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Dates to Remember:

- 11/9: Krystallnacht assembly
PAPAS meeting 7:30PM
At the home of Helene Walisever/Berkson
RSVP: hwalisev@optonline.net
- 11/10 -11 WDS/PTA Book Fair
- 11/11: * **No Sessions** - Veterans' Day
Parent/Teacher Conferences Gr. 1-8
2:00-5:00 & 5:45 - 8:45
- 11/17-18: Rosh Chodesh Kislev
- 11/18: Matan Bat Mitzvah Program
6th gr. girls & their mothers 6:30-8:30 pm
- 11/21: Reenactment of the Landing of the
Mayflower on our beach by Ganon &
Kindergarten
- 11/23 School Photo Re-Take Day
- 11/25: **NOTE: CHANGE IN DISMISSAL**
DISMISSAL TIME WILL BE AT 1:40PM
No Bus Service for New Rochelle School
District, Grades K-6 ONLY! All other
buses will be transporting.
- 11/26 & 27: **No Sessions** - Thanksgiving

Mazel Tov to:

...Morah Erica & Eytan Yadlovker on the birth of a baby girl, Sara Shoshana.
... Samantha & Baruch (WDS'93) Koutcher on the birth of a baby girl. (Morah Samantha is our psychology intern through WJCS)

ELECTION NEWS...

HOT OFF THE PRESS!

Mazel Tov to our new Student Council and to all the candidates who ran such an exciting campaign.
President: Jeremy Wilson
Vice President: Shoshana Marder
Treasurer: David Zucker
Secretary: Sara Bernstein
The following candidates will be on the 2009-2010 Student Council:
Ezra Mannis, Esther Douer,
Daniel Alexander, Avidan Rudansky, and Matt Rosenblatt.
Congratulations to all & good luck!

School Happenings...

We were pleased to welcome Ilana York to WDS on Friday. She is our Tal Am liaison and is here from Israel. She visited our school and met with Rabbi Einzig and all the Hebrew Language teachers in Grades 1 - 5. We are very happy and privileged to be part of the Tal Am Hebrew Language Program sponsored by Avi Chai. This meeting is a follow up from the convention that Rabbi Einzig attended last week. Mrs. York shared with us the new Hebrew curriculum regarding Chankukah. It was a very informative meeting and Mrs. York was impressed with our school and faculty.

WDS/PTA BOOK FAIR: Nov. 10-12

The Book Fair will be open from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm on Tuesday and from 2:00 - 10:00 pm on Wednesday. We will be open Wednesday throughout Parent Teacher Conferences. Gr. K-8 will visit the Book Fair on Tuesday (see schedule below). Main Street Books will provide English books as well as a selection of Judaic books. In addition, Sifrutake will provide us with new and interesting Hebrew Language books. The 'Wish List' order form and payment must be returned to the Book Fair no later than Thursday, Nov. 12th.



Book Fair Schedule: Tues. Nov. 10th.

1H & 3H	9:30 - 9:50
4H & 7E	9:55 - 10:15
5H	10:20 - 10:40
6E & 7H	11:00 - 11:20
2H	11:10 - 11:30
6H & 8E	11:40 - 12:00
KH & KJ	12:50 - 1:10
2E & 3E	1:15 - 1:35
1E & 5E	1:45 - 2:05
4E	2:15 - 2:40
8H	2:40 - 3:00

WDS SPIRIT WEAR will be available

for purchase at the Book Fair. Sweatshirts, shirts, etc. from child small to adult XL ... and magnets, knapsacks and much more will be on sale. Be sure to stop at the Spirit Wear table during the Book Fair - be a part of the spirit wave!

WDS Roving Reporter!

By Ezra Mannis (8th Grader)
I would like to start off by congratulating (my favorite team!)
The 27-Time World Series Champions - The New York Yankees!!!



... In preparation for the Student Council elections on Friday, the candidates campaigned throughout the week. Candidates have been busy spreading their message through flyers and posters and they will deliver their final speeches on Friday morning - trying to get as many votes as they can. A new student body leadership will voted in on Friday. The 8th graders are also buzzing about their Yearbook. Each 8th grader was given a responsibility for the Yearbook and voted on a theme - the results will be known shortly. ...Ganon Bet studied the season of Fall first-hand by collecting different colored leaves and pine cones from our grounds. The children are all excited with their "collection". Shabbat Shalom!

Clips from the Classroom

Ganon Dalet: We were very busy this week in Ganon Dalet. We continue to learn about the Parsha. This weeks Parsha was Parshat Vayera. Just like Avraham invited guests into his tent, the children in Ganon Dalet practiced how they were going to act when they have guests in their homes. It was exciting to watch the children invite their friends to play with them and some of them even washed each others feet just like Avraham. The children made guest hangers to hang up their friend's coats when they come for a play date and they also made a



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four door tent just like Abraham's. The letter of the week was "T". T is for tent that is how the letter was introduced to the class. We decorated the letter "T" with torn tape, the children generated a list of "T" words and we practiced making the letter "T" with our bodies. Autumn continues to be an ongoing theme in our classroom. This week the children became painters as they painted their versions of how trees look in the fall. We are very excited to start learning about Thanksgiving. Submitted by: Mora Meredith Rosenblatt

Grade 2: The children are studying communities and how they can become a good member of their community. We have started to read our first non-fiction informational text of the year about communities, and the children are learning how to use a table of contents, and a glossary. As an extension to this unit, the children are writing a three paragraph persuasive essay trying to convince the reader to move to their community. Look for our essays outside the second grade class soon! We have also finished reading our first class chapter book, **Busybody Nora**. The children enjoyed meeting all of the new characters and reading their stories. While reading the book, the children worked on answering questions in full sentences, dictionary skills, and learning about synonyms and antonyms. The children are anxiously waiting to start our next chapter book! We have been very busy in second grade. Submitted by: Mrs. Dina Lehon

Middle School Math

The 7th grade students began the year working with decimals, integers, algebraic equations and inequalities. They have now moved on to exponents, factors, and fractions. Coming soon will be the study of ratios, rates, and proportions. This will be a very busy and productive year.

Our advanced 7th grade students began the year studying the topics of integers, algebraic equations and inequalities. Our current area involves graphing in the coordinate plane. Graphing and using equations with two variables, understanding slope, using the y-intercept, and transformations will be explored. Our near future includes real numbers and applications of proportions.

Our 8th grade students have been busy in math. The topics studied topics have included integers, algebraic equations and inequalities. We are currently graphing in the coordinate plane and included concepts are slope, translations, reflections, symmetry, and rotations. We will then move on to real numbers, and proportions.

The advanced 8th grade students have been spending their senior year studying algebra. Thus far they have explored the following topics: functions, patterns, measures of central tendency, rational numbers, and probability of compound events. We are currently involved with equations and proportions. Solving inequalities and graphing are next on the agenda. It will be very exciting when we turn our attention to systems of equations and inequalities, factoring, and quadratic/radical/rational equations. Submitted by: Mrs. Sandra Seckular

School Happenings:

Chesed - This month's tzedakah collection will be donated to Bnei Rafael Chesed Organization, a kosher food pantry and distributor of food to poor people throughout the NY area. Please be generous. Tzedakah will be collected on Rosh Chodesh Kislev. Thank you.

REMEMBER THE CHILDREN: ONE CRAYON AT A TIME...1.5 million children perished in the Holocaust. We are asking our Middle School students to donate new boxes of crayons to honor their memory. The

crayons will be distributed to children from low income educational and healthcare facilities. There is a large bin in the Castle Shul to deposit crayon donations. **This special project will run from Oct. 26 - Nov. 9th - Krystallnacht.**

Acts of Chesed:

... Eden Shmuel (grade 2) donated her long beautiful hair to "Locks for Love" - an organization that makes wigs for children undergoing cancer treatment.

Hockey News:

A Hockey Team e-mail account has been established through Edline. Please make sure you registered your account to receive all hockey communications.

PTA News:

SCHOOL PHOTO RETAKE DAY

Picture retakes will be Monday, Nov. 23rd. Please return your photo package to the PTA box in the school office and send an email to nancy_weinberger@msn.com for this or any other photo issues. Please keep your group photo as this will not be retaken. Thanks!

Learning To Look:

Learning to Look has gotten off to a fabulous start this year. We are studying American Art from Colonial times to the 1890's. This week our children were introduced to John Singleton Copely's portrait of Daniel Crommelin Verplanck. Copley is considered to be one of America's first great artists and the finest American artist of the Eighteenth century. The kids also looked at one of Charles Willson Peale's portraits of George Washington. The discussions of the paintings focused on using the Elements of Art to appreciate how the artists composed their paintings. The first graders then made their own Elements of Art booklets which they brought home. The older students drew self portraits with craypas which were left in school to become



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part of their Learning to Look portfolios.
Ask your first through fifth graders about Learning to Look and the Elements of Art and you will be amazed by their knowledge of art appreciation. At the end of the year we will be going to the Metropolitan Museum of Art to view the original paintings that we are studying in school.. Shabbat Shalom
Submitted by: Laurie Lebowitz

Community Events:

... **Sunday, Nov. 22: 2:00 - 3:00 pm**
Emelin Theatre in Mam'k. WDS parent, Mrs. Vered Reznik-Wexler (mother of Shai 3H) will be performing in an interactive family concert with storytelling and classical music, called "Animal Wisdom". It includes Aesop's fables and other animal stories. This event is sponsored by The Village of Mamaroneck Arts Council. Tickets are \$5.00 - for more info call: 698-0098.

...**JBL is back!** Jewish Basketball League!
New & Improved! New coaches, updated approach! Season Begins Sunday Nov. 15th.
Girls: K-6th grade; Boys: K-4th grade.
For more info, or to register, please visit www.jblhoops.org or contact jblhoops@yahoo.com