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2019 Matchathon BIG SUCCESS

LECH LECHA

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Mazel Tov to the entire TASA community on a most successful match-a-thon. The 5th annual campaign saw more than **394** donors contribute **\$148,000.00** to the campaign. "We are so incredibly grateful to our match donors Mrs. Estella Avery, Dr. David & Arlene Starr, Dr. Morris & Judge Rose Spector and Dr. Joseph & Susan Furman not only for their generous gifts but also for their vision and leadership in strengthening Jewish day school education in our community," said Rabbi Yossi Marrus, Dean of Students.

"TASA is a beautiful and vibrant community which has time and time again come together to support our school," said Mrs. Jessica Diric, Director of General Studies. "This has been an incredible team effort and we are so grateful to everyone; board members, parents, students, staff & faculty and of course the many donors for participating in the campaign," she said.

As an addition to our Fundraising, our amazing TASA PTO organized "Spaghetti Dinner Night" for all our TASA Community & Friends to gather in a warmth and upbeat environment, where we were able to showcase our big event live!!!

And also squeeze some time to sign "Happy Birthday" to Mrs. Diric.



Original Art Works

Mrs. Henderson has been working hard to prepare for the Torah Academy of San Antonio's Original Works Art Fundraiser! In fact, she has already mailed out all students artwork (which will be returned after the process). Mrs. Henderson is excited to be able to incorporate children's art with a school fundraising opportunity.

Original Works is a great way to support TASA and encourage children as artists by purchasing your child's (or another child's) artwork on quality merchandise! These creative gifts make the perfect Chanukah gifts for family and friends.

On the week of **November 18th**, parents will receive custom brochures with photos of their children's artwork and directions to order online. There will be lots of product options and prices included. Examples of some products displaying your child's artwork include: aprons, ceramic mugs, coasters, kitchen towels, pillow cases, place mats, night lights, magnets, and more. Last year, families were impressed with the fantastic quality. Students have been very enthusiastic about this opportunity. They put in a great deal of effort to make impressive artwork. This year, we decided to do Jewish themed projects.

Please note that in order for you to receive products before Chanukah you must place your order **before November 26th**.



What's New TASA Crew!

D'VAR TORAH

Individual Journeys

In this week's Torah portion of Lech Lecha we read about the first Jews, Avraham Avinu and his wife Sarah Imeinu. These trend setters and holy people are appropriately called the parents of monotheism and the Jewish nation, for their teachings, beliefs and sacrifices.



When we are introduced to Avram & Sarai (as they are called in our portion) we are told how G-d commanded them "Lech Lecha - Go journey for yourself". On a simple level, Rashi explains that Hashem was telling them that this journey that He was sending them on would be to their benefit. Ramban (Nachmanides 1194-1270) explains similarly that this was a great test for them and Hashem was assuring them that all would be good.

I recently observed something beautiful at school. I witnessed a child having a fabulous week, staying on task, and earning a reward for doing very well. This child had struggled at the beginning of the school year, and only with the incredible patience, love, and care of the teachers, was this child able to find success. The beauty of TASA being a small and "personal" school is that we are able to tailor the education for an individual child, helping them find success. As every child is unique, it is imperative that we not only teach them the relative materials but also help them find personal success and direction that we all need in life. Just like our patriarchs and matriarchs had to go on their personal journey to accomplish what they were destined for, so too, each one of us must travel along our individual road to fulfill our own destiny.

Shabbat Shalom,
Rabbi Y. Marrus

Pillows, Books & Snacks

Last week our 1st & 2nd graders enjoyed their PBS activity. Students had some comfy reading time. A huge thank you to the Glassburner and Ashkenazi families for surprising us with extra treats. Looking forward to another great month together with this group.



Coming Soon!!

- * **Mon Nov 11th** - Veterans Day Program 1:00 p.m.
- * **Wed. Nov 13th** - OTS Amiel Bakehila Israel Education Program
- * **Wed Nov 13th** - After School Match Club one time only on Tuesday due to PD day.
- * **Wed Nov 20th** - Thanksgiving Breakfast @9am Rodfei Social Hall.
- * **November 25th - 29th** - Thanksgiving Break

Community Helpers Program

As part of our community helpers unit, the kindergarten

were privileged to have Mrs. Glassburner and Dr. Hall come and talk to the children about what veterinarians do. They got to listen to a dog's heart-beat through a stethoscope, see real samples of ticks, tapeworms and hookworms, and watch the dog get a real veterinarian exam. Thank you, Mrs. Glassburner and Dr. Hall!



New Basketball Hoops!



Thank you Corey Weinberg for building TASA's two new basketball hoops! These hoops and several new basketballs were funded through TASA National Junior Honor Society fundraiser. We will be adding plaques to the basketball

stands in the near future, honoring our friend and former TASA Student, Aaron Pearsall. Thank you to all who donated to make this happen!

Save the date!

