



WEDNESDAY WEEKLY

Diwali Mela – An Indian Market Fair Pre-festival Frenzy!

Diwali is fast approaching on Nov 5th. That means... shopping!!



Come join us in the Great Room and be an audience as your child comes in with his friends and shops for all the festival needs and gets crafty at the Diwali Mela – An Indian Market Fair...coming to WMS on Oct 19th, 20th and 21st only.

Please come only during any of the following session times:

October 19th

9:15-10:25 Toddler Classrooms & Infants
10:45-11:55 Preschool/Room #21 & Room #24
1:15- 2:30 7-9 Classrooms-Rooms #19 & #15

October 20th

9:15-10:25 Preschool/Room #22 & Room #17
10:45-11:55 5-7 Classrooms-Room #20
1:15-2:30 5-7 Classrooms-Rooms #16 & #18

Oct 21st-Thursday

9:15 -10:25 Preschool/Rooms #14 & #6
10:45-11:55 9-12 (Group #1)
1:00-2:15 9-12 (Group #2)

Don't forget your flu shot!

Who: Parents and children over 6 months old
When: 2:30 -4:00 p.m. on Wed., October 20th
Where: Gym
How: Sign up on Nurse Paige's door.
Cost: \$25 per person

Note: A parent must be present for their child to receive the shot.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- Oct. 19-21 Diwali Mela – An Indian Market Fair
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
- Oct. 24-27 6th 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 Parent Workshop with Yvonne Nass
Surviving the Challenge of Parenthood
9:30 a.m. on Wednesday for six weeks
- Nov. 4 "First Look" Pre-sale for Volunteers
6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.
- Nov. 5 WMS Community Rummage 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. 11 Parent Workshop: Kindergarten Readiness
9:00 a.m.
- Nov. 13: The Journey
8:15 a.m.-3:15 p.m.
- Nov. 15-18 AMS Reaccreditation Visit

Rummage Sale News

The **Great Move In** day is Sunday, October 31st from 10 am-1 pm. (Note: This is a change from the original date of Oct 30.) All of the “junk” and treasure that has been squirreled away in the Pod will be moved to the Great Room. This is a great opportunity for dads to lend some muscle and get some co-op hours (no Eagles game that day, by the way).

Donations are still being accepted for two more weeks. *Small items* can be left in collection bins near each entrance and outside of the Great Room. *Large items* should be delivered during the week we are setting up in the Great Room (October 31-November 3).

Regular drop off takes place every Tuesday and Thursday from 8 a.m.-9:30 a.m. at the Pod. Just pull up to the Pod and we will help you unload. The Pod will also be open Saturday morning, October 23rd from 8:30 a.m.-11 a.m. The key to the Pod is at the front desk and may be borrowed at your convenience.

There are still **co-op opportunities** for interested parties, including sorting and pricing items during set up week (November 1st-4th, from 8:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. daily; providing lunch or dinner during set up week; and working at the pre-sales and sale. *Check the coop board for details.*

Don't forget the following dates:

- ✓ Nov. 4th: **Wine & Cheese** Pre-Sale 6 p.m.– 8 p.m. Rummage Sale Volunteers Only
- ✓ Nov. 5th the sale opens up to **WMS families** from 3 p.m. – 6 p.m.
- ✓ Nov. 6th the sale opens up to the public at 7a.m.

Questions? Contact Carol Thomson, Junque and Treasures Chair, crthomson3@comcast.net.



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 or (302) 475-0555

**5 co-op hours given for participation;
Child care is available.**

Parent Conferences

Parent conferences are scheduled for Friday, October 22nd and Monday, October 25th. Your teachers have spent the beginning of the school year assessing and developing a plan for your child and are excited to meet with you to discuss their goals for the year.

The school calendar generously provides two full days of conference time slots to accommodate varying times and schedules. Please make every effort to schedule a conference during those days, as this is dedicated time set aside to discuss your children and their progress.

Note that preschool and elementary classes are not held those days; preregistered childcare is available by emailing cass_winner@wmsde.org.

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) with any questions.

Six weeks on Wednesdays beginning November 3rd 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



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! Rooms 22 and 24 are 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) 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. Taking place through November 6th, this effort also helps Troop 177 advance towards achieving a Bronze award, which centers around community service.

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 in the following week's Wednesday Weekly.

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