



what's new bi@lik



DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday, February 22 nd	Salad lunch PTA Family Bingo Night
Wednesday, February 24 th	Pasta Lunch
Thursday, February 25 th	No Senior Division Cafeteria
Friday, February 26 th	Purim – Noon Dismissal
Thursday, March 4 th	After 4 Session II Ends



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



FAMILY BINGO NIGHT - MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22nd

Last chance...this event is a blast!!!! Let's "get 2 gether" and have some fun!!!

Come for dinner...stay for bingo...win tons of prizes!!! Great fun for our preschool families...great fun for all of our families...

Entry is \$2 and includes bingo cards. Doors open at 5:00 p.m. Bingo begins at 5:30 p.m. Kosherland is selling hamburgers, hot dogs, and falafel; snacks and drinks will also be available for sale.

Please let us know that you are coming by filling in the [form](#) and handing it in to the office, or emailing pta@bialik.on.ca by Friday (February 19th). Forms can be found on the [website](#) and in the office.

In support of the Na'amat Canada/Pride of Israel Food Bank, we ask that each family bring one non-perishable kosher food item with them to Family Night.



AFTER 4 ANNOUNCEMENT

The close of Spring Session registration is approaching quickly! Please get your registrations in on time.

We have continued to have much success over the year with After 4, receiving positive feedback from both the parents and children. This is the final registration period for this year, so keep the registrations coming! The last class for the Winter Session is March 4th. The start of the new session is March 9th.

Please note the following changes:

1. Jr Courtsports – **change of age** – SK to Grade 1
2. Kickboxing – cancelled
3. Rock Band – will start in September
4. Act One Play is "The Wizard of Oz"

New courses have been a hit – for example, Cooking, Karate, Dance, ICompute, and Woodworking
Old courses remain as some favorites – for example, Bowling, Courtsports, Sportball, Sessions (Singing), Yoga, Art and Act 1
New courses for this term are: Whimz, Kidvivor, Fashion Illustration, Create a Comic Book, Feature Film Making

Click [here](#) for the registration documents.



AFTER 4 PLAY

The students in the After 4 Act 1 play, “*The Sound of Music*,” have been busy studying their “do-re-me’s” in anticipation of the March 8th and 9th performances. If you are interested in purchasing tickets to either of the shows, please email after4@bialik.on.ca. Come out and support our very own budding Von Trapp kids!



PTA SCHOOL CALENDAR

Stay tuned for details of the new PTA School Calendar advertising opportunities, coming soon in *What’s New*.

FROM THE ADMINISTRATION



GREEN LINK

Green Tips for Snowy Days

Here are a few tips for saving and conserving even when it’s cold and snowy outside:

- If you use a de-icer on your sidewalk or driveway, **use products made from magnesium chloride instead of sodium chloride (salt) or calcium chloride**. While salt stops working at 15 degrees above zero, magnesium chloride melts ice at temperatures as low as minus 17 degrees and is less damaging to concrete, to your car and to surrounding plants. You might also want to try replacing chemical de-icers with non-toxic alternatives such as clean clay cat litter, sand, or fireplace ash. Chemical de-icers are hazardous to pets, to trees and to shrubs. They can also pollute surface waters and groundwater.
- **Use electric snow removal products instead of gasoline-powered ones**. No solution is perfect of course – electric products do consume energy after all, but they do not emit greenhouse gases. Of course, you can always opt for getting some healthy exercise and shovel snow manually using snow shovels!
- **Buy recycled winter gear**. More and more winter clothing and gear, including jackets, scarves, gloves, and boots, are now made from recycled materials. When it’s time to buy new winter gear, make sure you support green manufacturers by buying their products.



CALLING ALL GRANDPARENTS & SPECIAL FRIENDS

All Bialik grandparents and special friends are invited to join us for the Student Council Kabbalat Shabbat assemblies dedicated in their honour. Please see the [invitation](#) for more details.



SCHOOL-WIDE KABBALAT SHABBAT ASSEMBLIES

Kabbalat Shabbat assemblies are taking place on Friday, February 19th in the Upper Gym, as follows:

9:15 a.m. – JK & grades 4-8

12:35 p.m. – SK & grades 1-3

Parents, grandparents, and special friends are invited to join us in this special event.



YITZHAK RABIN HOCKEY TOURNAMENT

We wish our Junior and Senior Hockey teams good luck in the Yitzhak Rabin Inter-Jewish Day School competition taking place on Friday, February 19th. We know you will represent Bialik with pride.



TRADING ISN'T ALWAYS FUN

“GoGo’s” are the newest toy craze among our students. In and of themselves, the toys are harmless. However, it has come to our attention that children are trading them and playing “keeps games” – games in which the winner gets to keep the other child’s GoGo. This, in turn, has led to conflicts among students, and to some students losing their toys altogether.

While students are welcome to bring the GoGo’s to school, we want to ensure that every child leaves each day with the ones he/she brought that morning. Therefore, we cannot allow trading of GoGo’s or any games that involve their changing hands. We appreciate your reinforcing this message to your children.

COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS



SATELLITE AT SINAI – BROADCASTING LIVE FROM NEW YORK

Temple Sinai is proud to be Toronto’s official host of the Satellite at Sinai – a fully interactive satellite program with some of the world’s most compelling and innovative speakers. During the live event, participants can submit questions to the speakers in New York. Following the lecture programs are opportunities for further discussion and questions with members of Temple Sinai’s senior staff and clergy.

Please view their [flyer](#) for more information on individual programs, dates, and times. Tickets for each lecture program are available for purchase at the door starting at 7.30 p.m. at a cost of \$10 for Temple Sinai members and \$15 for non-members.



NEWS FROM THE PRESCHOOL

The JK classes are excited to present their Purim concerts:

Tuesday, February 23rd 11:00 a.m. – JKFD2

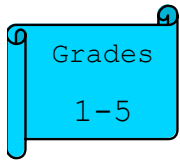
9:30 a.m. – JKFD3

Wednesday, February 24th 9:30 a.m. – JKAM1 & JKAM2

11:00 a.m. – JKFD1

All Parents, Grandparents, special friends, and siblings are invited.

On Friday, February 26th all students and staff are coming to school dressed in costumes to participate in the Purim festivities. Please start preparing a fun costume for your child(ren). School will be dismissed at 11:45 a.m.



NEWS FROM THE ELEMENTARY DIVISION

Welcome back from the mid-winter break. We hope everyone enjoyed the rest, change and family time during the break.

Reading Month/MS Read-A-Thon

This is the last week of Reading Month. All grades have enjoyed many fun activities related to the love of reading. We hope that everyone is recording the minutes spent reading during this month and is collecting money from family and friends to support the important work of the Multiple Sclerosis Society of Canada, as they help fund research into a cure and support people living with MS. Grade 1 students received a gift of a book called *Let's Go! The Story of Getting from There to Here* by Lizann Flatt, made possible by the Toronto Dominion Bank. It is a non-fiction book and we hope that you will read and enjoy it with your children. All Read-A-Thon envelopes with funds collected should be brought into the office next week; the deadline is Friday, February 26th. Thank you to all students, teachers, families, and friends who have participated, encouraged, and contributed to Reading Month.

Israel Interactive Centre (IIC)

Grade 4 classes continue to study the geography and topography of Israel through hands on activities in the IIC. Nurit Sela and the grade 4 teachers have planned rich experiences for our students to help them understand the physical aspects of the land of Israel.

One Hundred Day

Today and tomorrow, February 18th and 19th, grade 1 students are celebrating the 100th day of school by participating in several fun activities across the grade. They have already brought in and presented their collections of 100 items. How time flies.

Making Sound

On Monday, February, 22nd at 1:30 p.m. grade 4 students will be treated to a wonderful music workshop that will help them to understand how various instruments make their characteristic sounds. This is in preparation for their science unit on sound and light.

Olympic Day

Wednesday, February 24th has been declared Olympic Day at Bialik. Please have the children dress in red and white or in official Olympic wear, if they already own some – no need to go out and buy any. Classes have been highlighting the Olympic games and integrating them into the curriculum. The excitement is everywhere, as we take pride in Canada as host and participant.

Purim

On Friday, February 26th Purim Celebrations and class performances will take place in the Upper Gym as follows:

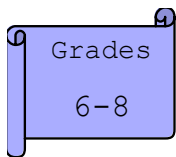
1C at 9:15 am

3D at 10:30

All students are asked to dress in Purim costumes for the occasion. Parents, grandparents, and guests of the participants are cordially invited.

Character Counts

The students have really internalized this month's character trait: Kindness. Many acts and words of kindness have been seen and heard in the hallways and around the school. They also began a division-wide activity on Tuesday, in which students were presented with a "kindness challenge". Each student will challenge him/herself to do something kind for another person, or for the environment. At the end of the week, the students will meet and discuss (individually, in groups or as a class) whether or not they achieved their goal, and perhaps what could be done to help them if they have not been successful. The challenge will end on Friday, February 19th. Please ask your children what goal they have set for themselves and help them set one if they haven't already done so. We want them to feel the joy of being successful.



NEWS FROM THE SENIOR DIVISION

Welcome back. We hope you all had a wonderful mid-winter break.

Chai Lifeline Canada Read-A-Thon

The ChaiLife Canada Read-A-Thon wraps up today, February 18th. We are looking forward to a great response from our senior division students. Students should please bring in pledges and money collected to their Mechanech by Monday, February 22nd. We thank you for your participation in this important and meaningful effort on behalf of other children less fortunate than we are, who struggle with ill health and all the challenges associated with their condition.

Staff/Student Basketball Game

At lunch on Tuesday, February 23rd, our Senior Boys Basketball team will take on Team Teachers for an exciting game in the Upper Gym. Entrance fee for spectators is \$1 towards Student Council charities. Please come out and support your favourite team while enjoying some great, exciting play! You may catch a glimpse of a future NBA player in action!

Purim Celebrations

Our senior division Lunchtime Drama Club will present a Purim Shpiel on Friday, February 26th as part of our celebrations. We are also looking forward to the great line-up of rising stars in our Purim Talent Show. Purim promises to be a great day at Bialik.

Red and White Olympic Day

Student Council presents a dress up day in honour of the Olympics on Wednesday, February 24th. Students should dress in red and white to show support for our Olympians. House Points will be earned for participation in this day!



NEWS FROM THE DEVELOPMENT OFFICE

Launch into 50: Oy! The Places We Will Go

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: We are very excitedly planning the launch celebration for Bialik's 50th anniversary. We are looking for more volunteers to help with the preparations. There are so many aspects to this event, and we want to make sure it is fitting for a golden anniversary celebration. If you have skills in writing, video editing, production (multi-media or print), marketing, or just want to lend a hand in planning this fantastic event, please get in touch with Sharon Kaminsky at development@bialik.on.ca.

Alumni Relations Committee Volunteer Opportunities

Volunteer opportunities are available now! We are actively seeking to fill open positions on the Alumni Relations Committee, currently led by Shirley Slavens. There are many ways to get involved and you do not need to be Bialik alumni to join in the fun – become a class champion, help plan an upcoming event, or use your tech savvy to get our online community connected. Please click [here](#) to see the available positions. Contact alumni@bialik.on.ca by February 26th if you are interested in joining the committee to help shape our Alumni program at Bialik.

**TOGETHER, WE'RE BUILDING SMARTER CLASSROOMS FOR 21ST CENTURY LEARNING.
THE [SMART BOARD CAMPAIGN 2010](#) WILL LAUNCH MARCH 1ST. STAY TUNED...**





ATHLETICS

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

Senior Girls Basketball

Coaches: Mark Tweyman and Billy Farbstein

UPDATED Practice Schedule: Tuesdays and Thursdays at 7:45 a.m. in the Upper Gym

Season Schedule: TBA

Senior Girls Volleyball

Coaches: Jaimie Kudlats, Dani Ross, Becky Fraser

Parent Volunteer: Natalia Wilner

Practice Schedule: Wednesdays at 8:00 a.m. in the Upper Gym

TanenbaumCHAT Invitation Tournament: Thursday, March 11th

Senior Boys Volleyball

Coach: Marcus Dickler and Jeff Lieberman

Parent Volunteer: Mike Wilner

Practice Schedule: Mondays at 7:45 a.m. in the Upper Gym

TanenbaumCHAT Invitation Tournament: Wednesday, March 10th

4/5 Coed Basketball

Coaches: Jeff Lieberman and Yasmin Shalev

Practice Schedule: Wednesdays and Fridays at 7:45 a.m. in the Lower Gym

Season Schedule: TBA

Junior and Senior Cross Country

Coaches: Robyn Rosen-Codas and Poppie Butler

Parent Volunteer: Mark Cohen

Winter Training: Tuesdays at 8:00 a.m. in the Lower Gym (meet your coaches in the lobby)

UPDATED Next Practice: Tuesday, February 23rd

Junior and Senior Hockey

Coaches: Larry Tobin (Senior), Allan Corber and Matt Cockburn (Junior)

JUNIOR TEAM (Grades 3-5): [Schedule Online](#)

SENIOR TEAM (Grades 6-8): [Schedule Online](#)

House Leagues

Facilitators:

Grade 5: Jeff Lieberman and Tybie Trossman

Grade 6: Daniella Ross and Stefanie Rakowski

Grade 7/8: Shawn Stevens and Marcus Dickler

Schedule:

Grade 5 students: Thursdays at 12:25 p.m. in the Upper Gym

Grade 6 students: Mondays at 12:25 p.m. in the Upper Gym

Grade 7/8 students: Wednesdays at 12:25 p.m. in the Upper Gym

House Leagues run until March 25th.

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



BULLETIN BOARD

Qualified and experienced Israeli Hebrew tutor (all grades, all subjects). If interested, please call Laura at (416) 780-0719.

Looking for a CHAT carpool for next year. Forest Hill Village area (south of Eglinton, east of Spadina). We are three looking for either a fourth or fifth. Please email davrith@hotmail.com.

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.