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Dates to Remember:

- 9/18 Erev Rosh Hashanah
No Sessions
- 9/19& 20 Rosh Hashanah
- 9/21 Fast of Gedaliah
1:40 Dismissal
- 9/22 New Parent Reception 6:30pm
Meet the Teachers G & K 7:30 Lunchroom
Meet the Teachers Gr. 6-8 7:30 Castle Shul
School Photo Day Grades 1-8
- 9/23-24 8th Gr. Retreat, Camp GetAway in Kent, Ct.
- 9/27 Erev Yom Kippur / Kol Nidre
- 9/28 Yom Kippur / **No Sessions**

Lukashok, Ilana Englander, Nancy Weinberger, the 7 & 8th grade girls and boys, Coach K, Bob Price and the maintenance staff, Chef Adam and the kitchen staff and all the numerous volunteers who made the carnival run so smoothly. You all made it look so easy! Thank you! (To view all photos go to our website/photo gallery/school photos)

... Joshua Goldschmidt on becoming a Bar Mitzvah.
... Michael Kesselman on becoming a Bar Mitzvah.

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, send in your order form (attached) and check by Friday, Sept. 25th. They will be distributed at WDS on Oct. 1st.

AFTER SCHOOL PICK UP / MON. 9/21 for After School Science, Girls Sports and Boys Sports is at **2:45 P.M.**



Welcome... We would like to welcome Ms. Sara Kranzler to WDS for the 2009-2010 school year. Ms. Kranzler is a Psy.D. candidate at Ferkauf's School/Clinical Program. As an extern, she will be working throughout the grades under the supervision of Dr. Sharona Benoff and Mrs. Suzie Marder to support our students as well as work with our faculty and staff.

WDS/PTA Back To School Carnival...



The Carnival held last Sunday, was a tremendous success, providing lots of fun and entertainment for kids of all ages! The weather was magnificent and the true spirit of WDS (bright, sunny, and contagious) shone through - what a great way to start the new year! The rides, crafts and activities all contributed to a wonderful afternoon with friends and family! The Carnival Chairs and the PTA Presidents would like to acknowledge the following people who helped make the 2009 Back to School Carnival a huge hit! They are: Rachel Goldman, Pattie Castellani, Paula Gilder, Kenny Sadinoff, Linda Zucker, Rachel



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.

Clips From The Classroom...

First Grade has embarked on a great adventure; beginning the process of learning to read. The children have been introduced to their first poem, which they will bring home to read to their families this Shabbat. They are so excited and proud! Mrs. Greenberg was amazed to hear each class read the poem, "Me", so beautifully. The students are reviewing the sounds of all the consonants and will soon start to blend them with vowels as they learn to decode. In math, we have begun making many beautiful and intricate patterns. The first grade team is looking forward to a terrific and productive year with your children!
Submitted by: Mrs. Briks

Important Bus Information

We have just been informed that **Scarsdale UFSD will NOT transport students** to private/parochial schools on the following dates when the Scarsdale District will be closed: Mon., Oct. 12; Tues., Nov. 3; Dec 21 - Jan. 1; Feb. 15-19. It will be the parents' responsibility to transport to and from school. Thank you. (See attached flyer from Scarsdale UFSD.)

Mazel Tov To:

... Dr. Daniel & Mrs. Cheryl Pollack-Gold on the birth of a baby boy.



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...Physical Education: How wonderful to be back and playing on our magnificent fields. Fall physical education is, as often as possible, conducted out-of-doors. Our students can be found on the softball and soccer fields as they improve skills in both sports. Football is a favorite and even our girls are enjoying 2-hand touch. Please remember that sneakers (preferably tied ones) are required for all physical education classes.

Submitted by: Mrs. Lewis & Mr. Kaufman

... ELA - In room 308, the 2009-2010 school year is off and running, and clearly we have a great group of well-prepared students who are ready to settle in and learn! The 6th grade is beginning to work in their *Grammar, Usage, and Mechanics (GUM)* textbooks, and are exploring more precise and communicative use of the same parts of speech in their creative writing using the *Hot Fudge Monday (HFM)* book. Within the next few weeks, the students will be introduced to the rudiments of literary analysis, and we'll begin the first novel, *The Watsons go to Birmingham - 1963*. In vocabulary, the students will be introduced to word roots, prefixes and suffixes, and will learn the key skill of how to attack a new word by utilizing word map graphic organizers. In 7th grade, the students immediately jumped right into academic work by learning how to write a compare/contrast essay. In preparation for our first novel, *Roll of Thunder, Hear my Cry*, the students are learning how to write a research report, using their *Strategies for Writers* textbooks and practice workbooks. They will practice finding sources on the web and in the library, taking notes, and utilizing MLA parenthetical citation. The techniques they learn will assist them in the larger research report that they will write in Social Studies later in the year, and again in eighth grade. In addition to the formal study of writing, the students will have the

opportunity periodically to write more creatively and independently. On Sept. 11th, after hearing an extremely moving presentation by Mrs. Ilana Schreiber, a WDS parent who witnessed the attacks, all ELA students in both 6th & 7th grades had the opportunity to write about their thoughts, feelings, and concerns on this day. Some wrote poems, some letters to the firefighters and police, and some wrote about their memories and thoughts regarding the tragedy. Many of the students shared their work with the class, and the level of maturity and empathy they demonstrated was magnificent. Submitted by: Mrs. Piven-Kehrle

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.

HOCKEY NEWS....

The second Hockey tryout for boys in grades 6-8 will be on Wednesday, Sept. 30th from 7:00 - 8:30 pm.



BASKETBALL NEWS....

Mr. "K" will be announcing when the basketball tryout will begin.



LEARNING TO LOOK...

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



PTA News....

The Westchester Day School PTA would like to thank our sponsoring families for making this year's Rosh Hashanah Card Campaign so successful. We apologize to the following families who participated but were inadvertently omitted:
Jill & David Blumenthal
Noelle & Joel Levin
Linda & Jay Zucker
Best Wishes for a Shana Tova,
The WDS PTA

School Photo Day:

Sept. 22 - grades 1-8
Note: Grade 8 students should dress as follows for their Yearbook pictures. Boys: shirt & tie, sports jacket or suit. Girls: in an appropriate and modest fashion following the school dress code, no low necklines - Shabbat attire & shoes.
Oct. 13 - Ganon & Kindergarten



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

2009/2010 Mini Calendars

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

