



Mrs. D's Blog
Dear KBA Families,

A good mission statement tells you a lot about an organization. It tells you the vision it has for the future and why it does what it does, and it leaves enough

room so that the 'how' can be tailored to fit each generation. All of this, in thirty words, or less.

For more than 50 years, Kellman Brown Academy has been educating Jewish children in Southern New Jersey, nurturing them, teaching them Jewish values, and giving them the strong foundation that will enable them to become leaders in their home and community.

In December, the Board of Trustees took all of that history, added the input of our teachers and staff, and developed a statement that says it all. The mission of Kellman Brown Academy is:

To cultivate leaders of the Jewish Community and the world by nurturing the potential of each student with an unparalleled academic experience enhanced by Jewish studies and values.

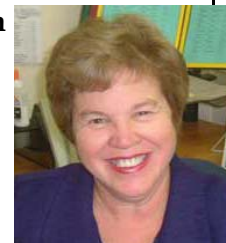
As the rest of the year unfolds, you will see our teachers and staff finding ways to express this mission so that it is meaningful to our students. A leader may be a child who is the first student to reach out to a new arrival in class; academics may be expressed as studying hard; Jewish values may be shown in giving *kavod* - respect - to teachers and parents.

This mission is nothing new; we've been doing this for decades. Somehow, though, having it in a single statement makes it much easier to put up on our walls. Now, we can look at it with pride every day, as we educate our children.
B'shalom, Susan Detwiler

Gleanings from Giveret Roffman

Dear Kellman Brown Families,

Here is an article about "stars"; not the ones in the sky, but those found in our hallways every day at Kellman Brown.



The Star Polisher

By Leah Becks

I have a great job in the universe of occupations. What do I do? I'm a "star polisher".

It's a very important job. If you want to know how important, just go out at night and look at the stars twinkling and sparkling.

You see, I'm a teacher. The stars are the students in my class. My job is to take them in - in whatever shape they come - and shine and buff them and then send them out to take their places as bright twinkling beacons in the sky.

They come into my room in all shapes and sizes. Sometimes they're bent, tarnished, dirty, crinkly and broken. Some stars are cuddly, soft and sweet. Some stars are prickly and thorny.

As I buff, polish, train and teach my stars, I tell them that the world cannot do without them. I tell them they can do anything they set their minds to do. I tell them they can be the brightest, shiniest stars in the sky and the world will be a better place because of them.

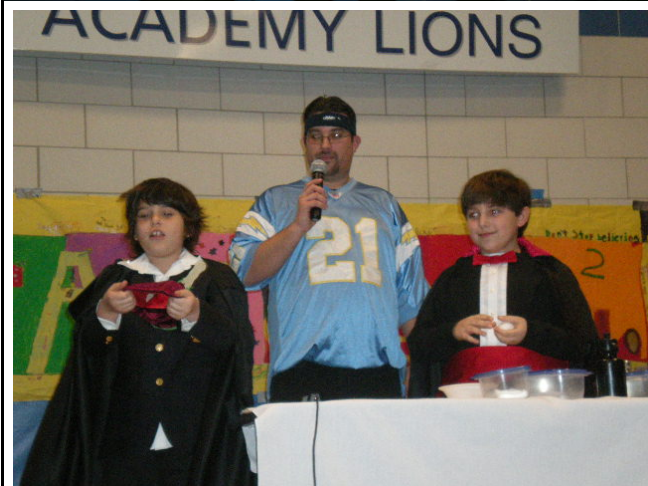
Each night as I look at the sky, I'm reminded of my very important job and awesome responsibility. I go and get buffing cloth and my bottle of polish in preparation for tomorrow and for my class of little stars.

If you want to see some of our stars at KBA, come to a basketball game, science fair (3/10), Purim Megillah reading (2/26), Kitah Gimel Havdalah (2/20), Pesach seder (3/26) or Hag HaSiddur (3/18)!

Shabbat Shalom, Giveret Roffman

This Week At Kellman Brown

TALENT SHOW IN REVIEW



TU B'SHEVAT...AND THE CELEBRATION CONTINUES!

Just notice the blooming garden in our foyer! Kitah Hey celebrated all week long in their classroom prior to the holiday of the trees. Their class flower was the "*svuni heharim*" which grows in Eretz Yisrael that you will see on display as you enter our building. The students learned that this flower grows near a rock and comes in a variety of colors.

Fifth graders also learned about the 7 species (*Shivat Ha-Minim*) that grow in Israel. They tasted the delicious strawberries, oranges, dates, carrots and apricots that everyone contributed. Prior to eating the fruits and vegetables, they matched words and pictures and recited the appropriate blessings for each one.

Olivia Deutsch brought a greenish-yellow fruit called "pomello" from Israel. What a treat this was! It is not an easy fruit to find here in an American supermarket!

Morah Ayala made learning about Tu B'Shevah fun and exciting by letting us taste and smell so many fruits and vegetables.

Now we are looking forward to learning about Purim in Kitah Hey!

By Shira Resnick and Rachel Bresalier
Kitah Hey

SCHOOL-WIDE SEDER DATE CHANGE

Our school-wide seder has a new date. The seder will now be held on Friday, March 26, 2010. Please make a note of it. We need plenty of volunteers for this monumental, annual event.

Upcoming Events & Reminders

DATES TO REMEMBER

FEBRUARY 2010

- 4 Winter Dance, Grades 5-8, 6:30-8:30 PM
- 5 Freezy Friday at all lunches
PLEASE KEEP YOUR FOOD DONATIONS COMING! BRING THEM TO THE BOX IN YOUR CHILD'S CLASSROOM.
- 8 Recipe Submissions due for PTG COOKBOOK
- 10 PTG Meeting 7:30 PM
- 11 Jump Rope or Hoop for Heart
- 12 No School – Teacher In-Service
- 15 No School – President's Day
- 20 Kitah Gimmel Havdalah Program 6:45PM
- 26 Megillah Reading, 10:00 AM
Purim Carnival, 1:30 PM

BUY YOUR KELLMAN CARD

8TH GRADE ISRAEL TRIP FUNDRAISER

For just \$10.00 the annual Kellman Card gives you discounts to many popular local shopping spots. It includes a \$15.00 gift certificate to Bernard's, dining discounts for Bagel Spot, Cherry Grill and Perlin's; shopping discounts to Atlas Paint & Wallpaper, Donna's Bag & Wishing Well, and many more. The \$10.00 goes directly to support the 8th grade trip to Israel. Cards are available from any 8th grader or ask at the front desk. Thanks for your support!

SCIENCE FAIR IS COMING!

Our Science Fair is coming up on Wednesday, March 10 at 7:00 PM. Our wonderful lower school science teacher, Sagit Betser, needs help. Each room parent in the lower grades is searching for helpers for each class in grades K – 5 during the fair, 6:45 – 9:00 PM. Be a part of it!

JOB OPPORTUNITY

The Career Finders Temp Agency has a client in Pennsauken that needs 4 temporary employees to work on a Telesales project until June. Must have Telemarketing/ Telesales experience and be tech savvy. \$12/hr. Hours: 8:30-5:00pm. If interested please email Jennifer Safier: jen@thecareerfinders.com or call 856-533-2320

PTG COOKBOOK

Thanks for helping us reach our first goal. Our next goal is 200 recipes by Monday February 8, 2010. If you have already submitted a recipe, please pass this on. The more we have the better. Our cookbook will be published and sold this year. **Our goal is 200 recipes by this Monday, February 8, 2010.**

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We need you to make it happen!

KBA PTG COOKBOOK Submit A Recipe



ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS

As part of the Environmental awareness program and the Science Fair projects, Lori Braunstein, the Executive Director and Founder of Sustainable Cherry Hill will come and speak with the 4th & 5th grades next Thursday, February 11th, 1:00-2:00 PM. Parents are invited to attend.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

The 5th grade is seeking a volunteer with video-editing experience to assist with an exciting project. If you are able to volunteer or know someone who might, please email Rachel Zivic, rzivic@kellmanbrownacademy.org. Thanks.

Kellman Brown Connections

MAZEL TOV

To Sagit Betser and Rachel Zivic on receiving a grant from the U.S. Air Force Association. This will be used on a class project about remote vehicles.

IN SYMPATHY

To Harvey and Suzie Mindel on the loss of their beloved father, Alex Mindel.

TORAH PORTION

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MITZVAH OF THE MONTH

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KRIAT SHEMA

Our Torah teaches us in the book of Dvarim Shema Yisrael Adonai Eloheinu Adonai Echad "Hear, O Israel: The Lord our G-d, the Lord is one."

This is a centerpiece of our belief and our Torah. We are commanded to recite it twice a day everyday and it should be the last words we say before going to sleep.

In the Shema, we are commanded to love G-d with all one's heart, soul and might and to remember and teach these very important words to the children throughout the day. Obeying these commands, says the second portion, will lead to rewards, and disobeying them will lead to punishment. To ensure fulfillment of these key commands, G-d also commands in the third portion a practical reminder, wearing the tzitzit, "that ye may remember and do all my commandments, and be holy unto your God."

Some ways to perform this mitzvah:

- Recite Shema at KBA during Shacharit.
- Recite Shema before bed each night.
- Recite Shema upon awakening.
- Recite Shema in synagogue on Shabbat.

TRIBUTE DINNER FOOD DRIVE

This food drive begins immediately for the Jewish Family and Children's Services Food Bank. Bring nonperishable Kosher food items to your child's classroom for our beautiful dinner table centerpieces.

Donations will be accepted until April 11, 2010. Our Tribute Dinner will be held May 6, 2010.

See flyer for details.



BIRTHDAYS AND CELEBRATIONS

As it is stated on page 16 of the KBA Family Handbook:

"In keeping with the religious objectives of our school, we urge parents not to hold out-of-school parties on the Shabbat or holidays. If a party is planned for Saturday night, it should be scheduled to begin at least an hour after *Shabbat* ends so that children will not have to travel on *Shabbat* in order to arrive on time. Many students are unable to attend such parties due to Shabbat observance. We further request that you **do not serve non-kosher foods** at parties either in your home, or at parties in a restaurant. (Non-kosher fast food restaurants are by definition not acceptable settings for a Kellman child's birthday party.) Please contact the school if any questions or problems come up about birthday parties.

If more than half the students (or students of either sex in a class) are to be invited to a party, include all class members (or all the students of that sex). Please do not hurt children's feelings by excluding two or three members of a class from a party. **Under no circumstances will invitations be handed out in school unless the entire class is invited.** As Rabbi Hillel taught, "What is hurtful to you, do not do to your neighbor".

Your cooperation and sensitivity in following these guidelines will be appreciated."

Kellman Brown Connections

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Be a giver today and donate to a KBA education!**

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