



# Bais Yaakov of Baltimore E-Newsletter

Parshas Vayeitzei  
11 Kislev 5784  
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## UPPER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

### SCIENCE ACTIVITIES

Our **Third Grade** started the year learning about plants in **Science**. The girls observed similarities and differences between roots, fruits, seeds, and more, using magnifying glasses, light boxes and their senses. Our **Fourth Grade** is working on their unit on the human body systems. This past month, they enjoyed learning about the skeletal system together with **Bina Bones** - our guest skeleton!



### ROSH CHODESH HALLEL

In honor of **Rosh Chodesh Kislev**, we had our first *Hallel* assembly that included mothers and grandmothers joining their daughters/granddaughters in *Tefillah*. *Hallel* was followed by *Tehillim* and then *Acheinu* was sang together. We ended the assembly with a *Dvar Torah* from **Fourth Grader, Miriam Goffin**, who has a brother fighting in the Israeli Army. The assembly was very moving for all who participated.

### SCHOOLWIDE PROGRAM

This year's Elementary School-wide program is focused on the *middah* of **Derech Eretz**. The entire **First** through **Fourth Grades** joined together to initiate this program by learning about the theme, familiarizing themselves with the theme's song and motions, and listening to some words of inspiration from **Morah Judy Neuberger**, who has been preparing this program. We also heard from **Mrs. Tzeenie Ely**, who shared a story on the importance of *Derech Eretz*. We look forward to highlighting this more in the upcoming months.



### BOOK BUDDIES

Each **Third Grade** reading group began the beautiful **Book Buddies** program to increase fluency and excitement in reading. Each week, the students in a few Third Grade classes select a book to read to a **Preschool** buddy. It is a win-win as the younger students love interacting with the older girls, and the Third Graders benefit from the repeated reading practice.



November 23 & 24 - Thanksgiving Vacation (School Closed)  
November 28 - Middle School Parent/Teacher Conferences (Early Dismissal)  
November 30 & December 2 - 8th Grade Production  
December 3 - PTA Chanukah Boutique  
December 8 & 11 - Chanukah Vacation (School Closed)  
December 22 - Asara B'Teves (Early Dismissal)