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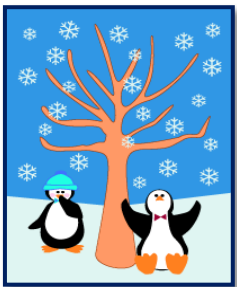
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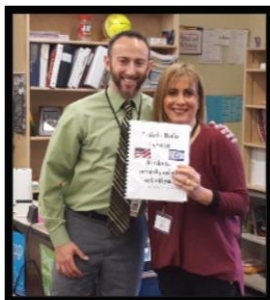


PRINCIPAL'S PERSPECTIVE



Dear Parents and School Community,

Four years ago, our school began its participation in the *Partnership2Gether* program sponsored by the Jewish Federation of Greater Rochester and the Jewish Agency for Israel. Since then, each December, we have welcomed a delegation of educators from the municipality of Modi'in, Israel to TRE. Earlier this month, our guests visited our school to learn about our public education system with a focus on serving students with special needs. Our time together included lunch, a student musical performance, classroom visits and a presentation by our Director of Special Education, Elizabeth Woods, and our Developmental Program Learning Specialists, Laura Dellavilla and Meghan Stark.



The first school partnership between TRE and Asif School in Modi'in began in 2015 with Mr. Shawn Beldue and Mrs. Liat Bar Nathan. Mrs. Bar Nathan was part of this year's delegation and was able to visit TRE for the first time. During her time at TRE, she met with students and teachers, presented to a number of classrooms and assisted with the planning for our growing number of partnerships with Asif School. You may recall, Mr. Beldue and I had the privilege of traveling to Modi'in, Israel last February and spending time at Asif School. This year, Laura Dellavilla will be traveling to Modi'in on behalf of TRE.

Our collective goal for the school-to-school partnership is for those involved, children and adults, to develop relationships, through personal interaction, in order to understand and appreciate our role as members of a global community. As a cultural exchange experience, there are opportunities to learn from each other. Through shared lessons and joint projects, there are opportunities to learn with each other. This has and continues to be a very rewarding and meaningful experience for everyone!



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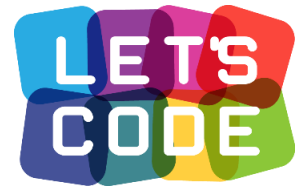
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The Hour of Code originally started simply as a one-hour introduction to coding. It is now dedicated to expanding access to computer science and increasing participation by underrepresented groups with a vision that *every* student in *every* school have the opportunity to learn computer science. For the third year in a row, *all* students at TRES were able to participate in the Hour of Code.

Our school-wide Hour of Code event for Kindergarten through Grade 5 took place on Wednesday, December 5th. Using the format provided by <https://code.org/learn>, our students wrote code from a variety of tutorials. Again this year, we were privileged to have Mr. Matt Gostling and twenty-seven students from the Principles of Computer Science course at Mendon High School partner with us for this event. Our students and the high school students worked together during the Hour of Code activities.

I encourage you to ask your child to show you how it is done. For more information and to try some of the activities, you can go to <https://code.org/student>. All curriculum resources and tutorials offered at this website are free to use and openly licensed. For your convenience, you can also access this information from the *Websites We Use* section of the TRE website.



Please remember to stay connected to TRE by following us on Twitter. There you will find pictures of the Hour of Code as well as information regarding other events and activities at our school.

As a reminder, school will be closed from Monday, December 24th through Tuesday, January 1st. School reopens on Wednesday, January 2nd.

As always, thank you for all that you do to support our students, our staff and our school community. Best wishes for a joyous, safe and restful Winter Recess.

Happy Holidays!

Sincerely,



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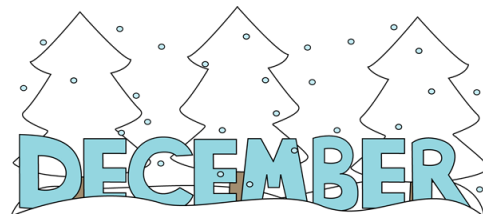
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**A Learning Community Dedicated to
Teamwork, Respect and Excellence for our Students**



Mrs. Autovino and Mrs. Ramesh would like to thank the Girls on the Run team and their coaches for the very special surprise. Each year, the GOTR team choose a group or organization to do a special act of kindness for, and this year they selected to honor the TRE Library. The team decorated the library with lovely pictures, donated books to the library and made t-shirts for the library staff. We especially loved the cookies and cards! It really made us feel special and appreciated. We feel very lucky to have such wonderful, supportive students and families at Thornell Road!



Health Education

~ Mrs. Lattuca

K, 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th graders are learning about personal safety. Please remember to talk to your child about safety rules regarding staying safe while in public places, learning telephone numbers and knowing when to call 9-1-1. Role playing is a great way to practice safety rules!



Nurse's Office

Please put a change of clothes in your child's backpack in case of a "messy" recess accident. This is the time of year where there is extra mud and water outside. This will save you having to bring clean clothes in to school.



happy
holidays!

