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DATES TO REMEMBER

May

- 26: Memorial Day / No Sessions
- 27: 5th Gr. Human Body Show WDS Shul
2:45 - 3:50 pm . All are invited
- 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 during the day.

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 Gr. 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
- 24: Hebrew Regents

8th Gr. Class Trip to Washington, DC



May 19-21, 2008: Our eighth graders, along with Rabbi Einzig, Rabbi Morgenstern, Mrs. Rednick, Mrs. Popiel, and Ms. Friedman left WDS for a 3 day trip to Washington, DC. The eighth grade traversed to the nation's capitol for their culminating educational experience at WDS. What a fantastic trip we had! At the Supreme Court, in the tunnels under the Capitol, and in the Senate office buildings, our students saw first-hand the workings of government and the political system. They personally grappled with the government's power over individual civil rights when our cell phones were temporarily confiscated before we entered the Senate chamber. Cameras clicked as everyone rushed to capture the grandeur of the nation's monuments during our beautiful nighttime tour. Lessons in group living, such as the consequences of being late, the need for patience, and the value of cooperation were learned and reinforced. We cried together at the Holocaust museum and cheered together at

the Washington Nationals baseball game. Our meetings with Senator Lieberman (D, Ct.) and Senator Schumer (D. NY) as well as Congresswoman Nita Lowey were highlights, as the students expressed in articulate terms their questions about political issues and the political process. It was fantastic to have the opportunity to learn in this informal setting! With happy hearts and tired feet, we returned late Wednesday night enriched and enlightened by our wonderful trip.

Submitted by: Mrs. Laurie Popiel



Senator Lieberman addressing our 8th graders



Congresswoman Nita Lowey & Ms. Jill Friedman

Quotes from our nation's future leaders:

Student #1 (upon leaving the Capitol Building) - "Ah...finally, freedom from that stuffy, crowded building!"

Student #2 - "It's ironic that you experience freedom when we leave the building where laws are created to protect our freedoms."

Student #1 - "Bagels again, I'd rather starve!"

Student #2 - "If you were in Asia right now, you could only wish for that bagel."

Teacher - "Go to bed!"

Student - "I can't, I'm reading!"

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



MAZEL TOV....

- ... To Mrs. Elena Katzeff & family on the birth of a granddaughter.
- ... To Jonathan Klaristenfeld on becoming a Bar Mitzvah.
- ... To Jonathan Arenson on becoming a Bar Mitzvah



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Condolences To:

Rabbi Rigoberto Vinas & family on the loss of his mother, Margarita Vinas, grandmother to Penina (8) and Aviva (4).

Clips from the Classroom

Ganon Gimel: This week we celebrated Lag B'Omer. First, we made a cave and brought it outside. Then, we climbed the mountains to the cave to read the Torah and have a Shabbat party. Just as we started reading, a Roman soldier found us. He asked us if we were reading the Torah. We fooled him and told him we were having a picnic and flying kites. Actually, that's exactly what we did. We joined the other Ganon classes on the back lawn, where we flew kites, had a lollipop hunt and ate ice cream.

Submitted by: Morah Lynn & Morah Joanie

ART: It has been an exciting year in art class and we have filled our time at WDS with making great artwork. All that creativity culminated in an exciting exhibit of the children's artwork on Yom Ha'atzmaut at the Cultural Arts Celebration. All the children in grades 1-5 were represented in a beautiful display. You can still see some of the work on view in the castle. Thank you to Yvette Finkelstein for organizing a wonderful event, to Bob Price and his staff for all their work, and to all the parents who came in and helped hang a wonderful show. Special thanks to Arlene Kleinberg for donating the wonderful new display screens. June is fast approaching and with it the Salute to Israel Parade. Thank you to the students in the Middle School Art elective and all the parents who helped put the finishing touches on the banners. As the year draws to a close the children will be bringing home their art portfolios. Keep on the lookout for them and enjoy our children's masterpieces.

Submitted by: Shoshana Golin

1J: Our authors' breakfast was a big success. All of the students' hard work over the course of the year was reflected in their book writing and "publishing" projects. At the authors' breakfast, the yeladim presented a selection of their work. Parents and family were an enthusiastic audience. The stories were wonderful, original and masterfully illustrated works of art. In the process, the students carefully examined the works of published authors from a variety of genres. They learned that published works include a title page, information page and a dedication. They looked for and identified patterns in story presentation that helped them to organize and edit their own work. They were then given a rubric that laid out these patterns and reminded the students of their goals as authors. The students then worked with parent volunteers. THANK YOU, TO ALL OUR WONDERFUL VOLUNTEERS! The volunteers helped each child make a hard cover and then actually "bind" the individual books together. The students' final pieces were incredible and will be treasured by all for years to come.

Submitted by: Morah Kim Siegel & Morah Erica Yadlovker

On The Road...

Tuesday.... With a "moo-moo here and a quack-quack there" our Ganon children boarded their buses and headed south to Green Meadows Farm. They bumped up and down on the little red wagon (hay ride), milked Bessie the cow, rode ponies, held newly hatched ducklings and ate bagels in the barn. What a day!



Learning to Look

Another year of Learning to Look has come to an end. The year culminated with trips for each grade (1-5) to the Metropolitan Museum of Art in Manhattan. Each class viewed the paintings in this year's curriculum of Late Eighteenth and Nineteenth Century European Art. The classes were led through the museum by their Learning to Look instructors who re-explored some of the major aspects of each painting with the children. We want to thank all the people who contributed to make the program the success that it was. First, Yvette Finklestein for her endless organizational skills, the chair people, the Learning to Look parents teachers and all the parents that chaperoned the trip. We would also like to thank the teachers for their enthusiasm for the program, as well as the extra time they frequently would give us to teach. If you are interested in volunteering to teach Learning to Look next year please contact Arlene Kleinberg or Laurie Lebowitz.

7th Gr. Class Trip to Boston, Ma.

Tuesday - Wednesday: May 20-21, 2008

The 7th graders, along with Mrs. Greenberg, Rabbi Rosenwasser, and Mrs. Sternstein, left WDS for a 2 day trip to Boston. They visited the Witch Dungeon and the Pirate Museum in Salem. After lunch, at the wharf they traveled to Boston and enjoyed a 1 ½ hour guided Freedom Trail tour. In the evening, they went to the Charles Playhouse to see the Blue Man Group. Wednesday was another "packed" day with visits to the Prudential Center, a Boston Duck Tour and a tour of Fenway Park. Before boarding the bus for home, they visited the Concord Hands-On Museum where they designed their own tin plates. What a great trip for our 7th graders. As Aaron Reich said: "It was not only a trip - it was an experience." To which Tani Einzig added: "The trip was extremely fun, especially Fenway Park!" Thanks to all who worked on this trip and to those who chaperoned.



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5th Grade...

International Stamp Show:

Congratulations to all fifth graders for creating international stamps based on their assigned country from the 2008 World's Fair. **These stamps are on display at the Larchmont Post Office** located on Chatsworth Ave. at Boston Post Road in Larchmont. Ms. Dorothy Able, the Larchmont Postmaster was instrumental in helping to curate this show. The show officially opened with a ceremony at the post office, on Wednesday evening, in which many students and their parents met to take part in the official opening. Mr. Tedesco spoke about the history of the postal stamp system. Ms. Able presented the children with a variety of first day covers to celebrate the hard work exhibited by the students. We invite everyone to visit the post office to see this student created show. The show will be open until June 1.

Children's Museum of Manhattan...

To highlight our study of Greece, the fifth graders visited the Children's Museum of Manhattan. The exhibit was divided into four parts: Greek Gods and Goddesses, Olympics, Homer and Ancient Greek contributions to our present society. The exhibits were all hands-on and very interactive. The workshop at the museum featured the creation of a 3-D Trojan horse. To complete the trip to New York City, the students visited the Time Warner Center and had tours of Borders Book Store and the Samsung Experience. These tours were very informative and educational.

Notes from 5E Students:

5E has made WDS trip history! We went on 3 trips in one week. On Tuesday May 20th we went to the Metropolitan Museum of Art. There we saw paintings we learned about in Learning to Look. On Wednesday, May 21 we went to the Children's Museum of Manhattan, followed by Samsung and Borders. The Children's Museum was a lot of fun. It was very hands on. We saw The Tricky Horse, One-eyed Cyclops, sang karaoke and got to find out which God or Goddess we were most like. After exploring the exhibit, we got to make our own 3D paper tricky horse. After we left the museum we ate lunch at Central Park. Next stop was Borders and Samsung. In Borders we took a tour and then bought some books. In Samsung we got to see all the cool electronics. We also got to play video games and make postcards. At the end we got gift bags. Finally, we set the record on Thursday May 22nd. We went to the Bronx Hospital where we continued to learn about the human body. We learned about the heart from Dr. Klestzick. We got to see a real heart beating on the computer screen and learned CPR. To conclude our visit we got to see an ambulance truck. We are a very proud class to make WDS trip history.

Submitted by: Jenna Goldschmidt, Rachel Novick, Ariana Brody and Shoshana Marder

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.