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Upcoming Events

WDS School Calendar 2009/2010

The first day of school for grades 1-8 will be Tuesday, Sept. 8th, Kindergarten - Wednesday, Sept. 9th and Thursday, Sep. 10th will begin Ganon Phase-In.

Our Annual pre- 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.

After School Girls Sports Gr. 1 & 2:

Monday, March 30th: Make up day for After School Sports for Girls Grades 1 & 2 with Mrs. Lewis.

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

Send us your addresses today!
Catch the buzz.....

8th Grade Yearbook Fundraiser:

Please send in your David's Cookie Dough Order Form by **Fri. 3/27!** All orders will be filled **after** Pesach. Checks should be made payable to: WDS/Yearbook. The 8th graders are hoping this will be a **BIG** fundraiser for their Yearbook. Thank You!

Tzedakah... Thank you to Ari & Odelia Jesselson for bringing in money from their tzedakah box in memory of



their grandmother, Mrs. Erica Jesselson. We counted the pennies, nickels, dimes, quarters and dollars and gave the \$200.00 to Rabbi Weiss who will pass it on to children in Israel. Yasher Koach.

Going to Israel for Pesach or over the Summer?

If so, you can purchase a booklet of Israel travel coupons for only \$25 with savings of over a \$1,000.00! The \$25 will be donated to Machon Summit, an organization that assists abused and neglected Israeli teenagers. Save money on your next vacation and help out many kids that really need your assistance. The coupon books are available now, if interested, please contact Rabbi Mahler, ext. 222. The checks should be made out to Machon Summit. Thank you.

Condolences To:

...Rabbi Yaakov Rosenwasser & family on the loss of his father, Zvi Dov Rosenwasser

School Happenings

On The Road...



Wed. 3/18: Our 4th graders were privileged to be invited to sing at the graduation ceremonies of the Gallery Educator Class of the Museum of Jewish Heritage - A Living Memorial to the Holocaust in NYC. Accompanied by Mr. Sandy Shmuely they

sang beautifully for the graduates and made their teachers and school proud! It was especially meaningful, since our own Mrs. Yvette Finkelstein, is in the current graduating class. Mazel Tov to all!



Clips From The Classroom

Ganon Aleph is learning about the story of Pesach and the Seder rituals. Dressed in full costume, we acted out the story of Pesach. We baked matzah, tasted maror, and dipped carpas in salt water. We are practicing the Four Questions and making our own Haggadot and matzah covers. Also, each child made a miniature Baby Moshe out of a stuffed sock. Then, Baby Moshe was placed in a hand-made basket that actually simulates floating down the Nile River. The kids can't wait to decorate the Seder table with these beautiful centerpieces! Next week: planting parsley, making charoset, Afikomen bags, Cos Eliyahu, and moon cookies for Rosh Chodesh. It's good to be in Ganon!

Submitted by: Morah Angelica & Morah Aliza



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Science... ...8th graders have been absorbed in cell study. Experiments by Redi and Pasteur refuting spontaneous generation evolved into cell theory and organization. [uni, colonial, multicelled] Understanding cell structure through organelles/functions allowed in depth exploration of cell activities. We completed diffusion/osmosis [think koshering meat] in plant/ animal cells [please DON'T salt slugs!] and, in labs, observed plasmolysis in vegetables/eggs. Our microscope unit made students adept at seeing elodea, onion skin, circulating fish blood[live fish-next week!] and protozoa. Current topics, now that Invention Convention is over, include cell respiration/oxidation, photosynthesis, protein synthesis and genetics. Transition to 9th grade Biology will be smooth!
Submitted by: Mrs. Shelley Lippman

Hockey News...



The WDS Wild, riding a 5 game winning streak, came into Flushing Queens on Tuesday night to face off against Har Torah Academy (HTA) in the Division Final/League Semifinal game. The two previous regular season games between the 2 teams ended in an HTA win (The Wild's only regulation loss) and a tie. Further adding to the drama of the game was the fact that WDS defeated HTA in last season's Division Final in overtime (WDS went on to win the League Championship thereafter) and HTA was looking to even the score. The capacity crowd was cheering loudly even before the opening faceoff. From the moment the game started, one knew that this was going to be a hard-fought intense game. Captain Jacob Aboodi opened the scoring with a power play goal 2 minutes and 48 seconds into the game when his nicely lined up slap shot found the net over the HTA goalie's left shoulder. HTA tied the game up several minutes later and then WDS went up again,

2-1, when Jacob Aboodi stick handled around the HTA goal and flipped in a wrist shot ending the 1st period with WDS holding the lead. Unfortunately, the physical play on the part of both teams led to many penalties and HTA going up 3-2 by the end of the 2nd period after scoring 2 power play goals.

HTA then scored 3 unanswered goals within the first few minutes of the 3rd period to go up 6-2 and the Wild's dreams of repeating as League Champions started to fade. But Alternate Captain David Wildes scored a goal to draw the Wild closer at 6-3 and Josh Stern scored several minutes later to bring the score to 6-4. But The Wild would get no closer and their season ended sooner than any WDS fan would have liked. The WDS Wild should hold their heads high though as they had a great season. Our boys matured as players and mentees, individually and collectively as a team. Many thanks to Coach Howie Falkenstein and Coach Josh Binstock for all their efforts and dedication. The team also says a special thank you to the WDS faculty members and administrators who took the time to come to the games and support The Wild. Bon Voyage' to graduating members of the team, Alternate Captains Jon Herman, Jon Klaristenfeld and David Wildes as well as Jon Arenson, Josh Davis and Josh Stern. WDS can be very proud of the accomplishments of its 4 year old hockey program—keep cheering for our team and **LET'S GO WILD !!!!**

Basketball News...



Championship Basketball Game! - 7th & 8th Grade Girls...The undefeated team will defend their title against Moriah on: **Monday, March 23 7:30 pm at North Shore Hebrew Academy, 16 Cherry Lane, Great Neck.** Let's all support our unbelievable Lady Wildcats in their quest for back to back undefeated seasons!!!

...The girls' 7th & 8th team defeated 9-1 Haftr in the semi-finals by the score of 43-27. The girls came out of the blocks with a suffocating 3-2 defense which caused great difficulty for Haftr. After the first quarter they opened up 6 point lead with exceptional rebounding and passing. Co-captains Amanda Povman and Nina Leibowitz lead the team with outstanding leadership, intense play, and put in an incredible effort!!! Povman handled the ball, made a lot of fast breaks and handled the press with tremendous maturity. Leibowitz made steals, provided strong board play, and added to the scoring despite suffering muscle spasms throughout the game. Arlyn Goldberg suffered a bloody nose, but only missed a minute and returned to help her team to the victory. Michele Bengualid and Amy Robbins played a trapping defense while also scoring important points at key times during the game. Sophie Levinson came in the game to relieve Nina Leibowitz and did a great job to maintain the teams lead and momentum. The entire team provided encouragement from the bench with cheering and clapping. Injured player, Cindi Zucker did an outstanding job on the book and also provided positive encouragement to her teammates. Congratulations to all the girls and to Coach Kaufman on this outstanding accomplishment and good luck in the championship game!!! **Keep rolling Lady Wildcats!!!**

Community News...

... Tues. March 31: First Annual Rabbi Jacob and Debbie Rubenstein z"l Memorial Lecture and Program at the YIS at 8:00 pm. For more info, please call YIS: 914 636-8686.
(Kindly open the attached flyer!)