September 18, 2015

Dear Davis Academy Families:

We hope you all had a very happy Rosh Hashanah holiday. It’s been a short but busy week here at school with field trips and special activities including the 3rd grade visit to the Community Action Center and Middle School’s participation in Character Day (see photos below). We hope many of you are planning to attend the PTO Shabbat Picnic tonight. Looks like the weather is going to be great!

Speaking of great, we’re also off to a great start on our Next Stage Capital Campaign that will enable us to build exciting new facilities. Every gift is so important in order to reach our $7.5 million goal. We encourage every Davis family to participate with a personally meaningful commitment. Click here for more detailed information and to download a campaign pledge form.

At the Sandy Springs Community Assistance Center (CAC), 3rd graders learned how this agency helps neighbors in need and what it’s all about.

Middle School students participated in #CharacterDay, a movement using cloud-based films that examine moral and character development around the world. Click here to view The Science of Character, that Middle School students watched today. Here, 7th graders examine the Periodic Table of Character Traits.
like to make food and other household purchases with a small budget.

Points of Pride

- Mazel tov to **Leora Lewis and Gal Rocabado** who read Torah at school this week in honor of their upcoming b’not mitzvah ceremonies. Congratulations to Leora and Gal and their families!

- Kudos to **Ms. Silverboard’s 5th grade class** for their excellent leadership of this morning’s Kabbalat Shabbat and for helping prepare us for Yom Kippur. Our thanks, too, to Rabbi Analia Bortz of Congregation Or Hadash for sharing a story and a song with us this morning. Read reflections from Morah Kelly on our Menschlichkeit blog.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Holiday Schedule**

- Tues., Sept. 22 – noon dismissal – Yom Kippur
- Wed., Sept. 23 – Yom Kippur, no school
- Thurs., Sept. 24 – 10 a.m. start (doors open at 9:30 am)
- Mon., Sept. 28 & Tues., Sept. 29 - Sukkot, no school
- Mon., Oct. 5 & Tues., Oct. 6 - Shemini Atzeret & Simchat Torah, no school

**Help Feed Atlanta’s Hungry**

The 2nd grade food drive benefiting the Atlanta Community Food Bank continues until Friday, October 2 with collection bins at Lower & Middle Schools. Please send in canned and boxed goods in the bag we provided. No glass or baby food.

**October Lunch Orders Due**

Lunch orders for October are due by Friday, September 25. Please visit [www.orderlunches.com](http://www.orderlunches.com) to view the menu and place orders.

**Neighborhood Parking**

Please help us be good neighbors by NEVER parking in the surrounding neighborhoods and subdivisions, either during daily pickup or during special events. We ask that you help Davis build positive relationships with our neighbors by following our protocols for carpool and parking.

**Sports**

**Developmental Soccer:** [Click here](#) to register your 2nd – 5th grade child for Developmental
soccer. **Basketball Tryouts**: Boys and girls basketball tryouts are Oct. 26 - 28. Please click here to read Coach Spaulding’s basketball letter first, and click here to register your child for tryouts.

**Back to School Carnival & Fall Sports Photos Available Online**
To view and order from the Sports gallery, CLICK HERE. To view and order from the Back to School Carnival gallery, CLICK HERE. Or visit www.davisphotostore.com. After entering the online sports gallery, use the pull down menu in the image categories box in the upper left corner of page to find your team. In each team folder you may view and order team as well as individual portraits.

**Community**
Click here for events going on in the general and greater Jewish community.

Wishing you a great weekend. Shabbat Shalom!

Warmly,

Amy Shafron
Head of School