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Upcoming Events

November

Sun: 11/23: BJE Exam for 8th graders
8:30 am (must be at WHHS by 8:15am)
WSD Reunion & Open House at WDS 3-6PM
Wed: 11/26: 1:40 Dismissal

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS IN NEW ROCHELLE

DISTRICT: WDS will be providing bus service for all students in the New Rochelle District on Wed. 11/26. Thur. & Fri: 11/27 & 28: Thanksgiving Break

December

Wed. 12/03: P/T Conferences Ganon & K
Tues. 12/09: P/T Conferences Ganon & K
Fri. 12/12: End of 1st Trimester: Gr. 1-8
Sat. 12/13: Gr. 4 Melave Malka Presentation
7:30 pm - WDS

**JOIN US AT THE WDS AUCTION
"NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM"
DECEMBER 6, 2008
BE SURE TO SEND IN YOUR
SPONSORSHIP TO GET A FREE
JACKPOT RAFFLE TICKET.
FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL
RACHEL ROSENFELD (914) 725-2262
Check WDS website for Grand Raffles!**

Just A Reminder... We are now e-mailing the Parsha Booklet to all parents every Friday morning, please discuss the Parsha with your family at your Shabbat table. Thank you. Shabbat Shalom.

Peer Tutoring - Looking to Expand This past Tuesday, from 4:00-5:00 p.m., 7th graders who had been trained as tutors by Mrs. Greenberg, offered academic assistance in doing homework and reviewing reading, writing, math, social studies and science skills, to second graders. The students received individualized attention and had fun as they learned, munching on fresh fruit provided by Chris. We have

decided to expand this program and open it up to students from all grades every Tuesday from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. Our 7th grade tutors will be joined as tutors by 8th graders. There is no charge for this program. If you are interested, please call Mrs.Greenberg at ext. 210.

Clips from the Classroom

Ganon Dalet: We have been very busy preparing for Thanksgiving, discussing how the pilgrims left England because they wanted freedom to pray the way they wanted to and not the way that the king wanted them to. They sailed upon the Mayflower and landed at Plymouth Rock. We compared how the Pilgrims felt to the way that Avraham felt when he left his home and did not know where he was going. The children said it was like when we had to move classrooms - they were a little scared of what it would be like in the new room. We have been working on many crafts in the classroom. We made Native American drums, headdresses and beautiful centerpieces for our Thanksgiving table. We picked the kernels off Indian corn and planted them. We can't wait to see what will grow. We began cooking for our feast. We made pumpkin bread and are looking forward to making popcorn and cranberry sauce next week. Happy Thanksgiving from Ganon Dalet
Submitted by: Morah Meredith Rosenblatt

Fifth Grade.: A lot of exciting things have been happening in the 5th grade!
In **history**, we explored the effects of cultures causing change to other cultures. Is that a good thing or not? Depending on the point of view you take, the answer is not always an easy one. We had a chance to develop our ability to use compasses, and will be going out in the field once again for a rousing treasure hunt (soon to come!) We continued our explorations (no pun intended... well maybe it was, a little) in history with research on various explorers

and their accomplishments as they braved the choppy seas of the Atlantic to reach the 'new world'. They say that if you want to accomplish 'big', you need to take big risks... and these explorers and the colonists that followed took great risks coming to America!



In **science**, we took advantage of our great location to explore the coastline and search for examples of the various life forms residing here. We saw shrimp, clams, snails and lots and lots of crabs! Many students were brave and touched crabs for the first time, and now look forward to studying their catch in our beautiful state-of-the-art lab.
In **writing**, we had some fun with haiku and limericks, and are now making use of our new-found expertise with the forms and styles of quotations to create stories with lots and lots of dialogue!



In **reading**, we are developing our skills considering techniques that will help us get the most out of anything we read, including



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previewing and predicting, asking great questions, summarizing and making connections with a story and its characters. Students had a chance to show their skills with some great first efforts in our Bookworms program, where students not only considered various aspects of their novels by answering thought-provoking questions, and also showed their stuff through puppet shows, role-play and on-the-scene reports. Some students taped their performances at home, getting family and friends in on the action! We are working on some other great activities and look forward to sharing some with other classes in the future!

Submitted by: Mr. Yechiel Lefrak

Middle School Dinim & Navi News:

...In the 6th grade we learned six different reasons why we daven to Hashem as well as the requirement to recite 100 brachot each day. In Navi, we are now learning about Shmuel's first experience in receiving prophecy from Hashem.

...In the 7th grade we learned 13 important ideas about the unique and beautiful qualities of Shabbat as well as the 3 areas in which we prepare for the Shabbat. In Navi, we are now learning about the classic battle between David and Goliath.

...In 8th grade we were introduced to the basic kashrut law of not eating milk and meat together as well as the identity of the 10 kosher mammals. In Navi, we are learning about the witch of Ein Dor and the final battle in King Shaul's life.

Submitted by: Rabbi David Slotkin

... Our 8th grade students are working with algebra. Topics have included integers, algebraic expressions, and one/ two-step equations and inequalities. They will graph equations with two variables and solve systems of linear equations via graphing. The students will then move into the world of real numbers.

...The Advanced 8th graders are working with variables, function patterns, and graphs. They explored rational numbers which also utilized the properties of numbers. Their next stop included solving multi-step equations, ratios and proportions, percent of change, and the Pythagorean Theorem. They will next tackle inequalities which will include compound inequalities, absolute values, and graphing. Submitted by: Mrs. Sandy Seckular

Physical Education: Our program has moved to its winter quarters and we can be found playing volleyball, basketball, football and team games in our gym. While the lower grades continue to work on basic movement skills, our middle schoolers can be found scoring touchdowns, making lay-ups and hitting well executed overhand volleyball serves. Our basketball teams are eagerly awaiting the start of their season - with our girls "psyched" to protect their #1 status. Come cheer all the WDS teams on!

Submitted by: Mr. Kaufman & Mrs. Lewis

Notes From The Nurse...

...Please remember to call ext. 500 if your child is going to be absent for any reason. This line is available 24/7!

Hockey News...

The Wild came into their home opener at WDS Wednesday night riding high from their victory over North Shore Hebrew Academy. Our boys played a tough game but suffered their first loss of the season in an overtime 3-2 battle with friendly archrival ASHAR. The scoring opened in the 1st period with an ASHAR goal at 3:49 (that's 8 minutes and 11 seconds into the first period). Josh Stern then knotted the score with a one-timer on a beautiful pass from Sammy Smigel from behind the ASHAR net. ASHAR went up 2-1 at 9:26 in the 2nd period and the score remained that way until Captain Aboodi tied it with a low bullet from the slot at 6:45 in the third



period. Big saves thereafter by goalie Nathan Goldman kept the game tied and forced a 5 minute OT period. With the teams going 3 on 3 in the additional period, (as opposed to 4 on 4 during regulation), ASHAR scored the game winner at 2:36. The Wild's record evened to 1-1 this week and their next game is this Monday night at Har Torah. Best of luck to our boys and LET'S GO WILD !!!

I was so pleased to receive the following letter. We are all so proud of our boys, not only for their athletic ability but also for their sportsmanship, kindness and mentchlekeit. Rabbi Einzig



The ASHAR Hockey team present the WDS WILD with a limited edition autographed Israeli Junior National Ice Hockey Team Jersey. The gift in recognition of the WILD's generous contribution to the "Hockey Teams Unite for Israel" charity program.

"Rabbi Einzig, It is always such a pleasure for our ASHAR hockey team to compete at WDS. Besides having one of the best facilities for floor hockey, WDS WILD games always seem to be the most well balanced and competitive



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contests in our league. Wednesday night's game proved to be no exception with the score ending tied at 2 goals each at the end of regulation play. What really sets these events apart from others in our league though is the feeling of community one gets at the ASHAR / WDS games. Fans of both schools sit in the stands together not cheering for the other team to lose, but applauding the quality of play they witness. An appreciation for the talent and skill our kids display. It is because of that feeling of community that ASHAR Hockey decided last season to approach the WDS Wild to partner with us for a unique hockey fund raising effort for Israel. Before I could even finish my pitch last year, the idea was overwhelmingly approved by the Wild's hockey families. Taking Westchester Day Schools lead, yeshiva after yeshiva signed on to support the program. Within a matter of 60 days the "United Hockey" teams raised over \$10,000 for donation to the terrorized people of Sderot, Israel. Wednesday night Ashar hockey came not only to play another scheduled league game, but came to say thank you to WDS and the Wild for it's continued support for the Unite for Israel Hockey Project. Attached to this email is a photo taken post game. It is a picture of the ASHAR hockey team presenting the WDS Wild with a gift for its school. Last year the Ashar Hockey team sponsored the Israeli Junior National Ice Hockey team for an exhibition charity game at our local ice rink while the Israeli team was on a tour of North America. Our gift to Westchester Day School is one of the framed limited edition Israeli National Ice Hockey Team jersey's as given to ASHAR Hockey by the members of the Israeli Junior team who competed for Israel at the 2008 International Ice Hockey Championships in Europe. Ashar Hockey thanks the Westchester Day School Wild hockey team for its continued support of the "Unite for Israel Hockey Project" . To date our

program for this season has already been responsible for \$15,000 of donations delivered to the new [Avukat Or Center for the Blind and Handicapped](#) in Jerusalem Israel. Avukat Or is a sister program for patients who graduate from the world renowned Keren Or Children's Hospital for the Blind. With WDS's continued support he Unite for Israel Hockey Project is well on its way to reaching a \$40,000 goal for this school year.
Respectfully,
Steven Fisher, Coach - Ashar Hockey "

PTA NEWS...

... PHOTO MAKE UP:

Monday - Nov. 24 / 9:10 am

For all absentees and retakes. Thank You.,

... Felt Kippot: The PTA is once again, selling the enormously popular WDS Felt Kippot. They are available in: royal, navy, black, red and white. \$5.00 each, or 5 for \$20.00.

...Class Parents: The PTA is looking for more class parents- anyone interested in being a class parent please contact Jennifer Lorber or Amy Kirshenbaum as soon as possible. You can also let us know by email: jennlorb@aol.com Thank you in advance for volunteering for this important task!

WSD NEWS...

WSD Reunion and Open House this **Sunday Nov. 23rd** from 3-6 pm on WSD's beautiful grounds. There will be food, entertainment, familiar faces and information about the summer 2009. Please RSVP to Shmarya Gasner.
Sgasner@westchesterday.org

Community News...

...The National Council of Young Israel will be honoring WDS parents, **Jennifer Lorber and Karen Kosowsky** as "Nshei Chayil" (Women of Valor) for their many contributions to our community. The luncheon will be held this **Sunday, Nov. 23** Great Neck Synagogue
26 Old Mill Road, Great Neck, NY
10:00 boutique 11:00 luncheon and Program
For more information: Contact:
jsteinig@youngisrael.org or 212-727-9526

... JBL is back! **Jewish Basketball League** Sunday November 23rd-Instructional Clinics
Girls: 1st-5th grade; Boys: 1st -4th grade
For more info, please visit www.jblhoops.org
or contact jblhoops@yahoo.com