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Upcoming Events

February 2009

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 & 5:45-8:45

Invention Convention: Gr. 6,7 & 8

(available for viewing during Parent Teacher 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:



There will be no bus service (to and from school) on the following dates for students in the New Rochelle School District / Mile Square Bus Wed., Thurs. & Fri.: Feb.18-20th. All bus companies other than Mile Square will be transporting as usual.

School Happenings

... Mon. 2/2: Head of School for the Day - (this special day was raffled off at the WDS Auction.) Jacob, Daniella and Rachel Goodman each spent a portion of the day as "Head of School." The children shadowed Rabbi Einzig, visited classrooms and enjoyed offering "no homework" passes and extended recess to students in the elementary school. The Goodman children sat in Rabbi Einzig's "big" chair, used his computer and made a special announcement over the paging system

to the elementary school. They had a great day at school!

WDS Dinner ... Todah Rabah to everyone who worked so hard to make this night such a tremendous success. The students in the choir sang beautifully and our 8th graders added a special touch. Mazel Tov to all our honorees! It was really a wonderful evening.



MazelTov

... To Mr. & Mrs. Duell on the birth of a baby boy.

... To Mr. & Mrs. Noll on the birth of a baby girl.



Congratulations... To Joe Douer (gr. 7) who was the first to complete a mathematical riddle from the Gruss Program. He solved the math riddle in less than 30 seconds! As the winner, Joe received a sweatshirt from the Center for Initiatives in Jewish Education, the organization that sponsors the Gruss After School Program. Mazel Tov!



School Pictures...

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



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Clips from the Classroom

K-H is bursting with energy, excitement and learning! This week we are celebrating Tu Bishvat, as well as the birthdays of our American Presidents George Washington and Abraham Lincoln. In honor of Tu Bishvat we made a super colorful fruit salad with lots and lots of fruits. We extracted the pits and seeds, and compared and contrasted them. Soon we are going to try and plant them. We will also grow beans on our windows upon our return from the February break. Learning about the various brachot has also been lots of fun. We played games to help us learn them. Then we created beautiful placemats with the brachot and shevat haminim (7 species) to help us remember and identify the various blessings. In honor of President's Day we used a Venn diagram to compare and contrast the American and Israeli flags. We designed our own flags. We studied the lives of George Washington and Abraham Lincoln and as a treat we saw special photos of President Obama's inauguration and the White House. We are also immersed in discovering fascinating things about the human body. We are eagerly anticipating and counting the days until the arrival and celebration of our 100th Day of School in two weeks. What fun! Respectfully submitted, Morah Jane Grauer and Morah Sue Moskovich .

Grade 3 Hebrew... We are all excited about the upcoming "Purim Production" which will take place on March 5th. The 3rd graders are catching on to the songs beautifully. In Chumas we are almost finished Parshat "Chayai Sarah" - looking forward to making a "siyum" while Yitzchak marries Rivkah. Sharoshim - Amazing - 13 lists and most of the children are getting all the shoroshim correct on their tests. Keep up the great work 3rd graders!
Submitted by Rabbi David Leiman

Social Studies: Greetings from the exciting world of Social Studies.

... 7th and 8th grades are continuing with their study of American history. Both grades have reached turning points in our nation's history.

... 8th grade is currently studying about the secession of the southern states to form the Confederate States of America and how this led to the Civil War.

...7th grade is learning about the colonists' demands for independence as we learn about the Declaration of Independence, Revolutionary War, Articles of Confederation, and leading into the United States Constitution.

... 6th grade has been doing some globe trotting. After creating projects in their cooperative learning groups, the 6th graders taught their peers about some of the worst problems facing the people in Africa. We have tried to escape the cold winter by learning about India. We are now focusing on China before we head back to Europe to study WWI, WWII, and the Holocaust. I would like to give a special shout out to 6E. On our last test, this class achieved a 99% class average, with everyone in the class scoring above 92%!

Submitted by: Mr. Dan Bulgarelli "Mr.B"

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. 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....

...DVD's are being sent home today for the 1st, 4th, and K productions and we are still accepting orders for those productions.

... 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. 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. Any questions, please contact Joan Goodman at 723-2696.