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בס"ד

Dear Parents

The new school year is round the corner and with it opportunities for new beginnings. We have an opportunity to renew our energies, to sharpen our thinking, to strive for success and to excel in good deeds. I am excited to see all our students, old and new, and wish them much success in this new year. I extend a special welcome to our new students, including new immigrants to Israel and children going into first grade. We are excited to have you all.

This year we will have 490 students in 17 classes. We have new teachers that have joined us and we welcome them and wish them much success.

There are a few new additions to the school building:

- The first to fourth grades will learn in the main building as well as the English classes for English speakers
- The fifth and sixth grades, and robotics and computer classes, will learn in the new section (where the kindergartens used to be)
- The basketball hoops are now in the main courtyard (where the goals used to be)
- The basketball court now has synthetic grass and two goals for soccer

Announcements

School Contract

In the first week, students will receive the school contract (a *takanon* in Hebrew). They will review it with their teachers and sign it. I would also like you, the parents, to review the contract with your children at home and sign it. It can be returned to the classroom teacher. It is important that children understand that abiding by the rules of the school will keep them safe and maintain a healthy atmosphere in the school.

Dress Code

Although the dress code applies to students, at this moment I would like to remind parents that you have chosen to send your children to a religiously observant school. Please ensure that you are appropriately dressed when you are on school grounds.

Students are expected to abide to the school dress code. On Fridays and *Rosh Chodesh*, students wear a white shirt with a school emblem.

Health Form

Students are required to fill out and submit their health forms during the first week of school. Students that do not do this will not participate in activities outside the school property.

School Calendar

Towards Rosh Hashana, students will receive the school calendar with details of activities. We try to stick to the calendar as much as possible, however there may be some changes which will be announced.

Daily Schedule

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Students will receive their schedule on the first day of school. The schedule will begin on Sunday, September 3rd, 2017.

School Website

The school website has been updated. To access it type "Bilu school Raanana" or " ממד ביל"ו רעננה" into google. The website includes daily and weekly updates, messages, photos and videos. We recommend parents checking their children's specific class links on the website. These are updated each week and include details on the materials taught every day. Students need a password to enter the classroom link. The class teachers will provide the passwords.

Talan

Talan courses, supplementary educational courses, are part of the school schedule. Talan courses for first and second grades will be chosen by the class teacher. Talan courses for the third thru sixth grades will be chosen by students after they have tried the courses.

Kiss and Go Drop-Off

The Kiss and Go Drop-Off initiative will start on the first day of school. For questions about the program please contact Neta Bokoboza at 052-340-4491. The order of classes standing outside and greeting students in the morning is:

6th grade parents, 5th grade parents
1st grade parents, 2nd grade parents
4th grade parents, 3rd grade parents

Courses offered through Talan include:

First and second grade students will participate in four classes a year from the following choices: Yoga, capoeira, chess, Torah and drama and a course entitled "Films and Literature, and Everything Between Them".

Third and Fourth graders will participate in four courses a year from the following choices: Capoeira, chess, Torah and drama , comics, art and darbukot (drumming).

Fifth and sixth graders will participate in two courses a year from the following choices: Capoeira, Torah and drama, comics and art.

Parents Meetings

Parents meetings will take place on Sunday, September 10th, 2017.

Meetings for **first to third grades** will be from 18:00-19:00

Meetings for **fourth to sixth grades** will be from 19:30-20:30

Central Parents Association Meeting

The central parents association's first meeting will take place on Sunday, September 17th 2017 at 20:00 in the school library.

Wishing all Bilu students and parents a successful, safe and fulfilling year.

With all my love,

Miki Adler
School Principal