



25 Tishri 5769 / October 24, 2008 Erev Shabbat Beresheet Candle Lighting : 5:43 p.m.

**Upcoming Events**

**November**

- Sun.: 11/2: Daylight Savings Time  
Fall Back
- Mon: 11/3: PAPAS Meeting 7:30 PM at the home of Helene Walisever-Berkson (185 Heathcote Road, Scarsdale)
- Tues. & Wed: 11/4 & 11/5: **Book Fair Share the Fun & Adventure of Reading**
- Tues: 11/4: Election Day  
Meeting for 8<sup>th</sup> Gr. Parents  
8:00-9:00 pm- in Castle Shul
- Wed: 11/5: 1:40pm Dismissal  
Parent/Teacher Conferences Gr. 1-8  
2:30-5:00 5:45-8:45
- Sun: 11/9: WDS Open House for Prospective Parents
- Mon.: 11/10 Parent Teacher Conferences Grades 1-8 6:00-9:00
- Tues.: 11/11 **No Session** / Veteran's Day: Staff Professional Day
- Sun: 11/23: BJE Exam for 8<sup>th</sup> graders
- Wed: 11/26: 1:40 **Dismissal** (No Bus Service for students in the New Rochelle School District / Mile Square Transportation. **Parents must arrange for transportation to and from WDS.**)
- Thur. & Fri: 11/27 & 28: Thanksgiving Break



**School Happenings**



Chol HaMoed Sukkot at WDS was truly Zman Simchateinu, a time of happiness. Each grade went on trips or took part in hands-on programming. The Kindergarten, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> graders had a special Mad Science program that focused on the properties of Fire and Ice. The 3<sup>rd</sup> grade had the great privilege of meeting the Muncatcher Rebbe, and ate in his Sukkah. The interaction between the Rebbe and our children will hopefully leave a impression on them. It is always a zechut to meet with a Gadol B'Yisrael. Both the 4<sup>th</sup> grade and 5<sup>th</sup> grade took part in the long standing WDS tradition of Sukkah hopping to their classmates Sukkahs. One group even visited the Head of School's Sukkah. Singing, dancing, games and lots of Dvrei Torah were enjoyed by all. As part of the school's theme "Catch the Attitude of Gratitude" the Middle School students all took part in different *chessed* outings. The 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> graders visited different senior citizen homes where they taught the residents how to shake lulav and etrog, sang and danced, played bingo and schmoozed with their new friends. The 8<sup>th</sup> grade visited the only kosher soup kitchen in Manhattan where they served lunch and ate with the needy. They also taught the intricacies of the lulav and etrog to all those in attendance.

We always look forward to bringing the holidays to life in the classrooms as we prepare for the *chagim* and experientially once the *chag* arrives.



**Please Note:** In an effort to be more efficient, *Tidings* will no longer be sent home in hard copy. All parents will receive *Tidings* via e-mail on Friday. Please look for your *Tidings* to keep up with all the "happenings" at WDS. Thank you!

**Mazel Tov To:**

- ... Adam Pachter on becoming a Bar Mitzvah.
- ... Rebecca Malits on becoming a Bat Mitzvah.



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### **Clips from the Classroom**

**Kindergarten:** Although we had a short week in K-J, we accomplished a lot and we would like to share the beautiful events, which took place over Chol Hamoed. On Thursday, our Kindergarten went on a trip to Dr. Davies farm in Congers, New York for *apple picking* and a *Hey Ride*. The weather held out and the class had a wonderful time. There, we picked several types of apples but mostly empire. They were delicious! On Friday, we had "**MAD SCIENCE MAGIC SHOW**" with Dr. Dave and he treated us to a magic show and several science experiments. We now anticipate performing our own experiments in the classroom.

Submitted by: Morah Miriam Dollman and Morah Shani Wilk

**Grade 2:** We have been so busy this year!! The children have enjoyed learning about different types of communities, such as urban, suburban, and rural communities. Each child then wrote a paragraph about the type of community they live in. We are very close to finishing our first book, Freckle Juice by Judy Blume. The children loved reading it, and are looking forward to reading more books by Judy Blume. We have started discussing the upcoming Presidential election. The students are very excited to talk about what it means to be President, and what they would do if they were President. We are all looking forward to the results in just a few weeks.  
Submitted by: Mrs. Lehon and Morah Erica

**Science Grade 6:** Students have been applying problem solving skills through integration of the scientific method into everyday experiences. Observation skills were used with coins and candy (do you remember what's on a penny?) and students understood why both control and

experimental groups are needed in experiments, "Hands-on" activities follow so students can, independently/in groups, complete and apply all steps. In addition, we are participating in World Water Monitoring Day (WWMD), a one month, international program that builds awareness/involvement through local monitoring. Sixth graders tested Long Island sound water for temperature, dissolved oxygen, pH and turbidity. Prior discussion explained concepts and, when WWMD ends, students will enter their data, access others both in Israel and around the world and evaluate results. Since 18,000 people participated last year, we are excited to be part of it all.  
Submitted by: Shelley Lippman  
(Look for "clips" in science from Mrs. Lippman for grades 7 & 8 in future issues of Tidings.)

**P/T Conferences Gr. 1-8:** If you have yet called to schedule your conference, please do so ASAP. Thank you.

- ❖ Wed. Nov. 5 (1:40 pm Dismissal) 2:30-5:00 p.m. & 5:45 - 8:45 p.m.
- ❖ Mon. Nov. 10 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.

We urge parents to please take advantage of the daytime appointments on Wed. afternoon.

#### **Gr. 1 - 5: Pre-Schedule Appointment**

To schedule your conferences, kindly CALL the office between the hours of 8:00- 4:00 (M-Th.) and 8:00-2:00 (Fri) on ext. 102 or 100. Please do not leave a voice mail message regarding a conference date / time. The Learning Center teachers will conference with the classroom teachers. However, if this is not possible, the Learning Center teacher will schedule a phone conference at a later time.

**Procedure for Middle School:** Conferences will take place in the gym; kindly adhere to the 5- minute time period per teacher. If more time is needed, please arrange for a follow-up appointment. Thank you.

### **Notes From Nurse Pat:**

Flu Season is here! Time to get your child's flu shot (parents too!)