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DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday, March 15 th	Salad Lunch
Tuesday, March 16 th	Revised: Ice Cream at Lunch Senior Division Science Fair 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Wednesday, March 17 th	Hot Dog Lunch
Thursday, March 18 th	NO Senior Division Cafeteria
Friday, March 19 th	Spring Schedule Begins 4:00 p.m. closing resumes
Monday, March 22 nd	Student Led Portfolio Conferences 2:30 p.m. dismissal



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



THE PTA PROUDLY SUPPORTS THE SMART BOARD CAMPAIGN 2010!

YOU'VE HELPED US RAISE ENOUGH MONEY TO BUY 7 NEW INTERACTIVE WHITEBOARDS! THAT SUPPORT PUTS US AT 38% OF OUR \$150,000 GOAL. THANKS BIALIK FAMILY! THERE ARE ONLY 2 WEEKS LEFT FOR YOU TO HELP US REACH OUR TARGET! [CLICK HERE](#) NOW TO JOIN OUR SCHOOL-WIDE EFFORT FOR THE BENEFIT OF OUR CHILDREN.



PTA SCHOOL CALENDAR 2010 - 2011

The Bialik PTA Calendar Committee is excited to announce that it's time to start planning our 2010-11 Bialik Calendar!

This year's calendar will feature a new design, a new look and feel, and needs YOU to make it the best calendar ever. As always, the calendar is distributed to all Bialik families and provides all the important information they need on a daily basis. It's also a fabulous way for you to showcase your business or service to all our families, staff, teachers and community. For more information on how to advertise, please [click here](#). Any questions? Please email us at bialikcalendar@gmail.com.

Also, stay tuned to What's New for information on how to purchase a greeting for your children to be included in the calendar!



3 NEW AFTER 4 COURSES

We are excited to announce that the three new courses will be running for After 4 - Tennis, Digital Photography, and Basketball.

If your child would like to participate, please send an email to after4@Bialik.on.ca and/or download the [registration package](#) from our website. Please see our [flyer](#) for more information.

Registration ends for the 3 new courses by end-of-day tomorrow, Friday, March 12th. Classes for these new courses start next week.



BIRTHDAY BOOK CLUB

Please remember to return your child's birthday book to the library a week after your child's birthday. There are a large number of books that have not been returned. Please drop them off at the library so that other students can also enjoy them.



LOST & FOUND ON DISPLAY

The Lost & Found will be moved upstairs to the front lobby from March 18th to March 25th. Please take a moment when you are in the school for pick up, portfolio night or the model seders to check if any of the items belong to your child(ren). Please remember to label any and all items sent to school. Our hardworking Lost & Found committee members make sure that all missing items with labels on them are returned to their owners.



JEWISH STUDIES BOOK FAIR

The Jewish Studies Book Fair will be held in the lobby on Portfolio Night, Monday, March 22nd, 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., and Tuesday, March 23rd from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. All proceeds will help fund Bialik's library. Volunteers are needed to help set up prior to the book fair. If you are able to help on March 22nd from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., please email pta@bialik.on.ca with the times that you are available.

FROM THE ADMINISTRATION

GREEN LINK



Green Tips for Book Lovers

(Shared from GreenerTrends Newsletter March 2010)

Many of us love books. Perhaps you, too, have a book (or ten) on your bedside table and a huge wish list of books you would like to read "some day." If you're a book lover too, 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 is 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 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 such as Kindle. 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!



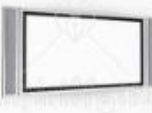
SUPERVISED PROGRAM DURING PESACH BREAK

Sabrina's Before and After School Care Program will be running a supervised program during the Pesach break. Please [click here](#) for more information and to register your child(ren).



ANNUAL SCIENCE FAIR AND INVENTION CONVENTION

Bialik's Annual Science Fair and Invention Convention will take place at the school on Tuesday, March 16th. Please join us in the lunchroom and upper gym from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. [Click here](#) for more details.



HAVE YOU SEEN YOUR CHILDREN ON THE PLASMA?

We would like to thank Tammy Brown for doing such a wonderful and creative job of highlighting the school's activities on our plasma screen. Pictures from all grades and classes are being used, so if you haven't yet had the chance to view the screen, take a minute to see what your children have been up to and if you can spot them in any pictures.



PASSOVER FOOD DRIVE

Your support is urgently needed!

Jewish tradition instructs us that it is a special mitzvah to provide for those in need at all times, but especially when it comes to preparing for the Pesach holiday. *Maot Chittin* is the name we give to the contributions made to the indigent so that they can enjoy the holiday. This year, as always, there are hundreds of Jewish families in Toronto who require assistance for Pesach. Bialik, in cooperation with the National Council of Jewish Women, has embarked once again on a *Maot Chittin* campaign and we are asking every Bialik family to bring at least one of the following items: matzoh, matzoh meal, gefilte fish, tuna fish, tea, canned fruit/apple sauce, grape juice, jam, canned vegetables, boxed soup/side dishes, Passover crackers, macaroons/cookies. All items must be Kosher for Passover, and can be dropped off in the office.

You can also help the families in need by making food package deliveries on Sunday, March 21st, from 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., leaving from the Council House at 4700 Bathurst Street. For more information, please contact Sarah Mourad at sarah_mourad@bialik.on.ca.

We hope you will appreciate the importance of the project in which we are asking you and your children to participate. You and your family can assist us in helping to make this Passover a more joyous one in many underprivileged homes, while enabling us to teach our children a vital lesson in tzedakah.



PARALYMPIAN VISITS GRADES 5 AND 6

On Monday, March 15th, Shayne Smith, a team member with both the Ontario Junior Wheelchair Basketball team and the Ontario Men's team, will visit with grade 5 and 6 students during their gym time and engage them in a game of wheelchair basketball. He will also tell them his story and how he became a Paralympian who hopes to compete for Canada on the men's wheelchair basketball team at the Pan / Parapan American Games in Toronto in 2015.



NEWS FROM THE PRESCHOOL

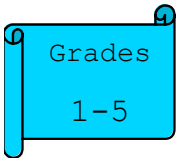
On Thursday, March 18th the Preschool students will be attending model seders. The story of Passover will be told to the children through drama and song. All the Passover foods for the seder plate will be served to the children and enjoyed as they follow the Hagadah. All students should wear white tops for the seder.

The following are seder times:

9:30 a.m. – JKAM1, JKAM2, JKFD2, SK1, SK2

1:30 p.m. – JKFD1, JKFD3, SK3, SK4, SK5.

Please note that in the calendar, JKFD2 was listed twice while JKFD1 wasn't listed. The above times include all corrections.



NEWS FROM THE ELEMENTARY DIVISION

Matzo Factory

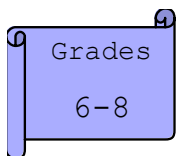
Grade 1 students will go on a field trip to the Matzo Factory at the Lubovitch Centre where they will learn how matzo is prepared for Pesach and make some themselves. They will be leaving Bialik at 1:00 p.m. Please ensure that all permission forms have been returned to the school.

Science Fair Visits

Senior division students will share some of their science fair projects with elementary division students on Thursday, March 18th, either by bringing their projects to the classrooms (grades 1 and 2) or hosting the students (grades 3 - 5) in the upper gym/ lunchroom, where they will explain their work to them with much enthusiasm and scientific detail. This yearly event is always a very interesting and exciting experience for elementary students.

Character Counts

Starting on Monday, March 15th and continuing for one week until March 19th, elementary grades will participate in a "Responsibility" challenge. For the entire week, each student will try to make the cleanliness of their classrooms, the halls, and care for the environment their personal responsibility. At the end of the week, a member of the Administrative Team will enter each classroom and award certificates to the classes who have been successful. We hope that we will be able to say that the division was 100% successful in this effort, and that cleanliness and care for the environment will become the responsibility of all members of the classroom community for the rest of the year.



NEWS FROM THE SENIOR DIVISION

Science Fair

Bialik's Science Fair takes place in the lunchroom and upper gym on Tuesday, March 16th. We welcome all families to join us from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. to enjoy the original and creative presentations that our students have prepared. You are bound to be impressed by the level of the scientific knowledge!

FAST Program - Choose Your Voice

On Wednesday, March 17th, Tony and Elizabeth Comper, who founded FAST, an organization that fights anti-semitism in Canada, will address our grade 8 students. We are honoured to have them as our guests.

Graduation Video

On Thursday, March 18th and Monday, March 22nd, our videographer will be taping the students' messages for their Graduation Video. Students are reminded to come dressed for the camera as this video will become a treasured part of their Bialik memory. We look forward to seeing their creative submissions at Graduation!



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

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

***UPDATED* Season Schedule:**

Wednesday, March 17th at 4:30 p.m vs Bayview in the Upper Gym

Wednesday, March 24th at 4:30 p.m vs Associated Hurricanes in the Upper Gym

Tuesday, April 13th at 4:30 p.m. vs Heschel in the Upper Gym

Thursday, April 15th at 4:30 p.m. at Leo Baeck South

Thursday, April 22nd at 4:30 p.m. vs Bathurst in the Upper Gym

Tuesday, April 27th at 4:45 p.m. at Netivot

MIGHT BE RESCHEDULED Thursday, April 29th at 4:30 p.m. vs Associated Hawks in the Upper Gym

Season Standings: [Click here](#)

Playoff Schedule: TBA

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:

Tuesday, March 16th at 4:30 p.m. vs Paul Penna in the Lower Gym

Tuesday, March 23rd at 4:30 p.m at Heschel.

Monday, April 12th at 4:30 p.m vs Associated (Knights) in the Upper Gym

Playoff Schedule: TBA

***NEW* 4/5 Co-ed Baseball**

More details to follow

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)

MPR Winter Training on Tuesday, March 16th will be in the MPR

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.

COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS



Na'amat's Club Rimon proudly presents another fantastic cookbook fundraiser.

Bonnie Stern's *Friday Night Dinners*

Cost: \$36

Proceeds from the sale of this book help support Na'amat

This cookbook makes a beautiful addition to your cookbook collection and a perfect gift for your family and friends. To order: email clubrimon@yahoo.ca, call 416-636-5425, or contact a Club Rimon member.

Please see the [flyer](#) for further details.

The Great Zareinu Tzedakah Box Drop

Objective:

- To drop off Zareinu Tzedakah Boxes at homes with a Mezuzah in the M3H postal code area.
- The Tzedakah Box will be in a plastic bag with a Zareinu Brochure (the package).

Date: Sunday, March 21st

Time: 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. (approximately)

Procedure:

- Each group (driver and walkers) will pick up its supply of Tzedakah Boxes at a depot (to be confirmed)
- Each group will be given a map of streets to walk through looking for homes with mezuzahs.
- A package will be left at those homes with Mezuzahs

If you and your family or a group of friends are able to assist on Sunday, March 21st, please contact Marlene Brickman, Zareinu Educational Centre, at 416.661.1800 ext. 224 or email marlene@zareinu.org.



BULLETIN BOARD

Looking for a Bialik car pool for next year. Bathurst/Lawrence area. Please call or email Laura at 416-787-0656 or soberanos@rogers.com.

Going to be away for the weekend before Pesach? Live in Forest Hill or Cedarvale? Rent your home for me to lodge 3 couples (in their 30s) who will be coming into town for two Bialik parents' wedding! Please call or email David at 416-789-1650 or davidkoffman@yahoo.com.

FOR RENT: Beautiful, fully-equipped, 3 bedroom chalet in the mountains of the Eastern Townships, located 1 hour east of Montreal. Enjoy great spring skiing at Mont Sutton, Bromont, Orford, or Owl's Head nearby. Unbeatable rates. Contact Debbie Siemiatycki at 416-398-7673 or email dsiemiatycki@rogers.com.

Full-size violin for sale, purchased at Heinl's in 2004, but not played since 2005. Czechoslovakian Stradivarius Model. Complete with oblong velvet-lined case, chinrest, and shoulder rest. Violin Music Books included.
Yamaha Alto Saxophone Model YAS-23 for sale. In great condition and just waiting for a new buyer. We will also include a hard case, cleaning cloth, mouthpiece, and neck strap. Anyone interested please contact Mona at hlmusic@hotmail.com or 905-855-3810. No reasonable offer will be denied.

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.