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Dates to Remember:

- 10/2 Erev Sukkot/ No Sessions
- 10/3 - 4 Sukkot
- 10/5 Chol Homoed / No Sessions
- 10/8 Simchat Beit HaShoava
Gr. 5-8 7:00 - 9:00 PM
- 10/9 Hoshanah Rabbah / No Sessions
- 10/10 Shemini Atzeret
- 10/11 Simchat Torah
- 10/12 Columbus Day - Regular Sessions

NO BUSES for students in New Rochelle, Scarsdale and Harrison School Districts.

- 10/13 Photo Day: Ganon & Kindergarten
- 10/25 WDS Open House

WESTCHESTER DAY SCHOOL
INVITES PARENTS AND STUDENTS
OF GRADES 5, 6, 7 & 8
FOR A SIMCHAT BEIT HASHOIVA
FEATURING:
MUSIC, DANCING, DESSERT
& DIVREI TORAH
DATE: THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8TH
TIME: 7:00 - 9:00 P.M.
WHERE: CASTLE SHUL
(PROGRAM)
WDS SUKKAH (FOOD)



SUKKOT ACTIVITIES

- Kindergarten - Apple Picking at Dr. Davies Farm, Congers, NY. followed by a picnic lunch in the sukkah of the Hebrew Institute of White Plains.
- 1st & 2nd Graders will have "wacky Olympics" at WDS
- 3rd Grade to Boro Park visiting several magnificent Sukkot and a "mini amusement park." They will celebrate by eating a seuda in honor of Sukkot at the large sukkah at Mendel's pizza
- 4th & 5th Grades will participate in a

special "sukkah hop", visiting several sukkot in New Rochelle and Scarsdale

- Grades 6 & 7 will visit senior residents at the Esplanade in White Plains. They will bring lulavim and etrogim, sing songs and create a holiday atmosphere. Lunch will be eaten in the Sukkah of the Young Israel of White Plains.
- Grade 8 will visit Kittay House and have lunch in their sukkah

AFTER SCHOOL DATES:

- ...Oct. 7: No after school Torah Bowl
- ...Oct. 8: No after school BJE

Clips from the Classroom

Grade 2: Since the beginning of the year, *kitah bet* transitioned nicely from the summer to full-time students, eager and happy to learn. The children were introduced to the *Chumash*, starting from *parshat Lech-Lecha*, following Avram's departure from *Charan* to the land of Canaan. The children are excited to learn the real *Chumash*. At the same time, we were very busy learning all about Rosh HaShanah and Yom Kippur, through our new program, Tal-Am. The children enjoy singing and discussion in the classroom, relating what we learn into their celebration at home. I wish everybody a happy Sukkot.

Submitted by: Morah Yehudit Rossler

Grade 5: The 5th grade is off to a great start. We have accomplished much since the beginning of school. As part of our Tal Am program, the 5th grade theme is: "Thinking and Acting Class." We wrote about what kind of students we would like to be this year and also carried the connection between the moon and the Hebrew calendar. We read a story about why the moon is covered on Rosh Hashana. On Yom Kippur, we read the story of Yona. Along the way, we are learning grammar, Navi and the Book of Judges. Our objective is to be a thinking and acting class.

Submitted by: 5E Students from Morah Ronit's class

Grade 6: The students are adapting well to the challenges of middle school science. Skill in using and reading the text properly, taking notes, organization and long term planning takes time to develop. We began with a discussion of what areas physical science includes which led to explanations of matter and energy, physics and chemistry and, most important, how they relate to everyday aspects of students' lives. This leads to scientific methodology as an approach to problem solving and will include measurement skills and lab equipment and math applications for solving equations as we determine area, volume and density of substances. Lots of practice with activities, involving observations, testing hypotheses, collecting and evaluating data and forming conclusions form a solid basis for future topics and an exciting start to 6th grade!
Submitted by: Mrs. Shelley Lippman

Condolences To:

...Dr. Gerald Soff & family on the passing of his father, Charles Soff, grandfather to Samuel (gr. 6) and father-in-law to Laurie Popiel.

Students in the News...

...Please look in the October 3rd issue of the *Westchester Jewish Life* for an article written by our own 7th grader, Joshua Blustein. His article describes the moving 9/11 assembly presented to our Middle School students as well as the "Character Counts" Midot Program initiated by Rabbi Stephen Knapp, Judaic Studies Assistant Principal.

...The Mamaroneck and New Rochelle, October 9 or October 16^h editions of *The Sound & Town Report*, will feature an article by our own eighth grader, Deborah Farago. Deborah's article fills us in on the exciting events of the Eighth Grade Retreat held on Sept. 23 and 24.



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We are very proud of Josh and Deborah for these accomplishments and we look forward to future articles to be written by other students. These articles were submitted to the newspapers by Mrs. Greenberg. Thank you!

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.



Basketball News:..

...7th & 8th grade girls' tryouts will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 7th from 6:00 - 7:30 pm in the WDS gym.
... 7th & 8th grade boys' tryouts will be held on Friday, Oct. 16th from 1:40 - 2:45pm in the WDS gym.

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."



SCHOOL PHOTO RETAKE DAY

Photo retake day will be on Monday, Nov. 23rd. Any questions, Call Nancy Weinberger. Thank you.



2009/2010 POCKET CALENDARS

WDS pocket Calendars are now on sale for \$5.00 in the school office.

Community News:

... Sunday, Oct. 18th 1:00 PM.:
Knicks vs. Maccabi at Madison Square Garden. All funds raised go to help orphaned and disadvantaged children in Migdal Ohr in Israel. For more info contact call 212 397-3700 or go to: www.migdalohrusa.org