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**Upcoming Events**

**February 2009**

**WDS' 61<sup>ST</sup> Anniversary Dinner**  
**This Sunday Evening/Feb.8**  
**6:00 PM**  
**Greentree Country Club**  
**New Rochelle, NY**

Mon. 2/9: Tu B'Shevat  
Fri.-Tues: 2/13- 2/17: **No Sessions**  
President's Break  
Wed. 2/18: Sessions Resume  
Tues. 2/24: Rosh Chodesh / Adar  
Wed. 2/25: Rosh Chodesh/Adar  
**1:40 Dismissal:**  
Parent/Teacher Conferences Gr. 1-8  
2:30-5:00 & 5:45-8:  
Invention Convention: Grades 6,7 & 8  
(will be available for viewing during P/T Conferences)  
Thurs. 2/26: Invention Convention on display for students & parents 9:00 - 12:30


**March 2009**

Tues: 3/3: P/T Conferences Gr. 1-8  
6 -9PM  
Thurs: 3/5: Gr. 3 Purim Production 9:30 AM  
Sun. 3/8: Daylight Savings Time Begins  
Mon. 3/9: **1:40 Dismissal:** Fast of Esther  
Tues. 3/10: **12:00 Dismissal:** Purim  
Fri. 3/20: End of Second Trimester

**Important Reminder:**



The New Rochelle School District's Transportation Dept. will now follow the NR school calendar and will no longer provide bus service on days that the NR School District is closed. **Therefore, there will be no bus service (to and from school) on the following dates for the students in the New Rochelle School District / Mile Square Bus Wed., Thurs. & Fri.: Feb.18-20<sup>th</sup>.** All bus companies other than Mile Square will be transporting as usual.

  
**Westchester Day School**  
**Wishes Mazel Tov**  
**to the Honorees**  
**at our 61<sup>st</sup> Anniversary Dinner**  
  
**Suzanne and Stuart Beretz**  
**Lisa and Joey Bernstein**  
**Guests of Honor**  
  
**Suzie Marder**  
**Aishet Chayil Award**  
  
**Pat Arias**  
**Faculty Honoree**

**School Happenings**

**Yom Iyun:** Wed. morning: Our 8<sup>th</sup> grade students along with several WHHS students continued the tradition of pairing up students from the two schools for a Yom Iyun L'zecher Nishmat Oren Yaakov Ben Daniel Brandt-Rauf z"l. This year's topic was Ha'karot Ha'tov appreciating both the major and minor things in life. After introductory remarks by Rabbi Jeffrey Beer, WHHS Headmaster, the students watched a clip



from President Obama's Democratic convention speech where he focused on our theme,

appreciating the underappreciated. Rabbi Einzig then shared two wonderful Ha'karot Ha'tov stories. In small groups, students from both schools, along with their Rebbeim, ate a scrumptious breakfast followed by group learning of Torah sources. Rabbi Mahler connected the topic of the day and made it relevant to everyday life of a teenager. Finally, Rabbi Greenberg, Oren's Rebbi, summed up the morning by something about the type of person Oren was and how he could be a role model for all of us. We were very fortunate that Oren's mother, who now lives in Chicago, flew in for the Yom Iyun. Oren was a person who was Makir Tov to all and we hope that his memory will inspire us to be more kind, more sweet, and more good natured.

**Tu B'Shevat - Feb. 9<sup>th</sup>.**



WDS is launching its annual tree drive on behalf of the JNF. For just \$18.00 per tree, you will receive a tree planted in Israel in honor of, or in memory of, someone special with a commemorative certificate sent directly to the address you specify. JNF will plant a tree in honor of the participating student, who will also receive a commemorative certificate. **Kindly return your completed Order Form along with your check made payable to JNF to the SCHOOL OFFICE, attn: Trees.** Please print all names clearly in English. Order forms must be received by Mon. Feb. 9<sup>th</sup>.

**Lost & Found** is overflowing...

Please come by and check for any missing articles - hats, jackets, gloves, sweatshirts and so much more! All remaining articles of clothing will be donated to charity on Thursday, Feb.12<sup>th</sup>. Thank You.



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### School Pictures...

If anyone has taken pictures at any WDS events that they would like to have put onto the WDS website please email them to Baila Weiss: [bweiss@westchesterday.org](mailto:bweiss@westchesterday.org) or bring them in on a disc. Thank You.

### Condolences

... To Donna Levinson and family on the loss of her father, Mr. Harvey Goldberg.

### Clips from the Classroom

**In the Ganon Tots** we're so excited for the birthday of the trees! We've been preparing for Tu B'Shevat for two weeks now. Our eyes delight in our blossoming almond tree; our noses enjoy the aroma of fresh-baked apple muffins; our ears perk-up with Tu B'Shevat songs; and our mouths savor tree fruits like apples, oranges and figs. We wear crowns of leaves and flowers, and decorate bonsai-style trees with delicate pink blossoms. We learned that trees and people are a lot alike—we have feet, and trees have roots; trees have trunks and so do we; we have arms and trees have branches; we have skin and trees have bark. On Monday we'll sing Happy Birthday to the trees and enjoy more apple muffins. We love Tu B'Shevat!

Submitted by: Morah Amy Leibowitz,

**Grade 1:** Our first graders are always so eager to learn. We are exploring winter scientifically, artistically and in literature. Two versions of *The Mitten* were recently read to the class. The children enthusiastically compared and contrasted both stories using a Venn diagram. In addition, we are studying the three forms of water and the water cycle. Come see our beautiful students created snowflakes. Submitted by: Mrs. Debbie Briks

**Sixth Grade:** In Dinim, we are learning about what a person may skip in davening if he comes late to Shul. The reason he may skip parts of davening is in order to say the most important prayer, Shmoneh Esrai, with the minyan. In Navi, we are learning about the Holy Ark being captured by the Philistines and how G-d forced them to return it to Israel.

**Seventh Grade:** In Dinim, we just finished learning about the Laws of candle lighting. Where should a person light candles if one is eating the Friday night meal at a friend's house? Ask a 7th grader. In Navi, we are learning about how Shaul turns against David and tries to kill him. David is forced to leave the country, but which neighboring enemy country will provide him a safe haven?

**Eighth Grade:** Why are there so many different opinions on how many hours to wait after eating meat before eating dairy? Additionally, should a person wait after eating dairy before eating meat? Why is honey kosher if it comes from a non-kosher insect? Ask an eight grader for the answers. In Navi, we are learning about the historic moment in Jewish history when King David conquers Jerusalem and it becomes the capitol of the Jewish Nation. Submitted by: Rabbi David Slotkin

**Learning To Look:** is well under way in grades 1-5. This year we are studying the Old Master painters. Our first class focused on portraiture and we looked at two paintings by Rembrandt. The children then sketched self-portraits which were later used as a basis for acrylic portraits that they made with Ms. Golin, the art teacher, and which were then sold at the WDS "Night at the Museum". Our second class featured portraiture and figure paintings. We studied works by Vermeer and Rubens. The classes then used colored pencils to make pictures of themselves doing something that they enjoy. This last class, we studied landscape paintings. The students compared

and contrasted the light, bright, serene *The Harvesters* by Bruegel, to the dark, somber, agitated *View of Toledo* by El Greco. The students then used craypas to draw one landscape scene in the four seasons focusing on the differences and similarities found within their scene. Please notice the Learning to Look bulletin board outside of Rabbi Einzig's office.

### Notes From The Nurse...

**Attendance/Absence: All Students**  
If your child(ren) will be arriving late or not be in school, for any reason, please call ext. 500 and leave a clear, detailed message stating: date, student name, grade, and reason for absence. Thank you.

### Inclement Weather Information

In the event of a school closing or delay, the decision to close WDS will be made as early as possible and information will be posted on our website: [www.westchesterday.org](http://www.westchesterday.org). Alternatively, you may call the school office on ext 100 for a taped message regarding the status. An email message will also be sent, and you can listen to radio stations: WFAS, WVOX, or your local cable station.

### PTA NEWS...

...Kabbalat Shabbat and the First Grade Chag Hassidur orders for DVD's are being accepted. Send orders to school office/ or contact [tinabetho@aol.com](mailto:tinabetho@aol.com). Cost: \$25.00  
... The PTA will present beautiful Mishloach Manot gifts to our wonderful teachers and staff at WDS. Please see attached flyer for more info. Thank you.  
... The PTA will, once again, be selling Purim cards. Please see attached flyer. Thank You.  
...**BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION:** General Mills will send our school 10 cents for each qualifying box top submitted. A qualifying box top is the top flap of any General Mills product carrying the "BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION" symbol. Also, some Betty



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Crocker, Kleenex and Ziploc products also carry this symbol. We have collection boxes right near the school office in Wolfson Hall and in the entrance of the Coach House. The box tops really add up -- it is an easy way to raise money for our school. Send in those box tops! Any questions, please contact Joan Goodman at 723-2696.



### Basketball News...

...**The 6th boys** defeated a tough Flatbush team 33-23. The team started with an intense defense provided by starters Joshua Blustein, Benni Tuchman, Jacob Ungar, Elliot Beretz, and Jesse Goldberg. They were able to keep Flatbush from scoring any points until the very end of the first quarter. Each boy played their position and had trust in their fellow teammates. Joshua Eagle and David Besharim provided additional defensive pressure when called upon and the team did not miss a beat. Although Flatbush never gave up and made a come back, Benni Tuchman, Jesse Goldberg, and Joseph Silber hit key shots toward the end of the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter to insure the win. The game was a total team effort by all the boys of WDS who continue to demonstrate positive sportsmanship, give a 100 percent effort, and show enthusiasm and encouragement for all their teammates.

...**The 6th boys** defeated Manhattan Day School 26-13 to bring their record to 6-3 and qualify for the Yeshiva Basketball Play-Offs. Earlier in the season these boys suffered a loss to MDS but this game they bounced back and captured the important win. The team played outstanding defense and showed a lot of poise. In particular, Elliot Beretz made an incredible no look pass to Benni Tuchman, who then converted the shot towards the end of the game. The play-offs will be announced as soon as the time, date, and place are determined - sometime at the end of February.

...**The 6th boys** lost to Magen David in their last regular season game by the score of 32-28 to end their season 6-4. W.D.S. was losing most of the game but managed to cut the lead to 2 points in the last minute. Marty Fried hit a shot and was fouled. He made the foul shot and W.D.S. had a chance to tie with 30 seconds left. The team came out, played an aggressive defense, and was able to tie up the ball, but Magen David got the possession. The team showed a lot of heart, and never gave up. Now the team waits to see what happens with the up coming play-offs.

...**The 7th & 8th boys** lost to MDS 45-38. The team got off to an early lead and was in control of the game going into the fourth quarter. MDS made a come back and was able to get the win. The boys, despite a heart breaking loss, showed outstanding sportsmanship, maintained their control, and accepted the loss with incredible dignity. The boys should be very proud for always giving their best effort and for representing WDS in such a positive way, regardless of the situation. They are a great example to other teams on how to accept winning, losing, and showing sensitivity towards all opponents.

### Hockey News...

On the afternoon of Super Bowl Sunday, The Wild faced off against YCQ and continued from where they left off last game with their strong play. With 1 minute and 54 seconds gone in the 1st period, David Wildes opened the scoring with a goal off a rebound from a Sammy Smigel shot. A minute and a half later, The Wild extended their lead to 2-0 when Jacob Aboodi's slap shot found the top left corner of the goal after he received a perfect pass from Jon Herman from The Wild's zone. The first period scoring was capped by an unassisted goal by Jacob Aboodi on a wrist

shot at 10:27 (1 minute and 33 seconds left in the period) after he had stolen the puck in YCQ's zone. With just over a minute gone in the 2nd period, Jon Arenson scored a power play goal (during a penalty to YCQ and WDS was up a man) on a shot from the point and several minutes later, Jacob Aboodi recorded his 2nd consecutive hat trick (3 goals) when he deftly put in a rebound off a Jon Herman shot. Soon thereafter, Sammy Smigel stole the puck at center ice and scored after faking out 2 defenders and Jon Herman closed out the scoring with a goal 2 minutes into the 3rd period to yield the 7-0 victory. The Wild achieved their 4th straight shutout behind strong goaltending by Nathan Goldman and Ethan Katz. The Wild's record now stands at 5-1-1-1. With their overall hustle, determination and stalwart defense, our boys are gearing up for their playoff run. The Wild's final regular season game is against North Shore Hebrew Academy on Wed. **Feb. 18<sup>th</sup>** at WDS. Make sure to be there to cheer on and support our team - **LET'S GO WILD !!!!!**

### Community News...

**Feb. 10:** Young Israel of White Plains is selling tickets for The Harlem Globetrotters performing at The Westchester County Center on Tuesday 2-10-09 7:00pm Tickets \$20 To order contact Joseph Orlian [JIQESQ@aol.com](mailto:JIQESQ@aol.com)