



The Wednesday Weekly

Wilmington Montessori School

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Deck the Halls!



What could be more fun than making decorations? Some of our Kindergarteners showed their holiday spirit by making yards and yards of colorful paper chains for our Christmas tree.

Happy Holidays to all of our families at Wilmington Montessori School. May your break be filled with the joys of the season – we look forward to welcoming you and your children back in 2008!



Mark Your Calendars:

December 19 – Preschool Holiday Concert; Gym, 9:30am.

December 20 – Infant/Toddler Sing Along; Great Room, 11:15am.

December 24- January 1 – Holiday Break; Classes Closed; Building Closed. *No childcare available.*

January 2 – January 4 – Holiday Break; Classes Closed
Childcare available; contact Cass Winner at cass_winner@wmsde.org.

January 7 - First day of classes in 2008!

January 9 - Admissions Open House; 9:30am. *Tell a friend!*

January 11 - Alumni Pizza Party 6:30-8:30pm, Great Room.

January 17 - 6th Grade Ice Skating Party

January 18 - Professional Day; Classes Closed
Childcare available; contact Cass Winner at cass_winner@wmsde.org.

January 21 - Martin Luther King Day; Classes Closed. Childcare available; contact Cass Winner @ cass_winner@wmsde.org.

Financial Aid Applications for the 2008-09 School Year Now Available

Families currently receiving financial aid or who applied last year have received an application in the mail. Applications are also available at the Front Desk.

WMS encourages all families who may be in need of assistance to complete an application; returning WMS families are given priority for assistance. **Completed applications are due January 14, 2008; notification of financial aid awards will be on February 18th.** Questions or need additional information? Please contact Carolyn Fuhrman at carolyn_fuhrman@wmsde.org.



Winter Concerts



Preschool Concert - Wednesday, December 19 at 9:30am in the Gym.

Infants/Toddler Sing-Along - Thursday, December 20 at 11:15am in the Great Room.

Concert Attire - It is suggested that all students come to the program dressed in "concert attire," which can be thought of as "dress-up clothes" or clothes that one might wear to church, synagogue, temple or even out to an upscale restaurant. When deciding upon your child's "concert attire," please consider that while it may be cold outside, it will be warm when your child is performing alongside his/her classmates. Many children also appreciate a change of clothes following their program! If you have any questions please contact Kelly Rhodunda at 302-765-2131 or kelly_rhodunda@wmsde.org.

Montessori Centennial Edition Yearbook: It's not too late!

The 2006-07 yearbook provides a great pictorial memory book for all WMS students, as photos cover every program and all school activities. All for just \$16.00! And yes, it will come with a magnifying glass so you can find EVERY ONE of last year's students on the cover! If you want your very own copy, please contact Joanne at joanne_waters@wmsde.org.

Winter Concert Videotapes and DVD's

As a service to our families, each of the winter concerts will be professionally recorded by OK Video. DVD and VHS tape copies of each of the five concerts will be available for purchase at \$10.00 each. Order forms are due, complete with payment, by December 20, 2007. All envelopes should be placed in the "Video Order Box" located at the front desk. Additional order forms can be found at the front desk and the music room bulletin board. Orders will be available for your child to bring home following winter vacation.

Inclement Weather Closing Information

Occasionally, in the interest of safety, it is necessary for classes to open late or to close for the day due to inclement weather. Childcare is typically open from 7am - 6pm when classes close, except when there is a state-wide or area closing due to extremely treacherous roads.

How can I get information?

- The State of Delaware maintains an excellent e-mail notification system for school closings and delays for all the schools in the state. This system is our first and primary notification. To subscribe, go to <http://phoenix.state.de.us/schoolclosing> to register.
- **Radio**
 - KYW1060AM - School Code 3585
 - WDEL 1150AM/WSTW 93.7FM
 - WILM 1450AM
 - WJBR 99.5FM

→ DON'T FORGET!

... to make your 07-08 Annual Fund Gift! Every gift is meaningful. Make an online gift at www.wmsde.org, donate appreciated securities or pick up an Annual Fund envelope at the front desk.

For more information on how you can help, contact Jenn Burns, Director of Advancement, at jennifer_burns@wmsde.org

Scavenger Hunt Winners Revealed

Thank you to everyone who explored the depths of the new WMS website (check it out... www.wmsde.org). Congratulations to the following Scavenger Hunt winners, who will receive a new WMS sweatshirt!

9-12 Program	Ameerah Taylor
6-9 Program	Maura Doyle
Kindergarten	Luke Munch
Preschool	Derek O'Donnell
Infant/Toddler	Laura Saperstein
Faculty/Staff	Jill Pyle



Top Selling Scout

Congratulations to Matthew Graesser for being the top selling scout (Cub and Boy) for the entire DelMarVa Council. That's a lot of popcorn!

Our Lost and Found is GROWING!

Please remember to check the bins near the front lobby for missing hats, mittens, pants, toys, glasses, etc.

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

Mid-Year Co-op Reports

At the end of January, you will receive a report from the Family Relations Office listing Co-op hours reported by December 14, 2007. *Please note: there is no billing associated with this report and no minimum number of hours must be completed by mid-year; this report is for your informational purposes only.* Hours submitted after December 14 will not be reflected in this report. As always, if you have any questions or need help navigating Co-op, please feel free to contact Joanne Waters, Family Relations Director, at joanne_waters@wmsde.org.

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.

The community of Wilmington Montessori School develops each individual's human potential to be a responsible contributor to the global community by focusing on the development of character, leadership, thinking skills, knowledge, life management skills, creative and artistic abilities, and social responsibility through the model of C.A.R.E.S: Cooperation, Assertion, Responsibility, Empathy and Self-Control.