



Mrs. D's Blog

*Eilu v'Eilu - This AND That.....
To Think That I Saw It on Mulberry
Street! Hop on Pop! The Cat in the Hat!
McElligot's Pond!*

This week we celebrated Dr. Seuss' birthday, and one way was to take a survey of our favorite Dr. Seuss book. It was so hard for me to decide, that I wrote in the name of two books. This AND That are my favorites.

Of course, in most cases, you actually have to make a decision and pick one thing over another: a dessert on a menu; a vacation spot; a school to send your child to. And of course, when it comes to the latter, we are very glad you have chosen Kellman Brown Academy.

But while having to make a choice usually requires you to pick one thing OR another, sometimes it is possible to choose both.

The Kellman Brown Academy Tribute Dinner is Thursday, May 6. I know that as many of you as are able will be here to celebrate and honor Daryl and David Farber and Kelly and Eric Shore, and recognize the contributions of teachers Ellen Barmach and Ayala Varadi. I wrote more about the Tribute Dinner two weeks ago, and you will soon be receiving an invitation in the mail.

Yet, the same week in May is the 2010 Women's Gala supporting the Jewish Federation of Southern New Jersey, on Wednesday, May 5. Our own KBA parent, Robyn Greenberg, is one of the co-chairs.

How to choose? Perhaps this is one time when you may be able to choose both. If you can also attend the Women's Gala, I urge you to contact Beth Zive at the Jewish Federation of Southern New Jersey, or see the details at www.jfedsnj.org. The funds go to serve the entire Jewish community.

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PS. In case you are curious, my two Dr. Seuss favorites were *McElligot's Pond* and *To Think That I Saw It on Mulberry Street*. Many others were close behind. What are yours.

B'shalom, Susan Detwiler

Gleanings from Giveret Roffman

Dear KBA Families,

"Leadership in the Megillah and at Kellman Brown Academy"



On Purim, we hear the whole megillah of Queen Esther and her heroic uncle, Mordecai. In Shushan, Persia (modern day Iran), they were leaders of the Jewish people. Today at KBA, we strive to teach and imbue our students with leadership skills. Students lead t'fillot starting in Gan and eventually serve on student council planning activities for the entire school.

We teach our students a set of shared values which require reasoning, tolerance and commitment to *mizvot* as responsible leaders. Following in the tradition of Esther and Mordecai, students learn to defend beliefs while remembering that "*derech erez*" (good manners) are a hallmark of good leaders.

Recently, I reviewed with faculty and students the "7 Habits of Effective Leadership" by Stephen R. Covey to guide us as we develop leaders, one child at a time at KBA.

Habit 1: **BE PROACTIVE**

I am a responsible person; I take initiative.
I choose my actions, attitudes and moods.
I do not blame others for my wrong actions.
I do the right thing without being asked, even when no one is looking.

Habit 2: **PLAN AHEAD**

I plan ahead and set goals.
I do things that have meaning and make a difference.
I am an important part of my classroom and contribute to my school.

Habit 3: **PUT FIRST THINGS FIRST**

I spend my time on things that are most important.
This means I say *no* to things I know I should not do.
I set priorities, make a schedule, and achieve my goals; I am disciplined and organized.

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This Week At Kellman Brown

THE AMAZING ADVENTURES OF FLAT STANLEY

After reading the book Flat Stanley by Jeff Brown the boys and girls in Second Grade created their own Flat Stanley and sent them out on some very special journeys. The children wrote letters to family and friends asking them to do something interesting with Stanley and to please return him with a photo of the event. Stanley has been sent to places as near as Cherry Hill and as far as Israel. He has been to the beach in Florida, played in the snow in New Jersey, played basketball at the JCC, and had lunch with some very special senior citizens in New York. Each day as a Stanley returns to Kellman Brown his adventures are shared by his proud owner. Please stop in to the Second Grade and see the amazing photos.



JUMP FOR HEART AND HOOPS FOR HEART

We had an amazing turn out for our American Heart Association Fundraiser. Our student with the most jumps was Danielle L. (4) and the student with the most hoops (baskets) was Hannah B. (8). Congratulations to all our athletes! On the fundraising end of things, we have raised over \$5000.00 for the AHA. Thank you for sending in all your donations! See photos on page 6!

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. Contact PTG to volunteer!

CLASSROOM LAPTOPS

The third and fourth graders used the amazing laptops for the first time on Tuesday. Read some of their comments below:

It was really neat to see the older mice next to the new ones. It was really cool to be able to use them inside our classroom. We liked having the computers at our desks. We don't have to wait for everyone to be finished an activity before we can start typing.



PTG MAILBOX

PTG welcomes your thoughts and questions. Just email them to PTG@kellmanbrownacademy.org. The next PTG meeting will be held on Monday, March 8 at 8:30 AM.

Upcoming Events & Reminders

DATES TO REMEMBER

WE STILL NEED OVER 100 FOOD AND/OR PERSONAL ITEMS FOR THE TRIBUTE DINNER CENTERPIECES. BRING THEM TO THE BOX IN YOUR CHILD'S CLASSROOM.

MARCH 2010

- 5 Purim Carnival in the afternoon
 - 8 Transportation Forms Due
 - 9 7th & 8th Grades Mini Model Congress Trip
 - 10 Science Fair 7:00-9:00 PM
 - 11 Home Basketball Game, 4:00 PM
 - 12 Freezy Friday at all lunches
 - 15 Basketball Banquet 5:30 PM
 - 18 Kitah Alef Hag ha Siddur 7:00 PM
 - 25 Preschool and Gan Seder 10:30 AM
 - 26 School wide Seder for Grades 1 – 8 10:00
Everyone Invited!
 - 29 Passover Vacation Begins-No School
- CLASSES RESUME APRIL 7**

SCIENCE FAIR IS COMING!

Get ready for some Science fun. Come and see all of our students' wonderful exhibits and experiments on Wednesday, March 10, 7:00-9:00 PM. Students in grades K – 8 are participating.

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!

TRANSPORTATION FORMS NOW DUE
All transportation forms for the next school year are due by Monday, March 8. Please fill out and return these forms, one for each student who will enter K- 8th grade at KBA for 2010-2011.

ENROLLMENT FOR THE 2010-2011 SCHOOL YEAR IS NOW!

We have already received applications for 16 new students to date! We recently accepted 6 kindergarten students. If you are planning on registering a sibling of a current student, or you know someone who is considering Kellman Brown Academy for next year, don't delay!! Now is the time!

For more information- Stephanie Specter
679-2929 x1703 or

sspecter@kellmanbrownacademy.org

FASHION SHOW CONTEST

Come up with a creative theme for the Kellman Brown Academy PTG Fashion Show, and win two free tickets to the event scheduled for November 17, 2010.

The winner will also be acknowledged at the event. Please submit your idea to

stoopler@verizon.net

Thank You,

The Fashion Show Team

Robyn Greenberg, Jennifer Sholder, Randi Stoopler,
& Stacy Vana

NEW DATE IN APRIL

Our school celebration of Yom Ha'atzmaut has been changed. We will now celebrate on Monday, April 19, 2010.



Kellman Brown Connections

MAZEL TOV

To Idan Kantor, Haim and Ziva, on Idan becoming a bar mitzvah.

To Morah Ayala, Mrs. Rochkind and Kitah Gimel on a wonderful Havdalah Program.

To Nurse Andy & Dr. Alan Moak on the birth of a granddaughter, Alexa Jordyn Horowitz.

SPEEDY RECOVERY

To Warren Mangel, husband of Nurse Judie Mangel.

IN SYMPATHY

To Gerald, Minna and Elisabeth (8) Siegel on the loss of their beloved father and grandfather, Herman Siegel.

To Larry, Amelia and Shmuli Hershman (2) on the loss of their beloved father and grandfather, Steven Hershman.

To David, Lauren, Ali (3) and Sara (1) Chesnick on the loss of their beloved father and grandfather, Harry Chesnick.

TORAH PORTION

Ki Tissah

WASHINGTON D.C. TRIP

Mazel Tov on a job well done, Ellen Barmach! The Washington, D. C. trip was a judged to be a real success. Even the Supreme Court justices would not be able to argue about the extraordinary trip for our 7th and 8th graders this year!

Congressman John Adler and Supreme Court Judge Scalia entertained questions from our students, parents and staff.

Congratulations to Mrs. Andy Friedman for leading the group through the Holocaust Museum passionately sharing this tragic time in our history. She shared memorable lessons for life with our KBA community of learners.

Todah Rabah to chaperones: Helene Sterling, Sigal Algrably, Leslie Sirken, Liza Wolf, Rena Platt, Dr. Alyssa Garin, Audrey Litto, Dr. Gabor Varadi, Dr. Richard Rosenthal and Dr. Howard Lassin.

It was a wonderful educational experience for all.

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

Thank you to following families who have
contributed to the 2009-2010 Annual Campaign
Be a giver today and donate to a KBA education!

Jeff & Susan Aaronson

Adler Family

Aharon Family

Alexander Family

Anonymous Donation

Arnowitz Family

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Family

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Malat Family

Matro Family

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Natan/Kolodner Family

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Kellman Brown Connections

GLEANINGS FROM GIVERET ROFFMAN

"7 Habits of Effective Leadership"

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Habit 4: THINK WIN- WIN

I balance courage for getting what I want with consideration for what others want.

When conflicts arise, I look for ways to solve problems.

I look for ways to be a good citizen.

Habit 5: SEEK FIRST TO UNDERSTAND

I listen to other people's ideas and feelings; I try to see things from their viewpoints.

I listen to others without interrupting.

I am confident in voicing my ideas; I look people in the eyes when talking.

Habit 6: WORK AS A TEAM

I value other people's strengths and learn from them.

I work well in groups, even with people who are different from me.

I seek out other people's ideas to solve problems because I know that by teaming with others we can create better solutions than any one of us can alone.

Habit 7: KEEP A HEALTHY MIND IN A HEALTHY BODY

I take care of my body by eating right, exercising and getting sleep.

I spend time with family and friends.

I learn in lots of ways and lots of places, not just at school.

I take time to find meaningful ways to help others.

Shabbat Shalom,
Giveret Roffman

PURIM 5770



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