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Hebrew Day School
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Messages from Ms. Lavine

Monday, April 20

Hi, Everyone,

Welcome to Week 6.

1. NYS is keeping schools closed through May 15 until further notice. If that stays, Monday, May 18, would be the first day back but we'll consider all variables as we do our own decision-making.
2. Whiteboards—Mel and I are delivering or mailing mini whiteboards, markers and erasers to your homes. Yvonne said that her 1st and 2nd graders were doing well without them but since we bought them for everyone else, we included them. They can be used for short answer, group responses to teachers' questions—should come in handy.
3. P.E.—you should have received an email from me today about Physical Education.
4. Art—still trying to work out a time for online art instruction.
5. Yom Hashoah is being observed tonight and tomorrow.
Yom https://www.jewishtogether.org/virtual-meetups?utm_source=JewishTogetherApril20&utm_medium=email&utm_name=April20&utm_content=Event2

Wednesday, April 22

Hi, Everyone,

Happy winter.

Mail: We requested that our mail be forwarded to Mel's house. It works as long as the mail is addressed to "Syracuse Hebrew Day School," **not** to "SHDS", "Syracuse Hebrew Day School Staff, Faculty", "Laura Lavine", or anything else. If you mail anything to us at school, please write only:

Syracuse Hebrew Day School
5655 Thompson Road
Dewitt, NY 13214.

Mini whiteboards: The local students' mini whiteboards have been delivered. Those of you who commute will get yours in the mail. I just have to get to the post office to buy the padded envelopes, package them up and get them out to you.

Music: As some of you know, Kate Hinman has been teaching her instrumental music lessons

online. We're ready to **begin general music this Friday.**

3rd and 4th grades: 11a-11:30a Zoom
5th and 6th grades: 11:30- 12p Google meet
K: 12:30p-1p Zoom
1st and 2nd grades: 1p-1:30p Google Meet

Art: Susan Fix will start **direct teaching of art on Monday.**

5th and 6th grades: 11:30a-12p Google Meet
1st and 2nd grades: 12:15p-12:45p Google Meet
K: 1p-1:30p Zoom
3rd and 4th grades: 2:45p-3:15p Zoom

Please check your children's email. That should bring you to the sign-in for art and music. Any questions, let Kate and me, or Susan and me know.

We have no idea how these will go! Let's try them and adjust as needed.

Our goal is to find the right balance between school and non-school activities, and online vs. offline learning for our students considering their ages, maturity, pressures that families might be under, and other considerations. If general music or art, or anything else proves to be too much for your family, let us know. We want to teach, not cause distress.

Thursday, April 23

Hi, Everyone,
Today was Take Your Child to Work Day. Not kidding.

Thanks to Board President Jay Sinclair for another well-run and productive online Board meeting, and to all of our Board members for their efforts on our behalf including the great committee work that they do. We're truly fortunate to have them supporting SHDS.

I dropped in on Kindergarten story/snack time. Mel and I frequently comment on how much we miss their sweet voices but I forgot how wiggly they are! Seeing their little bodies in constant motion made me laugh. With each one in a separate frame, they made my computer come alive. They are truly scrumptious.

We had a 90-minute webinar after school today with the iReady company. One of their L.A. consultants held the session specifically for SHDS. There's a wealth of ELA and math resources available to us, thanks again to the generous financial support of Jackie Miron and Sheldon Kall. The resources are now aligned with the NYS Next Generation Standards and dovetail nicely with the iReady diagnostic assessments that we administer. The teachers and I will be discussing how to introduce the materials to our students in the coming weeks.



Week 5 & 6 in Reveiw

Kita Alef and Bet are doing as much as they can to get ready for Yom HaAtzmaut, and Takeshi has gone above and beyond--literally! He's in the clouds, having created this EIAI Airline Safety video for our class "trip" to Israel. Amazing!



Fifth Grade Poetry

Earth Day Poem

*The Earth is our home so blue and green.
So let's do our part to keep the Earth clean.
Happy Earth Day Everyone
-Makayla Seidman*

*People are asking how it's been, doing work from within.
I don't like being stuck at home, I want to go outside and
roam.*

*I hope the virus will soon end, or at least have the curve bend.
-Jacob Fellman*

Mimouna

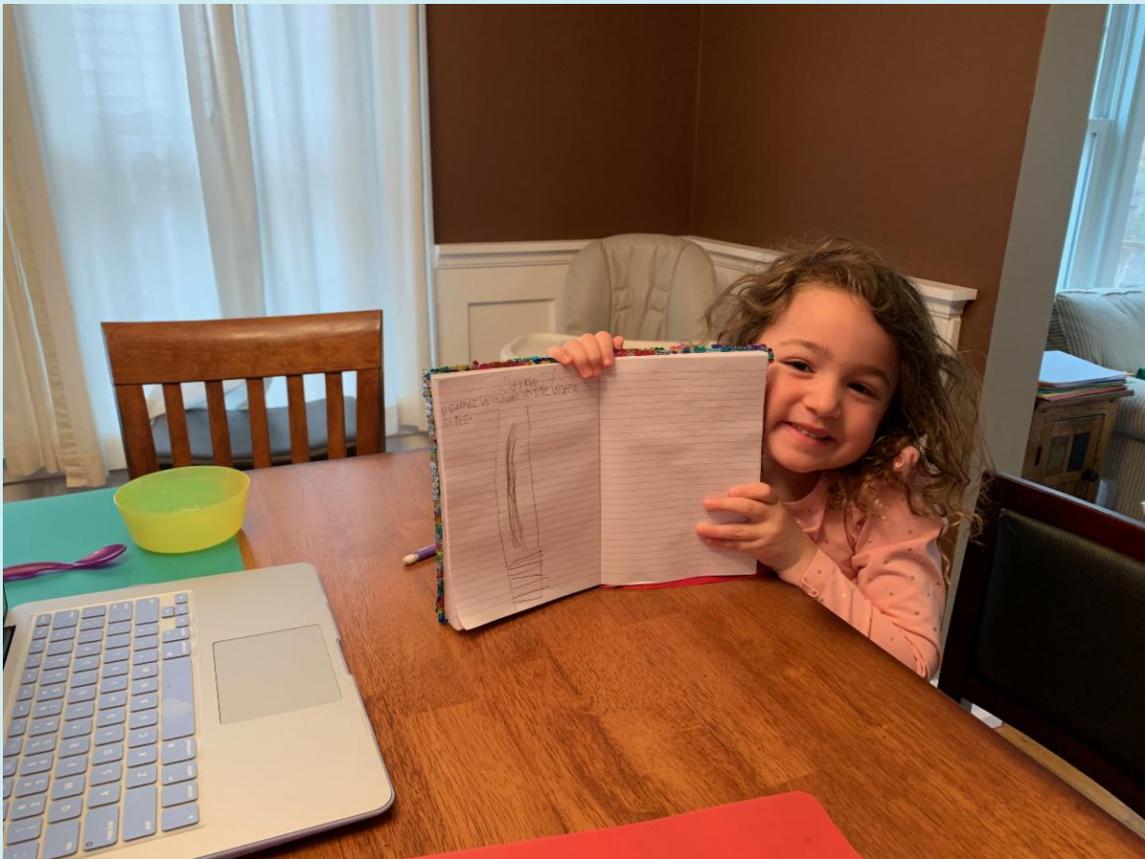
Mimouna is a festival celebrated by Moroccan Jews as well as other North African Jewish communities. It stems from the tradition when Jews would sell their chametz to their Muslim neighbors before Pesach and when their neighbors would return their chametz when Pesach ended the Jewish families would welcome their Muslim neighbors in for a feast to celebrate together.

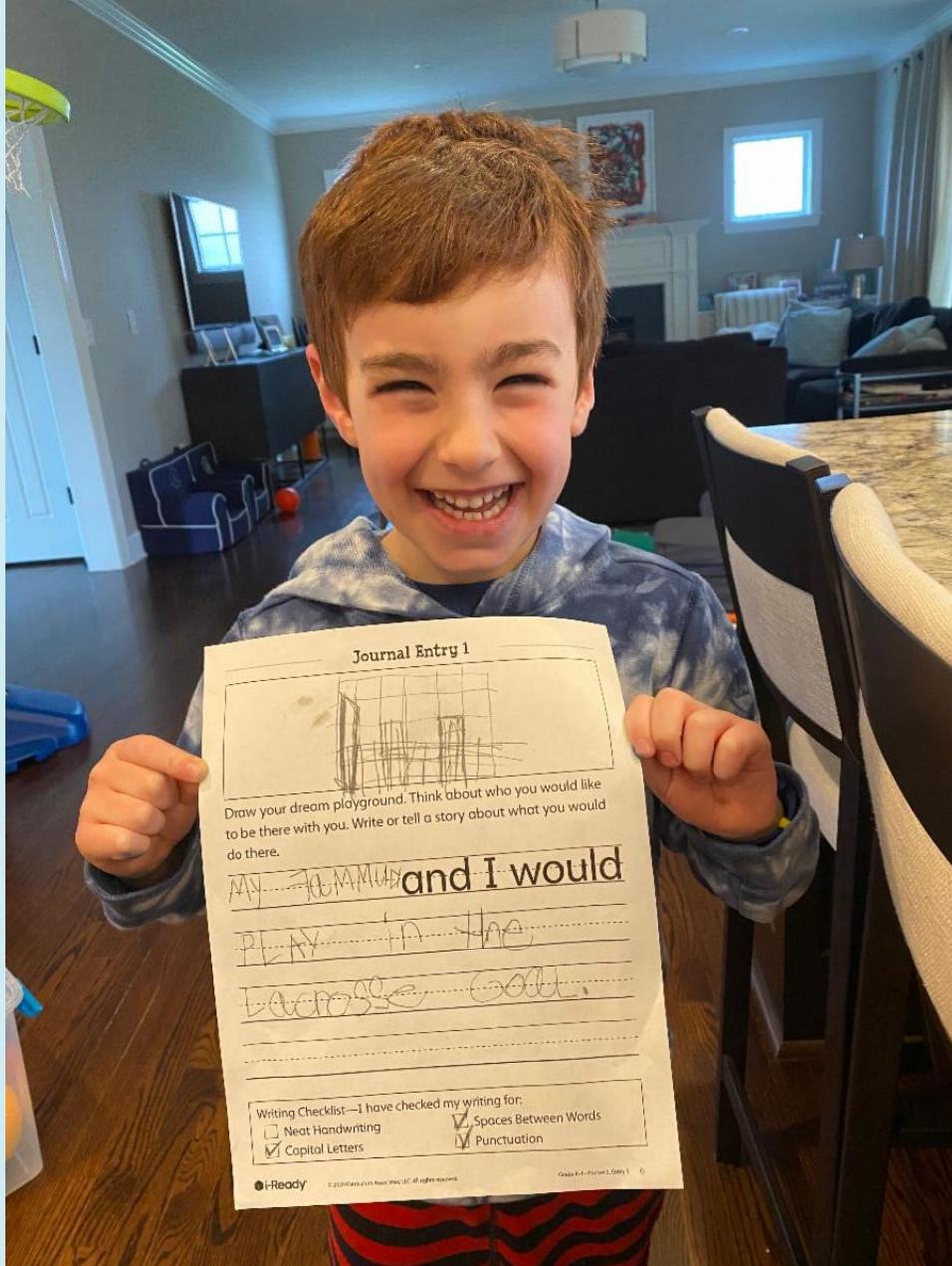
Today (although unfortunately not this year!!), Mimouna is celebrated by everyone in Israel and families leave their doors open and it's an endless stream of people visiting each other and eating sweet foods as a symbol of sweetness and good luck: basically, a huge party at the end of Pesach! The most symbolic food of Mimouna are mufleta, a savory pancake that many people eat with butter and honey.

Here are some pictures of the Bloom Boys, Fez's and all, celebrating Mimouna!



Kindergarten Journal Writing

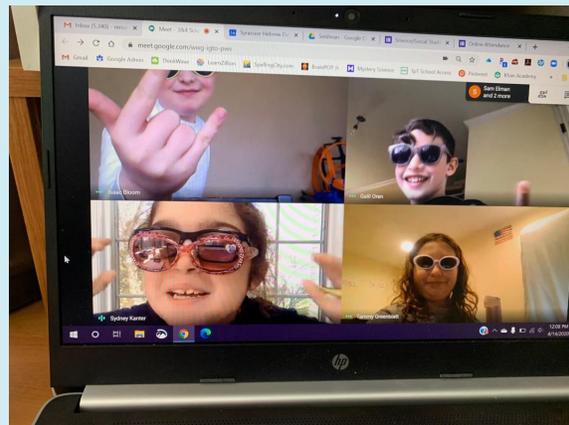
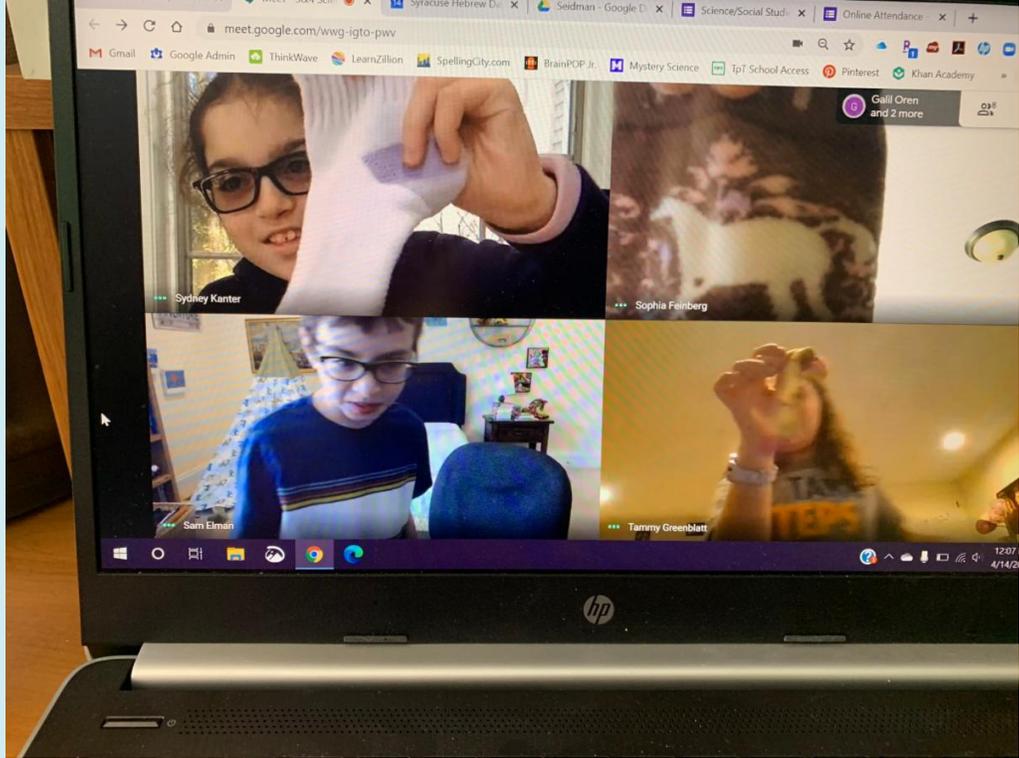




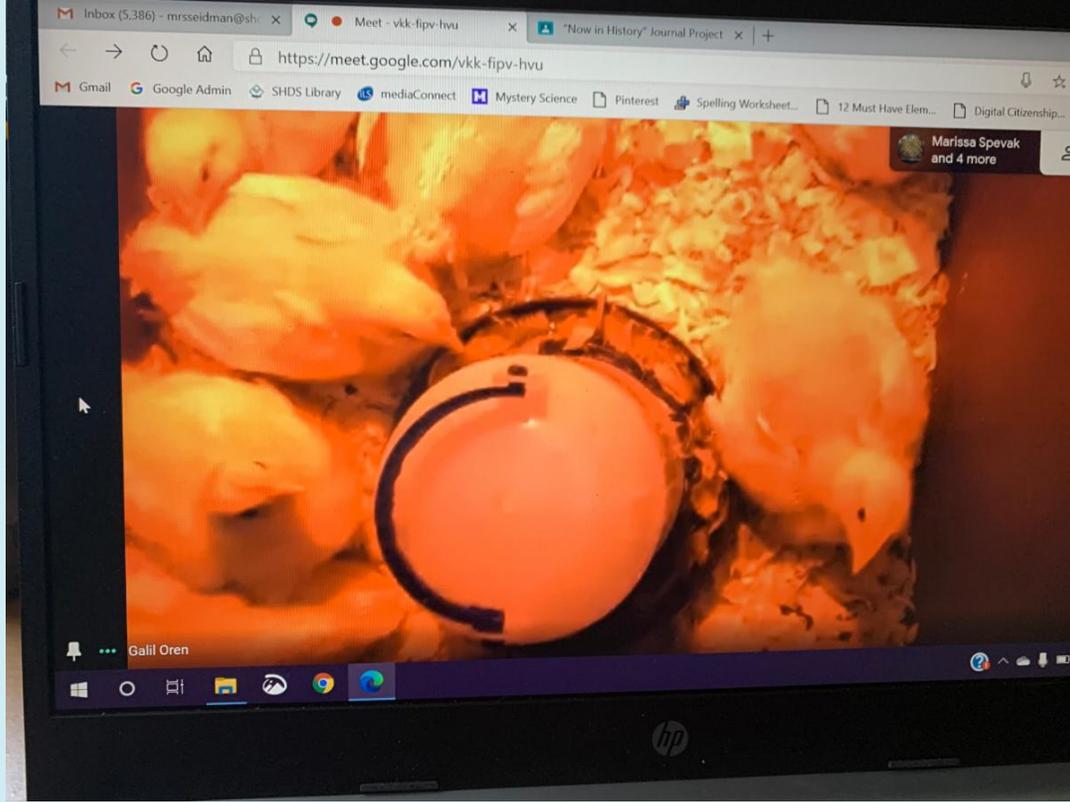
Syd helping Ava with abc mouse.com!



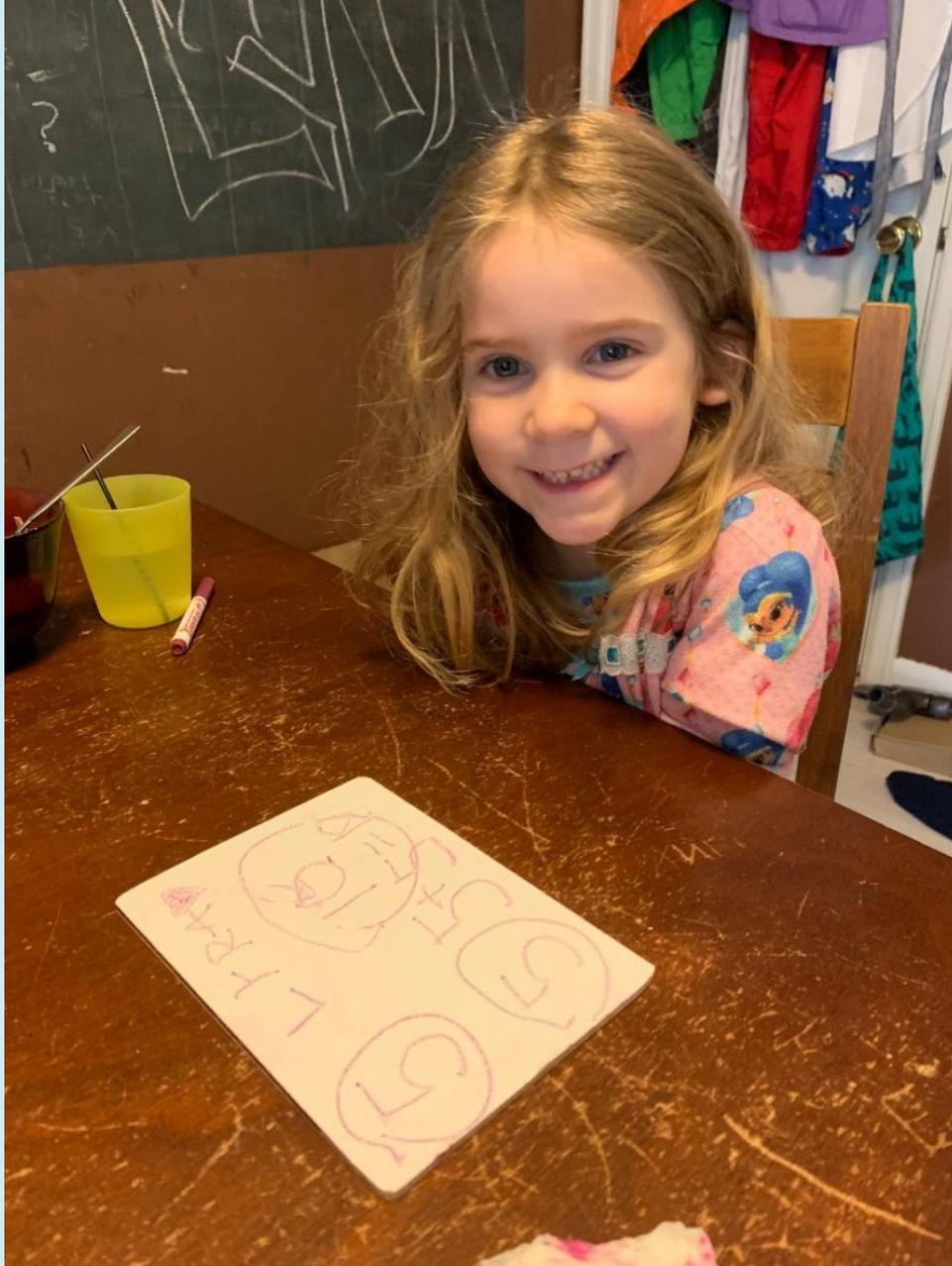
Third and Fourth graders showing off items from an At Home Scavenger Hunt!



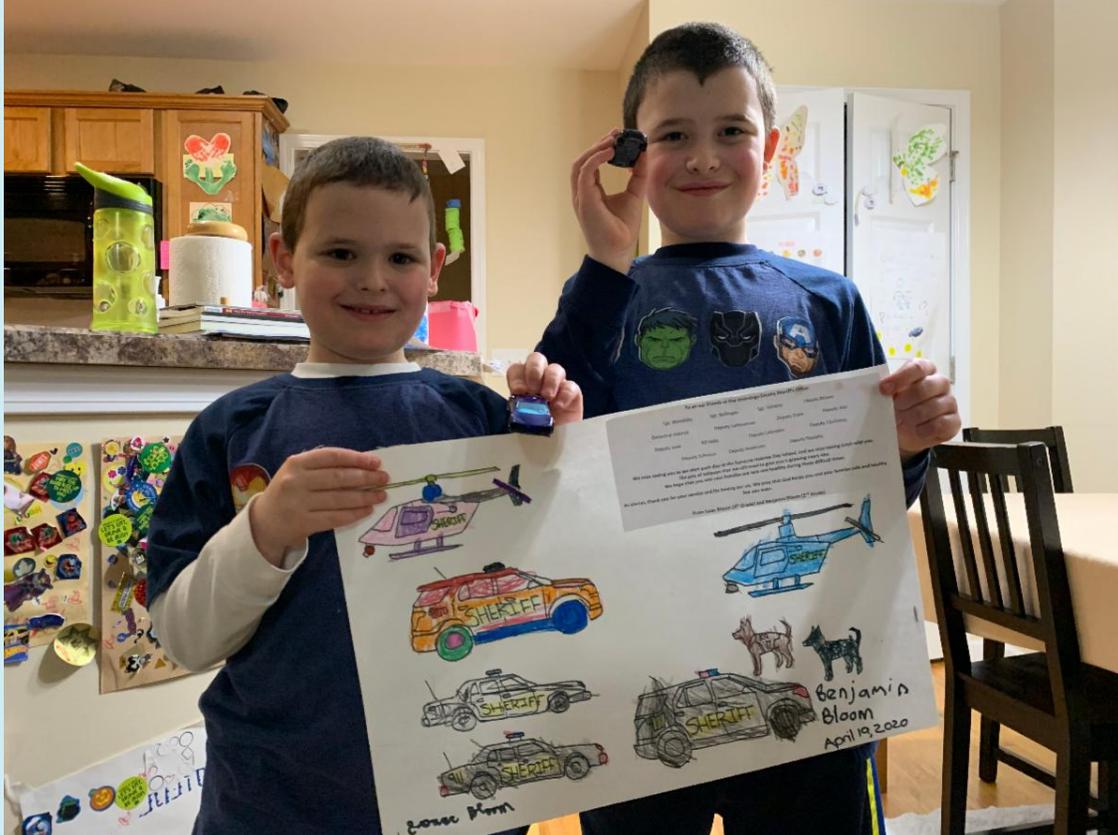
Gail is raising chickens at his house. He took the class on a virtual tour to see them.



Lyra practicing math facts on her new white board!



A day doesn't go by that the Bloom boys don't talk about missing the SRO's. They made a card to send to all of them!



Mazel Tov

SHDS alumna and "J-DHS senior Alethea Shirilan-Howlett's play "Viewer Discretion Advised" was named a winner of the 28th Annual Young Playwrights Festival at the Blank Theatre in Los Angeles.

This national competition not only recognizes the work of talented young people, but it pairs each winner with a professional mentor who helps guide the student through the entire production process. Over the summer, well-known professional directors and actors from the L.A. film, television, and theater community perform the winning plays in weekend-long runs in theaters across the LA area. However, under the current COVID-19 situation, procedures may be altered this year, but the shows should be produced and recorded in some fashion by late August.

This is the most prestigious young playwrights festival in the country, and it is a huge honor for Alethea Shirilan-Howlett to have earned such recognition and opportunity."

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