Krieger Schechter
Day School

G-d promises Abraham, *"that in blessing I will bless thee, and in multiplying I will multiply thy seed* as *the stars* of *the* heaven, and *as the sand which* is *upon* the *seashore...*"

Genesis 22:17 *(JPS Tanakh* 1917*)*

Krieger Schechter Day School is a community committed to being inclusive and being mindful *of* the diversity present in our world, Understanding the number of people in the world to be great allows us to acknowledge and value the diversity that is present within our community. By being open to learn from each other as individuals, we become more rooted in the Jewish traditions.

By diving deep into study of who we are as Jews and as human beings, we allow students to identify with traditions, rituals, and cultural experiences of past and present. The confidence that comes from a strong affinity group also allows for the development of "compassionate curiosity" or respectfully learning about those who differ from us. Being confident yet curious teaches us to question, thoughtfully respond, and embrace the diversity in our lives.

One of Krieger Schechter's core values is that of being an upstander - standing up for others, even when it may be unpopular or risky to do so. Krieger Schechter uses a unique social-emotional curriculum at each grade level (K-8) that is integrated into the academic curriculum. This allows our students to share, identify, value, and respect the differences among us. In addition, unique experiences are created for students that allow them to experience real-world situations in which to practice the skills they have learned.

At KSDS, we welcome and embrace the contributions that all people can make to society, regardless of labels including, but not limited to: religion, race, ethnicity, national origin, color, age, socioeconomic status, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, disability status, and more. This acceptance creates a foundation for all interactions, including the development of policies and procedures for students, parents, faculty, and staff.