



# Wilmington Montessori School



## WEDNESDAY WEEKLY



**February 14-17**

Dear Parents,

In the fall, the sixth-graders participated in the GCAP (Global Citizens Action Project) and decided to support an organization called Save The Rain. This nonprofit group is trying to raise money and awareness to distribute clean water equally among impoverished places by attaching rain filters to their roofs to get drinking water.

To raise money for Save the Rain, the sixth grade class will be hosting Spirit Week. This week, the sixth-graders will come around to your child's classroom and explain in detail each day of Spirit Week. On Monday, February 14 (Valentine's Day), it will be Twin Day, where the students choose a partner or two and dress the same that day, like twins, triplets or quadruplets. Tuesday, February 15, is Crazy Hair Day and Pajama Day. Then, on Wednesday, February 16, it will be Clash Day and Crazy Clothes Day, where the students purposefully clash and wear crazy accessories. On the last day, Thursday, February 17, we will end Spirit Week with School Spirit Day, where you just dress up in anything with school colors or logos. We encourage all to participate!

For the privilege of participating in this fun and wacky week, we will encourage kids and families to consider a donation of \$5, though you can give much more or less. All donations will support Save the Rain. We encourage you to donate as it is such a great cause and our goal is \$705. \$15 gives one person access to clean water for five generations to come. If we reach this goal, an anonymous donor will give an additional \$295, rounding it off to \$1,000! This will provide clean drinking water for 67 people and their families for five generations. We will collect the money at the end of the week. Thanks for your support!

Please participate!

Sincerely,

*The Sixth-Graders*

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS

#### February

- 10 Transition to 9-12 Program Morning Meet in lobby, 9 a.m.
- 14-17 Spirit Week Activities  
All donations support Save the Rain!  
*Monday—Twin Day*  
*Tuesday—Crazy Hair/PJ Day*  
*Wednesday—Clash Outfits*  
*Thursday—School Spirit Day*
- 17 MTAD Presents Dr. Betty Garner Parent Workshop  
WMS, 7-9 p.m.  
RSVP to [lori\\_oberly@wmsde.org](mailto:lori_oberly@wmsde.org)
- 18 All-staff professional day  
SCHOOL CLOSED  
CHILDCARE CLOSED
- 21 Presidents Day  
SCHOOL CLOSED  
Pre-registered childcare only  
Trip to National Constitution Center for K-6th grade students  
E-mail [cass\\_winner@wmsde.org](mailto:cass_winner@wmsde.org)
- 23 Admissions Open House  
Library, 9:30 a.m.  
Tell a friend!

#### March

- 1 Dads' Day  
Begins in child's classroom at regular start time.
- 9 Admissions Open House  
Library, 9:30 a.m.  
Tell a friend!

## Wanted: Coaches and participants for Girls on the Run program



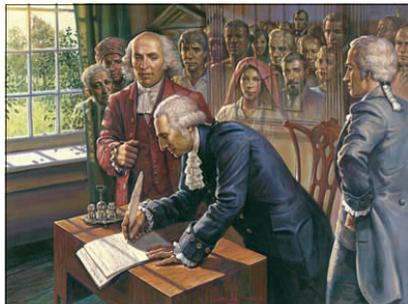
**Girls On The Run** is an international program promoting physical, social, and emotional health for girls between third and eighth grades. We were hoping to field two teams this spring — one for third and fourth-graders and one for fifth and sixth, as the Delaware Chapter says that we cannot combine those age groups — but, thus far, only a few girls have expressed interest.

The program requires volunteer coaches, as well — two for each team. See the main co-op board to register!

If you or your child are interested in this program, please let Cass ([cass\\_winner@wmsde.org](mailto:cass_winner@wmsde.org)) know by Friday, February 11!

### Meet the Presidents in President’s Day Childcare!

K-6th graders will travel to the National Constitution Center in Philadelphia on Monday, February 21, to enjoy a day of programs, exhibits and fun!



To register, contact [cass\\_winner@wmsde.org](mailto:cass_winner@wmsde.org).

### A note from Room 14

Please help us gather school supplies for Westside Health Center. Donations of NEW school supplies can be dropped off in the bin in the lobby or at Room 14 all February.

Thank You!

Marybeth Auld  
§ the Children of Room 14

### WMS RE-ENROLLMENT



WMS re-enrollment letters have gone home in the mail. Contracts are due back on March 1. Questions should be directed to Theresa Conaty, Admissions Officer, at [theresa\\_conaty@wmsde.org](mailto:theresa_conaty@wmsde.org).

### We have a winner!

CONGRATULATIONS to Christopher Cooke in Room 10.

He won the Chinese New Year quiz/drawing and will receive four tickets to the Peking Acrobats at The Grand. Thanks to all those who entered and put their brains to work.

Happy Year of the Rabbit!





# WMS students discover world rhythms

Last week, Wilmington Montessori had the exciting opportunity to welcome Tony Vacca and his World Rhythms as this year’s artist in residence. Through the program, the students of all age-levels experienced West African culture — and its connection to American culture — through music, dance, percussion instruments and storytelling.

The program began on Tuesday, January 25 and ran through Friday, February 4, culminating in an evening concert with Tony Vacca for the WMS community and general public.

From infant through sixth grade, all students had the opportunity to work with Tony on Thursday or Friday. Infants bounced in their strollers while Tony performed. Toddlers and preschoolers enthusiastically danced to

the upbeat rhythms after learning about music as a medium for sharing stories, and older students gained a greater appreciation for teamwork and reinforced what they had been learning about polyrhythmic music as they performed a song with Tony.

This program was sponsored by the WMS Diversity Advisory Committee with instructional support from the Delaware Institute for the Arts in Education (DIAE). DIAE provided teaching assistants who worked with students prior to Tony’s visit.

The program was made possible, in part, by a grant from the Delaware Division of the Arts, a state agency dedicated to nurturing and supporting the arts in Delaware, in partnership with the National Endowment for the Arts.



Photos by Heather Siple



## Featured Classroom Page: French with Fabienne

Want to sing along when your child sings the “CouCou” song (“Dans la forêt lointaine”)?

Visit [www.wmsde.org/french](http://www.wmsde.org/french) to find out what your child is learning in French class, and help them explore French culture even more via websites, YouTube videos, newsletters and more!

Don't forget to log into the portal and check out other parent information and classroom pages at well. Visit [www.wmsde.org/portal](http://www.wmsde.org/portal).

Missing your login information? E-mail [noel\\_dietrich@wmsde.org](mailto:noel_dietrich@wmsde.org) for help.

## *Save the Date*

### 2011 WMS Auction and Gala “April in Paris”

Brandywine Country Club  
Friday, April 15, at 7 p.m.  
Stay tuned for details in future issues.

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Receive live updates from WMS on your computer or mobile device:  
[www.twitter.com/wmsde](http://www.twitter.com/wmsde).

Note: Some cell phone carriers are not correctly sending out our text alerts. We suggest viewing our Twitter feed directly to ensure that you receive all information.



Check out our new Facebook page for WMS news 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.

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