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**Upcoming Events**

**WDS School Calendar 2009/2010**

The first day of school will be Tuesday, Sept. 8, 2009. A tentative calendar will be forwarded shortly.

**March 2009**

Tues: 3/3: P/T Conferences Gr. 1-8  
6 -9 PM

Thurs: 3/5: **Gr. 3 Purim Production**  
**9:15AM**

Sun. 3/8: Daylight Savings Time

Mon. 3/9: **1:40 Dismissal:** Fast of Esther

Tues. 3/10: **12:00 Dismissal:** Purim

Fri. 3/20: End of Second Trimester

... We have begun our campaign for Purim Matanot Leviyonim, all tzedakah collected will be donated to Od Yosef Chai. Checks and/or cash can be given to Rabbi Weiss in the lower school and Rabbi Slotkin in the middle school.

... We are pleased to announce our Annual Food Drive. All food collected will be donated to the Mamaroneck food drive.

**They are requesting cereal , dry milk, cans of tuna and beans etc. Food will be delivered on Monday, March 30.** Any questions, please contact Rabbi Weiss

**PURIM AT WDS....**



**Fri. 3/6:** There will be a Purim carnival for all students in Kindergarten - Grade 8.

(No costumes on Friday)

**Tues. 3/10:**

- Grades K - 8: 12:00 Dismissal
- Ganon Half Day & Full Day: 11:20 Dismissal
- Extended Day Ganon: 12:00 Dismissal

All students, Ganon - 8<sup>th</sup> grade are encouraged to come to school in costume.

- Ganon will have a Purim carnival beginning at 9:15 a.m.
- Kindergarten - 8<sup>th</sup>: Will have a Megillah reading in Castle Shul and Parade follows before dismissal.



**School Happenings**

6<sup>th</sup> grade Shabbaton: Last Friday after school the 6<sup>th</sup> grade travelled to Queens. First we went to a museum and saw a huge panorama of New York City. It was really interesting as our guide pointed out all the famous landmarks in N.Y.C. Then we went to a science museum that had a lot of hands-on activities. Afterwards, we went bowling and had a blast!! We arrived at our host's homes and prepared for Shabbat. At shul, we davened, ate dinner, sang zmirot and listened to some of the 6<sup>th</sup> graders' D'var Torahs. Rabbi Leiman then told us two meaningful stories and we learned a lot from them. We woke up and were escorted to the shul by our hosts or escorts. We davened shachrit and had a lovely Kiddush.

Afterwards we had a well-planned scavenger hunt on Main Street. It was amazing! We went back to the shul and had a great lunch. Then we made our own cholent by finding little pieces of paper around the shul that had the ingredients that you needed to prepare cholent. We played Jeopardy with the Rabbi of the shul and Rabbi Rosenberg. After mincha, had our own shalosh seudot, sang more zmirot and davened maariv. We then went back to our host's homes, packed our belongings and headed to Young Israel of Scarsdale. We had a kumtitz with Rabbi Morgenstern and he told us a story. To conclude our fantastic shabbaton we ate delicious pizza and ice cream. We would like to thank Rabbi Rosenwasser, Rabbi Mahler, Rabbi Weiss, Rabbi Slotkin, Rabbi Leiman, Morah Erica, Morah Miriam, and all the others who planned such a wonderful Shabbat.

By: Rachel Aboodi and Sarah Rose Apple

**Invention Convention: Wed. & Thurs.**

In addition to covering the curriculum, over the past 6 weeks students in grades 6, 7 & 8 have been developing their problem solving skills through the process of Invention Convention. They have used surveys,

brainstorming techniques, SCAMPERR and interviews to develop a problem, create a solution (the invention) and build a model. All aspects of the process along with diagrams, measurement, problems/solutions and analysis of their inventions have been documented in their journals. We have seen samples of patents, evaluated many different inventions and discussed the patent process along with trademarks and copy rights. This culminated in our Invention Convention which shared students' creativity and effort with all classes. The enthusiasm of the participants was contagious. Many thanks to Mrs. Lippman for organizing this amazing convention, to Chris Price & Staff and to Bob, Alex & Raffi for setting up.

**Mercaz HaRav...** A year ago, a terrorist gunman plunged a dagger deep into the hearts of the Jewish people. On *Rosh Chodesh Adar*, this gunman burst into *Yeshivat Mercaz HaRav* and for 14 agonizing minutes, the sweet sounds of joyous Torah study were silenced by gunfire. 8 innocent Jewish boys were murdered. The heinous crime was more than an attack on one group of *yeshiva* students. It was an attack on Torah itself, the very heart of the Jewish people. In commemoration of the first *yartzeit* of this massacre, 30 WDS Middle School students took extra time out of their busy schedules to learn Torah. These 30 students collectively learned 8 separate books of *Tanach*, one in memory of each of the 8 boys. A small *siyum* took place before *Mincha* on Tuesday where Amy Robbins shared a small presentation, the traditional memorial prayer was recited. The 30 students should be very proud of themselves as their school is very proud of them. WDS fought an attack on *Torah* with *Torah*. *Kol HaKavod* to the following students: **Sefer Yoel** Gabriel Brainson and Aryeh Zapinsky **Sefer Nachum** Aryeh Zapinsky **Sefer Yonah** Daniel Gilder, Ethan Heller, Jonah Rudansky,



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Elliot Beretz, Jacob Ungar, Martin Fried, Bailey Hertzfeld, Benni Tuchman, Josh Wachtenheim, Josh Eagle, and Adam Bandler **Sefer Chagai** Michael Kesselman **Megillat Rut** Jenny Kleiman Arianna Brody, Rachel Novick **Megillat Esther** Amy Robbins, Ethan Katz, AJ Toporovsky, Joe Douer **Sefer Tzephania** Sammy Horowitz, Michelle Kleiman and Shira Greenberg **Sefer Chabakuk** Jeremy Wilson, Daniel Oppenheimer, Josh Garfunkel, Ben Katzenstein and Josh Blustein  
Submitted by: Rabbi David Mahler

#### Mazel Tov...

To Baila and Stanley Weiss on being honored at the Young Israel of New Rochelle's 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Dinner.

#### Clips from the Classroom

**K-J** began another new Science unit- THE SOLAR SYSTEM. The planets fascinate our children. Therefore, we painted an "out of this world" bulletin board made up of our GALAXY. Stop by to view THE MILKY WAY. ...MESHENICHNAS ADAR MARBIM B'SIMCHA! K-J was certainly happy and in the celebrating spirits as we welcomed ADAR in, on Tuesday and Wednesday. Morah Karen Daitchman kicked off the CHODESH with singing Purim songs. The older grades were not the only class in the festive modes. K-J joined in and danced around the classrooms in honor of this merry month.  
Submitted by: Morah Miram & Morah Shani

**Grade 2:** The second graders enjoyed learning about Tu B'Shvat using our new Tal Am program. Through reading and singing in Hebrew, the children learned to use the Tu B'Shvat vocabulary in a discussion in class and in writing sentences. We learned the importance of trees in our everyday life and the mitzvah of planting them in Eretz Yisrael. We embarked on our Purim learning where the main subject has been

"v" nahafoch hu" (opposites). The children were excited to apply all of their Hebrew knowledge and vocabulary to bring examples of opposite words in Hebrew. For example: black/white, hot/cold, and day/night. In Chumash we are learning about the separation of Lot from Avram while Lot is moving to S'dom and Avram will stay in Israel.  
Submitted by: Morah Rossler

#### Computer Room

...The children in grades K through 3 are using SuccessMaker and are being challenged at the appropriate level in Mathematics and Reading. The children enjoy the program and often ask if they can do the program again.  
...The 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> graders have begun using Microsoft PowerPoint. They are learning how to insert pictures and word art and how to animate their presentation with movements and sounds. The other classes are using various programs for projects, including Microsoft Word, Microsoft Excel, Microsoft PowerPoint, Microsoft Publisher and Print Shop. The students have also been practicing their keyboarding skills.  
**Just a Reminder:** WDS is collecting used ink cartridges and old cell phones, iPods, and digital cameras. These products are then mailed to Cartridges for Kids, who in turn gives WDS money for recycling these old products. **This is a very easy fundraiser for our school.** Please have your child bring in any of these items and deliver them to the computer room. If you have any questions about this program, please contact Mrs. Pogostin on ext. 124.  
Submitted by: Mrs. Sharon Pogostin

#### Hockey

The WDS Wild playoff game vs. Ashar is Wed. March 4 at 7:30pm at WDS. Come and support the Wild team. **GO WILD!!!!**

#### Basketball... Playoffs!!

6<sup>th</sup> grade boys play SAR Monday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>. at 7:00 at WDS. This is the first round of the playoffs. Come & support your team!!!

#### Condolences To

... Mrs. Sima Friedman on the loss of her father, Dr. Albert Lowy, grandfather to Matthew (K) and Charlie (G).

#### 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.

#### PTA NEWS...

**Just A Reminder!** ... Please send your Mishloach Manot forms in ASAP!  
... The PTA is, once again selling Purim cards.  
**Candy Sale:** Just a Reminder Pesach Candy Sale order forms are due - please send in ASAP. This is a very big fund raiser for your PTA - please participate!  
**BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION:**  
General Mills will send our school 10 cents for each qualifying box top from the flap of any General Mills product carrying the "BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION" symbol. The box tops really add up -- it is an easy way to raise money for WDS.