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The Arie Crown Motto

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Upcoming Events

- 12-21 Mon. 4G Shiras Devorah - 9:00 AM sharp in the Bais Medrash
- 12-21 Mon. Soup with Bagel Lunch
- 12-23 Wed. Pizza Lunch
- 12-24 Thu. through Sunday, 1-3 No School – Winter Vacation
- 1-4 Mon. School Resumes

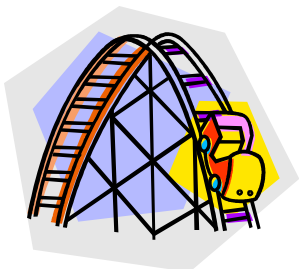


Final Call! In order to express Hakoras Hatov to our very devoted teachers, we present them with "Chanukah Gelt" that is collected from each child. We suggest \$10.00 for full day students and \$5.00 for half-day students (Pre-Nursery and Nursery). Children enrolled in the Nursery Extended Program are considered full day students. If you have not handed yours in to the office yet, please send it in by Monday, December 21st in an envelope marked "Chanukah Gelt." Thank you!



Attention all Arie Crown Artists: It's never too early to enter artwork for the S.O.A.R. (Student's Outstanding Artistic Recognition Exhibit). You may submit your work to Mrs. Ozmina or Mrs. Pinsky. Please remember: 8x11 unlined paper or a little larger, no 3D artwork. Also, please do not laminate any work. Thank you.

The S.O.A.R. Committee



Do you want to earn a free ticket to Great America? The Six Flags Read to Succeed Program has begun. Each student in K-6 that reads for 6 hours and returns the log sheet between now and February 6th will earn one free ticket to Great America. Extra log sheets are available in the front office.

Schoolbelles' Annual Winter Sale is going on now through January 3, 2010! Save between 25 and 50%. Visit their website at www.schoolbelles.com for more information.

Luach

- 12-18 Candle Lighting Time-4:01 PM
- 12-19 Shabbos Parshas Mikeitz Sof Z'man Kriyas Shema-9:31 AM



Attention Parents: Please do NOT send hot drinks with your children to school, even if the drinks are covered. Thank you for your cooperation.

The Administration

School Closing Information

In the event that Arie Crown will have a school closing, please take note of the following:



1. A Calling Post will be made to all parents and faculty.
2. Go to www.emergencyclosing.com You will have an option to do a "status search" or you can register your e-mail address and they will notify you.
3. Tune your radio to WBBM 780 or WGN 720 for a list of school closings.



Attention! The library still needs YOU! If you have any time to give, (and would like to earn great give/get credit!) please call Esther Weiner at 773-764-6692.

The first lost and found items have been donated. To avoid having your items donated over winter break, please make sure to look at the items hanging across from K109. There are coats, uniform shirts, uniform sweatshirts, sports equipment, and warm weather gear just to name a few items. Many labeled articles were returned to students instead of having to be donated. Help us help you by making sure your child's clothing items have at least their last name on them, and if possible, a first name or phone number. All unclaimed items will be given to charity before winter break.

Homework Club
a.k.a. "After School Study Hall"

The Homework Club is held under the supervision of Ms. Nicole Serpico (room 310) on Mondays and Wednesdays and Mrs. Judy Whisler (room 201) on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The cost is \$5 per session for a pay-as-you-go option. A pack of twenty sessions may be purchased for \$80. For each additional child in the family, a 20 session pack may be purchased for \$70. Contact Ms. Serpico or Mrs. Whisler with any questions or concerns you have regarding this program at mrswhisler@gmail.com; or njserpico@hotmail.com.

Health Corner



It's time for some old-fashioned winter fun.

A few precautions can help ensure that children stay safe while playing outside. Dress kids in warm, water-resistant layers with a hat, scarf, mittens (they keep hands warmer than gloves) and boots. Make sure they take indoor breaks every 30 to 40 minutes, since children lose body heat faster than adults, and have them drink water and wear sunscreen -- dehydration and sunburn also occur in the winter. If safety gear is recommended for a specific sport, be certain kids are wearing it.

Sledding

To keep these favorite activities safe and enjoyable, the National Safe Kids Campaign in Washington, DC, reminds parents to check that the sled is free of sharp edges and that the handholds are sturdy. Teach kids to always sit with their feet forward -- head and abdominal injuries occur more frequently when they lie down -- and wear a helmet. The best place to sled is on packed snow, not ice, in an area that is free of obstacles and far away from traffic. Pick hills that end in flat planes, and always examine the hill for tree stumps or rocks that may be partially covered by snow. A designated area where the entire community goes sledding is best.

Ice-Skating

It's okay for kids as young as 4 to skate as long as they're steady walkers and can balance on one foot for more than 15 seconds. Children should skate in the same direction as the crowd; avoid darting across the ice, and throw away gum or candy to prevent choking in case of falls. Some experts are now urging that skaters 6 and under wear helmets to prevent head injuries.

Skiing and Snowboarding

Children can hit the slopes at age 4 or 5, but they should take at least one professional lesson first and they should NEVER SKI ALONE. Head injuries are the leading cause of skiing or snowboarding related deaths, says Stuart Weinstein, M.D., professor of orthopedic surgery at the University of Iowa in Iowa City and spokesman for the American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons, so helmets specifically designed for skiing are a must. (Many ski schools now require them). Snowboarders should use wrist-guards, since there is an increased risk of wrist fractures from falls.

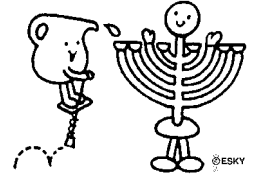
Most important, no matter what winter sport you do, children should always be supervised by adults.

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Boys' Student Council Update

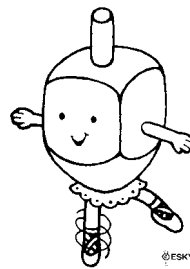
What a carnival! Boys in grades 3 and up played some wonderful games in honor of Chanukah and Rosh Chodesh. I'm very proud of how the boys brainstormed to come up with many original booths. A special thank you to Ami Atkin who is not officially part of Student Council but volunteered his time at night and came early to set up the carnival. Thank you to Mrs. Matanky for your input and creative ideas. We had an array of booths including:

- The Latka Toss
- Fill the Donut
- Dreidel Spin
- Chanukah Dart Game
- Chanukah Hockey Game
- Oil Bowling Game



The boys then earned some oily popcorn and delicious Chanukah Gelt. We have a few close winners for the Chanukah Gelt Jar Guess. There were 504 coins in the jar. Yonatan Gershman, Judah Ripstein and Osher Kalif all guessed 500! Shua Aronson won the Create Words from Phrase Contest! Thank you to all the 8th graders who pitched in to man the booths -- and even more -- the cleanup was most helpful. Fun was had by all.

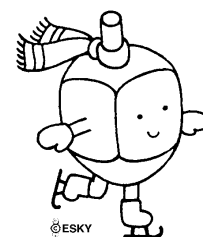
Rabbi Pomerantz



Oh dreidel, dreidel, dreidel.... This week in Mrs. Dubovick's 4th grade girls' class, we're practicing for Shiras Devorah a lot! We all got our parts for the performance. On Motzoei Shabbos, December 12th, we had a Chanukah party at Mrs. Dubovick's house. Everyone came, and we had a blast! We learned what it means to eat Melave Malka and enjoyed a yummy one! There won't be another Chanukah with two Shabbasos in it for 17 years! We enjoyed our 3rd Rosh Chodesh Store on Thursday, Rosh Chodesh Kislev! Have a good Shabbos and a good Chodesh!

By Tamar Dimbert, Hannah Levitan, and Chaya Gertsberg

EARLY CHILDHOOD



A wooden dreidel that spins I painted bright,
 My painted tile Menorah I light each night.
 The silver latke pan is a gift for you,
 Stained glass window decorations I painted too!
 With my Yehuda Macabee puppet I can show, you see-
 Of the battle and the oil jug that made history!
 A carnival at school with fun games to play-
 Chocolate gelt, latkes for a class party, hooray!
 Chanukah in Nursery 102 was so great
 Until next year comes I just can't wait!

Morah Chaya Minkus' Nursery 102

We are on the look out for the following items for future projects:

- Tennis Balls
- Tennis Ball containers
- Empty Pringles cans
- Oatmeal Containers
- Digital Camera

Thank you for your support!!!

This week in Mrs. Whisler's 4th grade class, we were supposed to go to Emily Oaks, but the lake was frozen. However, we are still learning about water. At recess Shmuel got an injury, and we hope he gets better. In Rabbi Levinson's class, we are going to get hot dogs at Kirshner's and have the zechus ticket raffle there. Rabbi Levinson is so nice because he provides the opportunity for us to enjoy the prizes and meal. On Wednesday, we had a Chanukah carnival in the gym. We wish you a happy Chanukah!



Good Shabbos from Avrumi Adler, Sruli Silver and the rest of Mrs. Whisler's 4B class



This week in Mrs. Pinsky's 3rd grade boys' class, we are about to finish our unit in reading. In cursive, we just started down curve letters. For Chanukah, we are making a menorah out of paper links.

From Sammy Hunt and Doni Miretzky

On Wednesday in Mrs. Ozmina's 1st grade class we learned more about number lines, both vertical and horizontal. We added and subtracted. Some of us are doing much better at, *Handwriting Without Tears*. We learn more and more every day, and we love school.



By Zoe Nussbaum, Rechel Langer, Ariella Mayer, Tami Simon and Baila Kost

ARIE CROWN

The Arie Crown Family would like to extend a Mazel Tov to:

Weddings/Engagements

Rabbi and Mrs. Joel Gutstein and Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Cherney on the marriage of their children, Yehuda (class of '99) and Leslie (class of '02)

Dr. and Mrs. Irv Birnbaum and Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Bogachkov on the marriage of their children, Yedida (class of '02) and Abraham (class of '01)

Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan Keefe on the engagement of their daughter, Chaya (class of '02) to Zevy Stark

Bar/Bas Mitzvahs

Mr. and Mrs. Zave Domsky on the Bas Mitzvah of their daughter, Aliza

Dr. Steve Edelmuth and Mrs. Pam Edelmuth on the Bas Mitzvah of their daughter, Maya

The Arie Crown Family would like to express condolences to Mr. Ken Avner on the loss of his mother, Mrs. Frances Avner, a"h. Shiva will begin in Chicago on Sunday, at 3274 Prestwick Lane in Northbrook, at 8:00 PM with a Ma'ariv Minyan at 9:00 PM, through Tuesday morning. Shacharis Monday and Tuesday: 6:30 AM. May he be comforted among the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem and know of no further bereavement.

Claudio Munoz and his family would like to thank Arie Crown and everyone who helped us during this time of need. Thank you all. We will never forget all the help you gave us.

Mazel Tov to our daughter and sister, Aliza Sarah, on the celebration of your Bat Mitzvah. We are so proud of the wonderful young lady that you have become.

With love, Mommy, Abba, Bracha, Rafi and Ashira

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Children's Swim Lessons return to the Mayer Kaplan JCC this January! Mayer Kaplan JCC is offering American Red Cross Learn-to-Swim Classes beginning in January! American Red Cross is recognized as the industry leader in teaching kids to swim. Some benefits of this program include: * Children learn fundamental aquatics skills and pool safety. * Excellent instruction from qualified teachers. * Small classes that ensure individual attention. * Special discount rate for current JCC early childhood members and campers. * Bringing Jewish values to life in a fun and safe learning environment. Don't miss out on the fun! Register online at www.gojcc.org or call 847.763.3500 to reserve your spot today! For more information, contact Myra Orlinsky at 773.516.5855 or morlinsky@gojcc.org.

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Energy Program Updates: The People's Gas attic insulation rebate program has been extended for a limited time, and is now offering an instant rebate option to its customers. A 75% rebate (up to \$750) can be deducted from the total cost of the job at the time of installation. The average home attic out of pocket cost is now only \$350, of which most or all can be deductible as a tax refund at the end of the year. Attic insulation is proven to be the most cost effective way to reduce home energy bills. Call Steinhardt Builders, at 847-677-2299 to start saving \$\$\$ on your heating bills this winter.

Join Super Science this Sunday! Team Discovery for Grades 1-3 boys and girls; 10:00-11:30 AM – this week's topic is, "Surface Area". Team Invention for Grades 4-6; girls-1:00-2:15; boys-2:45-4:00 – this week's project is, "The Miracle of Light". "Inventions Unlimited" – long term science project for older students with Dr. Art Friedman – girls: 1:00-2:15 PM; boys: 2:45-4:00 PM. All classes held at IDT, 8180 McCormick Blvd. For info, call 847-745-1706.

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Only 2 weeks left to take advantage of Camp Gan Israel's early, early bird 15% discount. The Early, Early Bird deadline for Day Camp and Overnight Camp is December 31st. For more information about all our camping programs or to register your child for Day Camp, Teen Extreme, or the amazing 8-day overnight camp; check us out online at www.GanIsraelChicago.com or call Rabbi Schneur Scheiman at (847) 345 6406.

Are you looking for an exciting program for your child this winter vacation? Gan Israel Winter Camp may still have a few openings. Aimed at bringing a little warmth and an exciting Jewish experience for children who are off from school yet left out of all the season's hoopla, Gan Israel is part of the largest Jewish camping network in the world. For more information and to register, call Rabbi Schneur Scheiman at (847)345-6406 or visit www.GanIsraelChicago.com/winter.

This week 12/19, Snif will meet from 2:30-4:00. There will be no Snif during winter break 12/26 and 1/2/2010. We would like to give "Hakarat Hatov" to those who helped with the various programs this past week. We had an amazing Chanukah party on Sunday at KINS. We would like to thank KINS for letting us use the shul. We would also like to thank Camp Moshava for sponsoring the food, and for showing the chanichim the beautiful movie about Moshava. B"H, we can't wait for camp this summer! This past Shabbat was the 11th grade Shabbaton, and it was great! We would like to

thank Or Torah and Rabbi Engel for all of their help and support during the entire Shabbaton. We look forward to working together again in the future. We would like to remind parents to please pay mas (membership) for their children as soon as possible in order to enrich and support Bnei Akiva activities (\$40 per individual child, \$70 per family). Also, parents that would like to receive information from Bnei Akiva via emails should send their email address to: bach21.il@gmail.com Shabbat Shalom and Happy Chanukah!!!

Boys' Ivrit Chanukah Project

Last week, the boys in 6th, 7th and 8th grades were hard at work with their Ivrit Chanukah projects. Each group of 2-4 boys had to create a game/puzzle in Hebrew relating to Chanukah. All of the projects were outstanding, but these 2 really stood out. Congratulations to Shragie Braun and Kobi Greenfield from Mrs. C. Worch's class, and Noam Domskey, Hudi Finkel, Tuvya Miller and Yoni Loterstein from Mrs. Amouyal's class. We hope everyone enjoys playing their games (found below). Congratulations to other winners of each class:

- Noam Skidelsky, Yonah Klein, Ari Siebzener and Elie Jacobson
- Dovi Garfinkel, Yishai Bloomberg and Zachary Rubin
- Dovid Berger, Asher Moldwin, Ezra Suss, Zevi Borenstein
- Dov Klein, Shneur Strauss, Doniel Segal and Gavi Porush

