

VBS ECC NEWSLETTER

JUNE, 2014



A MESSAGE FROM OUR DIRECTORS

As the school year comes to a close, we are reflecting on how much our children have grown and how much we have all accomplished together this year! So much of what we are able to do here at VBS ECC, and what makes our community so special is due to the extraordinary and active support of the Parent Association. Your participation as Room Parents cultivates a deep sense of community and connection in your class. Your support in fundraising makes it possible to provide unique special programming,, as well as providing financial assistance to families in our community that need support. Your contribution to social action reflects your commitment to Tikkun Olam. Your active participation makes days like Harvest Festival, Snow Day and Community Helper's Day possible. Your attendance at community Shabbats Dinners strengthens spiritual connections within your own family and in our community. As you can see, we truly can not do it all without all of you. PLEASE GET INVOLVED! We have many opportunities to volunteer for parents who work outside the home , stay-at-home parents, and for moms, dads, and grandparents alike! We know you lead full and busy lives, and we are grateful to be a part of them!

ECC UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

- 6/4-5 Shavout - ECC Closed
- 6/6 Shavout Celebration- special challah baking at 9:00am
Dress in white
- 6/11 Last Day of Preschool-
NOON DISMISSAL
- 6/12 Preschool Step-Up Ceremony
10:00am
- 6/14 Tot Shabbat 10am
- 6/15 Happy Father's Day
- 6/23 Camp Shelanu Meet & Greet
5:30pm
- 6/24 Camp Shelanu Begins
- 6/28 Tot Shabbat 10am



Everybody loves Pajama Day, even daddies!

I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel.

-Maya Angelou

ECC NEW PARENTS WELCOME TEA

Last month we welcomed many new parents and their children to the ECC at our New Parents Welcome tea. It was a chance to meet new friends, compare parenting notes and make exciting plans for the upcoming school year.

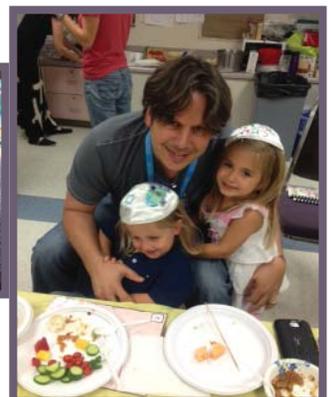
It was particularly touching to see our returning parents bond with our new parents, most of which are about to send their first child to preschool. Returning parents were very reassuring and full of great advice about making the family transition to preschool. Many returning parents kvelled about how their children have thrived through preschool and how lifelong friendships are launched for the parents as well as the children.

The ECC is very fortunate to be welcoming a group of parents who are excited to be involved with our Parent Association. Sign-up sheets were circulated and we were thrilled to see so many parents signing up for PA committees. A heartfelt thanks in advance for your participation in the ECC Parent Association!



HAPPY FATHER'S DAY TO ALL OUR ECC DADS!

You are such an important part of the ECC Community.



Try to be a rainbow in someone's cloud.
-Maya Angelou

WE ARE LOOKING FOR NEW ECC PARENT PARTICIPATION FOR THE 2014-15 SCHOOL YEAR!

Please attend to learn more about how you can become more active with the ECC Parent Association.

Volunteer opportunities include:



Book Fair



Snow Day



Family Fun Events



EPIC Fundraising



Community Helpers Day

...and **MUCH** more! Please contact our incoming 2014-15 ECC PA Co-Chairs Melissa Darwish and Melanie Cohen for more information. Their emails are: Melis-sadarwish@gmail.com and melaniesuzanna@hotmail.com. Thanks in advance for your participation!

VBS ALL SCHOOL SHABBAT

Our annual VBS All School Shabbat was a rockin', bubbly good time! Thanks to all our families who attended .



TOT SHABBAT - ALL SUMMER LONG!

Tot Shabbat family services are filled with joyful singing, stories and family friendly prayers. Join fellow ECC families the second and fourth Saturday of every month @10:00am in Burdoff Hall throughout the summer.

You may not control all the events that happen to you, but you can decide not to be reduced by them.

-Maya Angelou

GOT CAMP?

Camp Shelanu is a 7 week summer camp designed exclusively for preschoolers. Every day campers will have fun, make friends, get messy and learn new skills with our extraordinary staff of camp counselors, specialists, and CITs.

Our camp directors have announced our fun-filled theme weeks, including:

**Red, White & Blue*

**Wacky Week*

**Culinary Creations*

**Olympic Week*

**Fun on the Farm*

**Around the World*

**Beach Party*

Please note; Camp Shelanu was **COMPLETELY SOLD OUT** last summer so be sure to sign up soon.



ART DONOR DONOR APPRECIATION

We celebrate our beautiful Art Doors, our generous donors who adopted these magnificent works of art AND your talented children, who were inspired to create their own works of art based on inspiration drawn from the doors.



Nothing can dim the light which shines from within.

-Maya Angelou

KIDTALK



When Fynn opened his lunch box last week , he took one look the contents and proclaimed “I didn’t order this!”

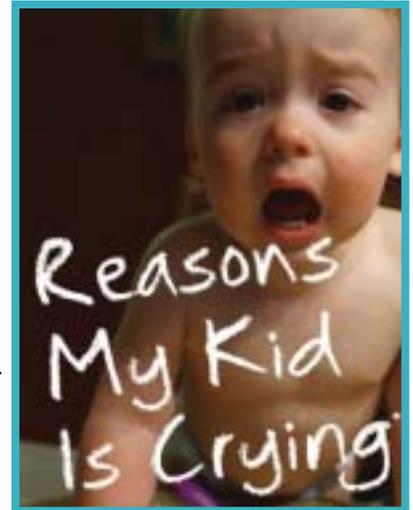
When Eliana heard that the ECC was throwing Olga a Baby Shower, she asked her teacher Sarah, “Why does everyone need to take a shower for Olga’s baby?”



LINKS WE LOVE

ReasonsMySons-Crying.com

is a hilarious Tumblr Blog that posts parents’ photos of their children in mid-metldown along with the reason for each blow-up. This light-hearted look at parenthood is created by dad/copywriter Greg Pembroke and is open to everyone. Feel free to post your own pics!



OLGA'S BABY SHOWER



ECC Custodian Olga was showered with food, fun, laughter and love as she prepares to give birth to her new baby girl. Olga and her family appreciated the love and generosity from the entire ECC community.



I’ve learned that you shouldn’t go through life with a catcher’s mitt on both hands; you need to be able to throw something back.

-Maya Angelou

VBS DAY SCHOOL SPOTLIGHT

Day School Open House Featuring Technology, Science and Art Fairs

In the spring, the Day School hosts an Open House providing parents and students a window into the innovative, creative and exciting learning opportunities students experience throughout the school year. At the Art Fair, organized and chaired by our 2013-2014 Szabati-Patt Teacher of the Year, Lisa Suman, Art Specialist, parents and students view and discuss the process of creating the various works of art. The Science Fair allows for hands-on scientific exploration and discovery. This year, the Day School featured a Robotics Demonstration as well as a Technology Fair with the integration of technology into each classroom's projects. The 4th grade turned their rooms into an Apple Store, complete with a Genius Bar; 3rd grade showcased an Animal Biome Project with iPads set to show the biome books created using an iPad app; 2nd grade created an iMovie with the use of Green Screen technology featuring the creation of an art piece in various stages from beginning to end. We look forward to another year of technology integration into our learning process as we expand our 1:1 iPad program to 2nd and 5th grades.

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HAROLD M. SCHULWEIS
DAY SCHOOL



SAY CHEESE!

Outdoor Classroom Teacher Merav taught everyone how to milk a cow and make cheese from scratch!



Follow ECC on INSTAGRAM
We'll post loads of pics of your adorable children every week on Instagram.



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Please join our Facebook community!

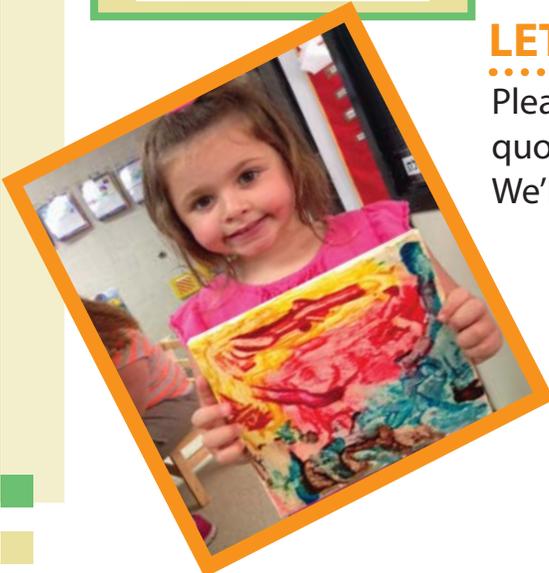
"Like" the Valley Beth Shalom ECC Preschool page.

Get a joyful glimpse into your child's day. This is a great way for you to share your child's preschool experience with loved ones across the world. We often post great candid shots that you can share friends and family. Remember, for security reasons, please don't tag any children with their names.

LET US HEAR FROM YOU THIS SUMMER!

Please share summer vacation pics and great Kidtalk quotes from your adorable children.

We'll include them in our upcoming newsletter!



You are the sum total of everything you've ever seen, heard, eaten, smelled, been told, forgot. It's all there. Everything influences each of us, and because of that I try to make sure that my experiences are positive.

-Maya Angelou