



Dear Parents/Guardians,

Sixteen BCA students and three teachers are traveling to Israel this month as members of a Partnership2Gether delegation to Israel sponsored by the Jewish Federation of Northern New Jersey (JFNNJ). For the past ten years, the Federation has been engaged in a successful exchange program that unites students and educators from northern New Jersey with their counterparts in Nahariya, Israel. Educators have had the opportunity to share curricula and teaching materials and have conducted model lessons between cultures, resulting in enriched outcomes that benefit students and educators.

While in Israel, our students and teachers will visit cultural sites and spend time with their Israeli peers. Teachers will have opportunities for professional development by engaging in high-level educational programs at sites including Technion and Google Campus, and by exchanging best practices and learning from Israeli leaders in STEM.

Northern New Jersey and Israel are leaders in STEM education and innovation through outstanding university research programs, industrial activities emphasizing STEM initiatives, and research facilities. It is our hope that in partnership with JFNNJ, we can participate in an expanded exchange program that engages classrooms in New Jersey and Israel in a STEM educational initiative.

Sincerely,

Howard Lerner, Ed.D.
Superintendent