

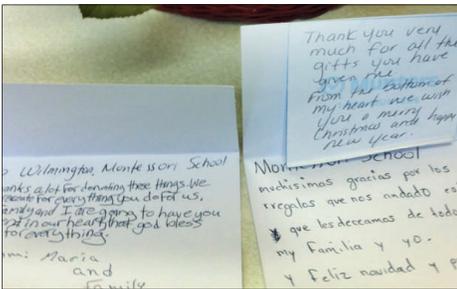


# Wilmington Montessori School



## WEDNESDAY WEEKLY

### Westside Family Healthcare thanks WMS families for holiday toy donations



WMS recently received photos and “thank you” notes from the families who received toys this holiday season thanks to the generous donations of our community. As you can see, your gifts truly brought joy to these children’s holidays!

### Donate Your Toiletries to Westside Family Healthcare

This month, Helping Hands is collecting toiletries for the patients of Westside Family Healthcare. It would be much appreciated if you put items such as toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, shampoo, deodorant and foot powder in the marked bins by the front desk. For more information, please contact Amanda Lewis at [aamlewis@hotmail.com](mailto:aamlewis@hotmail.com). Thanks so much for your generosity, and thanks to aftercare for the wonderful posters decorating WMS’s halls!



### Mark Your Calendar

#### February 2012

- 8 **Parent Education—Positive Parenting**  
7-9 p.m., Part 1 of 5  
*Visit [www.wmsde.org/positiveparenting](http://www.wmsde.org/positiveparenting) for details and online registration.*
- 9 **7-9 & 9-12 Transition Morning**  
9 a.m., Meet in the Lobby
- 13 **Montessori Monday**  
9:30 a.m., Meet in the Lobby  
*Tell a friend! Visit page 4 to find out how you can earn co-op hours or tuition credit by recommending WMS .*
- 14 **Leadership Coffee**  
8:30 a.m., Conference Room
- 15 **Admissions Open House**  
9:30 a.m., Library  
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- Parent Education—Positive Parenting**  
7-9 p.m., Part 2 of 5
- 16 **MTAD Parent Workshop—Dr. Joyce Pickering**  
7 p.m. *See page 3 for details!*
- 17 **All Staff Professional Day**  
No classes and no childcare.
- 20 **Mid-Winter Break**  
No classes.  
Pre-registered childcare only—e-mail [Cass\\_Winner@wmsde.org](mailto:Cass_Winner@wmsde.org) to sign up.
- 22 **Parent Education—Positive Parenting**  
7-9 p.m., Part 3 of 5
- 24 **The Journey**  
8:30 a.m.-noon, Meet in the Lobby  
More info: [www.wmsde.org/parenteducation](http://www.wmsde.org/parenteducation)
- 28 **Dads Day**  
Mark your calendars—details coming soon!
- 29 **Parent Education—Positive Parenting**  
7-9 p.m., Part 4 of 5

## Auction Update



### WMS's Masquerade Ball— Gala and Auction Friday, April 13

Waterfall Banquet Center  
on Philadelphia Pike  
Doors open at 8 p.m.

#### Have a business (big or small) that the rest of the WMS community needs to know about?

Then don't miss the chance to place your ad in our Auction catalog – business card scans for WMS families are available for as little as \$40! Looking to make a bigger impact? Reserve prime ad placement (and full-page color) on a catalog cover today! There are many options... Reservations are first-come, first serve, and all artwork is due March 2. Visit [www.wmsde.org/auction](http://www.wmsde.org/auction) or contact [Jenn Burns](mailto:Jenn.Burns@wmsde.org), Director of Advancement, for more information.

Stay tuned for weekly updates on this year's Auction and Gala in upcoming issues of the *Wednesday Weekly*!



## Mardi Gras!

Next week, WMS students will be celebrating Mardi Gras as part of their French classes. Students in the 9-12 classes will prepare games, activities, and arts and crafts for preschool through third-grade students. Through the fun and festivities, children will learn about the history of the celebration and its traditions. Stay tuned for pictures and news!

Want to learn more about Mardi Gras? Visit [WMS's Facebook page](#) for a video presentation by the 9-12s, explaining the holiday and its many traditions.

## Re-enrollment Contracts Due 3/1

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. Finan-

cial aid applications are still available and should be returned as soon as possible.

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!

Questions? Contact [Theresa Conaty@wmsde.org](mailto:Theresa.Conaty@wmsde.org).

## Have you received a blue envelope?

**Recently, information on how to make an easy, important gift went home to more than 80 families at WMS – families who are eligible to receive Delaware's Transportation Reimbursement this year.**

To date, nearly half of those families have responded and let us know that they would like to make a gift to WMS's Annual Fund with their reimbursement or claim it – many thanks to those who have already returned their forms!

WMS must return to the State all reimbursements that are not donated or claimed... so silence is not golden!

If you received a form, please complete it and return to Jenn Burns by Thursday, February 16. Misplaced your form or unsure if you received one? Email [Jennifer\\_burns@wmsde.org](mailto:Jennifer_burns@wmsde.org).



# Parent Education

## 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](http://www.wmsde.org/mtadevents), email [events@wmsde.org](mailto: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!



## Transition Mornings

### Transition to 7-9 & 9-12 programs

(for 5-7 parents and 7-9 parents)

**Thursday, 2/9**

(Meet in the Lobby at 9 a.m.)

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 [theresa\\_conaty@wmsde.org](mailto:theresa_conaty@wmsde.org). Visits are from 9–9:45 a.m. and will begin in the lobby. If you are unable to attend the session for your child's age group, please contact Theresa to school a visit to your child's next-level classroom.

## WMS Leadership Coffee

*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.

**Our final session will be held on Tuesday, February 14, at 8:30 a.m. in the Conference Room.**

We thank everyone who attended previous sessions and took part in thoughtful conversations with WMS's leadership team.

If you've been unable to attend one of these gatherings but have questions, please contact Linda Zankowsky at [linda\\_zankowsky@wmsde.org](mailto:linda_zankowsky@wmsde.org) to schedule a one-on-one



# 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](http://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 13 or March 5 or our next **Open House** on February 15; suggest they schedule a private tour by calling 302-475-0555 or emailing [admissions@wmsde.org](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:Wednesday-Weekly@wmsde.org) by 4:30 p.m. Friday each week for possible publication in the following week’s issue.