



Tidings

11 Iyar 5768 / May 16, 2008 Erev Shabbat Behar Candle Lighting : 7:49 pm

DATES TO REMEMBER

May

- Sunday, May 18th 7:45 p.m.:** Please join us at the home of Deborah & Jay Weinberger (21 New York Ave. South, White Plains) to hear well known and respected child advocate, trainer and author Norman E. Friedman, M. D. speak about inoculating your children against sexual abuse: What every parent should know!
 19-21: 8th Gr. Trip to Washington, DC
 20-21: 7th Gr. Trip to Boston, Ma
 21: 5th Gr. Stamp Dedication Ceremony
 6:00-6:30 Larchmont Post Office
 20: Gr. 5 to Met. Museum of Art
 20: Ganon to Green Meadows Farm
 21: Gr. 5 to Children's Museum of Manhattan
 21: Gr. 1 Met. Museum of Art
 22: Gr. 3 Met. Museum of Art
 23: Lag B'Omer/ In School Field Day (sport activities)
 26: Memorial Day / **No Sessions**
 27: **PAPAS Meeting:** "How Special Education Law & Section 504 Applies to Private School Students" 8:00 - 9:15 WDS
 29: **"What Every Parent Must Know About The Internet"** 8:00 p.m. at WDS
 ... There will be a special assembly for the middle school students on Internet Safety.

Up Coming Events - June

- 1: Salute to Israel Day Parade
- 2: Yom Yerushalayim
- 2: "Gallery of Famous Jewish People"
7:00-8:00 at WDS presented by Grade 5
- 4: Rosh Chodesh / Sivan
- 5: Ganon Zimriah 9:30 a.m.
- 6: Last Day for 8th Grade
- 9 & 10: Shavuot **NO SESSIONS**
- 12: 8th Grade Graduation 7:00pm YIS
- 13: Last Day for Ganon & Kindergarten
- 15: Father's Day
- 16: "Gazing Geometry" Photography Show Dedication 6:30-7:00 / Emelin Theatre in Mam'k presented by Grade 5
- 18: Last Day Grades 1-7 1:40pm Dismissal



**SAVE THE DATE-
Monday July 28th
The Brae Burn Country Club
WDS/YIS Golf and Tennis Outing**

SCHOOL HAPPENINGS...

To view all the pictures of the Yom Ha'atzmaut Celebration held at WDS last Thursday evening, go to: **www: Westchesterday.org: photo gallery/school photos/login: USER password USER.** A big Thank You to Mr. Michael Turek for taking these amazing pictures. Enjoy! Here are just a few.



Continuing our celebration of the 60th anniversary of the State of Israel, on Thursday, May 15 our 6th, 7th and 8th grade students participated in a special assembly honoring the IDF. The students were introduced to Lieutenant Stav Yagev, a combat helicopter pilot in the Israeli Air Force. Stav spoke to the students about his experiences in the Israeli Air Force and answered many questions. Stav is 24 years old, lives in Tel Aviv and has been serving in the IDF for six years. As part of his 3 year training program, Stav received a B.A. in mathematics and computer science. His family lives near Sderot; his 18 year old brother will soon be inducted into the army. Stav was accompanied by Dan Haskell, who is currently the Director of Westchester/CT Friends of the IDF. Dan was a Team Sergeant in the Golani Infantry Unit of the IDF, serving from 1997 - 2000. He is currently in the Reserve Infantry.

MAZEL TOV TO

- ... Joel Eliach on becoming a Bar Mitzvah.
- ... Arnon & Shlomit Storfer on the birth of a baby girl, big brother is Gabriel (grade 1).
- ... Eric & Tamar Mandel on the birth of a baby girl, big sister is Talia (K).

... Congratulations to David Moskovich (gr. 8) for winning the Israel Day Parade T-Shirt Contest!

NURSE'S CORNER IMPORTANT INFORMATION



... The 2008/2009 Health Form is available on-line: WDS/Newsletters. All students in nursery, kindergarten, two, four and seven grades are **required** to submit current physicals. Please have this form filled out and returned to the Nurse's office.
 ... The Vaccination Administration Record is also available on-line and is required along with the Medical Form.



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Clips from the Classroom

KH: The caterpillars are coming, the caterpillars are coming! They're here! They're here! After much anticipation, our caterpillars have arrived. We each received one to name and observe. Our caterpillars' names include: Papillon, Mr. Mets, Fluffy, Goldy, Gem, Colorful, Cutie, Mets, Fuzzy, Rockies, Mark, Butterfly and Mikaela. Each day we record their changes in our journals. We have learned the four stages: from egg, to caterpillar, to pupa or chrysalis and finally to butterfly. We are eagerly awaiting their metamorphosis from stage to stage. We learned many things about butterflies including the fact that they are symmetrical, as is the menorah in the Beit HaMikdash. Speaking of the Beit HaMikdash, we love to act out the legend of how HaShem decided the actual location of where to build it: it was the place of "brotherly love." We just completed celebrating Israel's 60th birthday, complete with flags, a chagiga with blue and white cupcakes, singing and dancing and detailed maps of the geography of the State of Israel. We are busy counting the omer each day. It's seven more days until Lag B'Omer and 24 more days until Shavuot. The year has truly flown by. Then it will be time to set our butterflies free as we move up to first grade!

Submitted by: Morah Jane Grauer and Morah Sue Moskovich

Fifth Grade Hebrew: The students have adjusted beautifully to our "new" home in the Castle. This move provides them with an opportunity to practice the transition they will make next year when they go to middle school. We are continuing with our Navi work, learning about the next Judge. In grammar, we are beginning the chapter on future tense. In Hebrew we have learned about the Holocaust, and emphasized the topic of the rebellion in the Warsaw ghetto. Looking forward to watching the children continue to mature and prepare for the middle school.

Submitted by: Morah Ronit Korenblit & Morah Miriam Arzt

"Mad Money" Exposition -

The 5th graders are presently studying the Stock Market. Each child received \$1,000 in WDS money to invest in five different stocks. Each student is now following the ups and downs of the market to gauge how their stocks are doing. At the end of the unit in June, all students will total their portfolios and we will declare a winner in the stock market rally contest. To enhance our unit, we held an exposition on Wed. to highlight the role of some of our parents in the financial world. Our thanks to Mr. Blumenthal, Mrs. Grant, Mrs. Novick and Mr. Ungar for sharing their expertise on such topics as: stock analysts, IPO's, commodities and investment management companies. Their talks were informative, educational and interesting.
Submitted by: Mr. Tedesco "T"

On The Road...

The fifth grade visited the Liberty Science Center this week. To enhance their study of the human body, the class participated in a three hour workshop entitled: "Infection Connection". The children did two workshops on the topics of bacteria and viruses. The students visited a working wet lab to find out how scientists have invented an arsenal of defenses to fight infectious diseases. They conducted experiments to identify microbes and learned how we can protect ourselves in everyday life. The students then visited the museum's exhibit on this topic to see many interesting displays showing the interaction between ourselves and microbes. Finally we all boarded the IC Express, a subway car theater, to journey around the world to discover how different cultures handle infectious diseases. To conclude our trip the children were able to visit two other galleries at the museum, "Wonder Why" and "Skyscraper". It was a very engaging and creative field trip.

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COMMUNITY NEWS...

This Sunday, May 18th: Sharsheret Spring Luncheon at Teaneck Marriot at Glenpointe - Tribute Award Recipient: **Sirena Silber**
For more info call: Raquel Zeitz 472-7677

MORE PICTURES:

Yom Ha'atzmaut Celebration held at WDS I

