



WEDNESDAY WEEKLY

It's Here! WMS Rummage Sale

But it's not too late to declutter and raise money for WMS! The WMS Rummage Sale is still accepting donations in the Great Room through Friday of this week. If you have a large item to donate, contact the Farabaugh family (laurafarabaugh@gmail.com) to pick the item up at your house provided a mutually convenient time can be arranged during the evening.

Also, stop by the Great Room and speak to Carol Thomson, Rummage Sale Chair, in person to learn about opportunities to work at the Rummage Sale. Or, contact her via email (crthomson3@comcast.net). Opportunities are also listed on the co-op board.

Rummage Sale Dates:

Nov. 4 "First Look" Rummage Pre-sale for Volunteers – Great Room
6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

Nov. 5 WMS Community Rummage Pre-Sale
Great Room
3:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.

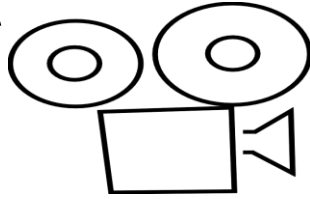
Nov. 6 Rummage Sale - Open to Public
Great Room
7:00 a.m.- 1:00 p.m.

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- Nov. 11 Parent Workshop: Kindergarten Readiness
9:00 a.m.
- Nov. 12 Movie Morning: "Race to Nowhere"
Diversity Advisory Committee
9:15am; Room 26
- Nov. 13 The Journey
8:15 a.m.-3:15 p.m.
- Nov. 14-17 AMS/Middle States Reaccreditation Visit
- Nov. 16 Town Meeting
9:15 a.m. in the Great Room
- Nov. 17 EC Parent Discussion
9:15 a.m.
- Nov. 24 Thanksgiving Break
Classes closed; Childcare only
- Nov. 25 & 26 Thanksgiving Break
Classes closed; Building closed
- Nov. 29 & 30 Grandparents Day
Elementary -Monday, the 29th
Inf./Tod/Preschool -Tuesday the 30th



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What: WMS's Diversity Advisory Committee movie is hosting a "Movie Morning".

When & Where: November 12th in Room 26

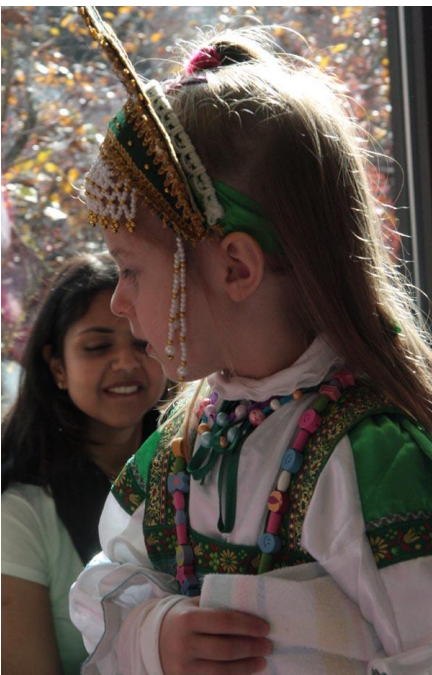
Check it out: In [Race to Nowhere](#), Director Vicki Abeles ignites a national conversation in her documentary about the pressures faced by American schoolchildren and their teachers in a system and culture obsessed with the illusion of achievement, competition and the pressure to perform. Featuring the heartbreaking stories of young people across the country who have been pushed to the brink, educators who are burned out and worried that students aren't developing the skills they need, and parents who are trying to do what's best for their kids. *Race to Nowhere* is a call to mobilize families, educators, and policy makers to challenge current assumptions on how to best prepare the youth of America to become healthy, bright, contributing and leading citizens.

BRING YOUR BOOKS TO WESTSIDE HEALTHCARE

Girl Scout Troop 177 continues to collect gently used books for children ages newborn-10 that can be taken home to keep after a visit. The Troop is also collecting new books to be used during physicals and evaluations to assess children in a relaxed and enjoyable manner. (Please seal new books in a ZIPLOCK BAG to keep them germ free!) Book drop boxes are located at both school entrances. Taking place through November 6th, this effort also helps Troop 177 advance towards achieving a Bronze award, which centers around community service.



HALLOWEEN FUN!



American Montessori Society (AMS) and Middle States (CES-MSA) Reaccreditation Visit

Over the past year, WMS has engaged in a self-study required for reaccreditation by the AMS and Middle States. As part of this process, a school spends time examining itself in light of its own philosophy with involvement by all of its constituents. This process began several years ago with the visioning and long-range planning that the Board and school community embarked on in 2007. This year, the school completed a self-study related to how we address the standards of AMS and Middle States. Those interested in examining the process and results of the WMS self-study can find them documented in notebooks placed in the front lobby.

With the self-study complete, WMS now looks forward to the visit in anticipation of reaccreditation. During November 14-17, the AMS-Middle States team will visit our school to confirm the self study and follow up with any questions. During that week, you might see the visiting team in hallways and classrooms. They will also attend the Town Meeting on November 16th. We hope you will come prepared with thoughtful insights about our school.

The Journey

Experience Your Child's Day and Their Learning Environment

Saturday, November 13th; 8:15am-3:15pm

Experience the Montessori educational process and better understand the teaching methods. Beginning in the toddler classrooms, you will see how each program level builds and supports educational development through 6th grade. Through hands-on lessons and observation, learn what makes Montessori education an extraordinary way to teach... and learn.

Register with Denise Knoff

(denise_knoff@wmsde.org); (302) 475-0555)

5 co-op hours for participation; Child care available

Grandfriends Days

Grandfriends are special people in our children's lives – an aunt or uncle, family friend, or grandmother and grandfather. On our upcoming Grandfriends Days, WMS invites these friends into our school to spend time in the classrooms and enjoy a short program in the Great Room.

Grand Friends Days are:

- November 29th for Elementary students
- November 30th for Infant/Toddler/Preschool

Invitations will be mailed; extra copies are available in the front lobby.

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.

Wednesday Weekly Submissions

E-mail to Wednesday-Weekly@wmsde.org by COB Friday for publication the following week. Submissions may be modified for space constraints and/or content clarity.

