



# Tidings

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## DATES TO REMEMBER

### Up Coming Events - June

#### **June 1: Salute to Israel Day Parade**

Come help celebrate Israel's and Westchester Day School's 60th birthdays as we march up Fifth Avenue. Join the WDS Family cheering us on at Fifth Ave. between 78th & 79th Streets (park side of the street). We step-off at approximately 1:45 p.m. We hope to see you there!



#### **Yom Yerushalayim:**

**Monday - June 2.** In keeping with the spirit of the day, we request that your child wear blue and white clothing: solid white top and blue pants/skirt. Thanks.

- 2: "Gallery of Famous Jewish People" 7:00-8:00 at WDS presented by Gr. 5
- 4: Rosh Chodesh / Sivan
- 5: Ganon Zimriah 9:15 a.m.  
Ganon Two's: KUMZITZ 10:30 a.m.
- 6: Last Day for 8<sup>th</sup> Grade
- 9 & 10: Shavuot **NO SESSIONS**
- 12: **8<sup>TH</sup> 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 - 1:00 pm

**Stanford Achievement Tests: 9:30 a.m.**  
**Gr. 3,5,6 & 7: Mon. June 2;**  
**Wed. June 4 & Thurs. June 5**

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



## CELL PHONES

The use of cell phones by students during the school day is prohibited. Any student using their cell phone during school hours will have their phone confiscated and not returned until the end of the day.



thank you for your support! Have a wonderful summer!

Submitted by: Laurie Popiel



## Clips from the Classroom

**Ganon Bet:** Takes pride in announcing the birth of 7 yellow, golden, brown & striped chicks on May 27, 2008. Visitors are welcome to view the chicks!

Submitted by: Morah Tovah & Morah Judith

## Grade 5 News:

**Keeping Healthy:** The Fifth Grade class was honored to visit Westchester Square Hospital recently to spend time with WDS parent, Dr. Klestzick. Dr. Klestzick spoke to the children about the circulatory system. He showed the children a model of the human heart and explained how it works. He also showed the children, an electrocardiogram, a stress test treadmill, and an echo cardiogram. Dr. Klestzick, a WDS parents, showed the children how doctors try to revive someone who has had a heart attack. He concluded by advising the children how to keep their heart safe and stressed the types of foods to eat and what to avoid. He spoke about the importance of exercise in a heart healthy lifestyle. In the field of dentistry, we were visited recently by Dr. Toporovsky, another WDS parent.. He spoke to our students on many different topics relating to teeth. The topics discussed were: when do teeth come in, anatomy of a tooth, types of teeth and caring for the teeth. Mr. T hopes his students will learn to live healthy lives and is very thankful for the support he has received from different personnel in the health field.

## Internet Safety Assembly Gr. 6-8

Mr. Philip Rosenthal, an expert on Internet Safety spoke to our students regarding the possible dangers with the Internet. He addressed the issues of online bullying, online safety, computer based child abuse and much more. The assembly was well very received by our students and the information was invaluable.

## Laq Ba'Omer: Field Day

Last Friday, following a fun-filled day of sports activities, the 8<sup>th</sup> grade students challenged our faculty to a softball game. The 8<sup>th</sup> graders held a commanding lead in the first inning then the faculty took charge and came back to win the game in the last inning. Thanks to Mrs. Lewis & Mr. Kaufman for organizing the great day of fun & long-lasting memories!

## CALLING ALL WAYWARD LIBRARY

**BOOKS!** Due to the approaching end of the school year, it is now time for WDS library books to be returned to the Sifriyah for inventory purposes. Please send all library items back to school as soon as possible. Your child can give these materials to their teacher or can drop them in the book drop now located in the entrance hall to the Castle. Overdue item letters will be sent home next week for items not returned. If an item has been lost or damaged, an \$18.00 fee is requested so that the book can be replaced. Please keep the library in mind, as well, when you think about end of year gifts in honor of your child's teacher or a helpful administrator. Donations to the library in the amount of \$18.00 or more will be recognized with a book plate on the inside front cover of a new book. Honorees will be notified of the donation by letter from WDS. As always,



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**Human Body Show:** Last Monday, the Fifth Grade class presented their human body variety show. Our six groups featured different systems of the human body: circulatory, respiratory, skeletal and muscular, nervous and digestive systems as well as the five senses. The show featured songs, dances, skits and take-offs of popular television shows. Our thanks to the third and fourth graders for watching and participating in the show.

### 41<sup>st</sup> Anniversary of the Reunification of the City of Jerusalem...

Everyone is invited to attend the 5<sup>th</sup> Grade gala production of the "Hall of Famous Jewish People". The presentation will take place on Monday, June 2 (Yom Yerushalayim) in the WDS Shul at 7:00pm. Each student will represent a famous Jewish person (Biblical, cultural, teachers, statesmen and women and politicians) and then briefly tell of his or her importance to the history of the Jewish people. Submitted by: Mr. Donald Tedesco

### Science with Mrs. Lippman

#### Grade 6

The students explored matter this year. Discussion of physical/chemical properties led to understanding applications of concepts to student experiences. Calculating density, comparing mass/weight, solubility, malleability (think 'tin foil') and conductivity (get out of the pool in a storm!) all relate to students' lives. Physical/chemical changes in matter followed leading to changes in state (do you know what sublimation is?) Boyle's gas laws were clear after demonstrations with FizzKeepers and shaving cream and endo/exothermic changes were challenging! We introduced the periodic table and compared elements, compounds and mixtures. The year winds up with a focus on matter in motion. We're working with velocity and acceleration, math applications and varied forces including gravity/friction. Balls, ramps, and stomp rockets will help explain Newton's Laws!

#### Grade 7

After grade 7's highly exciting and successful weeklong marble roller coaster project, we moved on to other forms of energy. We compared heat/temperature, types of thermometers, heat transfer, conductors, convection, radiation and insulators. This culminated in creating/testing calorimeters with which we tested caloric values of food samples. (No

surprise- marshmallows won!) We shifted to an in-depth analysis of atomic structure including scientists, atomic models, number, mass and isotopes. We investigated relationships between metals/non-metals and rows/columns on the periodic table. Covalent /ionic bonds followed which led to balancing equations. Currently we're beginning our final energy unit on waves and will focus (excuse the pun!) on the complete electro-magnetic spectrum, wave characteristics, light, lenses and lasers. Do you know how your microwave really works? Ask a 7<sup>th</sup> grader!

#### Grade 8

Learning how to use a microscope and measure objects in a field of view led to exciting labs using elodea, onion skins and live gold fish (had to catch!). Students could identify cell organelles, locations and functions both in plant and animal cells. In-depth discussion of specific cell activities included diffusion, osmosis, endo/exocytosis, cytolysis and plasmolysis. (If marooned on a raft, DON'T drink salt water!) No 8<sup>th</sup> grader would ever now salt a slug and koshering meat applied concepts easily! Respiration/oxidation clarified where all that 8<sup>th</sup> grade energy comes from, which got broken down to both anaerobic and aerobic stages. Photosynthesis in plant cells expanded understanding of energy conversion and we'll wind up the year discussing protein synthesis and genes. Students should have a great foundation for a wonderful year in Biology in September. Submitted by: Mrs. Shelley Lippman

*You are cordially invited to attend the Graduation Exercises*

*of*

**ישיבה דווסטצ'סטער**

*Westchester Day School*

*Thursday, the twelfth of June  
Two Thousand and Eight*

**כ"ו סיון תשס"ז**

*at seven o'clock in the evening  
Young Israel of Scarsdale  
1313 Weaver Street  
Scarsdale, New York  
Dessert reception to follow*

### Community News

**Sunday-June 22, 2008 8:00 pm**

**The Koby Mandell Foundation**

**presents: The Blessing of a Broken**

**Heart:** A play based on the award-winning book by Sherri Mandel. Location: New Rochelle High School. Tickets \$36.00. (see flyer attached) For more information e-mail: [Cheryl@kobymandell.org](mailto:Cheryl@kobymandell.org)

....Mr. Mark Levy (former WDS Parent) is currently a patient at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center in NYC. His treatment requires regular blood & platelet transfusions. His family would greatly appreciate your donation of blood and/or platelets and hopes you will ask others you know to donate. Please visit: [www.msccc.org/blooddonations](http://www.msccc.org/blooddonations) for complete information. To schedule an appointment, please call: 212 639-3335 (Mary Thomas). Thank you.