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19 Elul 5768 / September 19, 2008 Erev Shabbat Parashat Ki Tavo Candle Lighting : 6:39 p.m.

**This Sunday!!! - SEPT. 21<sup>ST</sup>  
WDS/PTA BACK TO SCHOOL  
CARNIVAL & BRUNCH  
10:00 AM - 1:00 PM**



WDS Klipped Kippot will be available for purchase at the Back to School Carnival \$10.00 per Klipped Kippah; 2 for \$18.00

**Upcoming Events**

**September**

Mon. 9/ 22: Photo Day: Grades 1 - 8  
Sat. 9/20: We begin saying *Selichot*  
Tues. 9/23 New Parent Reception - 6:15pm  
Meet the Teachers Ganon & K: 7:30pm  
Thurs. 9/25 Photo Day: Ganon & K  
Mon & Tue. 29-30 No Sessions:

**October**

Wed. 10/1: *Rosh Hashanah* - No Sessions  
Thurs. 10/2: Fast of *Gedaliah*  
1:40pm dismissal  
Wed. & Thurs: 10/8 & 10/9: No Sessions  
*Ever Yom Kippur & Yom Kippur*  
Mon. Tues. Wed: 10/13-15: No Sessions  
*Erev Sukkot, Sukkot, Sukkot*  
Mon. Tues. Wed: 10/20-22: No Sessions  
Erev Yom Tov & Shemini Atzeret

**Dec. 6: NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM  
...more info to follow**

**Photo Days:**

**Monday, Sept 22<sup>nd</sup> :** 1<sup>st</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> graders  
**Note:** 8<sup>th</sup> grade students are asked to wear Shabbat clothes & shoes (boys: shirt, tie, jacket ) Thank You!

**Thursday, Sept. 25<sup>th</sup>:** Ganon and Kindergarten students. The order form and return envelopes were sent home with your child. The photographer requires prepayment for all packages. Please be sure

to send your orders back ASAP along with your check.. If you have any questions, please call Tina Orlian (686-1326).

**Etrogim & Lulavim** will be available at WDS at a cost of \$42.00 per set. The Etrogim adheres to the strictest Jewish Law and are imported from Israel. If you wish to order a set, please send in your order form (attached) and check by Fri. Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**School Happenings**

...The 4<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> grades will participate in a government unit featuring the election of the school's president and vice-president. This unit will serve two purposes. First, it will allow WDS to have a student council to carry out functions the school sets for them. Second, all students will learn the process of how we elect our president. This unit will coincide with the election of the US President in November. Students will also learn about petitions, primaries, the nominating process, platform writing, speech making and campaigning. It will conclude with an elaborate voting system based on the US Electoral College. Teachers in different disciplines will all be contributing to the unit to highlight their area of expertise. This will truly be an inter-disciplinary approach to the school's election process.

Submitted by: Mr. Dan Bulgarelli

**Book Fair: Nov. 4 & 5, 2008**

The books listed as required and companion reading by the 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade teachers will be available for purchase at the Book Fair.

...Westchester Jewish Community Services (WJCS) has received a grant from UJA that seeks to further promote sound mental health and emotional functioning for day school students. With the understanding that children's social emotional health and

academic functioning are deeply intertwined, UJA hopes to boost the overall mental health of Jewish children. This grant strives to enhance the professional resources that are readily available to faculty, parents, and students of Jewish day schools, and to ensure that mental health concerns are met. It aims to prevent the development of problems and to effectively address challenges that have already arisen. As part of this grant, Samantha Katz, M.A., will be spending half a day each week with our school. With the resources of WJCS behind her, she will be working directly with the children at Westchester Day School, running groups and participating in special events.

**8<sup>th</sup> Gr. Retreat to Clubgetaway...**





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The 8<sup>th</sup> grade students are flying high (although a bit sleepy) after their wonderful two day retreat at Club Getaway. The retreat was a bonding experience where the students were afforded the opportunity to experience different activities that one does not regularly get to. Archery, bungee trampolines, night hikes and flying off a 100 foot trapeze were just some of the highlights. Our retreat included activities focusing on team-building and self awareness. The entire program was conducted in nature's classroom with a theme focusing on leadership: how it connects to the month of Elul, the upcoming presidential election and this very special year in their lives.

It was a memorable experience that will always be etched in their minds with the many others they've experienced here at WDS.



### **Mazel Tov:**

... Kudos to Atara Schonbrun, gr. 5, for donating her hair to Pantene Beautiful Lengths, which donates wigs to women stricken with cancer.

...We offer congratulations to Shai Wexler (2<sup>nd</sup> grade) and to Brandon Grant ((4<sup>th</sup> grade) reading endeavors. Both Shai and Brandon took part in the Mamaroneck Public Library's summer reading program, "Where in the World", celebrating Mamaroneck's rich cultural diversity. Shai was one of 195 students who completed the program by reading for at least five hours.

### **Condolences To:**

Family and friends on the passing of Mrs. Toby Schwarzmer. Mrs. Schwarzmer taught in our Learning Center for many dedicated years. May her memory be a blessing....

### **Notes from the Nurse Pat**

- Just a Reminder: All medical forms are due for students in Ganon, K, 2, 4 & 7 and all new students.
- WDS is a nut-free school and we ask everyone's cooperation for the safety of all our students in school and on the bus. Thank you!