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Dates to Remember:

- 9/27 Erev Yom Kippur / Kol Nidre
 - 9/28 Yom Kippur / **No Sessions**
 - 10/2 Erev Sukkot/ **No Sessions**
 - 10/3 - 4 Sukkot
 - 10/5 Chol Homoed / **No Sessions**
 - 10/8 Simchat Beit Hashoaiva
Gr. 6-8 7:00 - 9:00 PM
 - 10/9 Hoshanah Rabbah / **No Sessions**
 - 10/11 Simchat Torah
 - 10/12 Columbus Day - Regular Sessions
- NO BUSES for students in the New Rochelle, Scarsdale and Harrison School Districts**
- 10/13 Photo Day: Ganon & Kindergarten
 - 10/25 WDS Open House

to special learning sessions on the topic of Teshuva in preparation for Yom Kippur. Much thanks to Morah Ben-Bassat, Rabbi Knapp and Rabbi Rosenwasser for chaperoning, also to Rabbi Einzig for spending the day with us on Wednesday.



**An 8th Graders Experience...
By Ezra Mannis**

"This week the 8th grade went to Club Getaway. We experienced so many fun activities. We also enjoyed Divrai Torah from Jeremy Wilson and Aryeh Zapinsky. There was a fascinating class given by Rabbi Knapp - the topic of this class and trip was **Teshuva**. We said special prayers of penitence throughout the day. In the evening we had an amazing night hike followed by a bon fire. The trip was definitely a high light of our years at WDS and was truly a fun and bonding experience. Since many of us have been together for a long time, in a way this was the beginning of the end of us being together. Thanks to all our chaperones, WDS and Club Getaway for this great trip."



Edline.net

Edline is now up and running for students in gr. 1-8. Edline is a way for teachers to post homework and for you, the parents, to view a calendar of your child's assignments and tests. Activation codes were mailed to parents this past Thursday. We hope you use this and find it very helpful and informative.

Clips from the Classroom

K-H blasted into a new school and Jewish year with excitement, enthusiasm and energy. Our class has seamlessly mastered the rules, structure and routine of kindergarten. We are engrossed in so much fun and learning each day. Our busy day consists of tefilah, attendance, flag, tzedakah, lunch, free choice, calendar, weather, snack, gym, computers, library, music and finally going home. We learned all about Rosh HaShana: we decorated and sewed our own shofars and know the notes to blow; we created a giant shofar for our outside bulletin board; we colored, wrote, stamped and created cards that are laminated so we can hang them in our sukkot; we painted and "gemmed" apple napkin holders; we crayoned honey dishes; we learned the brachot, songs and read stories. We wish all of you Gemor Chatema Tovah. May we all be inscribed for a year of good health and happiness.

Submitted by: Morah Jane and Morah Sue

6th Grade Hebrew: The 6th grade was off to a rousing start this year in *Chumash* (and *Parsha*) and *Gemara*, but especially in *Dinim* (Laws), where imaginative thinking played an exciting role. For example, the 3 Shofar sounds could represent the 3 categories of people whom G-d judges on Rosh Hashanah: the straight "*tekiah*" represents the righteous, the evenly divided "*shevarim*" the average people in the middle, the broken-up "*teruah*" the wicked. Happy New Year to all!

Submitted by: Rabbi Lyle Kamlet

8th Grade Retreat...



On Wed. & Thurs our 8th graders travelled to Club Getaway in Kent, Ct. for a 2-day retreat. The retreat included activities focusing on team-building and self awareness and the entire program was conducted in nature's classroom with a theme focusing on **TESHUVA**. The retreat was a smashing success! Students took advantage of the beautiful weather and outstanding facilities to bond together as a class and challenge themselves with new and exciting sports, games and other activities. Highlights included the bungee trampoline, aerial zipline, boating and a camp fire just to name a few. One of the most exciting and challenging activities was the rock hike - it was great fun! Additional time was devoted



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Science on "Our Beach"...

On Wed. & Thurs., the fifth grade students participated in a very exciting science experience at "our beach" to enhance their current science unit on oceans. The purpose of the trip is to expand understanding of an intertidal marine ecosystem and to collect organisms for our ongoing marine tank. This experience involves two parts; the first is collecting varied intertidal marine organisms during low tide which will live in our marine tank in the science lab and be studied over the coming month. The second involves using a 15-foot seine net to collect fish.

Subsequent lab activities involve study of crabs, snails, sandworms, shrimp, bivalves, salinity, currents and develop in students an increased awareness of the importance and impact that estuaries and intertidal areas have on their lives.

Submitted by: Mrs. Shelley Lippman

Etrogim & Lulavim will be distributed at WDS on Thursday, Oct. 1st for all those who ordered a set.

Condolences To:..

... Jonathan Harris and family on the loss of his father, Raymond Harris, grandfather to Matthew (gr. 5) and Aidan (gr. 2).

Parent-to-Parent... Join us every Monday morning from 9:00 - 10:00 am in Suzi Marder's office (lower level Wolfson Hall) for skill building, discussions and "support" from your fellow parents.

News From The Nurse....

...Reminder! Physicals are due for ganon, kindergarten, gr. 2, gr. 4, gr. 7 and **all new students**. All forms are due by Oct. 23rd.

...**WDS is a nut-free environment. We have many children with LIFE-THREATENING food allergies.** Please cooperate by not allowing your child to bring in snacks that may contain traces of nuts - read all labels carefully! Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Lost & Found....

Please stop by and check the Lost & Found bins for any missing articles (jackets, shoes, hats, sneakers, sweatshirts and more).

Learning to Look... is looking for a few good men and women to become parent/teachers to our 1st - 5th grade students. No experience necessary, If interested please contact our recruiter Laurie Lebowitz at lelebowitz@aol.com or call: 654-0181.

Yearbook Fundraiser / Ice Cream:

REMINDER...Ice cream order forms and checks are due Tuesday, Sept. 29th. If you have any questions contact Shmarya Gasner at ext 153 or sgasner@westchesterday.org

PTA News....

School Photo Day:

Oct. 13 - Ganon & Kindergarten

"Parents--If you are interested in volunteering for photo day, please contact Nancy Weinberger at 648-9825."



...2009/2010 Mini Calendars

The popular and useful WDS Mini Calendars are now on sale for \$5.00 in the school office.



Community News...

October 18th - 11:00 am - 4:00 pm

"One more day of summer" at the Mamaroneck Yacht & Beach Club to benefit Beit Issie Shapiro, an organization in Israel that provides support and services to children with developmental disabilities. There will be tennis, games and activities for children, a bar-b-que lunch, food and wine tastings, music and entertainment. The cost for family (up to 5 people) is \$250 (couples are \$150.) If interested, please contact tgribetz@yahoo.com or ew@afobis.org.