



# Wilmington Montessori School

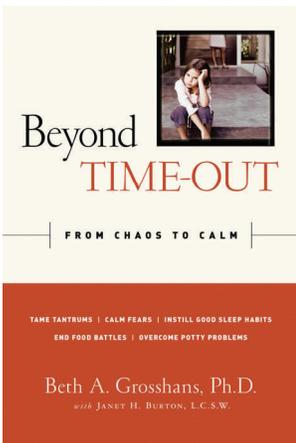


## WEDNESDAY WEEKLY

### Calling All Moms!

Tuesday, May 3rd is Moms' Day at WMS.

Stay for a classroom visit at drop-off and then visit the Great Room for our guest speaker, Dr. Beth Grosshans, experienced child psychologist and author of *Beyond Time-Out: From Chaos to Calm, New Strategies for Effective Parenting in Challenging Times*.



In the past few years, a rising cry of distress has been coming from children and parents across the country. The popular press is filled with descriptions of these epidemic family woes where too many parents are embroiled in day to day struggles with their children that are both exhausting and maddening.

Dr. Grosshans knows parents are desperate not only for explanations, but for answers that work. She has developed a simple, yet highly effective five-step strategy that goes *Beyond Time-Out* — all the way to effectiveness.

After our guest speaker, our elementary students will perform at our French Assembly in the Gym at 11:15 a.m. The 5-9 students will perform *The Three Little Pigs* in French. The performance will also feature six of the 9-12 students as the big bad wolf. Hope to see you there!

#### Classroom Visits

8:30 a.m.— Elementary

9:00 a.m.— Early Childhood

#### Guest Speaker: Dr. Beth Grosshans

9:45 - 11 a.m. — Great Room

#### French Assembly

11:15 a.m.— Gym



### MARK YOUR CALENDARS

#### April

- 27 Camp Demo Day  
Great Room, 3 p.m.
- 28 Infant/Toddler Spring Sing Fling  
Great Room, 11 a.m.
- 29 Arbor Day Tree Planting  
Preschool Playground, 11 a.m.

#### May

*(Toddler conferences will be held throughout the month during classes.)*

- 2 Montessori Monday—Tell a friend!  
Lobby, 9:30 a.m.
- 3 Moms' Day  
French Assembly  
Full schedule inside
- 6 All Staff Professional Day  
NO CLASSES  
Preregistered Childcare only  
Contact [cass\\_winner@wmsde.org](mailto:cass_winner@wmsde.org)
- 9 New Family Reception, 10 a.m.
- 19 Art Show Reception, 6 p.m.  
9-12 Spring Concert, 7 p.m.
- 20 Elementary Field Day
- 30 Memorial Day  
BUILDING CLOSED  
NO CLASSES, NO CHILDCARE

#### June

- 1 End of the Year Assembly
- 2 Preschool Field Day
- 3 Last Day of School  
Graduation

# What do you do to help save the Earth?

*Answers from the WMS community . . .*

**Join us this Friday at 11 a.m. to celebrate Arbor Day!**  
**Funds collected last week will be used to purchase a beautiful native tree for the WMS campus.**  
**Meet us on the preschool playground (behind the lobby) to see us plant it!**

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- I eat local food.
  - I recycle.
  - I plant a garden.
  - I compost.
  - I reuse.
  - I plant trees.
  - I mulch.
  - I turn the lights off.
  - I minimize my driving.
  - Use a metal reusable bottle vs. plastic.
  - I water plants with my mommy.
  - Use a recyclable bag.
  - I use gray water to water plants.
  - I save rain water for other uses.
  - I make sure my friends pick up their trash.
  - I raise conscientiousness concerning the fundamental problem in technological culture. "Waste".
  - Zach Siple is doing hard labor digging a pond this summer.
  - I will clean up trash in my neighborhood and make a pond.
  - I will car pool.
  - I won't use too much paper and I'll turn off the lights when I'm not using them.
  - I won't watch TV for very long and I will go outside.
  - Picking up the trash without thinking about it.
  - We turn off the lights and make the bed.
  - I turn off the water.
  - Put something in recycling if you don't need it.
  - I will mow the lawn.
  - I will reuse my cup.
  - I will not litter, leave nature outside.
  - I pick apples.
  - We recycle all items because the city of Wilmington supplies a recycle bin.
  - We compost our fruit peels.
  - Don't rinse the dishes before you put them in the dishwasher.
  - I cluster road trips, I don't buy plastic packaging unnecessarily, and I don't buy new things I don't need.
  - I will save water by giving leftover bottled water to my plants.
  - We changed all of our light bulbs to energy efficient bulbs and we use cloth towels and napkins instead of paper.
  - Not throw trash on the earth.
  - Grow more trees and save water.
  - Our family has solar panels.
  - Use less plastic.
  - I recycle and sing to trees!
  - I clean up after my hamster.
  - Paperless bills.
  - Trash recycles and walks.
  - I drive a small car that uses less gas!
  - I grow veggies.
  - I clean the earth.
  - I carpool.
  - Walking instead of driving.
  - Keep a small carbon footprint.
  - Buy organic food.
  - I (my family) buy organic, compost and donate to charities for animals.
  - Combine trips in car.
  - We grow our own vegetables.
  - I collect leaves from my neighbors, shred them and make compost for the neighborhood gardens.
  - Go green.
  - I design green t-shirt iron-on; I also train green minded children.
  - I recycle all my bottles of water.
  - Build a paperless office.
  - Save paper by writing on both sides.
  - We use 100% wind energy for electricity for our home.
  - I use cloth groceries bags.
  - We try to use household products that are made of biodegradable ingredients.
  - I spend time talking about and sitting with nature, I plant flowering plants and bushes,
  - I pick up litter.
  - If I need to wait in my car for some reason, I make sure to turn off the engine so I don't waste gas.
  - I put worms back into the garden.
  - Don't use aerosols and I share ideas with others.
  - I give toys to kids who don't have toys.
  - I wrote on this card.
  - Hug it.

## 2011 April in Paris Auction & Gala: Thanks for Your Support!



As members of the Wilmington Montessori School community entered the Brandywine Country Club on Friday, April 15, we were transported across the Atlantic... from the watercolor portraits hanging in the Louvre to the Can Can Dancers performing in front of the Café du Montessori, we felt like we had been whisked away to Paris! Along with the gorgeous decorations, the 2011 April in Paris Auction and Gala was an evening of great music, delicious food and spirited bidding on a fabulous assortment of gifts, all in the support of the children and families of Wilmington Montessori School.

Many thanks to the Brandywine Country Club for their fantastic facility and tremendous support as we re-created Paris in their ballroom. The Wolynetz Family and Party Delaware provided the soundtrack for the evening and turned this event into a party! For the second year, Paul and Paula Szkotak chaired this memorable evening – their vision, determination and enthusiasm brought Paris alive in Delaware! Huge thanks also to the team of parents, supporters and staff whose time, energy and enthusiasm went into gift solicitation, gift display, invitations, catalog design, decorations, logistics and all of the details that make this event a success year after year!



Finally, thank you to the parents, alumni, staff and WMS friends who bid generously online and in person, sponsored tickets for others who otherwise would not have attended and donated a plethora of fantastic and unique gifts for us to offer this year. Your support has been amazing and will help us further our mission.

Help us get ready for next year by letting local businesses know that you saw them at this year's auction – here are all the companies who donated gifts this year:



5<sup>th</sup> Avenue Chocolatiere • A. Pomerantz and Company • American Girl • Arden Swim Club • BBC Tavern and Grill • Berri Yummi • Boss Enterprises • Canvas on Demand • Currie Salon • Dealcatcher.com • Delaware Children's Museum • The Delaware Rock Gym • Delaware Theater Company • Designer JJ • Dilwyne Designs • Dinner Thyme Personal Chef Service • Elegant Kreations by Elena Kirifides • Elk Mountain • Empowered by Yoga • Fabrizio Salon and Spa • Ferrara Photography • Finestationery.com • FIT Personal Fitness Studio • Frank's Union Wine Mart • Fresh Thymes Café • Game Shape • Green Mountain Coffee • Harry's Savoy Grill • Ed Harrold, The Athletic Yogi • The Inn at Montchanin Village • Jazzy's Entertainment • Le Bec Fin • Leisure Fitness • Miller Carpet One • The National Football League • Parent Education Consulting Services • Pizza by Elizabeth's • PRO PHYSICAL THERAPY • Romanick Pottery • As You Wish Desserts • Salon 926 • Stampin' Up • Steve Swyka Auto Specialists • Talleyville Fire Department • Tony Hawk Incorporated • Unique Image Portraiture • Wilmington Blue Rocks • Wilmington Police • Windybush Swim Club • Winterthur Museum, Garden & Library • World Café Live at The Queen • Yours2Treasure



**Want to remember this great night, or see what you missed? Check out our recap video on the [Parent Portal](#).**



# Camp Demo Day

Bring the kids to this year's second Camp Demo Day on Wednesday, April 27, in the Great Room from 3-5:15 p.m.! Leaders of more than a dozen camp programs will be available to talk with you about the terrific things that will happen for kids this summer.

Refreshments, games, arts and crafts activities, and fun for all will be provided! Get the inside scoop on Cheerleading, Dance, We Kidz Rock, Weather, Oceanography, Cooking, Ecology, Art, Steel Drum Festival camp, Hola Espanol, African American Culture, Scrapbooking and Preschool Traditional Camp.

## 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. **Don't forget, you can earn a \$750 tuition credit or 30 co-op hours by referring a friend to WMS.** (Login and visit [www.wmsde.org/buildingcommunity](http://www.wmsde.org/buildingcommunity) for details.)

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.

**When:** May 2, 2011 at 9:30 a.m.

For more information or to reserve your spot, contact Theresa Conaty at 302-475-0555 or [theresa\\_conaty@wmsde.org](mailto:theresa_conaty@wmsde.org).

## 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.

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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.*

## Building Community Corner

*Welcome to WMS!*

The Davis family joined us in February. Luke is a toddler in Room 3.

Please help us welcome Luke, as well as his parents Lee and Melissa, when you see them in the halls!



Luke Davis with his mother Melissa.

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