resulted in digital cameras purchased for every classroom in the ECC. Our teachers are now able to record the progress and participation of each child in our program. Participating in the Mag-A-Thon is a fun and easy way to ultimately make improvements and additions for every child in our school.

Please contribute to the PA Mag-A-Thon program. Every order that you place brings us closer to our “Field of Dreams”. The PA is donating a portion of the proceeds to our playgrounds. **Our school retains 40 cents of every \$1 collected on a magazine order.** Everyone who participates helps contribute to our playground fund!

On Wednesday the 13, Tuesday the 19 and Friday the 22 there will be a box at the front of the ECC to turn in your forms. If you have any questions please contact Nina Goodman at goodmanemail@verizon.net or Debbie Weinstein at jadews@flash.net.

Please make sure all forms are turned in by Friday, October 22.

Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Sheryl Feinberg

JEWISH STUDIES...

We hope you and your family enjoyed celebrating Simchat Torah! Seeing the Torah rolled out all around the BIG ROOM was certainly the highlight of our ECC Simchat Torah Celebration. A BIG thank you to Rabbi Eve, Wende Weinberg, Sherrie Stohl and our eighth graders! They really helped to make our celebration a meaningful one. We look forward to hearing all about how your family celebrated! Don't forget to send in your child's star shape. Extra Jewish holiday symbols can be found next to the Jewish Holiday Board in the ECC hallway!

Thank you to our current Mitzvah Mensch class! With the help from the children in Dafna and Sandra's Pre-K class, we collected a few wonderful bags of canned food for Jewish Family Services! You still have a few days to add to our canned food collection! Please send in your donation by Monday, October 11th!

Our next project will be lead by the children in Barbara and Tobe's Pre-K class. We will collect items for Operation Kindness. Details about this special project will follow during the next few weeks.

Alyse Eisenberg

Jewish Studies Coordinator

Please remember...

1. Your child must be Fever free for 24 hours in order to return to school.

2. Classroom morning drop off is 8:45am, please take your child to 'Early Care' if you need to drop them off before this time.

_Remind your child to practice good hand hygiene. Also encourage your child to cover their mouth and nose with their elbow or a tissue when they cough or sneeze as flu and cold season is upon us.

From our Rabbi...

Shalom Chaverim- Hello, my friends. My name is Rabbi Eve Posen and I am the new Campus Rabbi here at Ann and Nate Levine Academy. I grew up in Michigan, spent six years living in Los Angeles during Rabbinical School while simultaneously working towards my Masters Degree in Experiential Jewish Education, and moved to Dallas this summer. My husband Duncan, a native Dallasite, and I are so thrilled to be a part of this warm community.

I have already begun to spend a lot of time in the joyful classrooms in the ECC and look forward to every visit, and hearing our learners call out “Rabbi Eve” with an exciting anecdote about their lives! In addition to participating in our Havdalah celebration, Torah service and Shabbat celebrations, I am also going to be visiting every classroom in the ECC every 2 weeks sharing a story, a teaching or playing a game that incorporates Judaism into our daily lessons here at Levine Academy.

I am also here to serve you and your families. Feel free to stop by my office, send me an email or give me a call! I’m looking forward to many conversations and opportunities to learn from and to teach you and your children!

B’shalom-

Rabbi Eve Posen

A word from our Counselor...

Dear Family:

We are continuing to work on feelings in our *Second Step* lessons. This week we are focusing on how to recognize our own feelings. The children are learning two very important things about their own feelings:

- Feelings are called *feelings* because we “feel” them in our bodies. Our bodies give us clues as to how we are feeling.
- All of our feelings are okay.

The main feeling we learned this week is about worry. Young children have many things that they worry about. Having a word to describe how they are feeling can be very helpful. In the lesson, we encouraged children to talk to a grown-up if they are worried about something. The worries of young children often may seem small or unimportant to an adult, but they are very real and very distressing to young children.

Take time to listen to your child’s worries and let him or her know that you understand how upsetting it is to be worried. Use caring words and actions (maybe a hug is needed). These will let him or her know that you understand and make him or her feel better. Help your child figure out how to handle worries during school when you are not around. Be sure to tell me or your child’s teacher if there is something we should know about or if we can help in any way.

If you have any questions please contact me.

Sincerely,

Andy Blum LCSW

ECC- Lower School Counselor

Reminder...

Pre-K Wednesday classes end at 2:15 p.m.

In order for the Pre-K parents to avoid arriving with the Kindergarten carpool at 3:00 p.m. The Pre-K parents need to be in the carpool line by 2:15 p.m.

Thanks for your understanding.

CLASS /INDIVIDUAL PICTURES

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 12

- 9:10am Parent & Me (Betty Kenner)
9:30am Parent & Me (Beverley Lewin)
10:00am Toddlers (Debbie & Hedy)
10:20am Toddler & Me Program (Lindsay Feldman)
10:40am Pre-K (Katy & Mor)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 13

- 9:10am Two's (Betty & Debbie)
9:30am Two's (Mara & Tali)
9:40am Two's (Jenny & Shira)
10:00am Two's (Beverley & Janet)
10:30am Toddler's (Debbie & Hedy)
11:00am Pre-K (Dafna & Sandra)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 14

- 9:15am Toddler & Me Program (Lindsay Feldman)
9:35am Three's (Elaine & Amy)
10:05am Pre-K (Barbara & Tobe)
10:25am Three's (Beverly & Jodi)
10:55am Three's (Kathleen & Leah)
11:25am Three's (Kira & Nadine)

LEVINE ACADEMY ECC

Class/Individual pictures

\$40.00--Package A: 1-8x10,2-5x7's,8-2x3's and 1-5x7 class picture in a folder

\$25.00--Package B: 1-5x7,12-2x3's and 1-5x7 class picture in a folder

\$25.00--Package C: 2-5x7's,8-2x3's and 1-5x7 class picture in a folder

\$15.00--Package D: 1-5x7,2-3x5's and 4-2x3's plus 1 5x7 class picture in a folder

Class picture only \$10.00

Reorders any 8x10 unit \$10.00 -- for example 1-8x10 or 2-5x7's or 8-2x3's

Package must be ordered before a reorder is purchased.

Please fill out info below and return to your teacher by your scheduled date:

Child's Name: _____

Address: _____

Teachers: _____

Check: _____

Cash: _____

Credit Card Type: Visa _____ MasterCard _____ American Express _____

Card Number _____ VC _____

Billing Address (if different than above) _____

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