



THOUGHTS...

from the Head of School

Last month we released the results of our parent survey, to which almost 80% of families in our school responded. The next few months will be spent trying to focus on potential areas of growth for us as a school, on which we feel we are better able to focus with all of this feedback. I will do my best to address some of these issues in upcoming writings. My thought for today relates to graduation, for which 69 eager Leo Baeck students and their families are now preparing. As a school, we have been preparing for this day for 9 or 10 years, from the moment these students entered our school. Each teacher takes seriously his or her responsibility to assist a student

in his or her own development, to be more skilled, self-aware and proficient than when the two first met. Twenty-one students who are graduating from high school this year have been reflecting on their time at Leo Baeck, as they were the first graduating class of the South Campus 4 years ago. Jack Lipson for one brought Leo Baeck to the fore in his interview for the undergraduate Architecture program at the University of Waterloo. Given that he had been granted one of only 580 interviews from over 1600 applicants, Jack pulled out all the stops. His presentation included his Grade 8 popsicle stick bridge, created to demonstrate the strength of structures in Ted Liss' science class. Jack's interest in design and engineering was evident in the toothpick dowels he used to reinforce the joints of the bridge, and his love for the subject will now be nurtured as one of only 72 participants in this prestigious program. We wish Jack and all of our graduates the best for a lifetime of success.

Eric Petersiel RJE

Leo Baeck Day

The winds tried to stop us and even though we thought it couldn't get any colder around lunchtime, we all persevered and made it through one heck of a fantastic Leo Baeck Day!

A big bundle of thanks goes out to everyone who made the day possible, enjoyable and comfortable despite the conditions. The students were completely tired out and wind-blown - in a good way - by the end of the day, and having the opportunity to gather as one school community away from the South Campus really made the experience worthwhile for each of them. Their joy showed on their faces as they lined the track to see the Middle School relay, and as they recounted their happy experiences in the days following the event.

Without the commitment to the day (physical presence, enthusiasm and care for our students) of the Leo Baeck South staff and parent volunteers, everything would have faulted at the first sign of clouds - but everyone pitched in and the event was a great success!



Recess Fun

Since March, a program called 'Dynamix' has been coming on Fridays at recess to help make the schoolyard a fun place to be! By running various games for students in Grades 1 through 4, their goals are to enhance student interaction, help to reduce conflicts, empower students and promote peaceful values.



B A E C K In Concert



On Thursday, May 27th, 'Baeck', the South Campus Glee Club, performed for a large audience of friends and family - and they were simply incredible! Led by Deborah Epstein-Franks and Patty Smith, the kids worked hard, and their work paid off. They aren't just a bunch of pretty voices, though: proceeds from ticket sales for the concert went to the Brick by Brick campaign, raising money to build a school in Kenya.

If you missed the concert, never fear - you can see Baeck perform again on June 6 at Mel Lastman Square, where they have been invited to open Israel Day!

Upcoming Events:

FRIDAY JUNE 4

2:00 pm 3A leads Kabbalat Shabbat
2:45 pm 6B leads Kabbalat Shabbat

TUESDAY JUNE 8

SK1 Special Relatives Day

WEDNESDAY JUNE 9

SK2 Special Relatives Day

FRIDAY JUNE 11

2:30 pm Grade 4 Siddur Ceremony and
7B leads Kabbalat Shabbat in
Main Sanctuary

MONDAY JUNE 14 -

THURSDAY JUNE 17

Grade 8 Exams

THURSDAY JUNE 17

New SK Orientation

FRIDAY JUNE 18

2:30 pm School-wide Kabbalat Shabbat
lead by teachers and parents
in Main Sanctuary

MONDAY JUNE 21

Grade 8 Graduation

TUESDAY JUNE 22

Last Day Grades 6 to 8 - 11:30 Early
Dismissal

WEDNESDAY JUNE 23

Last Day SK to Grade 5 - 11:30 Early
Dismissal

Mazel Tov to the Families of our B'nei Mitzvah

May 29 Jayden Walters

June 3 Casey Stein

June 12 Maddie Shiller

June 19 Sabrina Brodtkin

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR ALUMNI AT CHAT:

Matt Cohen

Grade 9 Male Athlete of the Year

Alex Robins

Grade 9 Female Athlete of the Year