



Message from Our Principal

The hallways of Gesher Yehuda are buzzing with excitement. The implementation of our new school wide 3C program has been met with much enthusiasm. Initially the program is focusing on

- Courteous speech
- Completing work and
- Compliance.

It has a multi-tier reward structure with monthly activity based trips.

We have recently welcomed Morah Shira Ifrach to our Gesher Yehuda family. Morah Shira is teaching Hebrew language and working with individuals and groups on an enrichment level.

As we draw near the end of the school year, we look forward to having a large graduating class and are working diligently on ensuring that their high school placements are appropriate for them.

Mrs. Deborah Katz
Principal

3 C's Positive Incentive Program at Gesher

At Gesher Yehuda we are working on our 3 C's:
Compliance, **C**ompleting My Work, and **C**ourteous Speech.

Dr. Chaim Neuhoff, our school psychologist, has developed a new schoolwide incentive program to encourage students to improve behaviors in these areas.

Students earn points in each category several times a day. Their progress is marked on a ladder chart, each child represented by an individualized emoji. The students are able to watch their progress as they accumulate points based on their behavior. As they earn points, they rise in rank, and earn prizes and trips!

The students have been so excited and motivated to achieve higher scores, and we have been very pleased with the progress they are making in these very important categories.



Louise Sutton Suede has created a Kids Financial Literacy program, complete with visuals, workbooks and presentations. Louise came to Gesher and explained to the students how money is earned, saved, transferred and used. The students learned how banks, debit cards, and credit cards work. They learned about rent and mortgage, supply and demand, stores and websites... The students were engaged and asked some really great questions!



Purim

Our exciting Purim carnival was planned and run by the Junior High classes. They organized the booths, face painting, bouncy house and masquerade!

Pesach

The students of K-4th grade had a trip to the model matzah bakery. They dressed up and reenacted the story of Yetziat Mitzrayim as well as made matzahs! The students loved decorating their own hagadot for Pesach. The younger kids practiced their fine motor skills with cutting, pasting, and decorating. The older students enjoyed designing their hagadot, and used higher level thinking as they learned about the text. The students also experienced a mock seder where they got to practice for the real thing!



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STEM

Our 7/8th graders are learning all about electricity. They've been building gadgets and have been experimenting with different ways to use electricity. The students brainstormed and built a circuit with a buzzer so that whenever someone walks in their classroom it buzzes!