



SUPPORT THE WMS TOY DRIVE

The WMS Annual Holiday Toy Drive is taking place **through December 16th**. Please bring new, unwrapped toys for either boys or girls between the ages of newborn-12 years old to Room 6 or the drop-off box in the lobby. Items will be donated to the Westside Family Health Care Center Outreach Health Center, which supports families in the area.

**HELP US MAKE SOMEONE'S HOLIDAY SEASON ENJOYABLE AND MEMORIAL THIS YEAR!
WMS Room 6**

For more information, Contact **Becky C. Johnson** at (215) 432-8593.

"Montessori Mondays"

* One More Session! *
December 13th

9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Free!

Know someone who is interested in the WMS toddler or preschool program? Invite them to join us! Parents get a chance to talk with a Wilmington Montessori teacher while their child explores the materials and experiences a Montessori classroom environment.

Contact **Theresa Conaty** (theresa_conaty@wmsde.org) for more information or to R.S.V.P.

Tell a Friend!



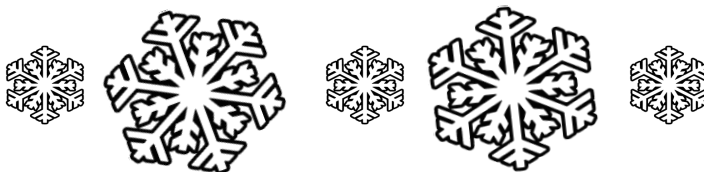
WEDNESDAY WEEKLY

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- Dec. 8 Admissions Open House
9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Theresa_conaty@wmsde.org
- Dec. 13 Montessori Monday
Tell a friend!
9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
Contact: theresa_conaty@wmsde.org
- Dec. 15 Diversity Advisory Committee Storytelling
3:30 p.m. – 4:15 p.m. in the Great Room
- Dec. 16 Grounds Committee Meeting
3:15 p.m. in the Conference Room
- Dec. 16 Last day for Annual Toy Drive
Drop off new, unwrapped toys in Room 6
- Dec. 17 Five-Day Preschool Concert
9:30 a.m. in the Gym
- Dec. 22 5-9 Program Holiday Concert
9:30 a.m. in the Gym
- Dec. 22 Early Childhood Program Discussion
w/Barbara Marchese
9:15 a.m. in Room 4
- Dec. 23 School closed except for pre-registered
childcare. Cass_winner@wmsde.org
- Dec. 24–Jan. 2 Winter Break - Classes resume Jan. 3rd.
- Jan. 7 Alumni Pizza Party
6:30 p.m.

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.



To Parents About the Playgrounds . . .

While your children are always welcome to use the playgrounds, it is important for their safety that they play on age-appropriate equipment.

If your child is a toddler or pre-schooler, then s/he should not be on the elementary school playground equipment. Not only is the equipment too large for your child, but the afterschool program children who may be using the equipment are too big and too fast to be safe playmates. The pre-school playgrounds are accessible through the back door of the lobby, and the toddler playgrounds may be accessed from the fire lane behind the gym.

Thank you for your consideration.



WANTED

CHILDREN, PARENTS & STAFF TO JOIN THE WMS GROUNDS COMMITTEE

Do you want to be part of a group that makes a difference at WMS?

Then join the Grounds Committee!

The Grounds Committee takes care of the playgrounds and plantings around WMS. The decisions made at our meetings effect YOU.

To be part of this cutting-edge organization, just come to our next meeting on Thursday, December 16th at 3:15 p.m. in the Conference Room.

Contact Dolores Morra, Grounds Committee Chair (Dolores_morra@wmsde.org) for more information.

Bag Collection Project Wraps Up



The last pick up for the Precision Air Convey (PAC) Corporation bag collection took place on November 30th. Receptacles have been removed.

Over the life of the project, WMS collected 113 bags on PAC's behalf to help with research and development aimed at increasing the density of their recycled plastic bricks from 300 bags per brick to 1,000 bags per brick. Providing bags enabled PAC to do necessary product testing and improve their technology. Now they will determine the value proposition of their equipment in the sustainable marketplace.

Please note, while WMS families no longer need to bring along bags for this purpose they should continue to recycle their plastic bags! Many local retailers offer recycling receptacles for plastic bags in their stores.

Thanks to everyone for their help – especially Gerry McVey, who coordinated this effort for WMS.



Annual Fund



Don't forget about WMS's *Community of Giving* Annual Fund during the giving season.

Independent schools like Wilmington Montessori rely on charitable gifts to enhance each student's educational experience. An easy way to make a gift to the *Community of Giving* Annual Fund is to go online at www.wmsde.org/howtogive (also available behind the Parent Portal!), or look for the *Community of Giving* envelopes around school or in your mail. WMS also gratefully accepts gifts of stock.

Have questions about how to make a gift to WMS? Contact Jenn Burns, Director of Advancement, at jennifer_burns@wmsde.org.

WEDNESDAY WEEKLY

Have something for the Wednesday Weekly? Send an e-mail to Wednesday-Weekly@wmsde.org by **COB Friday** each week for publication the following week. Note: Submissions may be modified for space constraints and/or content clarity.



Financial Aid at WMS

The financial aid program at Wilmington Montessori School is intended to support families needing assistance with the cost of tuition. It is a need-based program and we strive to accommodate as many families as possible. Any family with a demonstrated financial need is encouraged to apply.

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

Financial Aid applications for the 2011-2012 school year are now available at the Front Desk and online at www.wmsde.org – and click on Admissions. In order for your application to be considered in the first round, **you must have your complete application submitted by January 11, 2011.** (A complete application includes income information and documentation on **both** parents regardless of marital status.)

Applications should be submitted to Carolyn Fuhrman with a \$25 processing fee. Financial aid response letters will be mailed on February 11, 2011 for the first round of applicants.



Winter Weather Warnings

As we can see by the hats and gloves adorning students' heads and hands, winter is now upon us! Occasionally this weather makes it necessary to close school.

Even when classes are closed, childcare is often 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 Delaware 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

