



Wilmington Montessori School



WEDNESDAY WEEKLY

WMS Leadership Coffees

Come chat with Linda and the Board

Have questions about Wilmington Montessori School? Want to share a great idea with us?

Join Linda Zankowsky, Head of School, and members of the WMS Board for a relaxed and open conversation about WMS, the Center for Montessori Advancement (CMA) and any questions you might have.

While these sessions have been scheduled for particular program levels, parents are welcome to attend on any date.

If you're unable to attend any of these gatherings but have questions, please contact Linda at linda_zankowsky@wmsde.org to schedule a one-on-one meeting.

Dates & Times:

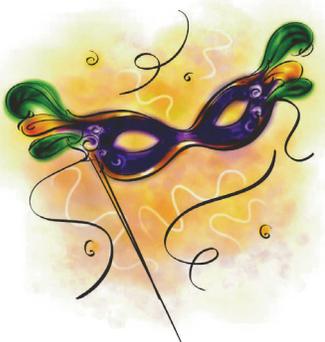
January 31, 9 a.m.—
Preschool

February 7, 9 a.m.—
Infants/Toddlers

February 14, 8:30 a.m.—
5-9 Program



Save the Date...



WMS's Masquerade Ball— Gala and Auction

Friday, April 13

Waterfall Banquet Center
on Philadelphia Pike

Doors open at 8 p.m.

Make April's Friday the 13th your luckiest one yet!

Mark Your Calendar

January 2012

- 25 **Parent Education: The Birds & the Bees**
Part 1 of 2—See page 3 for details.
7-9 p.m.
- 27 & 30 **Preschool/Elementary Parent Conferences**
No classes. Pre-registered childcare only. Contact cass_winner@wmsde.org to sign-up.
- 31 **Leadership Coffee**
8:30 a.m., Great Room
WMS 48th Birthday!
All-school assembly, 11:15 a.m.

February 2012

- 1 **Parent Education: The Birds & the Bees**
Part 2 of 2—See page 3 for details.
7-9 p.m.
- 2 **5-7 Transition Morning**
9 a.m., Lobby
See page 3 for details.
- 3 **5-7 & 7-9 Transition Morning**
9 a.m., Lobby
- 6 **Montessori Monday**
9:30 a.m., Lobby
Tell a friend! Visit page 4 to find out how you can earn co-op hours or tuition credit by recommending WMS to a friend.
- 7 **Leadership Coffee**
9 a.m., Great Room
- 7 & 8 **Classroom Pictures**
Stay tuned for details from your classroom teacher!
- 8 **Parent Education—Positive Parenting**
Part 1 of 5—See page 3 for details.
- 9 **7-9 & 9-12 Transition Morning**
9 a.m., Lobby

All Children Learn Differently

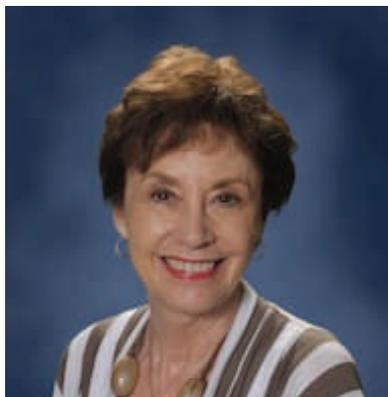
Exploring your child's unique approach to learning

Join Dr. Joyce Pickering for an interactive workshop that will help you identify and understand your child's unique academic strengths and challenges.

Find out how a strong connection between home and school can help your child reach his or her potential.

Dr. Pickering, a mother of five and grandmother of 12, is a 40-year Montessorian, speech and language pathologist, and learning disabilities specialist. She also serves as Executive Director Emeritus of Shelton School and Evaluation Center in

Dallas—the world's largest independent school for children with learning differences.



When: Thursday, Feb. 16 at 7 p.m.
Where: Wilmington Montessori School
Price: \$10/person or \$15/couple.
 Please submit your check, written to MTAD, at the Front Desk.

Registration: Register online at www.wmsde.org/mtadevents, email events@wmsde.org or call 302-475-0555.

This workshop is presented by the **Montessori Teachers' Association of Delaware (MTAD)** and is open to the public, so please extend this invitation to friends!

2012-13 Re-enrollment Contracts—Due March 1

Yes, it's time to start planning for the 2012-13 school year. We're looking forward to another great year of Montessori education!

Please return your pink re-enrollment form and contract by March 1 to ensure your child's seat for September. Even if you don't plan to return, we ask that you submit your pink form to inform planning for next year. Financial aid applications are still available and should be returned as soon as possible.

Questions? Contact Theresa Conaty at theresa_conaty@wmsde.org.

We look forward to another fantastic school year at Wilmington Montessori! Thank you for sharing your children with us and giving them the gift of a Montessori education!



2012-13 Tuition Schedule Correction for Five-Day Preschool Families

On the 2012-13 tuition schedule that was recently mailed to our families with re-enrollment letters, there was an error.

Five-Day Preschool Tuition, which was listed as \$14,325, is \$14,040.

We apologize for any inconvenience!

For the full 2012-2013 tuition schedule and additional information, visit www.wmsde.org/tuition.

Positive Parenting: So, how's this supposed to work anyway?

Five-week course starting February 8—Register today!

"I've been hearing about this course since I came to WMS, and it's as great as I heard! I have new strategies to work into our routines and new language... recommend to all parents I know!"

Positive Parenting participant

Learning the ropes of parenting and need some experienced insight? Been a parent for awhile and feel like you need some additional perspective? This is the course for you!

Join other families who have already registered for this five-week series. Taught by certified parent educator Yvonne Nass, this program will cover skills that will help parents and caregivers create a strong, respectful and

trusting relationship with their children. Join us in learning and sharing in a supportive and encouraging setting.

Topics include:

- Listening
- Inviting cooperation
- Encouraging self-sufficiency
- Discipline with respect
- Dealing with emotions, including anger.

For more on Positive Parenting, check out Yvonne's article in the Fall 2011 issue of the *Montessori Message*.

When: Wednesdays, beginning February 8, 7-9 p.m.

Cost: \$75 per person (includes all five sessions)

More info & online registration:
www.wmsde.org/positiveparenting

Please register as soon as possible to ensure your place in this workshop—seating is limited.



When you tell your friends and relatives that your child attends Montessori school, do they ever ask you what Montessori is?

While there are differences among Montessori schools and their models, this video by Montessori parent Trevor Eissler explains the universal concepts behind the Montessori philosophy in a way that rings true with parents. View the video at www.wmsde.org/montessorimadness.

For another way to share Montessori with your friends, check out [Linda's latest blog post](#) on "Montessori bed-time stories."

Transition Mornings



Have you ever wondered what happens at the next program level for your child at WMS? Come in and experience it.

Visit a next level classroom so you can see for yourself what lies ahead for your child. Observe a class in session where children are working and teachers are giving lessons; ask questions about your child's transition to the next program level.

RSVP to your current teacher or

theresa_conaty@wmsde.org. All visits are from 9–9:45 a.m. and will begin in the lobby.

Schedule of Visits:

Transition to 5-7 program
Thursday, 2/2
Friday, 2/3

Transition to 7-9 program
Friday, 2/3
Thursday, 2/9

Transition to 9-12 program
Thursday, 2/9

Looking for co-op hours? How about tuition credit?

Check out our...

BUILDING COMMUNITY REFERRAL PROGRAM



New families come to learn about WMS every day. One of the questions we always ask is “How did you hear about us?” Most people answer, “from a friend.”

We’re thrilled that our current families recommend WMS to their friends and help our community to grow.

The “Building Community” referral program is a way for us to give back to the people who help build our community

in this way. Families who meet the requirements outlined at www.wmsde.org/buildingcommunity will receive a **\$750 tuition credit or 30 hours of co-op**.

Spread the word and invite friends to an upcoming **Montessori Monday** on February 6 or 13 or our next **Open House** on February 15; suggest they schedule a private tour by calling 302-475-0555 or emailing admissions@wmsde.org; or consider

hosting a Montessori event at your home.

As you spend time with your friends and family, we encourage you to explain the benefits that you see in and around WMS classrooms and share your personal WMS story with others.

For more information or to find out how you can help promote WMS, contact Theresa Conaty, Admissions Officer, at Theresa_Conaty@wmsde.org.



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Check out our Facebook page for WMS news, photos and event information: <http://www.facebook.com/WilmingtonMontessoriDE>

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

Have a submission for the Wednesday Weekly? E-mail Wednesday-Weekly@wmsde.org by 4:30 p.m. Friday each week for possible publication in the following week’s issue.