



Newsletter

3 Kislev 5770

November 20, 2009

Torah Portion: Toldot

Candlelighting: 4:11 p.m.

Jewish Book Fair

Our school Book and Gift Fair opened just in time for Chanukah. Please stop by to view and place your orders.

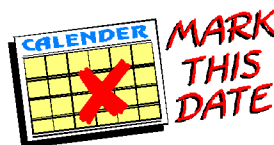
If you would like to donate a book in response to a class "wish list" request, you may do so at the Book Fair. The Book Fair closes on Wednesday, November 25. All purchases must be paid for by this date. We thank you for your support.

Congratulations to Moshe Hecht, Grade 4, and Rivka Meltzer, Grade 5, who were crowned as "King and Queen of the Book Fair." The "royal" winners, who were chosen through a raffle drawing, received a \$10 certificate toward a purchase at the Book Fair.

The library Book Parade will take place at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, November 23. Get those wheels ready!

Our "Soup for the Soul" event was a huge success. This would not have happened without our fabulous team and their great effort. A huge "thank-you" goes to our library committee, Jeanne Waknine (Chair), Chaya Drukier, Talia Iorfino, Nellie Rabinowitz, Sharon Risch, Melissa Rosenay, Gitty Silver and Dina Weisman. You are the best! Also, a very special "thank-you" to Nava Benichoov, Susan Rogol and Ann Epstein for their generous participation.

We also extend thanks to Martha Seldon, Florence Radin, and Harold Levitz, residents at Tower East, for coming in to read to our preschoolers and children in grades 1 & 2. The readers did an excellent job, and the children loved having them here.



Reminders

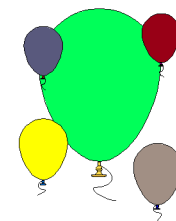
Mrs. Pacileo's 5th grade students will present "Meshka the Kvetch" at a school assembly on Tuesday, November 24, at 11:15 a.m. Parents are invited.

Preschool and kindergarten will have their annual Thanksgiving celebration on Wednesday, November 25, at 11:10 a.m. for preschool and 11:30 for kindergarten.

Classes dismiss at 12 noon on the 25th and will not be in session Thursday, November 26 and Friday, November 27. Classes resume Monday, November 30.

Classroom Clips

Rabbi Wilhelm is very proud of his children's accomplishments in First Grade. The class finished two books: Ariot I and Shalom Bakita. They read a story about Adon Balon (Mr. Balloon) in connection with the letter vov and the colors in Hebrew. The children had a surprise visit by a "real" Adon Balon - Mr. Reuven Russell, who came and made special balloons for each student. Thank you Mr. Russell for bringing such excitement to the class.



Children in Morah Mushky's 2nd grade practice their reading through the recitation of a Chapter of Psalms each day. The class goal is to complete the 150 chapters by the end of the year while gaining proficiency in reading.

Congratulations to Rabbi Hartmann's 7/8 grade class upon completing the Torah Portion of Korach. With the help of Google Earth, the students are also coming up with surprising results as they navigate toward the correct direction in prayer, facing Jerusalem.

Students-of-the-Month

We commend the following students who were named Students-of-the-Month for November:

Good Character

Aliza Ting
Sara Katz
Mendel Hodakov

Best Effort

Rivkah Meltzer
Yitzchak Sandman
Reut Bongart

Academic Achievement

Adina Katz
Avraham Yaffe
Yaacov Hecht
Rivkah Salhanick



Keep up the good work!

Sparks of Light

The BCA and 7/8 grade girls' drama classes under the supervision of Mrs. Russell, invite all women and girls to their pre-Chanukah presentation, "Sparks of Light." The girls will present original stories, monologues and scenes, proving that "words create worlds." The performance takes place Thursday evening, December 10, 7:00 p.m. at school. Mark your calendar.

Report Cards

The 1st marking period closes on November 25. Report cards will be distributed in time for Parent-Teacher Conferences which are scheduled for Monday, December 7. Conferences will begin at 6 p.m. for preschool and kindergarten, and 7 p.m. for grades 1-8 and BCA. Sign-up sheets will be out in the front lobby during the week of November 30. Please remember to sign up for your conferences.

**Count your blessings
and make every day
a Thankful one!**



SMART Classroom

The 6th grade has gotten a little bit SMARTer with the addition of our SMART Board, an interactive white board. Ms. Foti and her students are ecstatic to have it in their classroom and use it everyday. It helps us review our spelling, organize our division problems and makes learning more fun.

Mr. Sills, Technology Director, hopes this is only the beginning of technological advancement to appear in all the classrooms. The goal is to have all classrooms outfitted with this interactive educational tool.

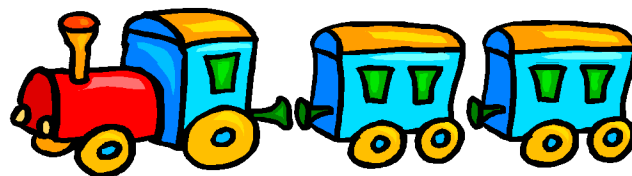
Bake Sale

The PTO Bake Sale takes place Monday, November 23. Orders for apple or pumpkin pies and mini-challahs can be turned in to Laura in the office. If you can volunteer for a baking shift on Sunday, November 22, or Monday, November 23, please call Gitty Francis at 203-389-5278.



Toy Drive

As we approach Chanukah, Share-a-Smile activities help our children brighten the lives of others. 6th graders have already started on their Share-a-Smile project, collecting new toys for special need children that will be distributed through "The Friendship Circle" in memory of little 3-year old Shula Swerdlov, obm. A toy collection box has been set-up in the front lobby. Other class projects soon to be announced.



Mazel Tov To:

Mr. & Mrs. Nir Bongart upon Reut's becoming a Bat Mitzvah. May you have much nachat from her.