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Your inside view in and around Clifton Cheder

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Seeing is Believing



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CALENDAR

Wednesday, March 4th

Dress Up Day/Purim Parade
Megillah Reading with R' Lazar
Early Childhood

Wednesday, March 4th

Ta'anis Esther - - 12:30 dismissal

Thursday - Friday

March 5th - 6th

Purim - Shushan Purim
no sessions

Sunday, March 8th

Daylight Savings Begins
regular start time

Friday, March 13th

Long Friday Schedule Begins
2:00 dismissal

Sunday - Tuesday

March 15th - 17th

Early Childhood Scholastic
Book Fair - - see page 24

Sunday, March 15th

Parent Teacher Conferences:
Limudei Kodesh: 1 - 3 p.m.

Tuesday Evening, March 17th

Parent Teacher Conferences:
Early Childhood
& General Studies



Truly a special זכות. On Thursday, ר"ח אדר, a true tzadik in our time, Mr. Ira Zimmerman, paid a visit to our 4th through 7th grades. Mr.

Zimmerman is an Israeli farmer who lives in a village near מירון where he works as a grape farmer most years. This year he is not. He

spends his day either studying in a כולל or traveling around ארץ ישראל encouraging other farmers to keep

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'WHAT?' Finally Gets His Name

WHAT??? Are you serious?? Is WHAT?'s name really WHAT??? What are you talking about?

Well, after an interesting, creative, unique, and fun contest, our beloved mascot farmer has been named! מזל טוב! Rabbi Erlanger's box was filling up from the many creative entries that were being submitted. Alas, last Friday, ר"ח אדר, at CCRCAA (Clifton Cheder Rosh Chodesh Adar Assembly), the two runner ups and grand winner were selected and announced.

בישראל שמו ויקרא... drumroll please...

Our two runner ups were 1st grader Simcha Baruch and 7th grader Azarya Kramer. Simcha suggested to name WHAT? "אדם." His reason being that אדם

worked the land as a farmer and his name is the שרש of the word אדם. Azarya named him "Friendly Farmer Fred." In Azarya's own words, "The reason I feel that this is a good name to name our dear WHAT? is because he is a "friendly farmer." The reason why I picked "FRED" is because it stands for "For Rabbi Erlanger's Decision." It's his (along with the other judges) decision who wins! I didn't choose a Jewish name because he is holding a pitchfork and it's the שמיטה year. I also picked it because there's alliteration - "Friendly Farmer Fred." All we can say is wow!

And now, please clap your hands as we announce to you our Grand Prize Winner, all the way from the end of the hall-

way... our very own Avigdor Srulovitch.

And his both creative and personal name is: "Shmuel Srulovitch!" Huh, you ask, what is behind this chosen name? Well, let us share with you what Avigdor wrote. "The reason I feel that this is a good name to name our dear WHAT? is because Shmuel means "I listen to ה" (as a Shmita observing farmer symbolizes), and Srulovitch means "son of a farmer." Now how cool is that?

At the end of our Rosh Chodesh assembly, both Azarya and Simcha were each presented with a laughing machine - לכבוד פורים. Avigdor, our Grand Prize Winner, received a full body Rosta Imposta Muppet costume.



Our History Fair Is Now History

On February 19, 2015, the Clifton Cheder Children's History Museum, created by the elementary school grades, opened their classroom exhibits for family and friends. This event was the culmination of weeks/months of research, reading and writing. Every student's research was depicted along the Jewish/World History Timeline in their classroom. This allowed students and parents alike to gain contextual understanding of the historical events in relation to one another, to Jewish history, American history and World history.

The unique class presentations included an inter-curricular learning component with the proper Torah perspectives.

Each class studied a select Social Studies topic and found a creative way to display their work. Mrs. Fleischer's First Grade studied *American History*, with emphasis on Presidents George Washington and Abraham Lincoln. Both the Revolutionary War and Civil War were studied. The students prepared booklets with information and wrote essays about the changes they would make if they were elected as presidents.

Mrs. Goldberg's Second Grade studied *Goods and Services*. They built a replica of old Passaic out

of Lego and Clicks. Their Passaic Township was complete with a projected image of the Passaic River roaring by, and a Shul and Yeshiva as well. The boys researched and wrote about when these Goods/Services began in the Passaic-Clifton area, explaining the benefits and the process to be qualified to supply the



community with these important needs.

Mrs. Spitzer's Third Grade researched famous *inventors*. Their Wacky Wax Museum figures came to life once one "answered the phone" or "lifted the elevator." The student then explained how the invention came to be, and included interesting biographical information regarding his inventor.

Mrs. Gutstein's Fourth Grade spent several months learning

American History and *States* specifically. Each student had a binder filled with the research he had collected and written regarding the state he was assigned.

The Fifth Grade curriculum is a continuation of American History. Mr. Allen's Fifth Grade students researched *American Presidents*, and each boy wrote a comprehensive report regarding a specific president.

Mrs. Davidovici's Sixth Grade studied World History. Their research concentrated on *Countries around the World*. Each student had a binder filled with information he had learned and written. Visitors had the opportunity to sample the cuisine of a number of countries.

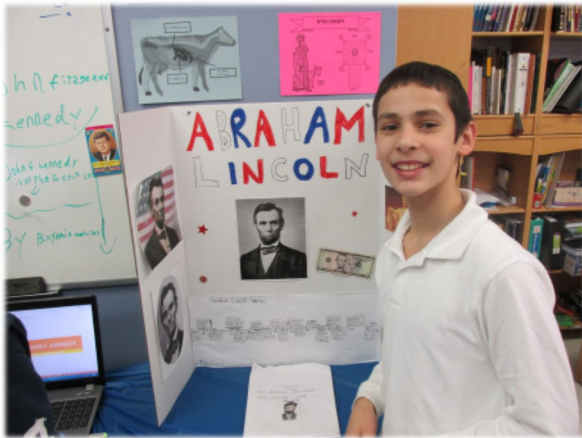
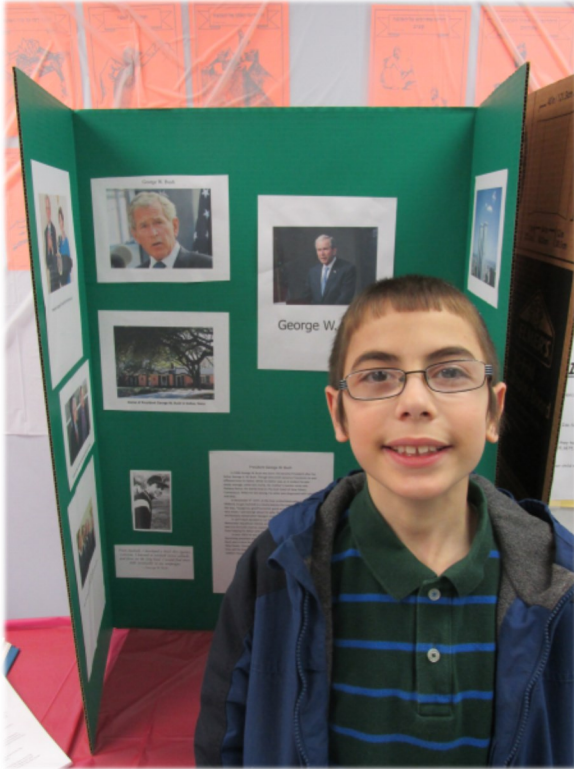
Mr. Kanrich's Seventh Grade studied *famous*

Historical Speeches. The boys researched the historical context, the biographies of the speakers, and the language style employed.

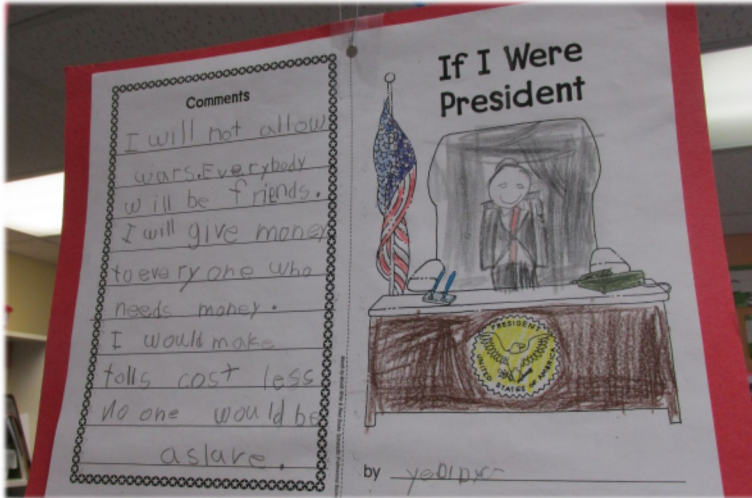
The event reverberated with a sense of accomplishment and pride for the students and teachers as well. Our parents were impressed with the creativity demonstrated and the skills and knowledge that their children had gained.

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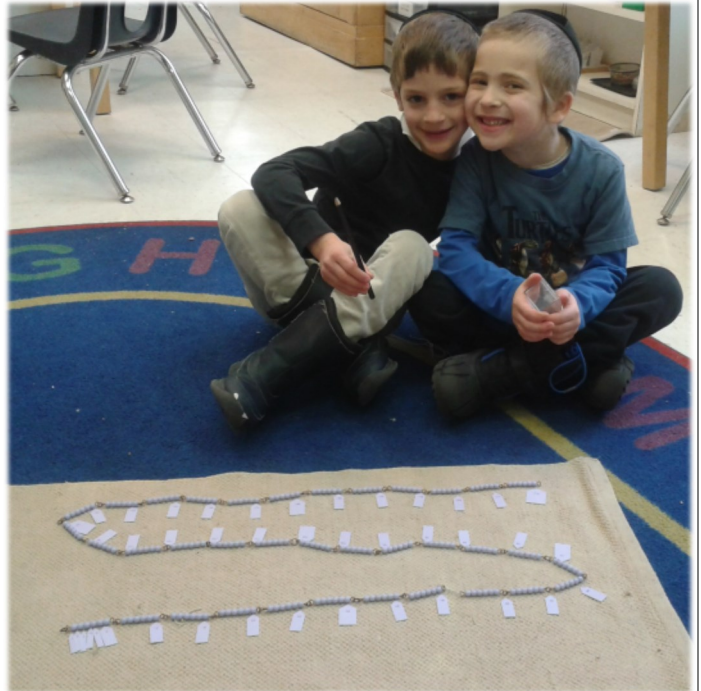
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Early Childhood Students Hard at Work



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In and Around the Cheder



Yerucham Lane, Grade 5 and Yehuda Biser, Grade 7, Final Week של חג סוכות raffle winners with their Rebbeim and can you guess who?



Third graders enjoying their פ' וישלח on סיום.



6th graders with a hands on demonstration of מלאכת אורג (weaving on Shabbos)



4th graders at their Rebbe, Rabbi Erlanger's home for a special מלכה מלכה.



Our very own parent, Dr. Alex Gildin, teaching our Early Childhood students about dental hygiene.

The Private Victory

This past Sunday once again found our Rebbeim hard at work at another Limudei Kodesh In-Service, focusing on the 7 Habits of Highly Effective People by Stephen Covey.

In this session, Rabbi Lazar reviewed and added to the work that the staff had done on the first three of Covey's Habits: BE PROACTIVE, BEGIN WITH THE END IN MIND, and PUT FIRST THINGS

FIRST. In Covey's understanding, all change needs to be made from the inside out. Growth in these three vital areas are labeled "The Private Victory," allowing a person to be truly independent.

The Rebbeim reviewed the concepts of paradigm shifts and learned about the difference between a person's sphere of concern vs. their sphere of influence. This brought to mind the famous AA Prayer of Serenity, "G-d, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference."

Rabbi Lazar reviewed some differences between bottom line management and tip line leadership. Management is doing things right; leadership is doing the right things. Management is efficiently climbing the ladder; leadership is making sure that the ladder is leaning against

the correct wall. Management without leadership is akin to straightening the chairs on the deck of the Titanic!

To successfully Begin with the End in Mind, our Rebbeim reviewed the importance of a Personal Mission Statement. In this session, time was given to help discover what our personal mission is, different than any other person's who walked the face of this Earth. Aided by an article by Sara Yocheved Rigler, and a selection of the Slonimer Rebbe זצ"ל in his famous ספר נתיבות שלום, we analyzed how a person can detect his/her mission.

Before ending, and beginning their teaching day, the staff reviewed the importance of spending more time in Quadrant II, the area that Dr. Covey labels Important but Not Urgent, and watched an entertaining video of Stephen Covey demonstrating his "Big Rocks/Little Rocks" theory.

Our Limudei Kodesh Staff look forward to learning about the next section of the 7 Habits, The Public Victory, beginning with THINK WIN-WIN, scheduled א"ה for Sunday, March 22nd.





Mazel Tov to..

- the Jungreis family on the Bar Mitzvah of Yehoshua.
- the Magder family on Malkiel's hanachas tefillin.
- Mr. and Mrs. David Katz on the birth of a baby girl.
- 4th grade on finishing משניות ראש השנה.



4th grade finishing משניות מס' ראש השנה and beginning מגילה מס'.

- 2nd grade students: Yehuda Mathias, Yosef Mittel, Aaron Yonah Shapiro, and Shimmy Wellikoff upon completing Chazarah Gedolah on the entire פרשת לך לך. They were even tested by the 4th grade Rebbe, Rabbi Erlanger. Congratulations to the very proud parents.



Welcome to the Cheder Family

- Mr. and Mrs. Yossi Schachner and their Nursery daughter Ayala.
- Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Rosenfeld and their 6th grade son Effie.

Thank You to..

- the mysterious Bais Yaakov of Passaic girls who snuck into our school and decorated the preschool in honor of Adar.
- Mr. and Mrs. Yitzzy Mittel who provided the preschool with Hamentashen as well as dough for the children to make their own Hamentashen.
- Eli Schwartz and his parents for donating a beautiful olive wood צדקה box for Eli's 2nd grade classroom, brought all the way from ירושלים עיר הקדש. We cannot wait until it is filled to the top with coins!
- our neighbor's, Lefty's Sports Academy, for once again permitting our parent body to park in their lot when they visited our History Fair.
- Trader Joe's for donating 300 bags to help our Early Childhood students bring home their many projects.



פרנסי היום

Thank you to the פרנס היום sponsors who dedicated davening & learning at the Cheder:

- Mr. Yaakov & Morah Sarah Rosenthal: כ"ז שבט - February 16th, ז"ל - בן יוסף ז"ל, לזכר נשמת ישראל חיים מרדכי בן יוסף ז"ל.
- Mr. and Mrs. Shai Bayaz: כ"ח שבט - February 17th, ז"ל - אהרן אריה ז"ל, לזכר נשמת ר' חיים יוסף בן ר' אהרן אריה ז"ל.

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To qualify for our Early Bird Registration rate, please submit necessary paperwork, head checks and registration no later than SUNDAY, MARCH 8TH.

Looking forward to another great school year!

A Cheder Child is a Caring Child!



Rosh Chodesh Adar was ushered into our Elementary Department

with exciting singing and dancing behind our many masks. Animals, monsters, politicians, old men, aliens to name but a few.

However, more importantly, our

boys gathered to learn how they can assist those less fortunate than them.

Through the fa-

mous צדקה organization, Od Yosef Chai, Rabbi Lazar invited the תלמידים (with parental permission) to join hundreds of other schools in collecting necessary funds for עניי ארץ ישראל.

The boys watched a touching video produced by the צדקה organization highlighting the special work of Od Yosef Chai where the funds raised are distributed in

the most respectful way possible. Many times, the recipients are unaware of who gave them the צדקה, or that they are receiving צדקה at all!

There was excitement filling the packed 1st grade classroom as boys in all grades asked many, many questions about the campaign details.

Our צדקות will be collected

itself, fulfilling the מצות היום in the highest way possible. Monies brought in after ראש חודש פורים until חדש ניסן will be sent to the needy to assist with the many pre-Pesach expenses.

Clifton Cheder will be hosting our own raffle for raffle tickets that the boys sell. There are 10 raffles in each booklet, selling for \$2.00 each. For every 9 tickets that a boy sells (\$18.00) he can issue the

10th ticket in his own name as a bonus!

As additional incentive, Od Yosef Chai supporters have offered each of our boys a

leveled prize sheet to choose ספרים and/or toys based on the total amount that they each raise, ranging anywhere between \$10.00 - \$1,000.00.

Boys received raffle booklets and either Od Yosef Chai envelopes or pushkas

to store their collected money in.

Please help us help your children help those less fortunate than them, as a Cheder child is a caring child!

RAFFLE	
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Address _____	
Tel: _____	
Sold By _____	



throughout the month of אדר, assisting the עניים both with מתנות מעות חטים and לאביונים. Any funds returned to the Cheder before פורים will be distributed on Purim

Ushering In Adar



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The Grand Shmita Feast



Tuesday evening, Main Ingredient, 7:15 p.m., a culmination of dedicated and focused התמדה by our dear תלמידים. After approximately 60 days of our הלכות שמיטה program, 15 boys from grades 4 - 7 were recognized for their diligent efforts and mastery of these important הלכות.

Beginning ר"ח טבת, our boys were given The Student's Guide to Hilchos Shmita, by Rav Shimon Grama, consisting of a total of 11 units. The boys were tested on two units each week, plus the final unit covering the five special פירות ארץ ישראל that apply to מצוות. The boys arrived at the restaurant

wearing white shirts in honor of the occasion, respectfully seating themselves at the beautifully set שמיטה themed tables.

We had the זכות of hearing from our evenings guest speaker, Reb Shia Markowitz, a successful businessman who has taken upon himself to be a leader in Keren Hashviis' multi million dollar campaign assisting the שומרי שביעית farmers. He shared beautiful דברי תורה, stories and experiences while at the same time was impressed and at times floored by the ידיעות our תלמידים showed.

Following the child friendly entrée, each boy was brought his

personal choice of main course, which each talmid selected & submitted a few days before the event. As the evening came to a close, Rabbi Lazar spoke to the boys and then presented each talmid a beautifully framed award of achievement for the boys to take home for safekeeping.

Special thanks to our Extra Curricular Director, Rabbi Elchanan Erlanger for spearheading and seeing to the myriad details of this highly successful שמיטה program, from tests to raffles, to giant life-size farmer pictures, weekly riddles, culminating in this beautifully catered מצוה סעודת.



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מצות שמיטה. גיבור כח, תורה א, תורה א.

Our special guest, along with 11 other farmers, produce the grapes that are used for Or Haganuz wines. Mr. Zimmerman shared נסים that happened in his fields both in the plentiful שנה הששית and within the last two weeks during the שנת השמיטה.

He shared with such powerful and inspiring words of אמונה ובטחון in ה'. Our גיבור כח told the boys what a זכות it is for him to be able to put his trust fully in ה'. "My neighbors who also own orchards

and vineyards laugh at me and say how crazy I am." "Well," he continued, "Neighbors vs. ה' - I choose to go with ה'." So simple, yet so powerful.

After completing his talk, he offered to take questions. It was engaging and interesting but most of all, inspiring. He gave us all a strong dosage of חזיון in השגחת ה'.

He reminded the boys how precious these years are to devote to learning. As the years go on, time to devote to learning gets more and more scarce.

At Rabbi Lazar's request, Mr. Zimmerman concluded with a heart-warming ברכה to all present that we be able to continue learning and growing and bring ה' and our parents "Nachat Yehudei." The boys all answered with a resounding אמן.

After his talk ended, the boys came up to meet him personally, thanking him for his inspiring visit and for "partnering with us" in שמיטה observance.

It was truly a זכות!



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STAFF MISHLOACH MANOS - *LAST CHANCE!!!*

Dear Parents,

We hope this letter finds you well and warm. We want to invite you to join us in sending beautiful group *Mishloach Manos* to our devoted Clifton Cheder Staff.

As per Rabbi Lazar's directive and a long standing minhag, we have deliberately left our dedicated Rebbeim off of the group *Mishloach Manos* form. We urge all families to recognize your son's Rebbe/im individually.

Due to time constraints, **PLEASE EMAIL YOUR TEACHERS NAMES ASAP to rachelirosman@gmail.com AND SEND IN MONEY FOR MONDAY OR DROP OFF @ 39 ALLWOOD PLACE.** Call 917-613-8272 with questions.

Racheli Sukenik and Elisheva Feinsod

Mishloach Manos Order Form

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- Rabbi Lazar (Dean)
- Rabbi Kagan (Administrator)
- Mrs. Rivka Isaacs (Early Childhood Director)
- Mrs. Odelia Schlisser (General Studies Principal)

Early Care/ After Care

- Mrs. Sarah Adler (Early Care)
- Ms. Kayla Isaacs (After Care Head)
- Mrs. Ruthie Weiss (After Care)
- Mrs. Nechama Adler (After Care)

Nursery

- Mrs. Leah Compart (Teacher)
- Mrs. Ruthie Weiss (Teacher)
- Ms. Shiffy Bluth (Assistant)
- Ms. Hadassah Garelick (Assistant)

Kindergarten

- Ms. Kayla Isaacs
- Mrs. Rachel Rudolph

Pre1A

- Ms. Batsheva Simons (Girls)

Elementary General Studies

- Mrs. Suzanne Fleischer (Grade 1)
- Mrs. Civi Markinson (Grade 1 Kriah and Reading)
- Mrs. Debra Goldberg (Grade 2)
- Mrs. Sharona Spitzer (Grade 3)
- Mrs. Suri Gutstein (Grade 4)
- Mr. Mordechai Allen (Grade 5 ELA and Social Studies)
- Rabbi Daniel Presberg (Grade 5 Math and Science)
- Mrs. Rina Davidovici (Grade 6)
- Mr. Jeff Kanrich (Grade 7)

Auxiliary Staff

- Mrs. Chaya Rina Kaplan (Administrative Assistant)
- Mrs. Tali Goldfarb (Secretary)
- Ms. Esther Sassoon (Afternoon Secretary)
- Mrs. Civi Markinson (Learning Center and 1st grade Kriah & Reading Teacher)
- Mrs. Sarah Rosenthal (Early Childhood Program Assistant)
- Ms. Sarah Klein (Music)
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"ומשלוח מנות איש לרעהו"

Dear Parents,

Should your son choose to bring Mishloach Manos in person to his Rebbe, our Rebbeim will B'ezras Hashem do their best to be available during the hours listed below:

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NAME	ADDRESS	TIMES
Rabbi Wiederman	195 Elmwood Avenue	11 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Rabbi Presberg	7 Carlton Place	10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Rabbi Lane	15 Merrick Drive, Spring Valley	3 p.m. – 4 p.m.
Rabbi Reischer	104 Coles Way, Lakewood ☺	Whenever they come to Lkwd.
Rabbi Erlanger	94 Brook Avenue	11 a.m. – 12 p.m.
Rabbi Seldowitz	115 Lafayette Avenue	10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.
Rabbi Salzman	433 Squankum Road, Lakewood ☺	4 p.m. – 7 p.m. or call first
Rabbi Silbermintz	358 Brook Avenue	10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Rabbi Reischer and Rabbi Salzman will be giving Mishloach Manos to their talmidim at school on Ta'anis Esther.

Looking forward to seeing you in person!

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PIZZA WEDNESDAYS!

It's time to sign up for March!

- March orders are due Monday, March 2nd.
- Sign up for the future months is on a monthly basis before the start of the month.
New orders or changes in orders will not be accepted after the start of the month
- Grades K and up only

Please sign me up!

Student's Full Name (first and last): _____ **Grade** _____

- Please sign me up for the remainder of the school year: ___ slices x \$24

- Please sign me up for the month(s) of:

___ slices x \$6 - March

___ slices x \$6 - April

___ slices x \$8 - May

___ slices x \$4 - June

Prices reflect one slice per week, based on the amount of Wednesdays there are in the month.

TOTAL: \$ _____

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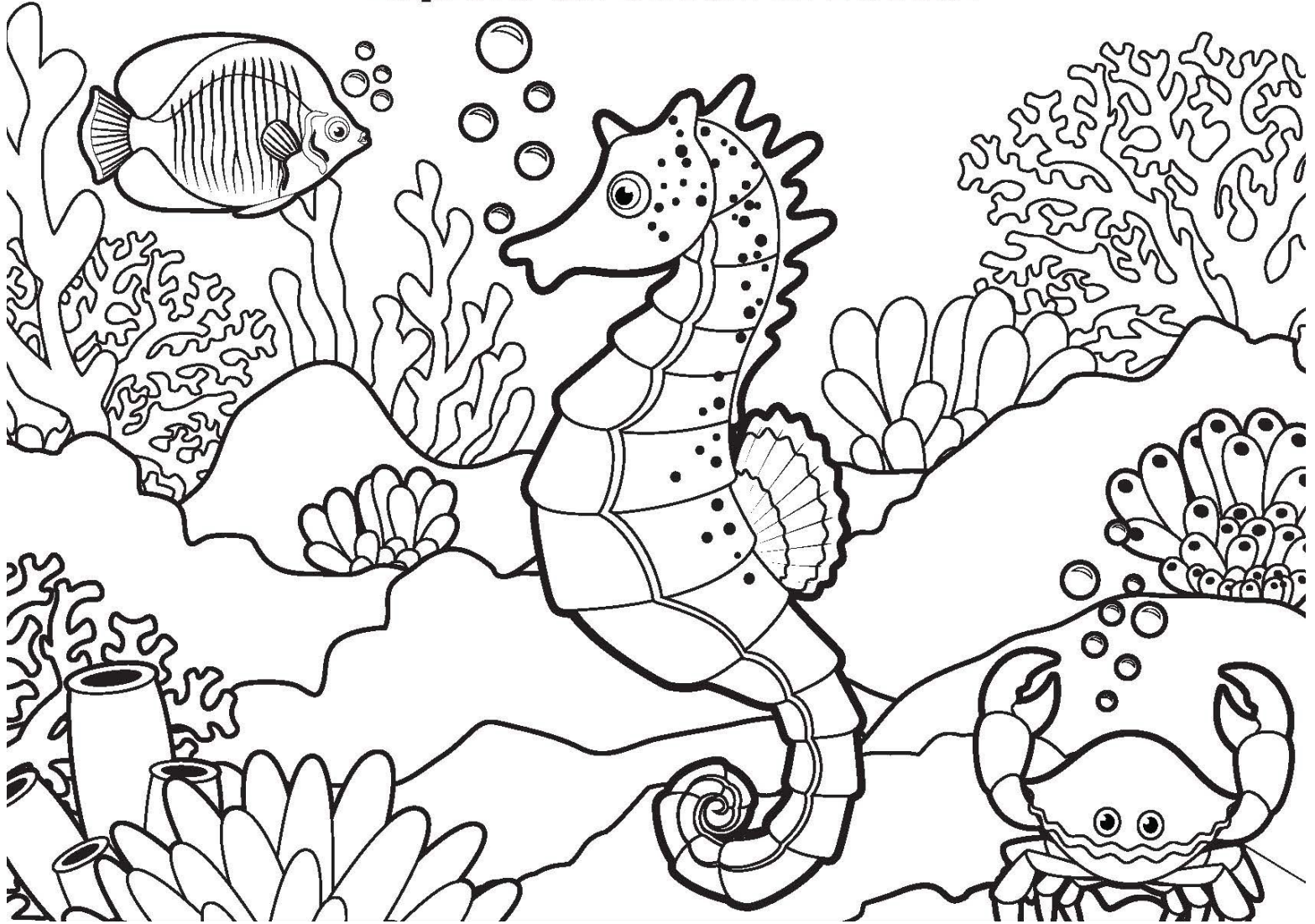
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PLEASE NOTE:

- *There will be no reimbursements for missed lunches due to absences or school closings.*
- *Sign up sheets must be in the office by Monday morning 9am before the first Wednesday of the new month.*


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**Sunday, March 15th and
Tuesday, March 17th**
during **Parent Teachers Conferences**

15' March / אדר, ניסן תשע"ה

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Shabbos
1	2	3	4 תענית אסתר Early Childhood: Dress Up Day/Purim Parade, Megillah Reading with Rabbi Lazar 12:30 Dismissal	5 פורים  No Sessions	6 שושן פורים  No Sessions 5:35 p.m.	7 פרשת כי תשא Move Clock Forward 1 hour ⌚
8 Regular Start Time	9	10	11	12 Mishmor - 7 th Grade	13 Long Friday Schedule Begins: 2:00 Dismissal 6:43 p.m.	14 פרשת ויקהל-פקודי פרשת פרה 
15 Parent Teacher Conferences: Limudei Kodesh 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.	16	17 4:00 Dismissal Evening Parent Teacher Conferences: General Studies & Early Childhood	18	19 Mishmor - 7 th Grade	20 6:50 p.m.	21 פרשת ויקרא פרשת החודש ראש חודש ניסן 
22 Limudei Kodesh In Service Sessions begin at 10:00	23	24	25 Picture Day	26 Mishmor - 7 th Grade	27 6:58 p.m.	28 פרשת צו שבת הגדול 
29	30	31 Pesach Vacation, Elementary: 12:30 Dismissal Early Childhood: No Sessions				