



WEDNESDAY WEEKLY

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- Dec. 9: Admissions Open House – Tell a Friend!
9:30 a.m. – Library
- Dec. 10: School Store Open
2:45 – 3:30 p.m.
- Dec. 14: Auction Gift Committee Meeting
9:00 a.m., Conference room
- Dec. 16: Auction Committee Meeting
9:00 a.m., Conference room
- Dec. 17: 5-Day Preschool Holiday Concert
9:30 a.m., Gym
- Dec. 18: 5-9 Program Holiday Concert
9:30 a.m., Gym
- Dec. 21-23: Winter Vacation, **no classes**
Preregistered childcare is available
by emailing cass_winner@wmsde.org
- Dec. 24-
Jan. 1: Winter Vacation, no classes, Building Closed
- Jan. 4: Welcome Back!
- Jan. 8: Alumni Pizza Party
6:30 p.m.
- Jan. 12: Marketing Committee Meeting
9:15 a.m., Conference Room
- Jan. 13: Admissions Open House – Tell a Friend!
9:30 a.m., Library
- Jan. 15: Professional Day, **no classes**
Preregistered childcare is available
by emailing cass_winner@wmsde.org
- Jan. 18: Martin Luther King Day, **no classes**
Preregistered childcare is available
by emailing cass_winner@wmsde.org
- Jan. 19: Diversity Advisory Committee
6:30 p.m., Library
- Jan. 27: Admissions Open House – Tell a Friend!
9:30 a.m., Library

Winter Concerts

Join us for a special holiday treat!

This year's winter concerts are:

5-day Preschool Concert –
Thursday December 17th @ 9:30 a.m.

5-9 Program Concert –
Friday December 18th @ 9:30 a.m.

WINTER WEATHER WARNINGS

As the week-end weather demonstrated, winter is now upon us! Occasionally it is necessary to close school due to inclement weather. Even when classes are closed, childcare is typically open from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. unless there is a statewide or area closing due to extreme weather conditions.

How can you get more information? The State of DE maintains an email update system for school closings and delays for all schools in the state.

To subscribe, go to
<https://diss.state.de.us/DWS/public.diss>

Or tune into radio:
KYW1060, school code 3585
WDEL 1050 AM/WSTW 93.7 FM
WJBR 99.5FM



WMS Financial Aid Program

The financial aid program at Wilmington Montessori School is intended to provide a level of support for families to assist with the cost of tuition. It is a need based program and we strive to accommodate as many families as possible. Preference is given to current families and families with students in the elementary program. However, any family with a demonstrated financial need is encouraged to apply. Financial aid awards are typically no more than 50% of a student's tuition and generally do not support part-time programs.

The financial aid process is overseen by the Financial Aid Committee. The Committee evaluates each family's overall circumstance. Aid awards are based on need and funds available from the school.

Financial Aid applications for the 2010-2011 school year are now available from the front desk. Families who have received financial aid in the past will receive applications in the mail. In order for your application to be considered in the first round, you must have your complete application submitted **by January 11, 2010**. A complete application includes household income information and documentation on both parents.

Applications should be returned to Carolyn Fuhrman with a \$25 processing fee. Financial aid response letters will be mailed on February 11 for the first round of applicants.

Questions? Contact Carolyn Fuhrman at carolyn_fuhrman@wmsde.org.

Holiday Shopping

WMS Pajama pants are on everyone's wish list for warmth this winter!

The School Store will be open on **Thursday December 10th, from 2:45 – 3:30 p.m.** This is the last time the store will be open before the Winter Break. You can also place orders for items not in stock directly with Best Uniform – order forms are located on the School Store bulletin board. Stop by and see our full line – including canvas tote bags, aprons, umbrellas and lunch bags!



**WMS Parents are invited to attend a special presentation
“WHAT IT IS TO BE HUMAN-AN ACTOR’S PERSPECTIVE”
by Julie Cooke**

As part of the 9-12 Program’s year long focus on the question “What Does It Mean to be Human?” WMS parent Julie Cooke will present a seminar on the actor’s perspective. The seminar includes discussion on how to find a character and yourself, identifying what makes you different and the same, and also will present an introduction to theater through researching a character/person. There will also be time for student improvisation and two performances by Julie.

Julie Cooke is a WMS parent (to Christopher in the 9-12 program), as well as an accomplished professional Actor, Teacher, Coach & Director. She has performed in over a hundred main stage productions plus children’s theater, both locally and throughout the country.

Please note that while parents are welcome to attend this seminar, it is not intended for children under 9 years old.

**Friday: December 18th at 1 p.m. & 2 p.m.
The Great Room**



**Thank you to WMS Parent
Donna Irby for her Kwanzaa Yam
storytelling adventure.**



It was a fun afternoon for all.
Donna had everyone engaged and
moving around, as she presented the
seven principles of Kwanzaa - and
told the story of one stubborn yam!



Culture Studies Experiencing Life in the 1600's

The students in Rooms 13 and 18 (5-7 Program) explored a Pilgrim and Wampanoag Museum to learn more about the Thanksgiving story. The museum focused on several aspects of life during the 1600's: the Voyage on the Mayflower, the Pilgrims daily life in the New World and the Wampanoag Tribe. Children packed a trunk, deciding what items to take and leave behind on the voyage and sat in "jail" to experience how the pilgrims were persecuted for expressing their religious beliefs. The children also learned about the food that the Wampanoag Tribe ate, tried on typical clothing of the Wampanoag and learned about the home in which they lived. Children tried on Pilgrim clothing by putting on stockings using garters and tying on their "pocket." They labored at jobs that Pilgrim children did including polishing the kettle with vinegar and salt, plucking corn kernels from the cob, collecting fire wood, carrying water and collecting and bundling rye from the "rye field." They also played a marble game in a Knicker box after their work was done! These hands-on activities helped to solidify the children's understanding of this time period – and complemented books read in the classroom.



Support Our Supporters!

As you shop this holiday season, please be sure to lend support to those businesses that donated gifts to our Annual Auction. When you stop in, mention that you saw the business in the WMS Auction Catalog and appreciate their support.

Our supporters include: ***Body Wisdom Massage, Dave's Limousine, The Delaware Rock Gym, Double "D" Gymnastics, Empowered Yoga, Eastern Mountain Sports, Galaxy Gymnastics, and Leisure Fitness.***

Shopping somewhere new? Be sure to let your stores that you would appreciate their support of WMS!

Our Mission

Wilmington Montessori School is a collaborative learning community rooted in Montessori principles, inspiring the joyful discovery of self and a passion for learning and independent thinking. We empower children to be knowledgeable and responsible contributors to the global community.

E-mail Wednesday-Weekly@wmsde.org by Friday to submit information and announcements for publication in the following week's Wednesday Weekly. All submissions are subject to modification for space constraints and/or content clarity.