



## **A Guide to Daily Life at EHA**

### **Hours of school?**

School begins at 8 a.m. Success in the classroom begins by arriving on-time and being prepared to learn. All students are expected to arrive at school on time for morning assembly in the gym (K-5<sup>th</sup>) and davening (6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>) which begins at 8:00 a.m.

Dismissal for students in Pre-Kindergarten through 4<sup>th</sup> grade is at 3:40 p.m., while students in middle school are dismissed at 4:40 p.m. All students are dismissed at 2:15 p.m. on Fridays.

Tenoki and Nursery students follow this schedule:

8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. (Monday - Friday)  
3, 4, or 5 days

Enrichment: 1-4 days until 3:40 p.m.  
Friday until 2:15 p.m.

### **Arrival and Dismissal Procedures**

Students in grades K-8 should be dropped off in front of the main entrance door in the drive-through lane. Continue down the lane to the Early Childhood entrance to drop off students in Tenoki, Nursery and Pre-K. Parents who need to enter the building are asked to park in the available spaces in front of the school or in the visitors parking area on the south side of the building.

Students who arrive after 8:10 a.m. are required to be signed in by a parent or guardian in the front office.

### **Lunch & Snacks**

Students may bring their own lunch daily. We ask that students only bring in a meat lunch on Tuesdays and Wednesdays; dairy or pareve food may be brought any day. No soda may be sent from home. Lunches and snacks eaten at the school must conform to the rules of Kashruth. Pre-packaged foods should bear a reliable Kashruth symbol. Please do not hesitate to enlist our assistance in ascertaining whether the foods you wish to give your child are kosher.

Prepared lunches, both dairy and meat, may be purchased each day. Lunch menus will be distributed each month in backpacks and through email. Parents are asked to fill out the menu by the required date and return it to the school office with a check. All students should bring their own snacks daily.

Some School Recognized Kashrut Symbols:



## **Dress Code**

Students are encouraged to wear EHA shirts every Friday as well as on field trips and for special events and programs. On all other days, we expect students to dress in a manner which demonstrates a pride in being well-groomed, as well as maintaining respect for Jewish values of modesty and cleanliness. Please note the following dress codes below:

- **Early Childhood:** Dress should be comfortable and easily managed by the child to promote independence and self-help. Parents should send children to school in functional play clothes and send an extra set of clothes to be kept at school, with each piece marked with your child's name.
- **Boy's Dress and Grooming (Grades K-8):** Boys must wear slacks or jeans (no shorts) and a collared shirt that are neat and clean. Boys must wear kippot and tzitzit. Items not permitted: tee shirts, sports jerseys, torn or untidy pants, sweat-pants, earrings, baseball caps/hats.
- **Girl's Dress and Grooming (Grades K-8):** Girls must wear skirts and blouses or dresses. We ask that necklines cover the collar bone, skirt length reaches below the knee, and sleeves reach half way to the elbow. A majority of the foot, including the toes must be covered at all times.

All children should have proper gym shoes for gym class.

## **Communication**

We produce a weekly newsletter, the *Daf Keshet*, which you will receive electronically. Please make reading the *Daf Keshet* part of your regular routine to stay informed of timely and important information. You can also expect to receive regular email communication from us with helpful reminders and upcoming events. Each teacher will send a weekly communication home, as well. Please inform the front office early in the year if you do not receive our correspondence.

## **Contacting Your Child(ren)'s Teacher**

Parents can anticipate that teachers will contact the home as necessary concerning an individual child. During the day, parents may call the school office requesting that the teacher return their call. The teacher will return the call as soon as possible, generally within one business day. You may also send a note to the teacher via the student or the school office, or send the teacher an email (all e-addresses can be found on our website: [eha.org](http://eha.org)). Please do not speak with teachers at carpool.

## **Parent Association**

Friends of the Hebrew Academy (FHA) is our parent association. They remain active throughout the year planning events, fundraising and supporting our faculty. Contact FHA Co-Presidents Jen Bierman, Lizzy Kline and Vicki Isakow at [FHA@eha.org](mailto:FHA@eha.org) with questions about upcoming programs, or if you wish to get involved.

## **How will I learn about upcoming events?**

You may view our up-to-date calendar on the school's website at [eha.org](http://eha.org) and refer to the "Happenings" box on the homepage for important dates to note in the near future. We also send weekly email updates to families and send home flyers in backpacks.

## **What's the main school number?**

314-994-7856. You may refer to the **If/Then** sheet for additional contact information.

***We look forward to a great year!***