



WHAT'S NU? SCHECHTER UPDATES

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Chanukah means “rededication” in Hebrew. When the Macabees won their guerrilla war against the Greek king, Antiochus, and expelled them from the Temple in Jerusalem they rededicated the Temple using the small bottle of oil that miraculously lasted 8 days. I was thinking that this is a great time for us, members of the Solomon Schechter Day School Community, to rededicate ourselves to the school.

This week the NCA (North Central Association) did a Quality Assurance visit to SSDS to renew our accreditation for another five years. Schechter “passed” with flying colors and will receive the formal report and accreditation in about six weeks. The accreditation team had, of course, had some recommendations for the school that centered on involving students in tracking their own academic progress. The staff will work in the next few months to develop a system that works for our school and students to do this. You will hear more about it as the school year progresses. The results of this accreditation visit certainly energized me about how wonderful our school is and the impact we’re making on our students. I’m rededicating myself to my work here at Schechter and to our school community.

Although we’re barely through the first half of the 2008 – 2009 school year, our thoughts have already turned to the 2009 – 2010 school

year. The Open House held last Sunday to recruit new families to the school was very successful and already we’ve had two families turn in their applications as a result. We’re projecting a full kindergarten class and full first grade class for next year – again, the enormous interest in Schechter has energized me. Sue Black will be sending out re-enrollment packets in January after we return from our Winter Break. I ask that you rededicate yourself to Schechter by re-enrolling your child(ren) for the upcoming school year. If you have any questions or concerns about next year, please come see me so we can discuss them.

Last week I wrote about the economy and its effect on the school and I know it is affecting families. Schechter continues to be dedicated to providing a Jewish education to any family wishing it, irregardless of the ability to pay. One more way families can rededicate themselves to Schechter is to remember the school when you’re making your end-of-year charitable donations.

I hope everyone enjoys a relaxing and joyful Chanukah.

Community Chanukah Festival

Family activities at the JCC, SSDS & outside
Sunday, Dec.14 ~ Noon - 5pm



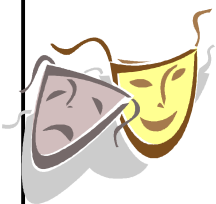
Fun for the whole family!
Lots of music & yummy food!
Find that perfect gift!
Tickets: \$5 & \$3 (3-17 yrs)

And, we still need a little help...

- (1) Watching over the jumping structures,
- (2) Helping with arts & crafts
- (3) Talking about Schechter at our information booth!

Come into the office to sign up!

Congregation Albert presents:



PETER PAN

~The musical

Thurs, Sat & Sun
Jan. 8, 10, 11

Call for tickets & info
883-1818



Mark you Calendar

Dec. 14	Chanukah Festival - JCC 12-5 pm
Dec. 17	Spelling Bee 9 am
Dec. 19	SSDS Chanukah Celebration
Dec. 22	Winter Break
Jan. 5	Classes resume
Jan. 16	NO SCHOOL: in-service
Jan. 19	NO SCHOOL: MLK, Jr. Day

Tuesday December 16

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Lots of things are due:

1. **Hot Lunch menu & payment** (January)
2. **Challah order:**
one of the best in Albuquerque!
3. **Order Latke lunch: Dec. 19 ~**
we will not have pizza on this Friday,
we are celebrating Chanukah.
All parents are welcome to come
and have lunch with us too!
Please sign up in office and
the cost is only \$4.50 per person.



Spelling Bee



Parents are welcome
to attend!

December 17
Wednesday
9 am

“spelling is fun!”

Let's start thinking about...

Science Fair

February 19

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What are **YOU**
going to do?!



Now is the time to start thinking about
your project! Time to go to the library or
on-line. Time to think about
what interests you...

Grades 3-5: required individual project.
Grades K-2: will participate in a class project,
but are also invited to submit
an individual
project if they would like.



Toys for Tots

The last day to bring in toys is
Dec. 17 - Wednesday

Please put your donations in
the large box by the front door.

Thank you.

