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THE UHI BULLETIN

The Weekly Newsletter of United Hebrew Institute, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, USA

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Rabbi R. J. Nemetsky

A Rosh Hashana assembly was conducted by Rabbi Nemetsky during which the children learned how a Shofar is made. They had an opportunity to blow Shofar and to partake in the dipping of apples in honey.



Have you:

Reregistered for Price Chopper Tools for Schools?
 Signed up at Target to have UHI as designated school?

PLEASE NOTE: WNEP will no longer carry notices of UHI delay or cancellation. Please tune in to WBRE or WYOU. See next page.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Oct. 12 NO CLASSES Erev Sukkot
- Oct. 13—Oct. 14 NO CLASSES Sukkot
- Oct. 17 Trip to Hershey Park Grades 2—6
- Oct. 19 NO CLASSES Hashanah Rabah
- Oct. 20 NO CLASSES Shemini Atzeret
- Oct. 21 NO CLASSES Simchat Torah

United Hermit Crab Institute
Mrs. Jennifer Ripka, Teacher

Get ready, get set, go! Excitement was in the air during the hermit crab races in English Preschool. The children worked long and hard to make hermit crab shells to go along with the story we were reading. Their reward was to wear their shells, go downstairs to the gym, and have a race. To start off the school year we read the story "A House for Hermit Crab". The story introduced the children to the different creatures that live in the sea. Everyday they added a new creature to decorate their shell. One of the highlights was hearing the kids say sea anemone.

Our hermit crab shell project was a great way to introduce the 3Y students to table work and remind the 4Y students how things flow. They liked hearing the story and adding to their shells. Now we have a whole school year to do fun and exciting activities!



Smartboard Review

Rabbi Yaakov Rizel, Teacher

We have gotten off to a great start this year. With all the interruptions in our schedule such as floods, evacuations, and not having a full week of school, we have still managed to maintain our momentum. Now that the holiday season has begun, our focus has shifted from our regular subjects to learning about the laws and customs of the holidays. We used a great smartboard exercise to review some of the information that we had learned. In the exercise the students would take turns coming up to the smartboard to manipulate one of fifteen different pictures into chronological order. For example the first picture in the sequence is a shofar with the word Elul beneath it. This picture represents the month preceding Rosh Hashana during which we prepare for the upcoming days of judgment.

In the second column the students have to put the special foods that are eaten on the night of Rosh Hashana into the proper order. With this exercise the students had a great time and their knowledge of Rosh Hashana and its laws and customs was further ingrained.



Though WNEP, will no longer show our closings or delays on TV, you can access the information on line.

Go to the WNEP 16 web site.



Click on **ALERTS**.

Right under that is **CHECK FOR SCHOOL CLOSINGS HERE**. Click on that.

Click on **COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION CLOSINGS & DELAYS** (on the right).

A calendar will come up with the day's date and will show the school status on it.

Art

Mrs. Sara Eneboe, Teacher

Our UHI students started their art experiences off to a great start using colors of autumn to create wall banners and colorful mosaics. Many of our students have wonderful drawing skills. Several students in all age groups display strong creative original ideas when making their art.

The fourth grade class studied textures and design of banners. Our paper banners display 3 dimensional shaded fruits of the harvest. Basic shapes and how to achieve a 3-D appearance were reviewed and applied to this old world creation. Please visit the main hall on the third floor and the art room at the end of the hall to enjoy these wonderful banners.

The youngest group, 3Y-4Y and Kindergarten together exercised their awareness of colors. The square mosaics reflect their favorite colors placed next to colors of autumn. Great hand eye coordination is practiced when sliding the colored squares to the desired area. The students then cut out leaf shapes around their mosaics--beautiful! Currently, scarecrow faces were made to place on a brightly painted field scene. We have displayed the scarecrow and field mural in the main hall outside of Ms. Mary Lee's office.

The first and second grade students enjoyed drawing and creating their banners with borders. They are now working on 3-D sunflowers. We use a variety of mediums to create a very textured sunflower. We will review positive and negative shapes in the next lesson using leaves as our subject.

The fifth and sixth grade students created fun paper scarecrows on display in the main hall. They are studying Charles Wysocki and his country scenes of New England. The principles of landscape are reviewed and applied to the detailed scenes. We will add color with colored pencil and watercolor.

Welcome to a fun, learning art experience for all. I look forward to another rewarding year teaching art at UHI.



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UHI is selling chances to win a beautiful fleece handmade blanket! The blanket is on display in the lobby of the JCC. Chances are: \$.50 each, 3 for \$1, and "lucky" 18 for \$5.00. You may buy your chances in the UHI office or in the office of the JCC. Good luck!

