



what's new bi@lik



DATES TO REMEMBER

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| Monday, June 7 th | Salad Lunch |
| Tuesday, June 8 th | Chicken Fingers Lunch |
| Wednesday, June 9 th | Pasta Lunch |
| Thursday, June 10 th | Senior Division Cafeteria PTA Book Club – 8:00 p.m. |



SAFE ARRIVAL

Please remember that it is very important to call Safe Arrival if your child will be late, absent, or out of town at any time. Even if the teacher is aware of the absence, Safe Arrival must also be told. It's easy to reach Safe Arrival...just call 416-783-3346 ext. 5 or email safe@bialik.on.ca.

FROM THE PTA



TO OUR AMAZING VOLUNTEERS

Thanks to our head gradeparents, Jackie Florence and Michelle Wagman, and all the gradeparents and gradeparent coordinators who came out on the hottest day of the spring to help with Yom Sport last week. We hope your kids enjoyed the fun at Viewmount Park and the freezies (back by popular demand!) handed out courtesy of the PTA.

We hope your children all enjoyed the ice cream sandwiches distributed before the break by the PTA for Shavuot. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped distribute the 800+ dairy delights!



PARKING SPOT RAFFLE 2010

Time to pick up the kids at school. Wow, what gridlock! Is it an accident? A celebrity? Free groceries? No...it's just pickup at Bialik! Wouldn't it be great if you didn't have to deal with all of the craziness every day? If you win the **2010 PARKING SPOT RAFFLE**, then parking at Bialik is simple. Any time and any day, you will have your own personal spot (snow plowing included). **NO MORE WORRIES.** Buying tickets for the raffle is easy: Simply fill in the [attached form](#), enclose a cheque (no cash please) for \$50.00 per ticket and deliver the flyer and cheque to the school office. Buy as many tickets as you'd like – the more you buy, the better your chances of winning. All ticket orders must be received by Tuesday, June 16th. The draw will take place on June 18th. The winner will be contacted following the draw. **GOOD LUCK!**



SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR 2010/2011

The PTA is pleased to announce that this year school supplies will all be ordered online using VISA and Mastercard. Look out for the details by email on June 8th. You will be able to place your order from June 10th-July 2nd. No orders will be accepted after July 2nd. Thanks in advance, Jill Steinberg.



MAGAZINE FUNDRAISER

Thanks to all of the families who have already supported the PTA's magazine fundraiser. Take a flip through the brochure that came home with your child(ren) this week. There are tons of popular titles to choose from (*People*, *Chatelaine*, *Canadian House and Home*, *Sports Illustrated for Kids*, *American Girl Magazine*, *The Hockey News*, *Chirp*, *Chickadee and Owl*, *Canadian Living*, *Style At Home*, and many, many others). Start a new subscription or renew your existing one. Ordering may be done online at www.qsp.ca. Our school number is 32319. If the magazine you are interested in is not available online on QSP's website, please email pta@bialik.on.ca. We will accept paper orders for these titles. Deadline is June 18th. Thank you for supporting the PTA and our school.

Funds raised by the PTA (including dues paid by the Bialik families with tuition) are used to support and enhance our children's cultural and educational experience at Bialik. Toward these ends, the PTA organizes and/or finances many programs in the school including: the Bialik library, the Bialik calendar, the Student Agendas, all extracurricular sports programs, all holiday treats and Passover Model Seders, Lice Squad, the grade 1 book bag, choir and Rikudiyah outfits, Family Night(s), the Back to School Party, the Grade 6 Tu B'shvat Seder, Senior Division Learn-In, Lunchtime Sports, and the weekly *What's New Bi@lik* newsletter. The PTA also assists with the school's expanding technology requirements and growth plans.



MISSING LIBRARY BOOKS

As we get closer to the end of the school year, please take a look in your cars, minivans or SUVs, your children's bedrooms, backpacks and favourite reading spots, for all missing library books. Please remember to return all Birthday Celebration Books to the library once you have had a chance to enjoy them at home.



REMINDER FROM THE FOOD COMMITTEE

Please note that, due to the 2 extra unscheduled Challah deliveries (December 18th and March 26th), the last Challah delivery scheduled for June 11th has been cancelled.

FROM THE ADMINISTRATION



GREEN LINK

If you're a book lover, you might find the following green tips for avid readers useful.

• **Borrow instead of buying.** Buying a new book feels so good. There's something about the touch and the smell of a new book that's irresistible. But buying new books encourages the printing of more books, which is hugely wasteful. Try to limit buying new books to special occasions. For your everyday reading, join the local library, an online book rental service, and/or exchange books with friends.

- **Buy used books.** If you must own books, at least try to buy them used. This is not just better for the environment – it will also save you money. Used books tend to be ridiculously cheap.
- **Read electronically.** Instead of buying physical books, download books from the Internet directly to your computer or to a reading device. Many avid readers initially object to the notion of giving up physical books, but eventually get used to it and find that it helps them keep costs down and reduce clutter in their homes.
- **Recycle your own books.** When you're done reading a book, instead of placing it on a shelf where it will basically sit unused and accumulate dust, offer the book to friends, or donate it to a local library or to a bookstore. As a last resort, place paperback books, and the inside pages of hardcover books, in the recycling bin. Never toss books in the trash!



YOU'RE INVITED TO BIALIK'S 2010 AGM

Bialik's Annual General Meeting (AGM) will take place in the lunchroom at 8:00 p.m. next Wednesday, June 9th. Please join us at this meeting to hear important recaps from the 2009/2010 academic year from Shana Harris, Head of School, and Mark Nightingale, President of the Board of Directors. We look forward to seeing you there.



HONOUR SOMEONE SPECIAL TODAY

Has a teacher, coach, counselor, or other Bialik staff member done something special for your child this year? If so, a personalized Tribute Card is a great way to thank them for providing your child with a stimulating and fulfilling learning experience, while contributing to the enhancement of our school. [Click here](#) now to make an online donation in honour of that special staff person.



STUDENT SAFETY

Please stress with your children that, once you drop them off at school in the morning, they are expected to stay on school premises and may not leave the school yard for any reason. Thank you.



USED SPORTS EQUIPMENT DRIVE

Sunday, June 13th from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Have you been doing some spring-cleaning? Do you have gently used hockey pads that are too small or a basketball that you don't use anymore? Would you like to donate this equipment to a worthy cause? If this sounds like you, bring your used sports equipment to the Senior Division Yard on Sunday, June 13th from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. If you can't make it on Sunday, please feel free to send any donations to the school office with your child before Sunday, June 13th. All items collected will be donated to underprivileged children who will put the equipment to good use.



STUDENT COUNCIL CHARITIES

Student Council has been hard at work raising funds to support worthy causes. To see how much they raised and which charities benefited, please [click here](#).

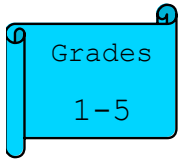


KABBALAT SHABBAT ASSEMBLIES

On Friday, June 11th Student Council will lead our final Kabbalat Shabbat of the year. Please remember to send your children to school wearing either white tops or their Bialik t-shirts.

Assemblies will take place in the Upper Gym as follows:

- 9:15 a.m. – JK & grades 4 - 8
- 1:05 p.m. – SK & grades 1 - 3



NEWS FROM THE ELEMENTARY DIVISION

Author Comes to grades 1 and 2

On Wednesday morning, June 9th, children's author Lesley Simpson will visit grade 1 and 2 classes. She will read some of her published and newest books to the students, and talk to them about writing stories, illustrating and publishing them. We are thrilled to have her in class to motivate our young authors.

Cross Country

Good luck to our grade 4 and 5 students participating in the Cross Country Meet next Thursday, June 10th at Viewmount Park. They have been training each week with their coaches, Poppie Butler and Robyn Rosen Codas, along with parent volunteers. Your commitment is wonderful to see.

Character Counts

One of the ways we can help our children think about Consideration, the character virtue for the last month of school, is to ask them to reflect on questions such as the following:

- What is one of the most considerate things anyone ever did for you?
- What was the best surprise you ever received?
- What is one of the most considerate things you have ever done for someone else?
- How did you choose a gift for a family member lately?
- Think of 3 considerate things you can do that will make a difference to your family.
- Think of 3 considerate things you can do that will make a difference to someone at school, in your class, at recess.

Commit to doing one of these! After a week, report on the difference you made.

"Life lived just to satisfy yourself never satisfies anybody." Vic Kitchen



ATHLETICS

Please send your children with their own water bottles, clearly marked with their first and last names, to ALL practices, games, and tournaments.

4/5 Co-ed Baseball

Coaches: Jeff Lieberman and Marcus Dickler

Parent Volunteer: Mike Wilner

Practice Schedule: Monday and Wednesday mornings at 7:45 a.m. at Viewmount Park

Practice Rain Policy: Practice is cancelled if it is raining at 7:15 a.m.

Game Rain Policy: Rain or shine (it's the Ump's call!)

Playoff Schedule: June 17th at Heschel Field at 1:00 p.m. (more details to follow).

Junior and Senior Cross Country

Coaches: Robyn Rosen-Codas and Poppie Butler

Parent Volunteer: Terry Kaufman

Practice Schedule: Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 7:50 a.m. at the Main Entrance

Junior Cross Country Meet: June 10th at 4:30 p.m. at Viewmount Park

Thank you to all coaches for volunteering their time for the Bialik Athletics program.

COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS



15th Annual Israel Day Festival

This coming Sunday, June 6th

11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.



Show your solidarity with the State of Israel and her right of survival, by attending the Israel Day Festival this coming Sunday.

Opening Ceremonies at 12:30 p.m.

Keynote Speaker: Amir Gissin – Consul General of Israel

A wonderful celebration has been planned, with all day entertainment on the amphitheater stage, great food, children's activities and wonderful shopping. Please come out and show your support. Show Israel that we are united. Your presence is important!

For more information about this great event, please [click here](#).



Giant Sale - Sunday, June 13th

Na'amat Canada is sponsoring a sale at Bialik on Sunday, June 13th from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Come out for household items, gently used clothes and much more. For more information, please [click here](#).



CFIM Movie Invite – Monday, June 21st

The Canadian Friends of the Israel Museum invite you to attend a Sneak Preview of the documentary film "Jews and Baseball: An American Love Story," narrated by Dustin Hoffman. For reservations or more information, please visit cfimonline.org or [click here](#).

Join CFIM and hit a Home Run for children in Israel! Funds raised by CFIM support "free admission" to the Israel Museum for all children in Israel.



ZAREINU TZEDEKAH BOXES

A Zareinu Tzedekah Box is a wonderful way to impact the lives of the children of Zareinu every day – a small amount of coins each day can go a long way.

If you would like to receive a Zareinu Tzedekah Box, or you have one that is full or partially full and would like to turn it in for another one, please call 416.661.1800 ext 221 or 224.



BULLETIN BOARD

Outstanding live-out Nanny available July 1st. Naomi has been with us for 8 years and is trustworthy, completely responsible, and an amazing house cleaner. She has never missed a day since she has been with us and we would love to find her a good home. Please call Mara at either (416) 782-4484 or (647) 963-4484.

Experienced Nanny with excellent references. Available 3 days per week starting in September. Please contact Gloria at (416) 787-6683 or gloria_d@bell.net.

Looking for full-time nanny Tuesdays - Saturdays. Please call (416) 787-0787.

If you are interested in posting to the Bulletin Board, please send an email to pta@bialik.on.ca with the subject line "Bulletin Board". Thank you.