



The Alfred & Adele Davis Academy

December 22, 2016

Dear Davis Academy Families:

As I know everyone is eager to begin the long-awaited winter holiday break, I'm sure you won't be disappointed if this week's message is brief! I too am looking forward to some quiet time as we get re-energized for the excitement of 2017, including the grand opening of the Next Stage expansion!

At this time of year, I reflect upon the growth we have seen in each child and how thankful I am for the strong kehillah that makes up The Davis Academy that nurtures their growth - each of you, our parents, as well as our teachers and staff, alumni and their families and all of our community supporters. It is truly a privilege to see things from my vantage point and to share in the spirit of this special community. Please accept my appreciation for the role you play, the time and resources you share, and the trust you place in us, all of which help make The Davis Academy an extraordinary place of love and learning.

Here's wishing you a Happy Chanukah, and much relaxation, fun and safe travels if you're heading out of town over winter break. We look forward to celebrations and new opportunities in 2017! Enjoy a few pictures, and catch more from the week on [our Facebook page](#).



Rabbi Micah leads Kindergarten students in a practice Chanukah lighting. The first night of Chanukah is Dec. 24.



Chanukah celebrations at the Middle School campus included fun and yummys: jelly donuts, chocolate gelt, fast spinning dreidels and Chanukah song parodies.

Points of Pride



We are so proud of the participants of our Technology Fair, which took place last Sunday, December 18! The following students will be moving on to the Regional Technology Fair taking place on Sunday, January 22 at the Fulton Science Academy:

Bradley Amato, Maccabee Anderson, Jack Baylin, Talan Bens, Charlie Berss, Sydney Bressler, Sylvie Bella Brown, Stuart Cohen, Joshua Eichenholz, Avi Frank, Jordan Frank, Eva Golub, Levi Gordon, Leah Green, Maya Israel, Nina Joshua, Logan Katz, Danny Kobrinsky, Aidan Kramer, Ari Levy, Jolie Levy, Ariella Lewis, Molly Marcus, Jacob Martin, Matthew McCullough, Sarah Meiselman, Sarah Menis, Julia Moss, Alexa Rubin, Jacob Rubin, Eleanora Perez-Rubio, Rachel Slutzky, Jenny Sullivan, Tyler Swartz, Matthew Szabo, Jack Tolk, Mason Toporek, Dani Werbel, and Carson Wolff. Congratulations to all!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Holiday Calendar

Friday, Dec. 23 – Wednesday, Jan. 4 - Winter Break

(Saturday, Dec. 24 – First night Chanukah)

Wednesday, January 4 – Faculty Professional Development Day

Thursday, January 5 – School resumes for students

2017 – '18 School Year Key Dates

We are pleased to provide important dates and major holidays/vacations for the **2017 - 2018** school year:

First day of school – Monday, August 14, 2017

Rosh Hashanah – Wed., Sept. 20 – Noon Dismissal

Thurs., Sept. 21 & Fri., Sept. 22 – No School

Erev Yom Kippur – Friday, Sept. 29 - Noon Dismissal

Sukkot - Thursday, Oct. 5 - No School

Simchat Torah – Thursday, Oct. 12 – No School

Thanksgiving 2017- Wed., Nov. 22 – Fri., Nov. 24 – No School

Winter break – Monday, December 25, 2017 – Friday January 5, 2018 – No school
(school resumes Monday, January 8, 2018)

2018 Mid-winter weekend – No School Friday, Feb. 16 & Monday, Feb. 19

2018 Passover break – Friday, March 30 – Friday, April 6 – No School

Graduation (8th grade) – Thursday, May 31, 2018

Last day of school – Friday, June 1, 2018 - Noon Dismissal

Lunch Program Begins January 23

We are so excited to begin our new lunch program with Sage Dining on Monday, January 23. Until then, students continue to bring lunch from home.

Spring After School Program – Register Now!

From physical activities and creative pursuits to strategy-focused games, the Spring After School Program has something for every interest! [Click here](#) to view Spring 2017 After School Program offerings, which begin the week of January 17.

Community

[Click here](#) to view other events in the greater Atlanta and Jewish communities.

Shabbat Shalom and have a wonderful Winter Break! See everyone back on Thursday, January 5.

Warmly,



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