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Upcoming Events

January 2009

Mon.-Wed 1/12-14: 4th Grade NYS ELA Test
9:30 - 10:30 am

Mon. 1/12: Afterschool programs begin

Fri. 1/16: Kindergarten Kabbalat Shabbat
9:15 am (New Time!)

Mon. 1/19: MLK Day / No Sessions
Staff Development Day

Mon. 1/26: Rosh Chodesh/Shevat

PAPAS presents The Disorganized
Students: Strategies for Parents and
Teachers - 7:30pm / WDS Luncheon
RSVP: hwalisev@optonline.net

Thurs. 1/29 Gr.1 Chag Hasiddur/9:30am

WESTCHESTER DAY SCHOOL'S
61ST Anniversary Dinner
Sunday Evening
Feb. 8, 2009 - 6:00 PM
Greentree Country Club
New Rochelle, NY

PLEASE NOTE:

The Monday morning Parenting Group with Mrs. Suzie Marder has been cancelled for January 12th.

Chessed: Please send in your donation to the Children's Village. We would like to forward our collection ASAP. Thank you.

Afterschool Programs...

Will commence on Monday, January 12th.

Clips from the Classroom

Ganon Hay: We hope that you had a relaxing winter break, with everyone in good health. The children shared with us all the exciting and fun things they did on their vacation. We are glad to see everyone back and ready to learn so many new things. We began our unit on our bodies and have been

learning about all the parts that Hashem gave us and how they work. We also have 5 senses that help us enjoy the world that Hashem gave us. In Parshat Ha Shavuah Veyechi we learned that Yaacov grew very old and wanted to say good bye to his family. Yosef brought his children, Menashe and Ephraim to see their grandfather. Yaacov placed his hands on their heads and blessed them. He asked Hashem to watch over them. Chazak! Chazak! V'nit-chazeyk! Since this was the last Parsha in the book of Beresheet, we had a Siyum to celebrate what Hashem wanted us to learn. Shabbat Shalom!

Submitted by: Morah Lori & Morah Suri

7th Grade Science

The students have been immersed in concepts of forces, motion, orbits, momentum and Newton's Laws. Demonstrations were exciting especially when Mrs. Lippman's "tablecloth trick" failed the first time (lots of spilled water!) but perfectly the second leading to much discussion of outside forces. Pascal's, Archimede's and Bernoulli's principles all applied to fluids and forces focusing on buoyancy, density and flight. Labs incorporating, hair dryers, ping pong balls, Cartesian divers, raisins, leaf blowers and paper helicopters will illustrate it all. Lots of "real life" applications students can relate to and a great introduction to Invention Convention (coming this February!). Current event journals and "Work and Machines" are on the horizon - a busy and exciting 7th grade experience.

Submitted by Mrs. Shelley Lippman

Art: In the fifth grade we are finishing up our paper mosaics. We began by learning to read a small grid and then used it to help us transfer our names or initials to the larger grids on which we made our artwork. We analyzed the color wheel and saw that some colors feel warm (red, orange, and yellow)

and some feel cool (green, blue, and violet). We made a mosaic design using paper tiles in a variety of color arrangements and patterns that contrasted warm and cool colors. In the middle school elective we are completing our very large collages for the synagogue. We began by talking about what types of images and Hebrew phrases are traditionally used in a synagogue. Students worked individually or in groups to come up with 3 x 4 inch full color designs that incorporated words and images. They then worked in the style of Eric Carle (remember *The Very Hungry Caterpillar?*) and created their own colorful collage paper. Each group then transferred their designs to a 30" x 40" board. They are now cutting and pasting their collage paper to create their completed image. Come by school and see them soon. They are magnificent!

Submitted by Shoshana Golin

Mazel Tov To:

... Samantha Fischler on becoming a Bat Mitzvah

... Ezra Mannis on becoming a Bar Mitzvah
...Nurse Pat Arias & family on the engagement of her son, Michael to Dr. Kathleen Rivera.

... Shira Zisholtz who donated 11 inches of her hair to Zichron Menachem for the second time!

... Elisheva Rothschild (Ass't. Grade 2) on her upcoming marriage.

Condolences To:

...Rabbi David Leiman and family on the loss of his father. Rabbi Yehoshua Leiman.

...Mr. Dan Gewanter and family on the loss of his father, Mr. Herman Lewis Gewanter.

... Nurse Pat Arias and family on the loss of her mother, Mrs. Constance Higbee



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Inclement Weather Information

In the event of a school closing or delay, please:

- Check your e-mail or the WDS website www.westchesterday.org,
- Call WDS, ext. 100 after 6:00 a.m.
- Listen to radio stations: WFAS, WVOX, or your local cable news station.

Notes From The Nurse...

Safety Reminder:

Please check your home's smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors - make sure all are in working order.

OUTDOOR RECESS/PLAY TIME: Please note that if the actual outside temperature or wind chill factor is below 20 degrees, there will be no outdoor recess or playtime.

... On days when the children do go outside, please be sure your child is dressed appropriately for outdoor play (hats, gloves, jacket, boots, etc.) Thank you.

Basketball News...



The 7th & 8th girls defeated A.S.H.A.R. on Monday, Dec. 22 by the score 40-9. The girls were never challenged and now stand at 6-0 and continue their unbeaten record.

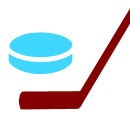
The 7th & 8th boys defeated A.S.H.A.R. on Monday, Dec. 22 by the score of 50-47. WDS took a 6 point lead and then A.S.H.A.R. took an 8 point lead. WDS never gave up and came back to regain the lead by one point. A.S.H.A.R. then regained the lead by one point and WDS once again took a one point lead. Daniel Oppenheimer was fouled with 14 seconds on the clock and went to the foul line sinking both foul shots - insuring the win for WDS. Daniel Schub threw in 16 points, while Jeremy Wilson and Akiva Marder added to the scoring and provided great defense. Ezra Mannis added to the

scoring with needed offense at key times. It was an incredible game to watch as WDS brings their record to 3-2 heading into January. This team is still alive for the play-offs in March. Congratulations on this fantastic win.

The 6th grade boys defeated Flatbush on Thursday night by the score of 29-18 to bring their record to 3-3. The team was lead by top scorers Elliot Beretz, Benni Tuchman and Joshua Blustein. Contributing with outstanding passing was Jacob Ungar. Dominating the boards and providing a strong inside presence was Marty Fried, Adam Bandler and Jesse Goldberg. Other scorers include Jack Bonime, David Besharim and Joseph Silber. The team should be congratulated on outstanding sportsmanship and demonstrating positive encouragement to all team members from the bench! One could see cheering from all team members throughout the game. Good luck in your next game against S.A.R. on Tuesday, Jan. 13 at home, starting at 6:30.

2 goals within 2 minutes, one directly off a face off, to yield The Wild's margin of victory. Alternate Captain Jon Herman played consistent stellar defense and Goalie Nathan Goldman was outstanding as he recorded his first career shutout. The Wild's record is now 2-1-1-1 (that's 2 wins, 1 loss, 1 overtime loss and 1 tie) and they hope to maintain the momentum in their next 2 games which are on the road, the first against ASHAR this coming Monday night. LETS GO WILD

Hockey News



The Wild faced off Wednesday night against friendly rival ASHAR and came away with a 5-0 victory. The Wild needed to shake off some cobwebs after the long winter school break as the first period was scoreless. Newly married Coach Howie Falkenstein's spirited talk with the team during the first intermission had our boys reinvigorated for the 2nd period. Alternate Captain Jon Klaristenfeld opened the scoring with a long range blast at 4:08 and then scored again from the slot with 9:10 gone in the period to give The Wild a 2-0 lead going into the 2nd intermission. Alternate Captain David Wildes' goal 5 minutes into the third period spotted The Wild a 3-0 lead and Sammy Smigel finished off the scoring with