



## WEDNESDAY WEEKLY



### Winter Concerts

Join us for a special holiday treat!

This year's winter concerts are:

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

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

### H1N1 School Vaccination Program – Still Waiting for Schedule

To date, we have not received our scheduled date from the Delaware Department of Health for the H1N1 School Vaccination Program. It is likely that we will only have a few days advance notice of when the program will be implemented here. We will notify you as soon as we have more information.

In the meantime, many area pediatricians now have the vaccine in stock. Also, the Claymont Community Center has the vaccination and appointments are available by calling 302-792-2757. If you signed a consent form for your child to be vaccinated at WMS, and you have your child vaccinated elsewhere, please notify us so that your consent form can be destroyed.

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- 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](mailto:cass_winner@wmsde.org)**
- Dec. 24-  
Jan. 1: Winter Vacation, no classes, Building Closed
- Jan. 4: Welcome Back!
- Jan. 6: Auction Committee Meeting  
9:00 a.m., Conference Room
- Jan. 8: Alumni Pizza Party  
6:30 p.m.
- Jan. 11: Financial Aid Applications Due
- 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](mailto:cass_winner@wmsde.org)**
- Jan. 18: Martin Luther King Day, **no classes**  
**Preregistered childcare is available**  
**by emailing [cass\\_winner@wmsde.org](mailto: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





## You are invited to: A POETRY SLAM

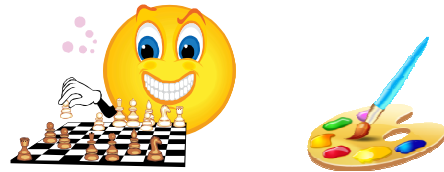
Poetry abounds in the 9-12 classrooms!

Students have read poems written by Langston Hughes, Mary Oliver, Billy Collins, Naomi Shahib Nye and many others. Immersing oneself in poetry led to students writing poems of their own, which they are now ready to share. Each student has written his/her own collection of poetry and will share one of their original works on **Wednesday, December 16<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 AM** in Rooms 9 and 10. Please join us if you are available.

If you can't join us, you can read some of the poetry on our blog. Email Lisa Lalama (lisa\_lalama@wmsde.org) for our blog address. We update our blog regularly - add our site to your favorites list and check back often to read our original work.

### Our Safety and Security System Depends on You!

To ensure the safety and security of our school community, please remember that every WMS family has been issued an access card to the building – therefore please do not allow others to come in the door with you. We require every visitor to the school to come in through the front door and sign into the building. The back door (near the Extended Care classrooms) should never be used as a visitor entrance. While it may seem polite to hold the door for others to come through, the reality is that the safety of our community depends on each of us not providing access to strangers. Thank you for your kind attention to this important safety reminder.



### AFTERSCHOOL SPECIALS

Once the holiday rush is over, what's next? Will you be ready for a little breathing time? Chances are, your kids will be looking for their next adventure. Afterschool specials can be the answer for you both!

Winter/Spring offerings will include Historic Crafts, Photography, Musical Explorers, Drama Workshop, Spanish, Art, Yoga, Steel Drum, Tennis, Soccer, and Chess.

Stay tuned to the website for details and registration forms! Classes will begin in late January.



Make your annual fund contribution online!  
<http://www.wmsde.org/howtogive>

## WMS Financial Aid Program

The financial aid program at Wilmington Montessori School is intended to provide 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 currently enrolled 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 at 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 of awards, 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](mailto:carolyn_fuhrman@wmsde.org).

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## WINTER WEATHER WARNINGS

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

Or check our website:  
[www.wmsde.org](http://www.wmsde.org)



## First Night Wilmington 2010

Looking for a family friendly New Years' Eve? Wilmington's First Night celebration has activities for all on Thursday, December 31, 2009 from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., with a grand fireworks finale at 9:45 p.m. over Rodney Square.

From rides to dance performances, strolling entertainers and a variety of exciting bands, First Night Wilmington 2010 promises to be an event to remember. Special features for this year's event include the return of the popular Skating Rink on Market Street, feature attractions in our main tent on Rodney Square, expanded food court, youth tapestry exhibit and of course the traditional fireworks finale.

***Be sure to stop by to see the WMS artwork on display as part of the Community Youth Art exhibit in the Main Tent. The preschoolers in Room 22 with their Room 19 buddies created a tapestry using recycled materials, woven on a wooden frame.***



**Admission to First Night is Free!**

### ***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: ***Miller Carpet One Floor & Home, New Candlelight Theater, Paintball Action Games, Panera Bread, The Ski Bum, The Spa at Montchanin Village, Trader Joe's, Tales & Toys, Simon Eye Associates, and Stanley's Tavern.*** 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](mailto: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.