



# Wilmington Montessori School



## WEDNESDAY WEEKLY

### WMS Safety Reminders

Since the safety of our children is always a top priority for both staff and parents at WMS, we wanted to remind everyone about important safety practices we all need to remember while coming and going to school.



**Practice cell phone safety.** Please refrain from using a cell phone while driving in the WMS parking lot. It is a busy place during drop off and pick up with lots of little people around.

**Look both ways!** As it gets darker earlier and everyone is in a hurry to get home, make sure to look both ways (even on a green light) before entering the Harvey Road intersection.

### MTAD Parent Lecture Series

Wednesday, October 13, 2010

7:00 – 8:30 PM

**"Living a Learning Community: The Importance of Working Together"**

Judi Bauerlein focuses on the collaboration between parents and teachers creating a peaceful learning community for children and validates parents for choosing a Montessori education for their children.

Childcare will be available for \$10/child and 50% off siblings. Contact Cass Winner ([cass\\_winner@wmsde.org](mailto:cass_winner@wmsde.org)).

Tickets @ the Door  
\$10.00 per person; \$15.00 per couple

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- Oct. 11-15 Scholastic Book Fair, Great Room
- Oct. 13 Parent Education Workshop  
Judi Bauerlein: Living a Learning Community  
7:00 p.m., Gym
- Oct. 14 Book Fair Family Night  
5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m, Gym & Great Room
- Oct. 19-21 Diwali Celebration, Great Room
- Oct. 20 Admissions Open House – Tell a Friend!  
9:30 a.m., Library
- Oct. 20 Flu Shots; Gym from 2:30 p.m.-4:00 p.m.
- Oct. 20 Early Childhood Parent Discussion Group  
Barbara Marchese, Early Childhood Learning Director  
9:15 a.m., Room 25
- Oct. 22 & 25 Preschool and Elementary Conferences  
No classes for Preschool and Elementary;  
Infant/Toddler classes open; Register for childcare: [cass\\_winner@wmsde.org](mailto:cass_winner@wmsde.org)
- Oct. 24-27 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Trip to Global Citizenship Action Project in NYC
- Oct. 28 Halloween Parades  
Preschool 9:30 a.m./Elementary 11:15 a.m.
- Nov. 3 Surviving the Challenge of Parenthood  
Parent Workshop with Yvonne Nass  
9:30 a.m. on Wednesday for six weeks
- Nov. 4 "First Look" Pre-sale for Volunteers  
6 - 8 p.m.
- Nov. 5 WMS Community Rummage Pre-Sale  
3:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.
- Nov. 6 Rummage Sale - Open to the public  
7:00 a.m.- 1:00 p.m.
- Nov. 13: The Journey  
8:15 a.m.-3:15 p.m.

## Farewell Friend!

The WMS Staff wishes to recognize the departure of Beth Reaves, WMS Communications Officer. We wish her the best of luck as she embarks on new pursuits!

Please direct communications questions to Jenn Burns at [jennifer\\_burns@wmsde.org](mailto:jennifer_burns@wmsde.org).

## Parent Portal

The launch of the new Parent Portal was very successful. We hope you are enjoying it. If you have not received your user-name and password, please email:

[familyrelations@wmsde.org](mailto:familyrelations@wmsde.org).



"Many hands make light work." ~John Heywood, English Playwright and Poet, 1497-1580

The Pod is filling up with great "junque." Thanks to all those who have dropped off their donations. Keep them coming!

Don't forget that those who volunteer three hours or more on the Rummage Sale are welcome to shop early at the Pre-Sale "First Look" Wine and Cheese on Thursday, November 4th from 6-8pm. Check the co-op board for Rummage Sale jobs.

"In a sense, clutter is the end result of procrastination." ~Jeff Campbell, *Clutter Control*

"If you keep something that you're not using...then no one else can use it, either."  
~Author Unknown



## Don't forget your flu shot!

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| Who:   | Parents and children over 6 months old                        |
| When:  | 2:30 -4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 20 <sup>th</sup>        |
| Where: | Gym   |
| Note:  | A parent must be present for their child to receive the shot. |
| How:   | The sign up list is on Nurse Paige's door.                    |
| Cost:  | \$25 per person   |



## 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@wmsde.org](mailto:denise_knoff@wmsde.org) or (302) 475-0555  
5 co-op hours given for participation; child care is available.*

## Parent Education Workshop Surviving the Challenge of Parenthood

Yvonne Nass welcomes parents to share and explore how we can:

- encourage independence
- invite cooperation
- have a child learn to listen
- set boundaries and become more consistent
- create a problem solver instead of raising a problem
- lower the stress within the family
- redirect misbehavior and much, much more.

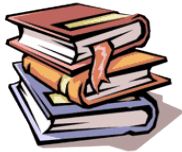
Bring a neighbor, a friend, a co-parent, extended family and whoever might be interested. Contact Yvonne Nass ([mynass@aol.com](mailto:mynass@aol.com)) with any questions.

**Six weeks on Wednesdays beginning November 3<sup>rd</sup> at 9:30 a.m.**

**\* Note the new dates: 11/3; 11/10; 11/17; 12/1; 12/8; 12/15 \***

\$80 per person (\$130 per couple)

Register at the Front Desk



### SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR FAMILY NIGHT!

Get everyone excited about reading at the Book Fair this week. Don't forget about **Family Fun Night**, which takes place in the Gym and Great Room on October 14<sup>th</sup> from 5-7 p.m. This year's theme is "Here's to our Heroes."

### HELP WESTSIDE HEALTHCARE

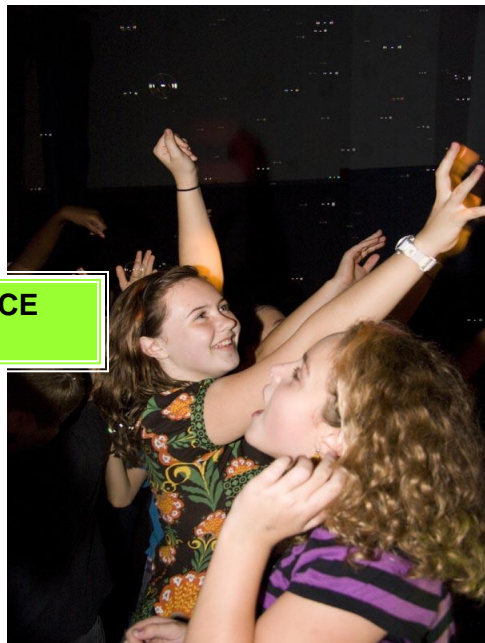
Two WMS efforts are going on to benefit Westside Family Healthcare, which provides high quality health care services to uninsured and underinsured children and adults in Wilmington.

**Calling Coats for All Ages!** Room 24 is sponsoring the donation of gently used jackets and coats this October. Donations provided by WMS families support Westside and help other families in need. Donation bins are located at the main entrance to WMS. Contact Amanda Lewis ([aamlewis@hotmail.com](mailto:aamlewis@hotmail.com)) with questions.

**Bring Your Books!** Girl Scout Troop 177 is collecting 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 entrances of WMS. A drop box for new books will be provided inside the Scholastic Book Fair. PLEASE consider buying an extra book or two to donate to Westside. Taking place through November 6<sup>th</sup>, this effort also helps Troop 177 advance towards achieving a Bronze award, which centers around community service.



**ALL SCHOOL DANCE PARTY FUN!**



**Spotlight on Lori Oberly**

It's hard to be part of the WMS community and not know the school's Receptionist, Lori Oberly. But Lori's role reaches way beyond serving as the face of WMS in the lobby and on the phone.

Lori has worked at WMS for almost 8 years, starting as a substitute teacher. Since taking on her post at the reception desk three years ago, Lori has greeted visitors, organized buses for field trips, updated the school's fundraising database, and assisted Human Resources with screening job applicants and arranging paperwork for new hires.

Born and raised in Delaware, Lori attended Wilmington Montessori for preschool and kindergarten, back when it was called the "Little Red Schoolhouse." Today, she's thrilled to have come "full circle" with one-year-old son, Cru, attending school in the infant room just down the hall!

**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](mailto:Wednesday-Weekly@wmsde.org) by COB Friday for publication in the following week's Wednesday Weekly.**

**Submissions may be modified for space constraints and/or content clarity.**