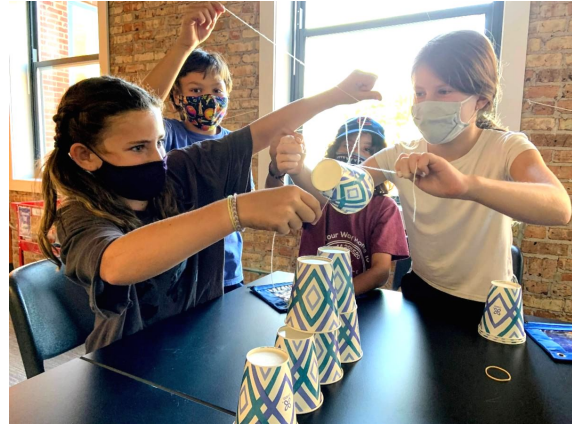


CJDS School Year Kicks Off



One week into the school year and we are already thinking about the next one!! Given the uncertainty of the pandemic, witnessing the first day of school with 247 smiling and excited faces entering school and reconnecting with friends felt nothing short of miraculous.

Last week, we welcomed our largest Junior Kindergarten and Kindergarten cohort in our 19 year history. We are thrilled to welcome 52 new students to our school community this year!

Each year, Chicago Jewish Day School selects a school theme that we believe represents our values. This year's school theme is:

הִנֵּה מַה טוֹב וְיָמָּה נָעִים שָׁבַת אַחִים גַּם יַחַד
*Hinneh mah tov umah na'im shevet
achim gam yachad*, "Behold how
good and how pleasant it is for



people to sit together in unity"
Psalms 133

After a summer of being apart and a pandemic that often forced us to separate, coming together as a school community feels particularly poignant. Additionally, when we think about our community coming together, this theme reminds us that our community is a diverse one,

with families from a variety of backgrounds and places, who unite around a shared culture, history, and religion.

If you haven't yet taken a tour, you can [email me](#) to schedule one in person or via Zoom. Applications for the 2022-2023 school year are now available. You can find the admissions application [here](#). Additionally, we hope you consider attending our [Prospective Parent Meeting on Sunday, November 7th, at 10 a.m.](#)

Lastly, Leap into *Shabbat* is back! The first class begins on Friday, September 10th. Please [sign up here](#) for an amazing Tot Shabbat program that we offer through jBaby that will give you a taste of Chicago Jewish Day School.

I am very excited to begin the admissions process with your family and hope to hear from you soon.

Shana Tova u'Metukah,

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