



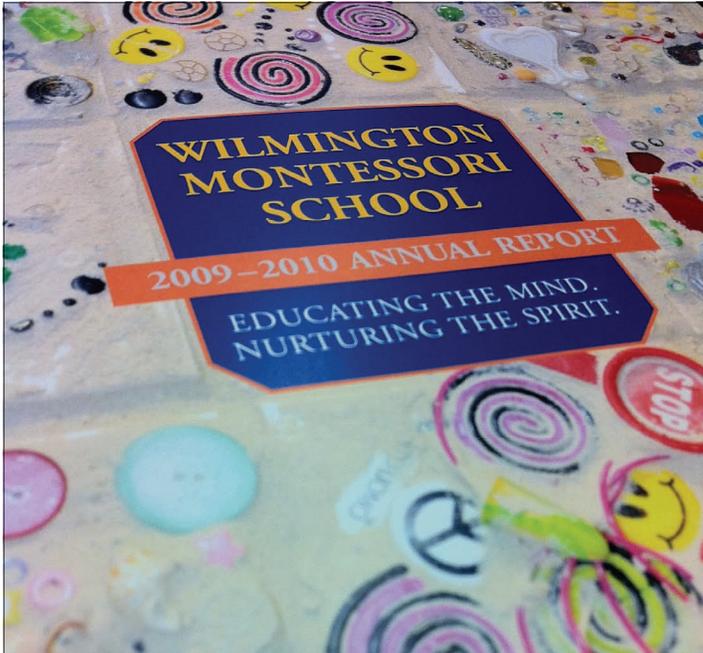
Wilmington Montessori School



WEDNESDAY WEEKLY

WMS Annual Meeting

Introducing our new
Building Community
Awareness Program



March 16, 2011
7 p.m. in the Great Room

Linda Zankowsky, Head of School, and the WMS Board of Directors invite you to this year's Annual Meeting.

Come hear about the Board's work during the past year and plans for the future including our new *Building Community* awareness program, which takes the amazing education that Wilmington Montessori already provides to its enrolled families and provides even greater incentive to share it.

Come away informed and energized about Wilmington Montessori School AND receive **four co-op hours!**

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

March

- 16 Annual Meeting
Great Room, 7 p.m.
- 16 Auction Committee Meeting
Conference Room, 9 a.m.
- 17 Diversity Family Movie Afternoon
Details on page 4, 3:30 p.m.
- 21 Montessori Monday
Lobby, 9:30 a.m.
Tell a friend!
- 21 The Journey
Lobby, 8:30 a.m.– noon
Childcare available
cass_winner@wmsde.org
- 23 Admissions Open House
Library, 9:30 a.m.
Tell a friend!
- 23 Auction Committee Meeting
Conference Room, 9 a.m.
- March 28-
April 1 Spring Break: NO CLASSES
Preregistered childcare only
cass_winner@wmsde.org

April

- 1 Early registration deadline for
Camp Montessori
- 5 Standardized Testing
Parent Education Workshop
Room 26, 8:30 a.m.
- 5-6 ChildFind testing
- 6 Auction Committee Meeting
Conference Room, 9 a.m.
- 6 Board Visitation Day
8:30-11 a.m.
- 11 Montessori Monday
Lobby, 9:30 a.m.
- 11-15 ERB Testing
- 15 April in Paris Auction & Gala
Brandywine Country Club, 7 p.m.

Expect your invitation in the mail soon!

2011 WMS Auction & Gala: April in Paris

Brandywine Country Club
Friday, April 15, at 7 p.m.

With less than a month until the auction, we have been inundated with great gifts, including a French chef who will come and cook for you and your friends in your home, front-row tickets to a Philadelphia Union soccer game, a facial from Salon 926, kettlebells and yoga necessities from Leisure Fitness, a Parisian-inspired basket of fine chocolate that will be shipped fresh to our auction from New York chocolatier, the opportunity to sharpen your presentation skills with acting lessons, and a pizza and beer party for 100 friends at any one of the four “Famous” Bars that can be found in North Wilmington, Hockessin and Christiana. These are only a few of the great prizes that will be available on auction night. Also, don’t forget that the Cyber Sale is set to go live on April 5—get ready for some fast and furious bidding!



Want to get involved? There’s lots to do! E-mail jennifer_burns@wmsde.org.

Have any white Christmas lights you’re willing to lend to the Decorating Committee to decorate the club? Please label them and drop them off at Jenn’s office before Spring Break.

Likeness in the Louvre

Don’t miss the limited opportunity for a keepsake that will last a lifetime. The Auction Committee is proud to announce the launch of **April in Paris Auction** fun with “Likeness in the Louvre,” a fantastic way to support WMS and create a unique portrait of a loved one. WMS’s own Mark Heintzelman will create digital watercolors of the image of your choice that will then be transferred to canvas and artistically matted. On April 15, the finished products will hang in the “Louvre” during the auction at the Brandywine Country Club and be yours to keep after! Cost is \$75. These portrait-quality creations are great for BFFs, Grandparents, family members and you!

Samples can be seen in here and in the halls at Wilmington Montessori – and only 30 canvasses will be sold for display on auction night. To reserve your canvas, e-mail your commitment and high-resolution image to auction@wmsde.org – canvasses will be sold on a first-come, first-served basis.

Odyssey of the Mind Presentation—This Friday!

Com join us for an exciting demonstration of Team WMS’s Rube Goldberg machine. A Rube Goldberg machine is a deliberately over-engineered machine that performs a very simple task in a very complex fashion, usually including a chain reaction. Come see our machine ring a bell and enjoy a short skit.

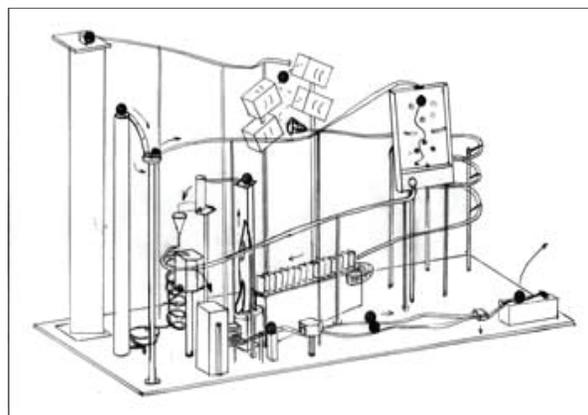
Who: 3rd-5th graders

When: Friday, March 18 at 3:15 p.m.

Where: Room 11

Hope to see you there. Thank you for your support!

Rachel, Ben C., Margot, Grant F., Brandon, Ben S. and Isabel S.



Are you ready to go on **The Journey?**

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?

For your convenience, The Journey is now being held on Mondays!

Monday, March 21
Monday, April 18
(Both 8:30 a.m.—noon)

The Journey will begin in the lobby and then we will 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 registering with cass_winner@wmsde.org.

Montessori Mondays

Know a great family looking for a school for their 1-4 year old? Invite them to attend one of our Montessori Mondays.

At a Montessori Monday, parents have the opportunity to spend a morning at WMS watching their child explore a Montessori classroom and its materials and will also have the chance to speak to a WMS teacher.

Upcoming dates (All at 9:30 a.m.):

March 21
April 11 & 18

For more information or to reserve your spot, contact Theresa Conaty at 302-475-0555 or theresa_conaty@wmsde.org.

Little Houses, Big Honor



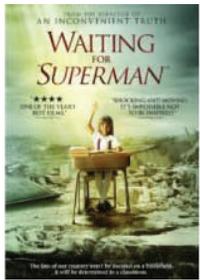
Selected students from WMS's 9-12 program will display their creations at the First State Mini Club's 34th Annual Miniatures Show and Sale. Each student chose a time period to research, then created a miniature to encapsulate life during that time.

The event, featuring a variety of dollhouse-size miniatures, will be held Sunday, March 27 at the Holiday Inn Select, 630 Naamans Road, Claymont, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

News from the Diversity Advisory Committee

Family Movie Afternoon:

Please join us this Thursday, March 17, at 3:30 for our first family movie afternoon. During this event sponsored by the Diversity Advisory Committee (DAC), we will be screening two movies—one for the kids and one for adults. In the Great Room, we will be showing “Chrissa Stands Strong.” This family drama tells the story of the bullying Chrissa encounters at her new school and follows her story as she tries to stand strong and stop the bullying. At the same time, we will be showing “Waiting for Superman” in Room 12. This thought-provoking film highlights the problems in America’s public school system and offers different perspectives from students, parents, educators and reformers. All parents and kids are welcome to attend either film.



Members of the DAC will be on hand in the Great Room to supervise if any parents would like to drop off their children and attend “Waiting for Superman” in Room 12. Hope to see you there! Please contact Leslie Bastianelli at leslieasb@mac.com if you have any questions.

Women’s History Month:

Please be sure to visit the Diversity Corner to see this month’s interesting and informative display presenting women’s accomplishments in history. In particular, have your child check out the section on young inventors, highlighting some incredible inventions created by kids. Many thanks to Lisa Bowers for this great display!

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.

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

Childfind Testing

April 5, 6 & possibly 7

This testing is for all kindergarten-eligible **Delaware** residents who will be five years old by 8/31/11. Permission forms will be mailed to the parents of eligible students and must be signed and returned in order to be tested.

Questions? Contact denise_knoff@wmsde.org.

Tell us what you think about the Parent Portal for a chance to win a free WMS T-shirt!

We want your opinions! During the next few issues of the Wednesday Weekly, we’ll be presenting surveys on a variety of topics that will be accessible through the Parent Portal (www.wmsde.org/portal).



Our first survey is still live, and the topic is the Parent Portal and classroom pages. It will only take a few minutes to complete and will provide us with valuable information that will allow us to improve our communications with you!

Each survey you fill out will give you another chance to win a free T-shirt, so look for more in the coming weeks!

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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.