



Tidings

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DATES TO REMEMBER

Feb. 28: Gr.1: Chag HaSiddur 9:30 a.m.

March 9: Daylight Saving Time Begins
(spring forward)

March 11: Parent Teacher Conferences
Gr. 1-8 / 1:40 pm dismissal
2:30 5:30 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.

March 17: Parent Teacher Conferences
Gr. 1-8 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.

March 18: Gr. 3: Purim Production 9:30 a.m.

March 20: Fast of Esther/1:40 pm dismissal
8th grade students will read Megillah in
Castle Shul at night

March 21: Purim / No Sessions



the grade groupings). Each entry must be accompanied by a parental consent form.

The deadline for submitting your entry to us is Wednesday, March 26, 2008.

Ms. Shoshana Golin will be available to assist any student in their creations. Mrs. Sharon Pogostin, will help students do their work on the computer or help them access reference pictures. Mrs. Francine Greenberg will be there to help in the writing of the student's statement. For further information including helpful guidelines and rules, please visit:

<http://www.google.com/doodle4google/>

Good luck to all.

of this assignment created by Morah Varda offered the students the chance to discover and use new Hebrew vocabulary words, including the words for, "space", "astronaut", "shuttle", and "Holocaust". The assignment which formed a wonderful integration of history and Judaism, had intimate personal meaning for the students, revealing Ilan's pride as an Israeli and as a Jew. It was on Shabbat that this incredible journey came to an end for Ilan and his peers, but his influence will never end. As Morah Varda's students recall each day that Ilan Ramon recited the "Shma" at the very moment the shuttle flew over Jerusalem, their prayers will have deeper meaning.

March 28/29: 7th gr. Shabbaton in Queens

Save The Date!
Gala School-Wide

Yom Ha'Atzmaut Celebration
In Honor of Israel's & WDS's
60th Anniversary

Thursday - May 8, 2008

5:30 - 8:30 p.m.

More information to follow

check the Lost & Found bin just outside the school office for missing jackets, hats, gloves and even a pair of "Uggs" boots!

School Happenings...

Doodle 4 Google

For those students who love creating art, Google is extending an invitation to create their own "Doodle" design, inspired by this year's theme, "What if...?" Judging will be done in four groupings: K-3; 4-6; 7-9; and 10-12. Please keep in mind that Doodles

*Must be presented on white, landscaped 8.5 x 11 inch paper

*Must have a title

*Must have a statement explaining the student's vision (up to 50 words)

*Must have an entry code (to be assigned upon to our school upon registration)

*Must clearly show the Google logo

*Can be done in pencil, crayon, felt-tip, paint, or computer drawing/design software (no 3-D effects permitted).

WDS may submit a total of only six entries (regardless of how they are spread among

Reaching for the Stars

by Mrs. Francine Greenberg

This past Tu B'Shvat, third grade students, along with their teacher, Morah Varda Nahumi, reached for the stars! Aware that the more meaningful and relevant the learning and application of information is to her students' world, the easier it is for them to learn, Morah Varda selected this day to share with her students, in Hebrew, the story of one man's extraordinary journey. The hero about whom the students studied was Ilan Ramon, Israel's first astronaut, who lost his life, along with six other astronauts aboard the American space shuttle Columbia on Mission STS-107 on February 1, 2003. Ilan considered himself to be the representative of all the Jewish people, therefore, he took with him into space only kosher food to eat, a special mezuzah donated by Holocaust survivors, a kiddush cup for making kiddush, and a picture of the Earth as seen from the moon, drawn by a young boy who had died during the Holocaust. In addition he took a scroll of Israel's independence, and three flags, one from his birth city, Ramat Gan, one from the city where he grew up, Beer Sheba, and one from the Israeli Air Force. Before the flight, Ilan shared with the world a tiny Torah which had been rescued from Bergen Belsen sixty years before, and given to him as a gift before the flight.

After learning about Ilan, the students wrote an illustrated narrative history in Hebrew of his life. The design and sequence

BAR/BAT MITZVAH REGISTRY

Just a reminder that registration is ongoing. You can register the date of your child's Bar/Bat Mitzvah up to two years in advance. Forms are available in the office and on our website, under "Newsletters." For more information or to check if your date is already reserved, contact Linda Zucker (914) 633-7416.

PTA Corner...

The **ANNUAL PESACH CANDY SALE** is underway. This is one of the PTA's biggest fundraisers of the year - we receive 40% of all sales. So get out there and let's make this our most successful year yet! The deadline is February 28th. If you need more order forms, they are available in the school office. For more information, contact Jennifer Lorber (914) 654-8746 or Lisa Reich (914) 698-0730.

...The PTA MISHLOACH MANOT

Committee is hard at work creating what is sure to be a delicious, fun-filled treat for our faculty and staff. Our goal is 100% participation by our students. If you have not yet sent in your form, please make sure and do so ASAP. Forms are available in the office and on our website, under "Newsletters". For more information, contact Ilana Schreiber (914) 636-2466.



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...It's not too late to order **PURIM CARDS**.

These are a great way to send best wishes to friends both near and far in lieu of Mishloach Manot. The cards cost \$3 apiece, 15 for \$40 or 30 for \$75. The cards will be available by the first week in March. For more information or to place your order, please contact Dina Katz (914) 722-9095 or Ruth Zisholtz (914) 722-5920.

SCHOOL SPIRIT is in the air! We have an exciting new line of clothing and kippot which will be available for sale in just a few weeks. Look for the new "Klipped Kippahs" which are suede and have a clip already built in. There will be four styles to choose from - hockey, basketball, WDS and our logo. Keep your eye out - these items will all be arriving soon!

Parsha Booklet

Be sure and send in your Parsha Booklet dedications. Dedications are a wonderful way to celebrate birthdays, anniversaries, memorials or any other special occasions. Forms are available on the website under "Newsletters." For more information, contact Sheva Smigel (914) 235-8955.