

Ilan Ramon Day School

Shalom Bayit

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JOIN US IN OUR ANNUAL GIVING CAMPAIGN

Dear Friends,

Thank you for being part of our wonderful community—one that truly values how Jewish day school education keeps our traditions alive and one that continually explores this essential question: “How do we prepare today’s students, for tomorrow’s world?”

Ilan Ramon Day School has been built with the support of its families, starting with the seven founding families who had a vision of a Jewish Day School in the Conejo Valley in 1994. Our core values of community, character, curriculum, critical thinking, creativity and continuity are still as relevant 22 years later.

As we go from strength to strength our school, like every other, relies on Annual Giving and other fundraising events. Tuition alone does not meet the cost of educating each student. The income shortfall, or “gap”, is bridged each year by gifts to the “Reach for the Stars” campaign. Participation in this campaign is vital to the operating budget, and we thank you for your annual support. Your gift to the “Reach for the Stars” campaign enables us to continue focusing on our core values, offering the small classes and academic excellence for which our school is known.

Ilan Ramon Day School has a wide circle of support that includes current families, trustees, faculty and staff, grandparents, alumni, and alumni parents. We ask each family in our circle to participate to the best of their ability to continue building our strong community. Every gift, no matter its size ensures our school’s immediate and long term success.

This year, we will be celebrating every gift as they are received by adding each donor's name to a display at school. We'd love to see every family's name included to reach our goal of 100% participation.

Thank you in advance for your generosity and for ensuring continued educational excellence at Ilan Ramon Day School.

Jordanna Flores
Annual Giving Chair

Kim Freund
Board Chair

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Service times for G/K -5th have been changed for this Friday, November 4

(due to the 5th grade intergenerational shabbat)

3rd-5th - 10:30 - 11:25 a.m.

G/K - 2nd 11:30 - 12:00 p.m.

(No change for ECE services)

Follow Ilan Ramon on Twitter

Account: [Ilan Ramon Day School](#)

Please note this is a restricted account and only our current partnership with families and alumni will be allowed to follow.



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COMMUNITY NEWS



November 1:

E3A Parent Coffee, 9:15 a.m.
National Student "Election"

November 2:

E3B Parent Coffee, 9:15 a.m.

November 3:

E4 Parent Coffee, 9:15 a.m.

November 4:

5th Grade Intergenerational Service

November 11:

Professional Development Day - Pupil Free Day

Hot Lunch Volunteers

It's just one hour!

Our fabulous hot lunch program is in need of volunteers. Lunch service requires very little time and is a great way to get involved in our school. See your kids in action! Students love seeing their parents helping out too!

**Lunch volunteers are needed from
11:45 a.m.- 12:45 p.m.**

Two volunteers are needed daily to serve lunch to our children. You can volunteer weekly or monthly - the choice is yours! If you'd like to participate or have any questions please email Melissa Swinney Lilvoice24@aol.com.



Join us in a warm
welcome to
The Provda Family!

**Alex, Kim,
Jackson and
Sammy**

as they become part
of our community.

Jackson has joined
our Gesher/Kindergarten
class.



Once again, Ilan Ramon Day School will collect excess Halloween candy to be shared with our troops serving overseas. Please bring your factory sealed candy to the office beginning November 1. Candy will be donated to Operation Gratitude.



We are pleased to announce that we are participating in the ORIGINAL WORKS program at Ilan Ramon Day School.

In business since 1989, ORIGINAL WORKS is the #1 art based fundraising company in the country, and currently works with thousands of schools and hundreds of thousands of students each year.

Last time we did this fundraiser, our school had over \$1800 in purchases and the over \$700 came back to benefit our award winning programs.

Each child will be able to participate in this wonderful program.
Your child's artwork is being sent home TODAY.

Check out the beautiful art that your child has created.
Preserve that artwork on great products like coasters, mugs, t-shirts, sketchbooks, water bottles and so much more.

**They make great gifts for the holidays.
A perfect opportunity to start your Hanukkah shopping
now!**

What grandparent wouldn't love to drink coffee out of a mug
with their grandchild's artwork on it?

Product samples are in the office so check out the great quality and place your order.

Over 33% of EACH ITEM ordered bring money back to IRDS!

Please return the artwork, order form and check made out to IRDS. Put all three items in the green plastic bag and return it to your teacher or to Sherrell in the office.

Order deadline is THIS FRIDAY November 4th.

This will ensure proper turnaround time so we get the products back the first week in December.

Any questions, email Julie Gelfand at Juls64@aol.com

Join us for **THE DINNER!**

What is a progressive dinner?

A progressive dinner is a unique and exceptionally fun adult only evening out! All participants begin together at a home for Havdalah, cocktails and hors d'oeuvres. Then names are picked from a hat and groups of around 10-12 drive to a destination home for dinner (don't worry, we even have a kosher home!) After a meal together, everyone drives to a final home for dessert all together.



Why should I attend?

For a few reasons! First, it is a great way to get to know your school community. Dinner groups are randomly chosen and this method allows everyone to meet new friends and our community to grow closer. Second, all of the food and beverage for the evening is provided by the hosts. This means that every dollar made by The Dinner goes straight to our children!

When?

Saturday night, November 19, 2016

How do I sign up?

www.ilanramondayschool.com and click on The Dinner link

Can I invite friends and family?

We would love for you to invite friends and family. Please remember that this is an adult evening.



HEY, QUIT PUSHING! HOW WE PUT CHILDREN AT RISK BY STARTING ACADEMICS TOO EARLY

Please join us for our first parent series talk with
Child Development Specialist
Larry Garf

Like all parents, you want your children to thrive and succeed in school. Come learn how a developmental approach to education results in happier children, and higher achievement in school.

Monday, November 14
7:00 p.m.
Ilan Ramon Day School

RSVP to this Adults Only event at
sbrantley@ilanramon.com or (818) 707-2365 or

In order to make this evening a success, a minimum of 15 people must be in attendance.



Today's parents and teacher find themselves under extreme pressure to drive their children academically, at every younger ages. Well meaning friends, relatives, as well as the media, make parents – and teachers – feel as though we're not giving our children "all the advantages" if we don't start academics early on.

Using concrete examples, approachable language, and a large dose of humor, Child Development Specialist Larry Garf reveals how – contrary to what current trends and fashions in education are promising us – this push is actually counterproductive, resulting in higher levels of anxiety, self-esteem issues, inaccurate diagnoses of learning disabilities, but not higher academic achievement.



SCHOLASTIC

**The Scholastic Book Fair is coming soon!
Mark your calendars and save the date!
Just in time for Hanukkah Shopping
with a great selection for all ages!**

**The Annual Book Fair will be open
December 4th - December 9th.**

The bookfair will open at Family Science Discovery Day!

Volunteers are are needed! Shift times are:

Dec. 4th 8:00-10:00 a.m. (set up)
Dec. 4th 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
Dec. 5-9th (Monday-Friday)
8:00-9:15 a.m.
10:00-10:20 a.m.
1:45-3:30 p.m. (3pm on Friday)
Dec. 9th 3:00-4:00 p.m. (take down)



If you'd like to volunteer, please email
Julie Gelfand at Juls64@aol.com or
Deborah Turobiner at deborahurobiner@gmail.com
and let us know when you can help out.



*Get a taste of Ilan Ramon Day School,
where learning is a world of possibilities.*

Join Us ...

**Ilan Ramon Day School
Family Science Discovery Day
Sunday, December 4, 2016
10:00a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**



Amazing things await you at Ilan Ramon Day School:

- *A magical preschool and dynamic elementary school education*
- *Small class sizes & 1:10 student/teacher ratio*
- *Science and Computer Labs*
- *Specialists in Art, Music, Science, Math, Computers, PE & Dance*
- *A dynamic Hebrew and Judaic Studies program*

RSVP to info@ilanramon.com

For more information, or to schedule a tour:



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