

Dear KSDS Families,

Thank you for an incredible Teacher Appreciation Week during which we had the opportunity to show our sincerest gratitude and appreciation for our KSDS faculty and staff. From a student 'thank you' video, to self care kits, to the planting of a grove of trees in a JNF forest in Israel, there were so many meaningful expressions of gratitude showered upon the faculty. Special thanks to the KSDS Parent Association co-chaired by Amy Massouda and Carly Schwartz along with parents Michele Kornbluth and Amanda Levine for leading the charge on the planning and execution of a remarkable week.

Please note that Zoom rolled out an update this weekend that caused significant problems worldwide. Faculty are updating their Zoom links for classes beginning today. All ZOOM links will be updated and posted in the appropriate section of Google Classroom by faculty. You must have Zoom version 5.0 or higher. The link to update your zoom software can be found here: <https://zoom.us/download?zcid=1231>

Looking ahead, we wanted to share three key updates for our community as we round out the school year.

1. Collecting Belongings From KSDS. In response to Governor Hogan lifting Maryland's stay at home order, we are working on a plan to allow parents to pick up their students' belongings from the building while still complying with additional restrictions in place for Baltimore County. By the first week of June, we will be sharing a detailed plan that outlines the process for collecting your students' belongings.
2. Continued Learning Opportunities This Summer. We are excited to share that we are working through a number of scenarios to offer optional learning and enrichment opportunities this summer ahead of the 2020-21 school year. Details will be released during the final week of school.
3. Fall 2020 Planning. We are continuing our extensive process of reflection and planning in anticipation of what the 2020-21 school year may look like. Together with Chizuk Amuno Congregation and a number of AIMS schools in the area, we are designing multiple scenarios to prepare for how and when independent schools will open this fall. As the State and County continue to release new social distancing protocols and guidelines, we'll need to continue adapting our plans to remain in line with best practices and guidelines. Several committees are already in place. We look forward to sharing more details with you in the coming weeks and plan to communicate with you regularly during the summer break with updates.

As always, please feel free to contact us or any member of the team with questions.

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