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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**

Wed. 3/18: 4<sup>th</sup> Grade to sing at the Museum of Jewish Heritage 3:00 - 6:30pm

Fri. 3/20: End of Second Trimester

**GRANDPARENTS' AND  
IMPORTANT PERSONS' DAY  
FOR CHILDREN IN GANON - Gr. 5  
YOM HA'ATZMA'UT  
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29, 2009  
9:00 AM - 12:30 PM**

Over 200 invitations already mailed out. Don't let your family and important people miss out. Send us your addresses today! Catch the buzz.....

Our Annual per Pesach Food Drive is now under way!. All food collected will be donated to the Mamaroneck Food Pantry. **They are requesting cereal, dry milk, cans of tuna and beans etc. Food will be delivered on Monday, March 30.** All food should be brought to your child's Judaic studies classroom

**Purim at WDS**

On Friday, our 8<sup>th</sup> graders came to school dressed in costume, set up and ran a school-wide Purim carnival. Students from grades K-7 spent time playing many different and fun carnival games at different booths and celebrating Purim. It was amazing to see our students run such a great carnival. Many thanks to Rabbi Rosenwasser for coordinating this event!

...Monday: WDS along with the Orienta Synagogue community, invited students and parents of grades 7 & 8 to a *Megillah* reading in the Castle *Shul*

We had the pleasure of hearing our eighth grade boys read *Megillat Esther*. Rabbi Charles & Mrs. Hanni Rudansky sponsored a "break-fast" in honor of our eighth grade students in the WDS Lunchroom. It was a wonderful evening.

... Tues: Our Ganon children paraded in their Purim costumes through the halls of WDS making all who saw them smile with joy and pride. They made their way to the Purim Carnival (run by our Ganon Parents), music, laughter and happy voices filled the air. Thanks to all the parents who volunteered their time and enthusiasm to make this a Purim their children will never forget.

... Students in grades K-8 went to the Castle Shul to hear our 8<sup>th</sup> grade boys read the *Megillah*, it was followed by Sandy Shmuelly entertaining the first - fifth graders in the lunchroom. A Purim shpiel, written by Rabbi Mahler, was performed by Rabbi Einzig, Rabbi Rosenwasser, Rabbi Slotkin and Rabbi Mahler for the middle school students. In the spirit of Purim, the students, accompanied by Sandy Shmuelly, danced in a *leibadick* fashion.

It was a wonderful & joyous Purim at WDS!

**Today Raba** The WDS administration, faculty and staff would like to thank everyone for the lovely Mishloach Manot Purim bags and a big thank you to the PTA for organizing this.

**Mazel Tov**

... To Daniel Schub on becoming a Bar Mitzvah.  
...Mr. & Mrs. Evan Jerome on the birth of a boy, big sister is Talia in Ganon.  
... To Morah Jane Grauer & family on the engagement of her son, Sam.

**School Happenings**

...We are pleased to announce that our 4<sup>th</sup> grade class has been invited to sing on Wednesday evening, March 18<sup>th</sup> at 5:15 pm at the graduation ceremonies of the Gallery Educator Class of the Museum of Jewish Heritage - A Living Memorial to the Holocaust in New York City.

**Clips From The Classroom**

Ganon Bet has enjoyed preparing for the celebration of Purim. We have been so busy learning songs, making masks, groggers, mishaloch manot and baking delicious hamantachen. We made our very own Megillot, writing and illustrating the story. It has been fun acting out the whole Megillah, dressing up and playing different Purim characters! On Purim we marched in a parade wearing our costumes and singing all the happy Purim tunes. The entire Ganon had our very own Carnival with Pin the Koveh on the Haman, Fish for Hamentachen, Bowl Haman Down, Search for Palace Treasures, Pretzle Dipping, Toss the Hamentachen at Haman. Thank you to all the parent volunteers who helped make this such a memorable and enjoyable event for our yeladim.



Submitted BY: Morah Kim Siegel

**Grade 4:** Reading: Both classes have just completed reading The Toothpaste Millionaire. The book launched a discussion on stocks and investing. We will be forming investment groups and creating our own stock portfolios and competing with each other to see who can earn the most money over the next eight weeks, or loose the least amount. We look forward working with the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade as we begin our next novel, Granny Torrelli Makes Soup, by Sharon Creech. This is a collaborative effort which will culminate with displays and activities for the upcoming Grandparent's Day. **Math:** Since January, the 4<sup>th</sup> grade has been working hard preparing for the New York State



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math test. The tests were taken this past week and all the studying paid off. We now move on to division, geometry, fractions and decimals. **Science:** We have finished our study of the human body. The 4<sup>th</sup> grade formed groups and created posters for their respective systems. Next, we will study magnetism and electricity. **Social Studies:** The 4<sup>th</sup> grade is winding down their study on Native Americans. They wrote compare-and-contrast essays juxtaposing the Northeast Woodland tribes with the Plains Indians. We next move on to the explorers and the formation of the colonies. Thanks always to Morah Debby and Jill Friedman for their help in making the 4<sup>th</sup> grade run so successfully.  
Submitted by: Mr. Andrew Slater

**Grade 5:** As we read and relive the exciting stories in Navi (The Book of Judges), I have been stressing the important lessons that we can learn from the colorful characters, who are religious role models for us. For example, we recently learned that HaShem told Gideon to "go with your strength that you possess" and be victorious against the enemy. What strength? The power (explains Rashi) to **defend** the suffering Jewish people and plead for their salvation. Such caring is true courage and leadership.  
Submitted by: Rabbi Lyle Kamlet

**Art Classes** participated in the Purim celebrations by creating our own masks. In the 1<sup>st</sup> Grade we examined masks from Africa. We looked at the shapes and colors the artists used and noticed how artists repeated certain elements in their masks. We also realized that the masks were symmetrical and that the artists always did something special around the eyes in order to emphasize them. Students worked in cooperative groups and made large African inspired masks that we hung up in school. The children then made their own masks for

Purim, creating a design that incorporated symmetry, shapes, and color and special emphases on the eyes. In the final step the children added paper hair, ears, hats, or crowns. Our mask creations included rabbis, queens, and furry animals this year. ... In the 4<sup>th</sup> Grade we learned about masks from cultures around the world. The children worked in cooperative groups and each group analyzed a different mask. They examined them for information that included: where the mask was from, what colors and shapes were used in it, and what type of creature it depicted. The children then made preparatory drawings of the masks they each wanted to make keeping in mind the effect they intended the mask to have and the colors, shapes, and materials that would be most appropriate. The children worked in stages beginning with an under-layer of tissue paper for color and pattern. They then added sequins, feathers, sequins, and raffia as necessary. The children created a beautiful array of glittered, feathered, and hairy creatures.  
Submitted by Shoshana Golin

**Hockey News...**



**The Wild face Har Torah in the Conference Finals on Tuesday night, March 17<sup>th</sup> in Flushing and the winner of that game goes on to the League Championship game. Be there to cheer our boys on and LET'S GO WILD !!!**

**Basketball News...**



...The 6<sup>th</sup>. boys' team, despite putting in an incredible effort, lost to S.A.R. 28-22 in the quarter-final round of the play-offs. From the very beginning the boys were fighting an up hill battle that eventually they could not over come. Although very difficult, the boys demonstrated outstanding character and

represented WDS and themselves with dignity and class in this tough loss. The team received continuous support from the bench, never let the situation get out of control, and put up a great effort up to the end of the game. Congratulations on qualifying for the play-offs, for an exciting season, and for being a positive role model for all students in your school!!! ...The undefeated defending champion 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> girls' team defeated Hillel 44-25 in their quarter final play-off game. The girls came out of the gate with great defense and were able to get a comfortable working lead. Hillel made a couple of runs at them, but they were able to show why they are the defending champs by absorbing everything that Hillel threw at them and opening a bigger lead. Although co-captain Amanda Povman had been suffering with the flu and had a slight fever, she was able to help lead her team to the victory. She was instrumental in finishing on many fast break opportunities, while providing great defense and over all team leadership. Co-captain Nina Leibowitz and Arlyn Goldberg dominated both the offense and defense boards besides playing tough defense and adding with scoring. Michele Bengualid and Amy Robbins contributed suffocating defense, were able to get the fast break going, and also added to the scoring. The Lady Wildcats are now 11-0, have not lost a game in the past two years, and heading into the semi-finals, to be announced shortly. Congratulations and good luck!

**Monday, March 16<sup>th</sup>: The defending champion 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls will host HAFTR at 7:15 pm in the WDS gym in the semi-finals. Please come and cheer our girls on to the championship game!!! Go Lady Wildcats!!!**