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DATES TO REMEMBER

Thursday, June 3rd Senior Division Cafeteria
 Thursday, June 10th 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



SENIOR DIVISION CAFETERIA

Next week, the grade 5 students will be eating lunch in the senior division lunchroom. They will be able to purchase lunch on Thursday at the Senior Division Cafeteria. Food choices and prices are: hamburger \$4.50, hot dog \$3.50, Fries \$2.75, chicken wings or fingers \$5.00, falafel \$4.00, and/or salad \$3.00.



IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM THE FOOD COMMITTEE

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



PTA VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION LUNCH

To all Gradeparent Coordinators, Gradeparents, Committee Chairs, Committee Members, Classroom Volunteers, Parent Coaches, etc... THIS LUNCH IS FOR YOU! Please save Wednesday, June 2nd at noon for our annual PTA Volunteer Appreciation Lunch. Please [click here](#) for the invitation and RSVP to pta@bialik.on.ca.



MAGAZINE FUNDRAISER

Need some new reading material for the pool or cottage? Maybe for the doctor's waiting room? Are your current magazine subscriptions up for renewal? Please see the attached flyer regarding our exciting magazine fundraiser. Brochures will be sent home with your child(ren) this week. All money raised goes to PTA programs that benefit our students. All ordering is done online – no forms to fill out. Deadline is June 18th so don't delay. Order a magazine and help support the PTA. Please [click here](#) for more information.

FROM THE ADMINISTRATION



GREEN LINK

Environmentally Friendly Use of Batteries

Many of the electronic appliances and gadgets that we use every day are powered by batteries. Batteries are made from many different materials, including lead, nickel, acid, lithium and alkaline. Even after the removal of mercury from most consumer batteries, many of the substances inside a battery are toxic to some extent. Some are very toxic. **While each battery may seem too small to cause much harm, batteries are manufactured and used in such large quantities globally that not disposing of them properly creates a serious environmental hazard.**

When batteries are not properly disposed of, and this is the case whenever we simply toss them in the garbage, the casing can disintegrate over time, allowing the toxic chemicals inside the battery to leach into the surrounding environment, contaminating the soil and groundwater. Recycling batteries involves breaking the casing and reusing the inside. Batteries that can't be recycled still need special treatment to make sure they don't contaminate the environment. Currently there are three main options for using batteries responsibly:

1. Using batteries less frequently. For example, if a gadget can be powered by electricity or by batteries, it's better to use electricity whenever possible.
2. Choosing recyclable batteries over non-recyclable batteries.
3. Using rechargeable batteries. Rechargeable batteries are of course preferable to regular batteries, but they are toxic too, and they too need to be replaced eventually.

Please bring your used batteries into the office for proper recycling.



BIALIK IS WALKING WITH ISRAEL

Bialik is proud to once again participate in the UJA Federation's Walk for Israel, this year taking place on Sunday, May 30th at Coronation Park. As in previous years, Shana Harris and Anita Eckhaus will be at the walk, proudly displaying the Bialik banner. We encourage families to meet Shana and Anita under the banner before the walk begins, however, everyone is encouraged to walk at their own pace. We look forward to a great turnout from the Bialik family. For more information about the walk, please [click here](#). For more important updates about this event, please [click here](#).

Important Update:

Israeli Prime Minister, Benjamin Netanyahu, will kick off this year's walk with an address to walk participants. For more information on how to attend the PM's address, please [click here](#).



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. on 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 Director. We look forward to seeing you there.



GRANDPARENTS & SPECIAL FRIENDS ASSOCIATION

We are building an authentic Moroccan Sukkah this coming September. We need the following items to help bring to life for our grandchildren the experience of Sukkot in Morocco.

Wish List:

- Colourful fabrics/textiles like curtains and tablecloths (fabric scraps are fine too). We will adorn the Sukkah walls with these items.
- A small chandelier to hang in our Sukkah
- Family pictures depicting how you and your family celebrated Sukkot in Morocco. All originals will be scanned and returned to you.
- Brass candlesticks
- Any other appropriate items that you feel would help to make our Moroccan Sukkah authentic

To make a donation or to volunteer for this project, please contact Michal Daskalo at 416-783-3346 ext. 223 or email michal_daskalo@bialik.on.ca.



NEWS FROM THE DEVELOPMENT OFFICE

Bialik's online giving program is easy, convenient, and safe!

Bialik is proud to launch its' online giving program, along with new opportunities to designate your gift. The ongoing support of our generous donors ensures Bialik can continue to provide an enriched, stimulating, academic environment to children from a wide range of Jewish affiliation. Please [click here](#) to learn more about how you can support Bialik.



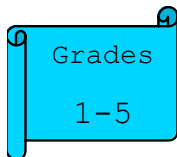
NEWS FROM THE PRESCHOOL

Whimz Comes to Bialik

Today, Whimz are bringing their critters to visit the JK students who are learning about all kinds of animals and reptiles. The children will be able to pet the rabbit, the chinchilla, the hedgehog, the lizard, the salamander, and others to compare the touch sensations of soft, softer, prickly, rough, and slimy.

The Baby Chicks Are Hatching

The baby chicks will begin hatching today or tomorrow. There is great excitement about the arrival of our baby chicks!



NEWS FROM THE ELEMENTARY DIVISION

Scientist in the School

The Scientist in the School program continues this week and next in classes 2C and 2A as an enrichment for the science unit on water. 2B and 2D participated before Shavuot. This hands-on program gives our students a wonderful first hand experience with the properties of matter, especially water.

Community Helpers

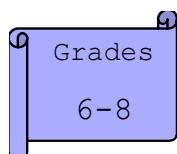
On Friday morning, May 28th, grade 1 students will be visited by a couple of police officers as part of their social studies unit on community helpers. One of the officers is a relative of a grade 1 student. The children will hear about the duties of a police officer in keeping the community safe and will be able to ask questions related to this important community helper.

EQAO

Starting Monday, May 31st and running for 2 weeks until June 11th, grade 3 classes will begin writing EQAO assessments and will follow a specific class schedule of assessment units. Please make sure that students do not miss classes due to appointments etc., as we would like every student to have the same opportunity to participate in this fun and important set of learning activities.

Character Counts

The character trait for the last month of school, as we focus on building *Menschlichkeit*, is Consideration. Consideration involves being thoughtful about other people and their feelings. It is thinking about how your actions affect them and caring about how they feel. It is paying attention to what other people like and don't like, and doing things that make them happy. A perfect example in the schoolyard at recess is considering what your friends want to play instead of always insisting on playing what you want to play. It is including others, allowing everyone to contribute to the rules of the game, etc. Just as you put thought into what a person might want when you buy them a birthday gift, it is important to consider the needs and feelings of others each and every day. You need to act as if other people are just as important as you are. Please begin a discussion with your children about this important value and how your family practises it in your own lives.



NEWS FROM THE SENIOR DIVISION

End of Year Trips

Our much-anticipated year-end trips have arrived! Grade 8 students leave for New York on Sunday, May 30th, and grade 7 students leave for Quebec on Monday, May 31st. We wish everyone very successful and enjoyable educational experiences as you make memories that will last for a lifetime. N'siah tova – bon voyage!

EQAO

Starting Monday, May 31st and running for 2 weeks until June 11th, grade 6 classes will begin writing EQAO assessments and will follow a specific class schedule of assessment units. Please make sure that students do not miss classes due to appointments etc., as we would like every student to have the same opportunity to participate in this fun and important set of learning activities.



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: Practise is cancelled if it is raining at 7:15 a.m.

Season Schedule:

Thursday, June 3rd vs. Associated Posluns at 4:30 p.m. at Heschel Field

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

***CHANGED* 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: Mark Cohen

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

***CHANGED* 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



An Evening with Anita Diamant – Thursday, May 27th

Anita Diamant is a Boston-based writer and lecturer whose first novel, *The Red Tent*, won the 2001 Book Sense Book of the Year Award. A national bestseller, published in 25 countries and 20 languages, *The Red Tent* is based on the biblical story of Dinah. Her new book *Day After Night* is set in 1945 and tells the story of four women, Holocaust survivors who meet in the British internment camp of Atlit and befriend one another as they grapple with a new life in a new land.

All proceeds benefit Canadian Hadassah-Wizo projects supporting children, healthcare, and women. For event and ticket 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.



4th Annual Hunt For The Cure – Saturday, October 16th

"On the Road Again." "Mustang Sally." "Little Red Corvette." "Judy's Got a Stick Shift." "Blonde in the Blue T-Bird."

Don't these songs just make you want to jump in your car, blast the tunes, and hang with your friends? Well, now you can. Come on out to HUNT FOR THE CURE, the 4th annual scavenger hunt benefitting ovarian cancer research at Toronto's Princess Margaret Hospital. On Saturday, October 16th, the fun will begin at 2:00 p.m. sharp with engines revving by 2:30 p.m. The hunt will end (and the party begins) at 6:00 p.m. with delicious food, drinks, draw prizes (included in your entry fee), AND amazing prizes for winning teams. Please help end ovarian cancer, the fourth leading cause of cancer deaths for Canadian women.

For more information or to discuss sponsorship opportunities, please contact FAITH BANKS at 416-817-3572 / faithbanks@sympatico.ca or DANIELLE WALTMAN at 416-995-4059 / dwaltman@sympatico.ca.

Individual tickets \$200/person or \$350/couple, include scavenger hunt/dinner/drinks/5 draw tickets per person (10/couple).

*6 people/car (team) – you make up your own car.

Signup early and find out how your team can collect some pre-hunt points.

Email Faith to signup you and your car-mates.



BULLETIN BOARD

CARPOOL NEEDED: Looking for a carpool for September 2010. We live on Bannockburn Avenue at Clyde. Daughter will be in Grade 3. Please call 416-783-3352 or email jennifer.komlos@gmail.com.

Reliever nanny needed to help with child care and light housework for loving family x 1 - 2 weeks (Aug 7th - 14th + Aug 31st - Sept 6th). Bathurst & Eglinton area. Please call Liane at 416-992-4775 if interested and available for 1 or 2 weeks.

MAKEUP ARTIST. Bar/Bat Mitzvahs, Proms, Weddings. Special Prom rates. Very reasonable rates. Call Judy at 905-709-3069.

Bathurst and Lawrence Bialik Carpool 2010/2011. A lively and friendly carpool is looking for one new person to join us for next year. Must be able to accommodate 6 kids in the car (one in front seat and 5 in back rows). For more information, please email elanaog@yahoo.com or call 416-780-1023.

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.