



The Alfred & Adele Davis Academy

January 27, 2017

Dear Davis Academy Families:

What a week! It began with an amazing Sunday beginning with a fantastic grand opening of our Next Stage facilities, followed by over 200 students gathering for the first Sunday Peter Pan rehearsal, followed by the Regional Tech Fair (in which we had 12 First place projects, 8 Second Place, and 5 Third Place finisher amongst 27 total Davis entries – see below). Monday was an awesome day for our students to have first-ever experiences in our expanded facilities. Other highlights this week include a parent program on Wednesday with a panel of experts discussing healthy eating and healthy bodies, and a TED Ed Fair this morning during which 8th graders showcased their video research projects on topics ranging from how the human mind interprets what is around us to how Rap music has evolved.

Meanwhile, I am so happy to report that our new dining program has gotten off to a terrific start. We've received great feedback from students, faculty and parents alike on the quality and variety of the offerings. We are very quickly becoming familiar with the service routines and many different items each day. We appreciate the caring and guidance of both teachers and our new Sage staff, who have helped children navigate our new meal plan this week.



On Monday morning, all students gathered in our new Rosenberg Performing Arts Theatre, where the Davis Lion mascot took the stage and helped cut the ribbon to officially open our new facilities for “business.”



After a first ever tefillah service in our beautiful new Kaufman Chapel and attending the ribbon cutting ceremony, Middle School students enjoyed getting a look at all the exciting

features of the new Innovation and Design studio on Monday morning.

Check out more pictures on [our Facebook page](#).

Points of Pride

- **Regional Technology Fair:** So excited to share the news that with 12 First Place project wins (15 first place ribbons due to 3 team projects), The Davis Academy was the top winning school at last weekend's regional competition at Fulton Science Academy!! We are so proud of these First Place winning students, whose projects will now advance to the State Technology Fair in March: **Avi Frank** (Device Modification – 5th & 6th grades); **Leah Green** (Project Programming – 3rd & 4th grades); **Sarah Menis** (Robotics – 3rd & 4th); **Jack Baylin & Maccabee Anderson** (Digital Game Design – 3rd & 4th); **Julia Moss** (Internet Applications – 3rd & 4th); **Jordan Frank** (Digital Game Design – 5th & 6th); **Aidan Kramer & Logan Katz** (Animation – 5th & 6th); **Alexa Rubin** (Graphic Design – 3rd & 4th); **Eleonora Perez-Rubio** (3D Modeling – 3rd & 4th); **Matthew Szabo & Stuart Cohen** (Animation – 7th & 8th); **Jacob Rubin** (Graphic Design – 5th & 6th); and **Carson Wolff** (Tech Literacy Challenge – 5th & 6th).
- Congratulations to the 10 middle school students who qualified for the **National Geographic Geography Bee!** **Caleb Mahle** (6th), **Jared Berenthal** (8th), **Derek Coffsky** (8th), **Lily Fleischmann** (8th), **Ezra Mahle** (7th), **Kurt Holland** (8th), **Oren Panovka** (8th), **Sasha Wildstein** (7th), **Tyler McMahan** (8th) and **Ethan Wolfson** (8th). The school bee will be next Thursday, February 2 in the Middle School Gym from 3:00—3:30 pm.
- More congrats to **Mrs. Rainbow's 5th grade class**, who worked in design teams to win **January's LittleBits challenge** to create an invention inspired by the Harry Potter stories. Our winning prize is a LittleBits Rule the Room Kit, which was awarded best toy of 2016.
- Mazel tov to **Daniel Rosen**, who read Torah yesterday at school in honor of his upcoming bar mitzvah ceremony. Congratulations to Daniel and his family!
- *Todah rabah* to **Mrs. Buc's 2nd graders** for their inspiring Kabbalat Shabbat leadership today! Our thanks to **Rabbi Spike Anderson** of Temple Emanu-El, who shared a story about finding one's own "music" in life.
- **Davis in the News:**
Atlanta Jewish Times: [Davis Expands Into Its Next Stage](#)
[Click here](#) to hear a clip from Rabbi Micah's exchange with Bailey & Southside on 100.5 radio this week.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Basketball Playoffs – Next Week!

Come out to cheer on the Lions in next week's MAAC finals games!

* **B teams** participate in the MAAC Championships on Monday, Jan. 30: **B Girls** travel to St. Francis for a 4:00 tip. **B Boys** travel to Epstein for a 5:00 pm tip. If our teams win, they will play at 6:30 pm at both sites in the championship game.

* **A teams** play quarter finals next Thursday at home: **A Girls** hosting AIS, 4:30 pm. **A Boys** hosting Ridgeview, 5:30 pm. Go Lions!!

Rise Up Shabbat – Feb. 3

Get ready to Rise Up Davis Academy! Back by popular demand in celebration of our awesome 'Rise Up' video and in support of our Atlanta Falcons in the Super Bowl next weekend, we invite all students (and faculty/staff) to wear red uniform tops or your favorite Falcons shirt and navy uniform bottoms or jeans next Friday. And speaking of spirit, we hope you enjoyed our ['Rise Up' video](#). Feel free to share our great Davis ruach with others!!

Re-Enrollment Contracts Due Feb. 3

Each family should have received an email last Friday with instructions for completing your re-enrollment contract for the 2017 – '18 school year. Thank you in advance for your prompt attention in returning the contracts, which helps us immensely in the work of planning for next school year. Contracts and deposits are due by next Friday, February 3.

Adult Discussion with Rabbi Micah – Feb. 3

All parents are welcome to join Rabbi Micah for a great discussion. Topic: Getting the most out of Kabbalat Shabbat at Davis. 7:45 – 8:15 am, Lower School Media Center.

Developmental Volleyball Starts Feb. 3

Registration for Developmental Volleyball for boys and girls in 3rd – 5th grades is open now. The program meets on Fridays: Feb. 3rd, 10th, and 24th; and March 3rd. The cost to participate is \$60. [Click here](#) for more information and to register your child.

School Photos

Thank you to those that have already ordered. School galleries are back online for you to enjoy. Don't forget to check out other Davis Academy's event photographs at www.davisphotostore.com.

Morning Carpool

An important reminder to families to keep children in their cars until the morning carpool doors open and the teachers are out to start the process – at 7:30 am and not before. This is for safety reasons to make sure we have adults outside before the kids get out of the car.

Community

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

Shabbat Shalom and have a wonderful weekend!

Warmly,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Amy".

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