



WEDNESDAY WEEKLY

AFTER-SCHOOL SPECIALS

Register NOW!

After-school Specials are open to all students in the specified age/grade ranges, regardless of whether they are registered for the Extended Day program (or attend WMS). Students may attend the regular Extended Day rooms on the day of their Special (at no charge) and have a supervised snack before the Special begins. Staff members will ensure that they get safely to their special programs.

Make sure to register **by January 13th**.

You can obtain a form online, or visit Cass Winner's office (cass_winner@wmsde.org 302/475-0555) for more information. Offerings include:

Technology Club (Ages 7-12)

Mondays, 3:30-5:00; 12 Weeks (1/24-5/9) \$210

Photography (Ages 9-12)

Tuesdays, 3:30-5:00 (4:00-5:00 for bus riders); 12 weeks (1/25-4/19) \$220, or \$150 for bus riders

Storybook Drama Workshop (K-2nd grade)

Wednesdays, 3:30-4:15 or 4:20-5:05; 12 wks (1/26-4/20) \$185

Steel Drum Band (Grades 3-6)

Advanced: Wednesdays (and some Fridays), 3:30-5:00
17 weeks (1/12-5/13) \$425

Beginners: Thursdays (and some Fridays), 3:30-5:00;
16 weeks (1/19-5/13) \$410

Tennis (Ages 5-7)

Fridays, 3:20-4:05 or 4:15-5:00; 7 weeks (1/21-3/18) \$150

Cooking (Ages 5-7)

Tuesdays, 3:05-4:05 or 4:20-5:20; 12 weeks (1/25-4/19) \$190

Hola Español! Spanish

(Ages 4-5) 3:30-4:00; (Ages 6-8) 4:10-4:40
Thursdays, 12 Weeks (1/27-4/21) \$180

Art (Ages 5-7)

Wednesdays, 3:15-4:15 or 4:15-5:15
12 weeks (1/26-4/20) \$190

Dance

Pre-Ballet (Ages 4-5) 3:30-4:15

Introduction to Dance (Ages 6-8) 4:20-5:15
Fridays 12 weeks (1/21 - 5/20) \$190

Girls On the Run (3rd & 4th grade) & Girls on Track (5th & 6th grade)

Mondays and Wednesdays, April 4-June 2 3:15-4:45 \$155

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

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| Jan. 7 | Alumni Pizza Party
Great Room, 6:30-8:30 p.m. |
| Jan. 10 | Deadline for Financial Aid Applications
Submit to Mark Murray, Dir. of Finance & Operations |
| Jan. 12 | "Building Courage, Confidence and Self Esteem in Our Children" presented by Yvonne Nass, sponsored by WMS Delaware Children's Museum, 6 p.m. |
| Jan. 13 | Registration Due: After-school Specials
Register with cass_winner@wmsde.org. |
| Jan. 17 | Martin Luther King Holiday
No Classes; Childcare available – cass_winner@wmsde.org. |
| Jan. 19 | Admissions Open House
Library, 9:30 a.m. |
| Jan. 19 & 20 | <i>Transition to Preschool Mornings</i>
9am, Meet in Lobby |
| Jan. 27 | Dads Day/WMS 47 th Birthday
<i>activities begin at 8:30am</i> |
| Jan. 28 & 31 | Preschool/Elementary
Conferences - <u>These classes are closed.</u> Childcare available – cass_winner@wmsde.org |
| Jan. 31 | Childcare Pool Party – K-6 th grade
10:20 a.m. – 1:15 a.m.
Bus departs from and returns to WMS.
Greater Newark Boys' and Girls' Club |
| Feb. 2 | <i>Transition to Elementary Morning</i>
9-10 a.m., Location TBA |
| Feb. 5 | The Journey
School-wide, 8 a.m. – 3 p.m. |
| Feb. 8-10 | <i>Transition to Elementary Mornings</i>
9 a.m., Meet in the Lobby |
| Feb. 9 | Admissions Open House
Library, 9:30 a.m. |



Receive live updates from WMS on your computer or mobile device by subscribing to our Twitter feed at www.twitter.com/wmsde or texting follow wmsde to 40404.

Alumni Pizza Party January 7, 2011 6:30-8:30 p.m.



Do you ever wonder where students go and what they do after graduating from WMS?

Find out at the WMS Alumni Pizza party on January 7th in the Great Room. Many of our student alumni return to WMS to catch up, visit the school and share their wisdom with the graduating class of 2011. R.S.V.P. to events@wmsde.org.

WMS Welcomes New Staff Member



The WMS community is pleased to welcome Noel Dietrich as our new Communications Officer.

Noel brings to WMS an array of experience in the field of communications. She holds a master's degree in communication from the University of Delaware, where she received a concentration in mass communication and focused on public opinion research and computer-mediated communication. Noel has written for local publications including *Delaware Today* and *Out & About* magazines. Most recently, Noel was employed by Drexel University's Goodwin College of Professional Studies where she wrote for a variety of publications, helped redesign the college's website and initiated the college's social media campaign.

In her free time, Noel participates in the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's Team in Training program, for which she will complete her first half-marathon this weekend. Noel is grateful for the warm welcome she has received at WMS, and looks forward to meeting and collaborating with more of the Wilmington Montessori School community.

Don't Miss the Financial Aid Deadline

WMS is committed to its diverse community. As a result, our need-based financial aid program strives to accommodate as many families as possible. Any family with a demonstrated financial need is encouraged to apply. Last year, approximately 25 percent of WMS families received some amount of financial assistance.

Financial Aid applications for the 2011-2012 school year are **due on January 10, 2011**. Applications can be found at the front desk and at www.wmsde.org. Applications should be submitted to Mark Murray with a \$25 processing fee. Financial aid response letters will be mailed on February 11, 2011 for the first round of applicants.

Need more information? Contact Mark Murray, Director of Finance & Operations at mark_murray@wmsde.org.

SAINT EDMOND'S ACADEMY

Please join us when Saint Edmond's Academy, the Wilmington Montessori School and the Arden Community Library welcome best-selling author Marisa de los Santos.

**Monday, January 10, 2011
7 p.m.**
Rollins Center, Saint Edmond's Academy
2120 Veale Road, Wilmington
Free and open to the public

RSVP: Email Tammy Hayes-Hartman at thartman@stedmondsacademy.org

Acclaimed author Marisa de los Santos will discuss *Love Walked In* and New York Times bestseller *Belong to Me*. A Wilmington resident, Marisa will also talk about her transition from poet to novelist.

CHILDCARE NEWS

New Conference Days Policy. In response to parent feedback, WMS will be instituting a new childcare policy for conference days. On conference days only, children attending 3.5 hours or less of childcare will be billed \$20. Those attending more than 3.5 hours will be billed the customary \$50 flat fee for a childcare day. This is meant in part to assist parents who only need care during their conferences.

Road Trip! K-6th childcare classes will head to the Greater Newark Boys' & Girls' Club on Monday, January 31st for a pool party! The bus will leave WMS at 10:20 a.m. and will return at 1:15 p.m. Register for childcare that day by emailing Cass at cass_winner@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.

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.

WINTER CONCERT FUN

The **Five-Day Preschool** students performed their annual winter concert. Highlights included an enthusiastic rendition of "Jingle Bells", an impressive performance of "Robin Red-Breast" as four-part round, and an energetic scarf dance.



Mom's Night Out Speakers Series Workshop

"Building Courage, Confidence, and Self-Esteem in Our Children"

Wednesday, January 12, 2011

Presented by Yvonne Nass, Certified Parent Educator

Sponsored by Wilmington Montessori School

This workshop will cover the stages of self-esteem development. Parents will learn to use the tools of encouragement to build on their child's strengths, to focus on the positive and to communicate acceptance. Bring your friends, your questions and join the discussion.



Delaware Children's Museum

550 Justison Street, Wilmington DE

\$15 for DCM members * \$20 for non-members

The discussion begins at 6:00 p.m. Light refreshments will be provided thanks to Moore Brothers and Union City Grille.

Purchase tickets online at delawarechildrensmuseum.org or call (302) 442-6862



The **Steel Drum Orchestra and the 5-9 program** performed "A Bear-y Merry Holiday." Students dressed as brown and black bears, teddy bears and polar bears, and displayed talents in singing, acting, dancing, playing musical instruments, and even rapping. The concert ended in "Panda-monium" as the children and audience members received a special surprise - teachers dancing into the room in panda costumes!