



9 Cheshvan 5769 / November 7, 2008 Erev Shabbat Lech Lecha: 4:26 p.m.

Upcoming Events

November

- Sun: 11/9: **WDS OPEN HOUSE** for Prospective Parents/10:00 am - 12:00
 - Mon.: 11/10 Parent Teacher Conferences Grades 1-8 6:00-9:00
 - Tues.: 11/11 **No Session** / Veteran's Day: Staff Professional Day
 - Wed: 11/12: Learning to Look Parent Session in Shul 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.
 - Sun: 11/23: BJE Exam for 8th graders
 - Wed: 11/26: 1:40 **Dismissal**
- IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS IN THE NEW ROCHELLE DISTRICT:** WDS will be providing bus service for all students in the New Rochelle District on Wed. 11/26. More information to follow.
- Thur. & Fri: 11/27 & 28: Thanksgiving Break

**JOIN US AT THE WDS AUCTION
"NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM"
DECEMBER 6, 2008
PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS
AND DON'T FORGET TO HIRE YOUR
BABYSITTERS ASAP!
TO GET INVOLVED PLEASE CALL:
MICHELLE NACHMANI: 646 765-3964**

Mazel Tov To:

....Ariella & Brian Kleinhaus on the birth of a baby boy, big sister is Dahlia.

ELECTION DAY AT WDS

By Francine Greenberg

If you had stepped into any of the classes on Election Day, it would have been difficult not to feel the passion and fervor which our students felt for the election process. Even our youngest students, the first graders, understood the concept of majority rules as they counted and graphed the results of a poll taken on their favorite color apple to

eat. These results were graphed on a pictograph and bar graph, and explained to the second graders during their visit to first grade. After sitting attentively while listening to the first grade, the second graders, in three groups, shared the beliefs and symbols of original political parties which they had created. Each party expressed interest in keeping the Earth safe and environmentally sound, as evidenced by their parties' names: i.e., Energy Savers. Not to be outdone by the lower grades, grades 3 and 4 also participated in an Election Day activity. Grade 3 had voted on two wishes dear to the students' hearts: an inside playground vs. a vending machine for 3rd & 4th graders. When the students had to decide the advantages and disadvantages of selecting either choice, they began to understand how difficult it is to select the right candidate for president. They realized what a difficult decision it is to decide between two good choices. Fourth grade then enlivened the day with a rendition of Jeopardy, with groups of third and fourth graders consulting with each other for the correct response said as a question. We are proud of our students' knowledge, and thank their teachers: Mrs. Debbie Briks and Morah Helena, Mrs. Dena Lehon and Morah Erica, Mrs. Barbra Rosen and Morah Joyce, and Mr. Andrew Slater, Mrs. Debbie Epstein, and Morah Jill. It is an awesome task to influence our children to become loyal, participatory Americans.

US Presidential Debate & Election... On Monday a debate was held for Middle School students. There were two teams, each consisting of 5 students debating the stances of both John McCain and Barack Obama on the topics of energy, education, foreign policy/aid to Israel and health care. The moderators of this debate were Mrs. Greenberg and Mr. Bulgarelli. On Tuesday, students participated in a school-wide election for the future President of the US.

WDS Student Council Election:

Last Friday, a special assembly, for students in grades 4-8, was held. The WDS candidates for President and VP of WDS Student Council, presented their platform citing their abilities and why they deserved to win. On Tuesday, students in grades 4-8 voted for President and Vice President of the Student Council. Each class was represented by a number of electoral votes - just like the US President is chosen. We are proud to announce the winners!



**Akiva Marder - President
Jeremy Wilson - Vice President**

8th Grade Parent Meeting

Rabbi Einzig met with a group of our 8th grade parents on Tuesday evening to walk them through the high school application process. He explained the steps for applying to high schools and assured them the process will be smooth. Rabbi Einzig has begun to meet with each of our 8th grade students for a "mock" high school interview. The students find this step very helpful.



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Clips from the Classroom

Ganon Bet: The yeladim of Ganon Bet have been enjoying the colors, sounds and feel of autumn. They made beautiful fall leaves for our new classroom windows. We've moved just in time to learn about Lech Lecha and how Abraham Avinu moved too! Abraham Avinu walked or rode a camel. We're making a graph of the ways we are transported to school, away on trips and to visit friends. The Yeladim also enjoy hearing about how brave Avraham Avinu was when he was just a little boy no bigger than they are now. They each shared all the ways in which they too are brave.

Submitted by: Morah Kim Siegel

Grade 1: Learn the true meaning behind Election Day, first graders from classes 1E and 1H shared with students from second grade the results of a poll which they had taken. The first graders informed the second grade class about the voting process which they did as they voted for their favorite color of apple. They displayed their results on both a pictograph and on a bar graph. In return, the second graders shared the beliefs and symbols of the political parties which they had created. It was a great learning experience for all.

Submitted by: Mrs. Debbie Briks

Art

In the 1st Grade we are learning how to make art from all sorts of different materials. Using a variety of textured items, we learned how to make rubbings. We then made a drawing of a fall landscape with rubbings from all sorts of textures including leaves. It's amazing how our imagination can transform one leaf into a tree. Now we are experimenting with different types of paints. We experimented with watercolors and learned how to paint wet on wet and wet on dry. When the colors 'bled' they mixed with each other creating all sorts of new colors. Now we are playing with tempera

paints. They are much thicker and move very differently than the watercolors. Using the tempera paints we are creating our first abstract painting.

In the 4th Grade we are learning about portraits. We started by learning how artists think about the head. We found out that artists look for big simple shapes when they start to draw a face - like the egg shape of the head or the almond shape of the eye. We then found out that there are a lot of fractions in the head. Did you know the eyes are halfway between the top of the head and the chin? And we discovered some important size relationships in the face such as ... the space between the eyes is the same width as the eye. The children have now begun to create their own self portraits. They are combining what they know about the shapes and fractions of the face and head with close observation of themselves in the mirror. For the final touch in the self portrait the children are using colored pencils. We experimented with the pencils, learning to create new colors by using overlapping lines of color.

Submitted by: Shoshana Golin

8th Grade Grammar

(song to the tune of "My Favorite Things")

Pronouns and Adverbs-

Apply special cases.

Subjects and Predicates

Take inverted places.

Run-ons and fragments-

Correct every one.

Practice and proofread,

Oh, grammar's such fun!

Action and linking and

Helping verbs plague us.

Memorize conjunctions and

Prepositional phrases.

Exceptions to all of our favorite rules,

How can we possible use all these "tools"?

Semicolons,

Modifiers,

Personal pronouns - annoy!

*We slave over worksheets,
Perform diagram feats,
Apply all this nonsense?
Oh, joy!*

Submitted by: Mrs. Laurie Popiel



Notes From The Nurse...

...Please remember to call ext. 500 if your child is going to be absent for illness or any other reason-this line is available 24/7!

...All students go outdoors daily for recess, kindly be sure your children are dressed appropriately for outdoor weather. Thanks.

PTA NEWS...

... PHOTO MAKE UP: Monday - Nov. 24 For all absentees and retakes. Thank You,.

... Felt Kippot: The PTA will, once again, be selling the enormously popular WDS Felt Kippot. They are available in the following colors: 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!