

KAVOD ELEMENTARY CHARTER SCHOOL

RESPECT MAKES A WORLD OF DIFFERENCE

Dear Community Members,

While some of you may know me as an account executive at SDJJ, I am also a Kavod mother. I'm sharing this information about Kavod Elementary Charter School because I am delighted with my decision to send my son to the school and I believe if more parents had a comprehensive understanding of the curriculum and culture of the school they would make this same decision.



Well into the second academic year, the school is absolutely blossoming. Kavod, a non-religious, free public school, is a Hebrew language school that teaches about Israeli culture and history. With an impressive satisfaction rate among parents, and the unanimous San Diego Unified School Board approval and renewal of the charter, Kavod is quickly becoming the successful, diverse and academically stimulating school the founding members envisioned.



I chose to send my son to Kavod for the major components that embody Kavod's mission. The first is the **excellent academic program**. Kavod has small class sizes and implements the workshop model, offering each student individual attention. Next is the dual language through **Hebrew immersion**. Learning a second language augments the brain's ability to engage in both academic and creative thought, and Hebrew is valuable language in the global market. Third, **social responsibility** is emphasized through community service projects, social-emotional learning, and a values curriculum dedicated to building good character traits. Lastly, **global awareness** is integrated through a curriculum entitled *The Culture and History of Israel and its Immigrant Communities*, which encourages the children to develop a global appreciation and deep respect for diverse cultures.



There are several key elements that have contributed to the high satisfaction rate and engaging environment that fosters learning. The subjects are presented on a rotating schedule, providing students with an opportunity to learn each subject at a time when he/she is most receptive. Instead of traditional homework, the school implemented home review, wherein the children are encouraged to share what they have learned each day at home, in a stress-free manner. Additionally, the Kavod staff focuses on positive reinforcement. As Kavod means respect, the overarching theme of the school is respect. After only the first year of operation, 100% of the families agreed that the faculty at Kavod treat their children with respect and fairness and that Kavod celebrates the successes of its students.

The culture of the school is that of a small, close-knit community with diverse backgrounds and a shared sense of belonging to the Kavod family. The administration anticipates the need for a kindergarten lottery to be held for the upcoming school year. The deadline for enrollment is January 30th, so I encourage parents considering enrolling their children to contact the school immediately.

On April 18th, Kavod will hold the school's major fundraiser, Mesiba, a night out at the Rough Draft Brewery. The event will be open to members of the greater community who wish to support the mission of the school or learn more about it from current parents. You can learn more about Kavod and Mesiba at KavodElementary.org.



Thank you for taking the time to learn about Kavod.

I wish you all a happy and healthy 2015!

Kind regards,

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