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Dates To Remember:

June 2009

- 6/5: 8th Gr. Yachad Shabbaton at the Hebrew Institute of White Plains
- 6/08: Special Ceremony 9:00 a.m. / gym To raise a new WDS banner in recognition of the girls' undefeated basketball season.
- 6/08-6/11: Stanford Achievement Tests for Grades 3 & 5 / 9:25 a.m.
- 6/09: Last Day - Grade 8
- 6/10 & 6/11: Testing: Gr. 6 & 7 / 9:30 am
- 6/11: 8th Grade graduation - 7:00 YIS
- 6/12: Ganon Zimriah 9:15 a.m.
- 6/15: 2nd Gr. Authors' Day 9:15 a.m.
- 6/16: Last Day for Ganon & Kindergarten
- 6/18: Last Day Gr. 1-7 / 1:40 pm Dismissal
- 6/21: Father's Day
- 6/22 & 23: Rosh Chodesh: Tammuz
- 6/23: 8th Grade Hebrew Regents 9:00 am
- 6/29: Westchester Summer Day begins

After School Dates/Changes:

- After-School Study Skills make up date is Tuesday, 6/9.
 - After-school Science for K & 1 on June 8, is cancelled.
- Makeup date is June 15.**

School Happenings

Sunday, May 31st.



Happy 61st Birthday Israell

WDS looked amazing at the Salute to Israel Day Parade. Our students, faculty, and parents marched with pride and looked magnificent in their beautiful white,

“I ❤️ TEL AVIV” Parade T-Shirts. We are all very proud of our school's representation! Thanks to everyone who marched with us; your assistance and patience were invaluable, and a big thank you to all the parent volunteers who helped make us look as good we as did. We especially want to thank Parade Coordinators: Bonnie Mannis and Sara Rosenblatt for organizing and working so hard on every detail of this huge undertaking and to Shoshanna Golin for her amazing art talents. Also a special thanks to our amazing parent photographer, Mr. Michael Turek, for the wonderful pictures and to Dr. Stan Weiss for posting the pictures on our website. To view all photos go to our website: www.westchesterday.org. / Photo Gallery/school photos /User/ User



On The Road... Boston, Ma.

Tuesday - Wednesday: May 26-27



The 7th graders, along with Mrs. Greenberg, Rabbi Mahler, Mr. Bulgarelli and Mrs. Rednick left WDS for a 2 day trip fun-filled trip to Boston. Rather than following the yellow brick road leading to Oz, our seventh graders followed the red brick road of Boston leading to 2 ½ centuries of history. On their way to Boston, they stopped at the Salem Witch Trial Museum which focused on witchery, a crime punishable by death in the 17th century Massachusetts Bay Colony. But it was their subsequent trip to the Salem Pirate Museum which revealed to the students that the real villains of this time were not the “witches”, but bands of New England sea pirates who marauded innocent seafarers. A trip on the Boston “Duck” Tour, an authentic WWII amphibious land vehicle, and a nighttime cruise on a large ship out of Boston Harbor, offered the students a “bird's eye” view of this city known as the “Birthplace of Freedom”. Saving the best for last, the highlight of the students' trip was their visit to and tour of Fenway Park. Though generations have come and gone, the tour guide assured the students that Fenway Park looks much like it did the day it opened nearly 100 years ago, on April 20, 1912. The bus ride home was filled with the sounds of the boys and girls sharing their newly made memories, especially those of the home of the Boston Red Sox and its illustrious players: Cy Young, Babe Ruth and Ted



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Williams. The seventh graders experienced a trip which they will never forget! Thanks to all who worked on this trip and for chaperoning!



Ganon Tots Sing-A-Long

On Thursday the Tots enjoyed a festive sing-a-long and yummy breakfast. We loved singing and dancing to some of the special songs we learned this year with our wonderful Morah Karen. "Dip the Apples in the Honey," "Bim Bam," and "Torah, Torah" are some of our favorites. Best of all was sharing this special day with our Mommies and Daddies. Shabbat Shalom to our WDS family from: Morah Amy, Morah Annie, and Morah Rivka



Mazel Tov To:

- ... Ben Katzenstein on becoming a Bar Mitzvah.
- ... Elizabeth & Joshua Trump on the birth of a baby boy.
- ... Baila & Stanley Weiss on the birth of their first grandchild - a girl! Proud parents are Yoni (WDS '01) & Tali Weiss in LA.
- ... Cheryl & Daniel Gold on the birth of a baby boy.

Clips from the Classroom

Ganon Aleph: After 21 days of carefully turning eggs and monitoring the temperature and humidity of the incubator, Ganon Aleph joyfully welcomed 7 chicks! We were present at the "hatching" and even captured the moment on film. After caring for the chicks for a week and a half we bid them farewell as they were taken to a farm. We, too, went to a farm (Green Meadow Farm) where we rode on a horse, chased chickens, petted rabbits, fed sheep, went on a hayride, and even milked a cow! We have been busy preparing for Shavuot. We made beautiful vases and flower bouquets for our homes as well as our own set of commandments to follow in the classroom. We also had a lot of fun making delicious cream cheese muffins for the holiday.
Morot Angelica Schanzer and Joan Fay

Physical Education:

The weather man has been more than cooperative this spring as the WDS Physical Ed. program continues out of doors, on our beautiful fields. The fitness tests have been completed and more than half of our students received National and Presidential Fitness Awards! Congratulations to Galia Wechsler who showed the most improvement in a one year period and to Amanda Povman, a Presidential Fitness Award winner for 8 consecutive years.
Submitted by: Mr. Frank Kaufman (Mr. "K") and Mrs. Arlene Lewis.

Notes from the Nurse...

...Infection Control: Please encourage your children to wash their hands often, using soap & water. Hands should be washed for 20 seconds and make sure not to forget in between fingers. Remind your children to cough or sneeze into the crook of their elbow or upper arm. Please report all flu-like illness to the School Nurse (ext. 117) especially during this season. Thank You.

NEWS FROM THE PTA ...

We had a fantastic time at the Annual PTA Luncheon this week. We discussed PTA news, upcoming events and shared a delicious meal. Next week the PTA is sponsoring a banner raising for our girls undefeated basketball team and a breakfast for all of our middle student athletes. We are busy planning the graduation reception and the teacher and staff appreciation breakfast. Get involved with the WDS PTA--If you are interested in chairing or volunteering for a PTA committee next year, please email Nancy Weinberger: nancy_weinberger@msn.com.

Community News...

Sunday, June 7th 9:00 - 5:00:
All day conference entitled "Food, Body Image, and Eating Disorders in the Jewish Community" sponsored by The Renfrew Center Foundation for Eating Disorders and the Orthodox Union. To register or for more info, call 877-367-3383, or www.ou.org.

Monday, June 8th 8:00 pm
Young Israel of New Rochelle
The UJA Federation of NY in Westchester presents a forum on "Day School Education in Challenging Times: Family, Institutional and Communal Responsibility" moderated by Gary Rosenblatt, Editor of the Jewish Week. There will be a conversation on what is needed in order to adapt to the many challenges facing our Day Schools. Come & learn what UJA-Fed is doing & planning in this important arena. A Q&A session will follow the panel presentation. All are welcome. R.S.V.P. 914 761-5100 ext. 151 or blairv@ujafedny.org