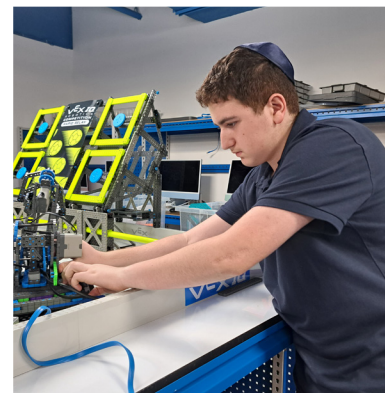


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CAPITAL CAMPAIGN: CAMPUS EXPANSION

Join this effort to support the newest addition to the Milton B. Katz Campus — a state-of-the-art classroom building, including the beautiful new Bernard Rutman Beit Midrash. A Phase III Capital Campaign dedication is a wonderful and meaningful way to leave a lasting legacy while ensuring the future of KHDS. There are many naming opportunities at various levels throughout the campus with the option to be paid over as many as five years.

\$2,561,412

Total pledged from
35 lead supporters of \$25K+
(listed below)

\$2,609,147

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Dear KHDS Family,

We are proud to share our *2024-2025 Annual Report*, a reflection of a year filled with educational excellence, love of Torah, and milestone memories. As always, our goals at KHDS are to imbue the love of Yiddishkeit, Torah, and Ahavat Yisrael into our beloved students. I hope this past year we once again succeeded!

Most notably, our wonderful expansion building opened for learning, and we danced the Sifrei Torah into the new **Bernard Rutman Beit Midrash** during the Hachnasat Sefer Torah ceremony on February 20th. Our official building dedication took place on March 30th with a *Chanukat Habayit* and *Tribute Evening* celebration and fundraiser. We had the honor of presenting **Governor Ron DeSantis** with the *Champion of Faith and Freedom Award* as well as paying tribute to our *Faculty Dedication Award* recipients. See the listing of those who generously supported this milestone event on page 14.

With the additional dedication opportunities now available in our beautiful new building, our base of generous Capital Campaign supporters continues to grow. We are grateful to those who have made their commitment to this effort (see page 2). Many meaningful naming opportunities remain for those who wish to leave a lasting impact through their support.

Also of great significance, our Head of School Search Committee—led by **Dr. Liora Adler** and **Amy Tarlowe**—successfully selected **Rabbi Mordechai Schwersenski** as our new Head of School, a decision proudly and unanimously approved by our Board of Trustees. As you read this, **Rabbi Schwersenski** has taken the reins bringing his passion, leadership, warmth, wisdom, talents, and vision to our school community. **Rabbi Schwersenski** comes from Yeshivat Noam, a well-respected Jewish day school in Paramus, NJ, where he served as the principal of the elementary school. He and his family reside on "the circle" and are already getting acclimated to our amazing community. We look forward to his leadership to guide our school toward continued growth and excellence.

We are also extremely grateful to those who gave the gift of time in support of our school—whether by serving on the Board of Trustees, volunteering with the KHDS PTA, participating in the parent volunteer initiative, or contributing to programs and events that enrich our community. Our children, and indeed the entire community, can learn from your example.

And most importantly, we offer our heartfelt Hakarat Hatov to our extraordinary KHDS administration, faculty, and staff. Their unwavering dedication, tireless efforts, and deep love for our students and school are the foundation of everything we achieve each day as we continue to strive to be the best Jewish day school in America!

May the New Year bring peace, prosperity, and boundless opportunities for learning and growth to our children, our community, and all of Klal Yisrael.

The best is yet to come!

Daniel J. Katz
President



2024-2025 KHDS STATS

147

Faculty &
Staff

711

Students
Enrolled

378

Total
Families

110

New
Students

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www.hilleldayschool.org

WAYS TO SUPPORT KHDS



Scan the QR code to make your gift of tzedakah!

MAJOR GIFTS

- ♦ **Hillel Society** members have achieved \$1 million in cumulative lifetime giving.
- ♦ **Menachem Begin Society** members donate \$100,000 (payable over 4 years).
- ♦ **Lamed Vav Society** members donate \$36,000 (payable over 3 years).
- ♦ **Chai Society** members donate \$18,000 (payable over 2 years).
- ♦ **Maimonides Society** members donate \$15,000 (payable over 3 years).

ANNUAL CAMPAIGN/SCHOLARSHIP FUND

- ♦ **General Donations**
- ♦ **Tribute Donations** (in honor of, in memory of, for the refuah shlema of)
- ♦ **Koppie Cohn Day of Learning Program:** This successful program is endowed in memory of Menashe Koppel Cohn, A'H, by his parents, Naomi & Todd Cohn, and his siblings, Eli Meir, Leora, and Tamar.
- ♦ **Mega Raffle** A joint campaign to support Torah and chance to win \$100,000!
- ♦ **Annual Tribute Evening**

DESIGNATED GIFTS

- ♦ Donations designated for specific programs, projects, and class trips.
- ♦ **Charles Scher Teachers' Discretionary Fund:** This special fund, available for any faculty member who may be dealing with difficult financial circumstances, was created in blessed memory of Charles Scher, beloved brother of Herschel and Dvora Scher (KHDS alumni parents).

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

- ♦ Dedication and naming opportunities are available throughout the Milton B. Katz Campus.

EVERY FAMILY GIVES

- ♦ A gift of tzedakah to any of the above opportunities (Major Gifts, Annual Campaign, Designated Gifts, or Capital Campaign) qualifies as fulfilling the *Every Family Gives Campaign* (formerly known as the *Every Parent Campaign*). This annual fundraising effort provides every KHDS family with the opportunity to donate and give back to our school, regardless of their financial situation, as everyone is acknowledged equally. Every dollar counts and families can give any amount they are comfortable with, based on their own personal circumstances. Our annual goal is to reach 100% participation in this critical effort to raise scholarship funds in support of Jewish education.



WE SUPPORT KHDS
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DOR L'DOR SOCIETY

- ♦ Donations of \$360+ from current grandparents have special recognition in the *Annual Report*.



ATID LEGACY SOCIETY

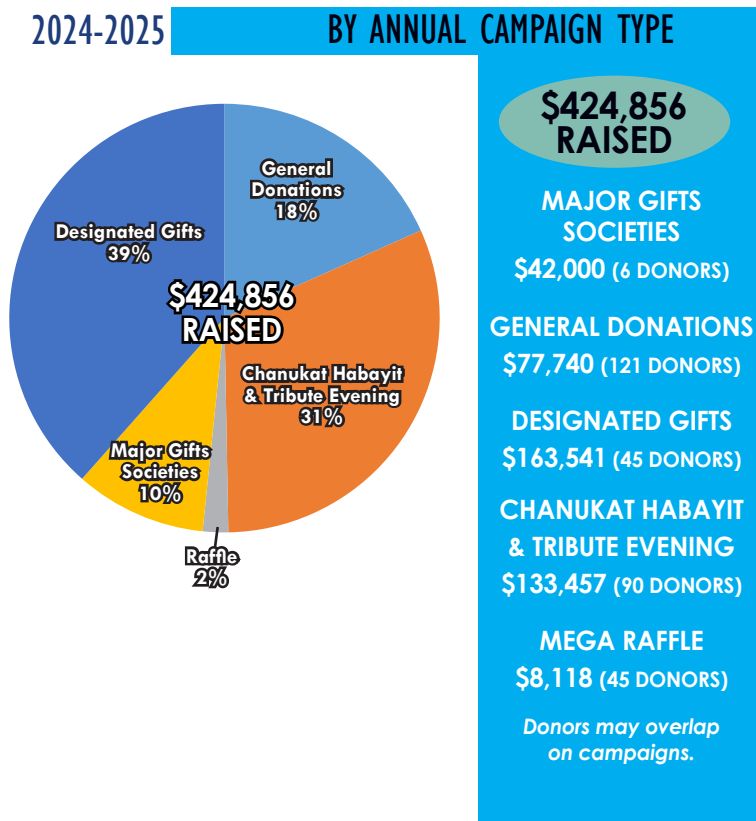
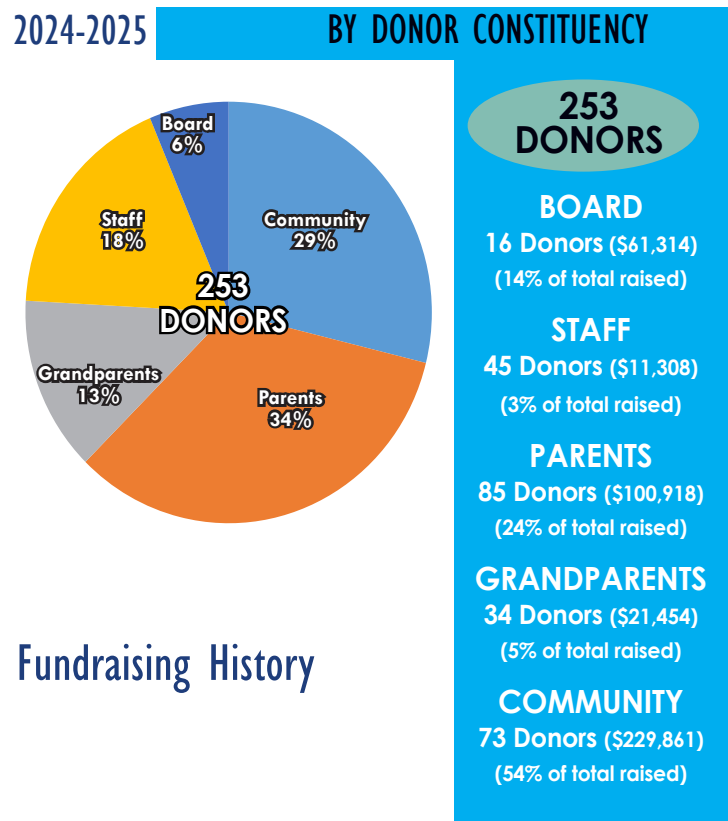
- ♦ Planned giving is not only important for your family's future, but is crucial to the longevity of our school. Gifts including endowments, bequests, life insurance and retirement accounts all qualify.



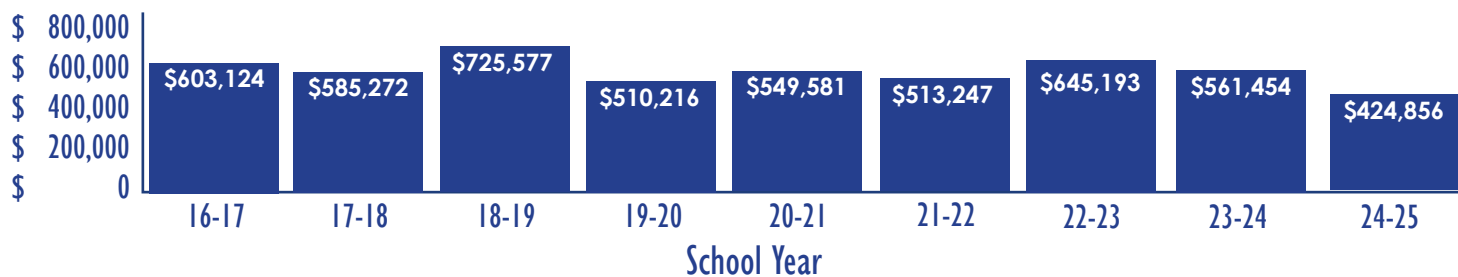
**Recurring gifts can be easily set up on our "Donate" page!
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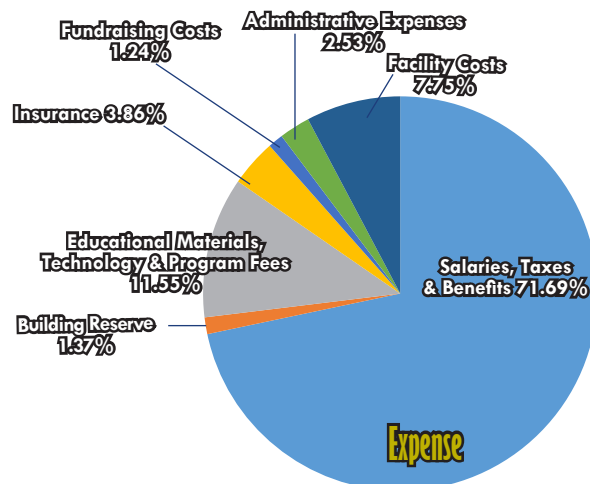
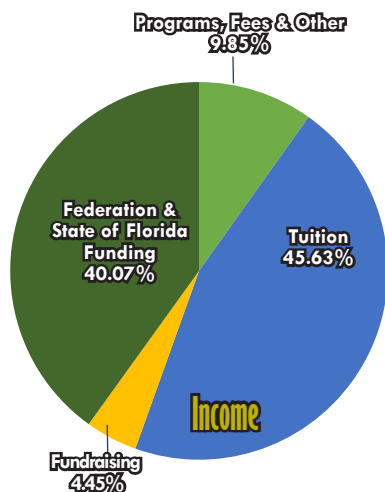


Fundraising History



Annual Campaign totals and donors above do not include \$2.6M from Phase III of the Capital Campaign (see page 2).

Operating Budget \$14,552,562 Fiscal year ending June 30, 2025



MAJOR GIFT SOCIETIES 2024-25

\$42,000

24-25
Major Gifts
Total

HILLEL SOCIETY

The **Hillel Society** was established as our top tier society to gratefully recognize donors who have cumulative lifetime giving of over \$1 million.

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Created to honor donors in our highest tier of annual giving, the **Menachem Begin Society** gratefully recognizes those who contribute \$100,000 to the Annual Campaign (payable over 4 years).

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We gratefully recognize the generosity of the members of the Chavurat Ha-Lamed Vav, the **Lamed Vav Society**, who contribute \$36,000 or more to the KHDS Annual Campaign (payable over 3 years).

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Current member for 2024-2025 Campaign

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Atid Legacy
Society
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Take the steps to ensure that your hard-earned wealth will seamlessly transition to your chosen beneficiaries. With an estate plan, you can take control to ensure that your vision for the future is realized, and not just left to some corporate or governmental bureaucracy to decide.

Many people think that an estate plan is purely the act of dividing assets between beneficiaries and should be done "later in life." However, this is far from the truth. An estate plan should include details of your wishes for your future medical care in the event that you become incapacitated. You should also leave instructions about how you would like your finances to be managed during your lifetime if you become unable to handle your affairs. **It is wise to do this "sooner" rather than "later."**

And while you are taking care of this important matter, why not include KHDS as a beneficiary?

Leaving a legacy is simple. Some options include:

- Bequest in a will
- IRA or Pension Funds
- Life Insurance
- Charitable Remainder Trust
- Cash or assets



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KHDS is eligible to receive an incentive grant as we grow our Atid Legacy Society thanks to our participation in LIFE & LEGACY+ and our partnership with the Jacobson Jewish Community Foundation (JJCF) of the Jewish Federation of South Palm Beach County and the Harold Grinspoon Foundation.



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A special thank you to the Jewish Federation of South Palm Beach County for their ongoing generosity and support of KHDS families needing tuition assistance.

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The *Every Family Gives Campaign* is an annual opportunity for all KHDS parents to give back and support our school with a gift of tzedakah in any amount through an annual, designated, or capital gift. Thank you to the following participating families for their generosity during the 2024-2025 school year.



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CAMP RUACH'S 13TH SUMMER OF FUN

Summer 2025 was nothing short of amazing. With record enrollment and more ruach than ever, the energy on campus was electric from the moment campers arrived each morning. Morning lineups were full of singing, cheering, and dancing—bringing the whole camp together with a burst of joy to kick off each day.

Our theme this summer, "A Smile Can Change the World," was felt in everything we did. Campers spread happiness, supported one another, and brought so much light and positivity to every aspect of camp. That spirit extended beyond our walls too—as we participated in meaningful chesed projects like the Chai-a-thon for Chai Lifeline and a camp-wide food drive for JFS during Color War. Our campers truly embodied the message that even small acts of kindness can make a big impact.

Our EC campers soaked up the fun with daily water bounce houses, swimming, Parsha art, Morah Maynu, Amazing Athletes, arts and crafts, and more. Our upper division enjoyed science, Discovery Zone, STEM, sports, and creative, team-bonding activities like Squad Goals for the girls and BroZone for the boys.

We were out and about almost every day on exciting field trips, and campers looked forward to Friday's bunk auctions—where they spent their hard-earned camp cash on awesome prizes like bunk BBQs, Carvel outings, Krispy Kreme donuts, french fry buffets, and more.

Some of the standout moments from the summer included our epic July 4th yard games and s'mores night, a boys' late-night trip to the Marlins game, and of course—our unforgettable Color War. The singing, the banners, the spirit, and the final Apache Relay had everyone on the edge of their seats.

From start to finish, Summer 2025 was packed with friendship, growth, laughter, and memories we'll never forget. Here's to even more memories next summer!



KHDS PTA: Here to Help!

KHDS would like to acknowledge the PTA for its generosity. You may know about all of the programs and events that PTA runs throughout the school year (and even over the summer months), but what you may not know is that the PTA has been a major financial supporter of KHDS as well. Below is a list of just some of the wonderful things PTA has made possible for KHDS and our students:



- Sata-PTA Pool/\$100,000
- Middle School Apple/MAC Lab/\$80,000
- Makerspace/\$65,000
- PTA Patio/\$50,000
- Sunshades/\$45,000
- Aunt Jessie's Playground/\$25,000
- Protective Carpet Tiles for gym floor/\$26,000
- Virtual Reality Headsets/\$15,000
- School Computers/\$15,000
- Soundproofing Gym/\$15,000
- Outdoor Scoreboard/\$10,155
- Learning Garden/\$5,000
- Gym Equipment/\$4,000
- Teacher Appreciation Breakfasts/over \$3,600 annually
- Bounce Houses/\$3,300
- Popcorn & Slushie Machines/\$2,500
- Playground Water Fountain/\$2,267
- Filtered Drinking Water Fountains & Bottle Filling Stations/\$2,200
- 8th Grade Graduation Siddurim/\$1,750 annually
- Trophy Case/\$1,755
- Ari (KHDS Mascot)/\$1,700
- Shas Gemara, IHO Daniel & Caroline Katz/\$1,550

...as well as annual sponsorships for KHDS major fundraising events, the annual faculty gift and mischloach manot, monthly parent coffees, Rosh Hashanah treats, Teacher Appreciation Week—and much, much more!



Thank you to the amazing PTA Board of Trustees and volunteers who dedicate their time and resources to make all of PTA's programs and generous funding possible.

69 8th graders graduated
in the Class of



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Alumni

Calling all KHDS Alumni!

We want to stay connected to our alumni so please visit our website at <https://www.hilleldayschool.org/about-our-school/contact-us/> and fill out the Alumni Contact form. We would love to hear what you have been up to and keep you informed about KHDS happenings!

SCHOOL YEAR IN REVIEW: 2024-2025

August/September

- **August 15:** Newbies were welcomed at the **New Faculty Orientation**.
- **August 18:** Sunday Spectacular! **Drop-In Day**, the **Ice Cream Social**, the **New Family Lunch**, and **EC Back to School Night** all took place.
- **August 19:** *One Team, One Dream!* Over 140 faculty and staff reported for the **Opening Meeting** and **Teacher Work Week**; KHDS welcomed 44 new families at the **New Family Orientation**.
- **August 21:** Middle School students got acquainted at their **orientation & BBQ**.
- **August 22:** Official **1st day of school** for the 24-25 school year; **KTP (Kids' Time Program)** and **Sports Clinics** began.
- **August 23:** **ROAR!** The first **Spirit Day** of the school year; the **EMET** and **ESTI** programs, as well as the **Esti Moskowitz Oneg**, kicked off a new year for students in the **Teddy & Linda Struhl Elementary School**.
- **September 4:** KHDS welcomed the month of Elul along with special guest **Nir Rubin** in honor of Rosh Chodesh.
- **Elul/Tishrei:** The Middle School welcomed inspiring guests as part of the **Elul/Tishrei Speaker Series**; in the **Teddy & Linda Struhl Elementary School**, the shofar echoed each morning following a storytime lesson with **Morah Hadassah**; and **Rabbi G** brought the exciting buzz of his **Honey Bee Workshop** to our EC students.
- **September 8:** **KHDS PTA Pre Chag Pop-Up & Mitzvah Market** was held in partnership with **Boca Raton Synagogue**.
- **September 11:** A commemoration program was held to honor the 23rd anniversary of the September 11 attacks.
- **September 18:** KHDS hosted a technology awareness event with Jesse Weinberger as part of the **LEV (Learning Electronic Vigilance)** initiative.
- **September 28:** Middle school students gathered for a meaningful pre-Slichos event.
- **October 3:** Shana Tova **5785!**

October/November/December

- **October 7:** Programs took place in observance of the year anniversary of this tragic day and in memory of the victims of these horrific attacks.
- **October 31-November 1:** In honor of **Parshat Noach**, EC students enjoyed splishing and splashing on **Water Day** and meeting new animals during the mobile **Petting Zoo**.
- **November 5:** A school-wide vote took place as students entered their ballots for their choice of art to be displayed in the new building. The winner: Torah!
- **November 7:** **KHDS PTA Annual Challah Bake** had participants rolling in the dough.
- **November 21:** 2nd graders were presented with their **Chumashim** during this milestone program. Thank you to **Jeffrey and Naomi Gross** for their generosity in the annual dedication of the Chumashim in loving memory of **Tobie & William Wiener, z"l**.
- **November 27:** Faculty and staff widened their educational horizons during **Professional Development Day**.
- **November 25-26:** Thanksgiving programs took place including a school-wide read-a-thon, EC Thanksgiving feast, and a special gratitude garden project.
- **December 10-12:** The annual **Siddur Party** for Kitah Alef took place as students were presented with their Siddurim. Thank you to the **Schiffman Family** for their generosity in the annual dedication of the siddurim in memory of **Susan Rubin, z"l**.
- **December 17:** A Chanukah-themed **Color War** broke out for middle school students after the **Dovid Pearlman** concert and the **Dannie Grajower, z"l, Spirit Award** was presented during the closing ceremonies.
- **December 26:** KHDS and PTA's **Chanukah Glow-Fest & Drone Show** took place and once again the **Dimont family** had the honor of lighting the menorah.



January/February/March

- **January 8:** The 3rd graders put on an epic performance at the **Rashi Fair**.
- **January 11:** EC students and their parents gathered for the **3rd Annual Shema Under The Stars**.
- **January 12:** KHDS administration, leadership, and families attended the **Teach FL** legislative breakfast in support of the generous scholarship, security, and transportation funding they have secured for our families.
- **January 13-15:** Early Childhood, along with **Mrs. Baer**, celebrated **Bear Week** with a variety of fun, bear-themed activities.
- **February 5:** The middle school **VEX Robotics Team** placed 1st and 3rd at the **CIJE Innovation Day VexIQ Robotics Competition**.
- **February 19:** Students celebrated the **100th day** of school.
- **February 20:** A school-wide **Hachnasat Sefer Torah** ceremony took place as the Sifrei Torah dedicated by **Daniel & Caroline Katz** and **Sandy & Barbara Cohen** were danced into the beautiful new Aron Kodesh housed in the **Bernard Rutman Beit Midrash**.
- **February 21-22:** The **8th grade Shabbaton** took place at KHDS.
- **February 26:** The **1st grade Mitzvah Fair** took place as parents and grandparents were invited to join and celebrate the presentation of Mitzvah portfolios.
- **March 18: Names, Not Numbers®: A Movie in the Making**, an interactive, multi-media Holocaust project created by educator **Tova Fish-Rosenberg**, premiered (*generously supported by a prominent national foundation and with Assistance from the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany Supported by the German Federal Ministry of Finance and the Foundation Remembrance, Responsibility and Future*)
- **March 20:** Step right up to the **3rd grade State Fair** and the **2nd Annual Pie-Eating Contest**.
- **March 24:** The 6th grade girls embarked on their class trip to **Pigeon Key**; the boys' trip followed on March 31.
- **March 25:** Call the paparazzi as celebrity-sightings were aplenty during the **4th grade Wax Museum**.
- **March 27:** The middle school **pre-Pesach parent-child learning event** was held with chavruta-style learning.
- **March 30: Governor Ron DeSantis** was honored at the **Chanukat Habayit & Tribute Evening**, along with **Faculty Dedication Award** recipients **Tova Gil, Lauren Glaun, Frieda Greenblatt, Rabbi Yosef Kassorla, Dina Oleyek, and Samantha Witztum**, and the new expansion building was dedicated.
- **March 31:** The middle school **VEX Robotics Team** traveled to the **Armory** in New York to compete in the **2025 CIJE National VEX IQ Championship** and placed 2nd, 3rd, and 4th out of 140 teams from over 30 Jewish schools across the US.

April/May/June

- **April 27:** A gallery of Israel-inspired artwork created by K-5th graders was on display for parents during **Student Art Night**.
- **May 1:** KHDS celebrated Israel's 77th birthday for **Yom Ha'atzmaut** and 5th graders performed **Daglanut**.
- **May 4:** The 8th graders departed for their class trip to **Panama**.
- **May 5: Teacher Appreciation Week** celebrated our incredible faculty and staff with gratitude, treats, and well-deserved recognition.
- **May 6:** The 7th graders headed north to **Orlando** for their class trip.
- **May 19:** The **KTP Night** annual performance took the stage, featuring **The Little Mermaid, Jr.**, and the female-only performance followed on May 20.
- **May 22:** Go, **Lions!** Middle School athletes celebrated at the **Annual Sports Awards** ceremony and **Perri Krawatsky** and **Evan Levontin** were named **Athletes of the Year**.
- **May 29:** KHDS PTA **End-of-Year Celebration** honored outgoing parents **Naomi Katz, Liora Adler, Tamar Feld, and Margo Rosman** for their long time dedication to PTA and KHDS.
- **June 12:** 59 Kindergartners received their **Degree of Alphabetarian** during the milestone graduation ceremony.
- **June 13:** Official last day of school.
- **June 15:** 69 graduates participated in the **27th Annual Commencement Exercises** for the **8th grade Class of 2025**.
- **June 23:** The 13th summer of fun began as **Camp Ruach** welcomed campers.



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CURRENT 25-26 SCHOOL YEAR DEMOGRAPHICS



PALM BEACH COUNTY

Boca Raton: 547 students/75.34%
Boynton Beach: 30 students/4.13%
Delray Beach: 5 students/0.69%
Wellington/Lake Worth: 4 students/0.55%

BROWARD COUNTY

Coconut Creek: 3 students/0.41%
Coral Springs: 20 students/2.75%
Deerfield Beach: 2 students/0.28%
Hollywood/FLL: 58 students/7.99%
Lauderhill/Tamarac: 3 students/0.41%
Parkland: 48 students/6.61%

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

Aventura: 2 students/.28%

OTHER

Out of state address not updated: 4 students/0.55%

Where
do our
students
live?

136

18.73%

live outside of Palm
Beach County

Stats based on first day of school.

2025-2026 KHDS STATS

155

Faculty &
Staff

726

Students
Enrolled

372

Total
Families

117

New
Students

2025-2026 Administration



