



Just the Facts

Dwight-Englewood Lower School

October 12, 2018

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday	Second Grade parent forum in Hulst House at 8:30 a.m.
Tuesday	Third Grade parent forum in Hulst House at 8:30 a.m.
Thursday	Fourth Grade parent forum in Hulst House at 8:30 a.m.
Friday	Fifth Grade parent forum in Hulst House at 8:30 a.m.

UPCOMING:

Mon. October 22	Professional Day – NO CLASSES DE 360° Discovery Day at Abma's Farm in Wyckoff, NJ - See attached for details
Sat. October 27	Admissions All School Open House
Sun. October 28	Halloween Spooktacular (Parents' Association Event) - See attached flyer
Wed. October 31	Project L.E.A.D. – see attached letter

Introducing Dr. Talia Dayan:

Dr. Talia Dayan is the replacement school psychologist while Dr. Penina Bukiet is out on maternity leave. She is a New York licensed psychologist and New Jersey certified school psychologist. Talia earned her doctorate in School Psychology at St. John's University in New York. In the past, she worked as a school psychologist in public, private, and independent school settings and as a psychotherapist with children in an outpatient clinic. Dr. Dayan has extensive experience in assessment and interventions for children with a variety of learning, social, emotional and behavioral concerns. She's looking forward to working with you and your children over the next few months!

PLEASE SEE ATTACHED

- DE 360° Discovery Day Information – 10/22
- Halloween Spooktacular Flyer – 10/28
- Literacy Exploration & Adventure Day (L.E.A.D.) Letter – 10/31



October 5, 2018

Dear Families of Students in Grades 1-5,

On Wednesday, October 31, 2018, the Lower School will participate in a school-wide project called Literary Exploration & Adventure Day (L.E.A.D.). On this day, we invite and encourage students and faculty to come to school dressed as their favorite literary character or author. As you can imagine, the possibilities for this activity are endless.

From the earliest moments students enter Dwight-Englewood as preschoolers, they are immersed in literature through storytelling, read alouds, and other interactive work. As they progress through the Lower School, students learn to think more deeply about the characters in their books, to step into the shoes of these characters, to empathize with them, and to anticipate how the characters will act as well. Project L.E.A.D. will joyfully reinforce these ideals as students physically and dramatically immerse themselves in beloved literary characters.

The goals of Project L.E.A.D. are to:

- further foster and encourage a love of reading in our students
- provide yet another opportunity for students to engage their creativity
- spark new interest in books, characters and authors
- satisfy out students' desire to express themselves
- serve as a "kick-off" for the November Book Fair

Although many will be dressed in character, our school day will operate on a normal schedule. The presence of so many and varied characters and authors will enhance our instructional time, and it will also provide a springboard for student conversation during lunch and recess time. Please see the reverse side for more specific details about this very special day and help our students to "L.E.A.D. by example...".

Kim Lewis
Lower School Principal

LITERARY EXPLORATION & ADVENTURE DAY

Here are some guidelines to help your child make the most of Project L.E.A.D.

- Talk with your child about favorite books, characters or authors.
- Help your child brainstorm ways they can look like or symbolize their chosen character.
- Some book characters represent themes that may be difficult to understand given the broad age range and interest level for this assembly. Thank you for encouraging your child to avoid characters that are frightening or those that represent negative stereotypes.
- Costumes do not need to be elaborate. There are many simple ways to represent a character, including carrying a prop, drawing pictures and/or wearing small signs or labels that help others easily recognize the character.
- Students are asked to be mindful of the school dress code when planning their attire for the day.
- Students must be able to manage their own costumes for the day (i.e. large, ornate costumes will interfere with a student's ability to attend to lessons during the day).
- Many teachers will be on hand to take keepsake photographs of students in their costumes. These photographs will be made available to parents on the Dwight-Englewood Facebook page and via *Lower School Notes*.
- Participation in Project L.E.A.D. is optional but strongly encouraged. The more characters on hand on this day, the richer the literary experience for us all!
- Due to our parking constraints, Project L.E.A.D. is for students and faculty only. Parents are asked to refrain from coming to the Lower School on this day.




DIWALI EXTRAVAGANZA

Thursday, November 15, 2018
Silberfein Gym, Modell's Sports Complex
7:00 PM

Celebrate the Festival of Lights with food, beverages, music, dance, & more!
Immerse yourself in Indian culture on one of the most 'lit' days of the year!

Sponsored by the D-E Parents' Association in partnership with D-E Affinity
Parent Groups. This event is (only) for D-E parents/guardians.
Sorry, no children/students allowed.

RSVP by Thursday, November 8
For more information visit pa.d-e.org
Questions? Email pa@d-e.org



D-E LOWER SCHOOL SPOOKTACULAR

HALLOWEEN PARTY & COSTUME PARADE

You are kindly invited to our spooky event
that is just so much fun you will feel a torment!
Be the closest to guessing the "Great Pumpkin's" weight
and taking it home will soon be your fate!
Feast on some yummys, bowl ghosts and play catch!
Forget not to pick from our huge pumpkin patch!
Face painting, craft making and music so deaf
you'll hardly believe it is spun by our Chef!
Now throw on your costume! Come, gather your friends!
We've got fun to be had 'fore October up-ends....

Featuring DJ Chef Ricardo!!

Sunday, October 28, 2018
1:00 to 4:00 pm
Silberfein Gym

Parade begins promptly at 2:00 p.m.

We will have containers at the event to collect donations of gently used winter coats that
will be donated to people in need.

Sorry, this is not a drop-off event.

Siblings welcome!

D-E Parents' Association (PA) Parent Ed. Committee proudly presents

Deborah Roffman,

Sexuality Educator & Critically-Acclaimed Author, *Talk To Me First*

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2018

Join Us for These 2 Opportunities for all D-E Parents/Guardians

***"No, It's Not Too Early: Nurturing Healthy Sexual and Gender Development Begins at Birth"**

Morning Presentation: 8:00 - 9:30 AM, Hulst House (Leggett Hall)

Learn the five essential needs of children as they grow and develop, and five corresponding roles for adults in their lives.

For Lower School Parents and Guardians.

***"Never Too Late: How to Raise Sexually Healthy Middle and High School Kids"**

Evening Presentation: 7:00 - 9:00 PM, Location TBD

Contrary to what many middle school and high school parents may believe, early to mid adolescents need--and want--input and guidance from the immediate adults in their lives about sexuality.

For Middle/Upper School Parents and Guardians.

To RSVP and learn more about Debbie Roffman, visit pa.d-e.org.

For helpful articles and other resources, visit Talk2MeFirst.com.

Questions? Email pa@d-e.org



About Debbie Roffman

Debbie Roffman is in constant demand as a presenter and workshop leader across the United States and has provided training and consultation for hundreds of public and private schools and youth serving organizations. Her earlier books have become "must reads" and even required reading for parents and faculties at many schools. Parents find her books and articles life altering and describe her influence on their family life profound. Ms. Roffman's cutting edge commentaries in the *Washington Post* (focused primarily on parenting issues) are hugely popular, one of them holding the all time record

for the most online hits of any single opinion piece published in the paper's Sunday *Outlook* section. Reporters regularly seek out her counsel and expertise, and her work has been featured in most of the nation's major newspapers, including the *Boston Globe*, *Chicago Tribune*, *Los Angeles Times*, *Wall Street Journal*, *USA Today*, and *Washington Times*. Recently she was quoted, and her books cited, in both the *New York Times* and the *Wall Street Journal* on the same day. (In a somewhat more dubious honor, hers was the "quote of the day" in the *New York Times* on 9/11.) In 2005, she served as the lead expert in a *US News and World Report* cover story on teen sexuality, and she frequently lends her expertise to articles in major parenting magazines.

Especially since the publication of *Sex and Sensibility* Ms. Roffman has enjoyed stellar relationships with other media. She has been interviewed on *Nightline* by Ted Koppel, by Bryant Gumbel and other interviewers on the **CBS Early Show**, and has also appeared on the **O'Reilly Factor**. In 2003, she was the featured expert--and helped shape--a highly acclaimed segment on teen sexuality with John Stossel for **20/20**. Her radio credits include multiple appearances on the **Diane Rehm Show** and **Talk of the Nation**, and she also appears (it runs several times a year) in the

acclaimed HBO documentary for parents entitled, "Middle School Confessions." She has provided background for a variety of stories on **ABC News**, and for **60 Minutes**.

Among her professional peers, Ms. Roffman is viewed as an articulate and powerful advocate for children and a revered and singularly effective spokeswoman for her field. In 2003, former Surgeon General David Satcher appointed her (the only educator on the panel) to serve on the National Advisory Council for Sexual Health (Center for Primary Care, Morehouse College of Medicine). She presented a keynote address, as she does at many national and regional health and education conferences, at the NAC's national symposium in Washington, DC in 2004 on changing the national dialogue around sexuality and sexuality education. She contributes regularly to professional journals, serves as an editor for the *American Journal of Sexuality Education*, and is the former Associate Editor for Education of the *Journal of Sexuality Education and Therapy*.

What is perhaps most remarkable about Ms. Roffman's work is her ability to speak the language of common ground around topics often fraught with controversy and conflict. With uncommon good sense and unshakable commitment to core, universal values, hers is the voice that most often cuts through the rhetoric, the politics, and the false polarities that keep adults focused on their needs and interests, rather than squarely on children. She also understands that *the issue at stake is parenting, not politics*. The proof lies in her wide appeal to parents of all political stripes, religions, and backgrounds, and the national recognition she has received from such seemingly diverse groups as the Planned Parenthood Federation of America (the coveted Mary Lee Tatum Apple Award) and the National Federation of Republican Women (Favorite Teacher Award).

Deborah and her husband, David, were high school sweethearts and have been married for 40 years. They live in Baltimore, Maryland, and have two grown sons.

RSVP at pa.d-e.org

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Our Annual Tradition Continues!

Pumpkin Picking at Abma's Farm on Monday, October 22

The AfterCare & Enrichment (ACE) Team invites Lower School students (Preschool-Grade 5) to a Discovery Day on **Monday, October 22, while D-E School is closed for a Professional Day.** What a terrific way to provide your child with an extended playdate with school friends! A full day of fun activities is planned. Here are the details:

- **Date:** Monday, October 22, 2018
- **Place:** Abma's Farm, 700 Lawlins Road, Wyckoff NJ 07481 (<http://www.abmasfarm.com/>)
- **Time:** 9:00 am - 3:30 pm
- **Fee:** \$75
- **Go to** <https://de360parentdashboard.campbrainregistration.com/>
- **Students must bring a bagged lunch.** Snacks will be provided.

All Discovery Day programs begin and end at the Lower School - Drapkin Hall. Parent/guardian drop-off begins at 8:30 AM. D-E 360° provides bus transportation to Abma's Farm; we will depart from campus at 9:00 AM. Activities will be offered in the Lower Level Multipurpose room upon return. Parent/guardian pick-up is 3:00-3:30 PM.

All Discovery Days are subject to change, based on enrollments and availability. Early registration is encouraged and allows us to guarantee DE360° offerings as soon as enrollment is sufficient. The registration deadline is Wed, October 17; the \$75 trip fee must be submitted at the time of registration.

For more information, contact Sharon Keigher or Jeannie Wei at [201-227-3144](tel:201-227-3144) in the D-E 360° Office (located in Leggett 001) or email DE360info@d-e.org.

Reserve your seat now for exciting 201/2019 D-E 360° Discovery Days:

- October 22, 2018: [Abma's Farm](#)
- November 2, 2018: [Newark Museum](#)
- December 2, 2018: [National Museum of Math](#)
- February 19, 2019: [Sterling Mines](#)

