



Wilmington Montessori School



WEDNESDAY WEEKLY

Celebrating Our Grandfriends

On Tuesday, November 22, special people in our children's lives—aunts, uncles, family friends, grandmothers, grandfathers, and even great-grandparents—visited WMS for Grandfriends Day.

We asked them to observe and reflect upon differences between WMS classrooms and those in which they attended school.



Here are a few things they noticed....

“Teamwork”

“Teaching respect, dignity and individuality”

“Open and friendly environment”

“Smaller classes”

“Older children helping younger children”

“Wonderful place to learn!”

Thank you for visiting us!



Mark Your Calendar

December 2011

- 1 **2012-13 Financial Aid Applications Available**
- 2 **Kids Art—Part of Art on the Town**
5:30-8 p.m., Film Bros. Movie Co-op
(See page 2 for details.)
- 5 **Montessori Monday**
9:30 a.m., Lobby
Tell a friend!
- 9 **The Journey,**
8:30 a.m.-noon, Lobby
- 16 **5-Day Preschool Concert**
9:30 a.m., Gym
- 20 **5-9 Program / Steel Drum Concert**
9:30 a.m., Gym
- 21-23 **Winter Break**
No classes.
Preregistered childcare only.
Contact cass_winner@wmsde.org to sign-up.
- 26-30 **Winter Break**
School closed—no classes or childcare.

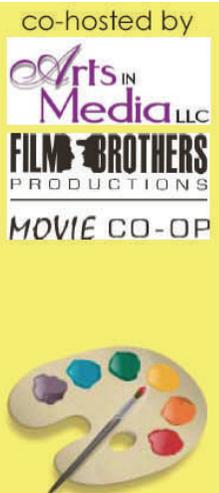
January 2012

- 2 **New Years Day Observed**
School closed—no classes or childcare
- 3 **All-Staff Professional Day**
No classes.
Preregistered childcare only.
Contact cass_winner@wmsde.org to sign-up.
- 6 **Alumni Pizza Party**
6 p.m., Great Room
- 9 **Montessori Monday**
9:30 a.m., Lobby
Tell a friend!
- 11 **2012-2013 Financial Aid Applications Due**

Join us for a special art exhibit as part of **Wilmington's Art on the Town!**

Kids Art!

Friday, December 2, 2011 • 5:30–8:00pm
held at **Film Bros. Movie Co-Op**
205 N. Market Street • Wilmington, DE 19801



Come out **this Friday** and support 14 Wilmington Montessori School students whose work will be on display at this **FREE** family event.

9-12s

- Ryan Wolynetz
- Benjamin Snyder
- Rachel Aussprung
- Dylan Garvin
- Elizabeth Furman
- Lauren Jones

Rm 19

- Kathryn Farabaugh
- Angelina Szkotak

Rm 15

- Paityn Farrow
- Josephine Wellons

Rm 15

- Shannon Surbrook-Bowers
- Renee Amado

Rm 20

- Arynn Shweiki
- Karun Kang



Winter Concerts

Celebrate the holiday season at our upcoming winter concerts!

5-Day Preschool Concert
December 16, 9:30 a.m.
In the Gym

5-9 Program & Steel Drum Concert
December 20, 9:30 a.m.
In the Gym

Once again, O.K. Video will be recording both concerts. For your convenience, this year, both performances will be presented in full on one chaptered disk for just \$14.

To place your order for **FREE** delivery to school, pick up an order form in the lobby and return it to the order box by 3 p.m., Tuesday, December 20.

See you at the concerts!

It's time to plan the 2012 Auction & Gala!

Love to plan parties and decorate? Design marketing materials? Is sales your specialty? How about photography or merchandising? Want to join a fun and creative team of WMS parents and staff?

Get involved with WMS's biggest event of the year—the 2012 Auction and Gala! The auction committee is a great way to earn co-op hours while helping to raise

important funds for WMS, so get involved early. Our first meeting for 2012 is Wednesday, December 7, at 8:45 a.m. in Room 26. If you are unable to attend the meeting, let us know if you would like to help with the Auction. Contact [Jennifer Burns@wmsde.org](mailto:Jennifer_Burns@wmsde.org) for more information.

Photo: Classroom gifts from the 2011 April in Paris Auction & Gala.



Shop, Dine and Support WMS

Whether you're shopping for groceries, electronics, books, clothing, toys or practically anything else this holiday season, there are a number of ways to raise funds for WMS while you make your purchases. Most are just a mouse-click away!

Online Shopping

If you shop online, register at boxtops4education.com and find out if any of the retailers you shop with participate in the Box Tops program. When you do your shopping, log in to the Box Tops site, click on the name of the retailer and you will be linked to their site. Continue with your shopping



and the points will automatically be applied to WMS!

Another option for online shopping is eScript Online Mall. Sign up [here](#), list WMS as your beneficiary, and shop at great stores like Nordstrom, Apple, Amazon.com, Home Depot and more! You can also download a smartphone app to support WMS while dining out—details are at the [eScript Dining site](#).

Groceries

Register your Acme, Genuardi's, or Shop Rite cards [here](#) and WMS will automatically earn points on Labels for Education products you purchase. Also, please continue to clip the labels and turn them in for us to earn points.

If you shop at Giant, you probably have a Giant card. All you need to do is register your card number at the [A+ School Rewards](#) website and designate WMS as your school. When you

purchase A+ products, WMS will earn points that become cash for WMS.

Take Charge of Education

Twice a year Target donates up to 1% of purchases made using the Target Redcard Credit Card or Debit Card to eligible schools. Register your card under [Take Charge of Education](#) to have your purchases applied to WMS. Since 1999, Target has donated more than \$7,000 to WMS thanks to your designation.

Planning to have a special portrait of your child or family taken this holiday season?

Wilmington Montessori School receives 10% from every purchase of pictures from Ferrara Photography. Visit ferrarapics.com to learn more.

Join us on **The Journey** on December 9

What is The Journey?

The purpose of The Journey is to provide parents with an understanding of WHY and HOW Montessori works by enabling them to see the classroom, first as an observer, then as a participant with the materials and lessons.

During this experience, you will discover, much as a child does, the beauty of Montessori.



When and where is The Journey?

The Journey will be held on:

Friday, December 9
8:30 a.m.—noon

We will meet in the lobby, then travel throughout WMS.

Who should participate in The Journey?

When parents understand why and how Montessori works, you are better able to support teachers' efforts, provide consistency at home, and enable your children to get the most out of their Montessori education. WMS strongly encourages ALL parents, especially those new to the school, to experience The Journey.



How do I register for The Journey?

Call or e-mail Theresa Conaty to reserve your spot. You can reach Theresa at 302-475-0555 or theresa_conaty@wmsde.org. Registration is free and you receive **five co-op** hours per family.

Childcare is available by pre-registering with Cass Winner at cass_winner@wmsde.org or 302-475-0555.

Support the 2011-12 Annual Fund

What does the Annual Fund Support?

Reading. Writing. Math. Geography. Music. Art. Language. Technology. Science. Curriculum Development. Character Development. Professional Development. Facilities. Families. Extended Day. Parent Education. Teachers. Staff. CHILDREN.

Make your gift today! Each gift, no matter how large or small, makes a difference—and there is no better investment in the future than to invest in children.

WMS is a tax-exempt 501(c)3 organization and contributions are tax-deductible to the fullest extent allowed by law. We accept gifts of cash, check or credit card, as well as appreciated securities.

To make your 2011-12 Annual Fund gift, visit www.wmsde.org/howtogive to donate online or pick up an Annual Fund envelope at the front desk. Have a question? Contact Jennifer Burns, Director of Advancement, at Jennifer_Burns@wmsde.org.



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BUILDING COMMUNITY REFERRAL PROGRAM



Refer a Friend: Help WMS Grow

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. As a way to give back to those who help build the community in this way, we’ve brought back the “Building Community” referral program that launched last year.

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 December 5 or January 9, or consider hosting a Montessori event at your home.

We encourage you to explain the benefits that you see in and around Wilmington Montessori classrooms and to share your own personal WMS story with others.

For more information, contact Theresa_Conaty@wmsde.org. To learn more about upcoming admission events, visit www.wmsde.org/admissionevents.

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.