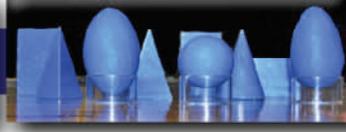




# Wilmington Montessori School



## WEDNESDAY WEEKLY

### WMS Town Meeting

The WMS Board of Directors is pleased to invite you to a Town Meeting, on Thursday, May 17, at 7 p.m. in the Great Room.

The Town Meeting will offer an opportunity for the community to hear more about the strategic direction of Wilmington Montessori School and its initiatives, ask questions and share feedback.

Can't make the meeting? Find it easier to write down your question? We want to make sure everyone has the opportunity to submit questions that you would like to see addressed by the Board at the meeting.

Questions can be submitted at the following link:

[www.surveymonkey.com/s/WMSTownHall2012](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/WMSTownHall2012)

**Please note that questions for the Town Meeting must be submitted by noon tomorrow (Thursday).**

Due to time constraints or the individualized nature of some questions, the Board may not have the opportunity to respond to all inquiries at the Town Meeting; however, if you provide contact information, the Board will respond to you directly or in a school-wide message following the meeting. Contact information is NOT required in order to submit your question or have it considered for discussion at the Town Meeting.

We look forward to seeing many of you on Thursday!



### Mark Your Calendar

Toddler conferences will be held throughout the month. Student art show is on display through May 18.

#### May

- 17 **Student/Staff/Parent Lacrosse Game**  
3:30 p.m.
- Town Hall Meeting**  
7 p.m., Great Room
- 25 **Elementary Field Day**  
9 a.m.
- 28 **Memorial Day**  
School closed. Building closed.  
No child care available.
- 30 **Preschool Field Day**  
9:30 a.m.
- 31 **9-12 Concert**  
7 p.m., Gym

#### June

- 6 **Last Day of School**  
*Graduation Breakfast*  
7:30 a.m., Great Room  
*Graduation Ceremony*  
10 a.m., Gym (See pg. 3)  
Invitations coming soon!
- 7 & 8 **All-Staff Professional Days**  
Child care open.  
Contact [cass\\_winner@wmsde.org](mailto:cass_winner@wmsde.org) to pre-register.
- 11-15 **Pre-Camp Child-Care Week**  
Contact [cass\\_winner@wmsde.org](mailto:cass_winner@wmsde.org) to pre-register.
- 18 **Camp Montessori Begins**  
Register at [www.wmsde.org/camp](http://www.wmsde.org/camp).



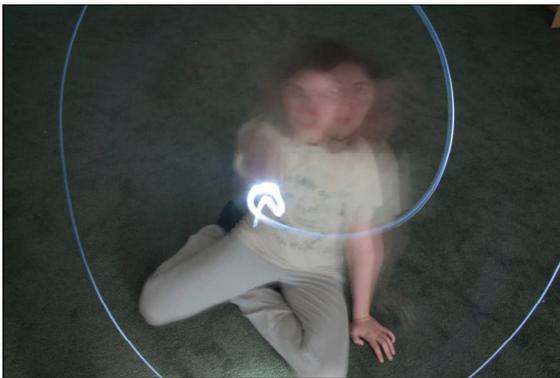
## A Message from the Class of 2012

by Ben Connor

The sixth-graders' fundraising project for Save the Rain was a big success. Many, many kids (and even some teachers) participated in our Spirit Week, composed of Crazy Hair Day, Twin Day, Clash Day and Spirit Day, from April 30 to May 3. The Wednesday Rain Walk was also a big hit. Our goal was 30 laps. The 9-12s and 7-9s alone walked a combined total of 103 laps carrying 30-40 lbs. buckets! Our 5-7 classes walked an estimated 90 laps as well. That adds up to 14 miles altogether! Nice job, WMS!!

Then, of course, we have the collection jars. The six-graders placed them in strategic locations throughout the school. Our goal to raise about \$800. We met and exceeded our goal, raising a total of \$1000!! A big thank you to everyone that helped out in any way—the WMS community, for orchestrating a fantastic Rain Walk and making generous donations; Lisa Lalama, for keeping us on track; Vince, for supplying our hoses; and Carolyn Fuhrman, for counting up the money.

### WMS photographers to be showcased in June Art Loop



The WMS After-School Photography class has been invited by the Mayor's Office for the City of Wilmington to show their work in the new Louis L. Redding Children's Gallery as part of the June Art on the Town Loop.

This semester's photography students, as well as some alumni, will be showing their digital images, pinhole photos and more.

There will be an opening reception on Friday, June 1, 5:30 to 8 p.m. The show runs through the end of June.

## Save the Date – WMS Online Auction

*WMS's Online Auction goes LIVE on Friday, May 25 and will close at 8 p.m. on Friday, June 1.*

Some of the Items available for bidding include a week in a two-bedroom ocean front condo in North Myrtle Beach, S.C., during the week of August 3-10, 2012, a birthday party at Talleyville Fire Station and a haircut and highlights from WMS's very own Robin Tisdell!

This is a great way to support Wilmington Montessori School and get great gifts, services and fun at a reasonable price. Log in and register for all the fun! <http://www.biddingforgood.com/wmsauction>

## Co-op Reminders

Don't forget to report your co-op hours! There are many ways to report the work you've done through WMS's co-op program – online ([www.wmsde.org/aboutco-op](http://www.wmsde.org/aboutco-op)) and on paper (forms may be found by each of the co-op boards at school). Billing for unfinished co-op for the 11-12 school year will go out in June. Need some more hours? Be sure to check out the co-op board – there are many end-of-year jobs posted!

***Current listings include the need for two more volunteers for next Friday's Elementary Field Day and lots of volunteers for Graduation Day!***

The Staff and  
Board of Directors of Wilmington Montessori School  
Cordially invite you to attend the

## Graduation Ceremony for the Class of 2012



Wednesday, June 6, 2012 at 10 a.m. in the Gym  
Please join us in honoring our graduates!

## Donate Baby Items to Westside Family Healthcare this May

This month, Helping Hands is collecting baby items for the patients of Westside Family Healthcare. It would be much appreciated if you put items such as diapers, formula, bottles, wipes and baby shampoo in the marked bins by the front desk.

Thanks so much for your generosity, and thanks to Room 19 for the wonderful posters decorating WMS's halls! For more information, please contact Amanda Lewis at [aamlewis@hotmail.com](mailto:aamlewis@hotmail.com).



## Support the 2011-2012 Annual Fund

What does the Annual Fund support? Reading, writing, teaching, exploring, experiencing, understanding, growing, learning—CHILDREN.

### Make your contribution online:

Visit [www.wmsde.org/giving](http://www.wmsde.org/giving) and click "How to Give."

### Donate in person:

You can also request a donation envelope and make your contribution at the front desk.

WMS is a tax-exempt 501(c)3 organization and contributions are tax-deductible to the fullest extent allowed by law.

For more information, contact Jennifer Burns at 302-475-0555 or [jennifer\\_burns@wmsde.org](mailto:jennifer_burns@wmsde.org).

Thank you for supporting WMS!



## Make it a Camp Montessori Summer!

Camp runs from June 18 to August 24 and serves ages 2-14. Both traditional and specialty camps are available, along with before- and after-care.

Online [registration](#) is available. Visit [www.wmsde.org/camp](http://www.wmsde.org/camp) to learn more, or contact Cass Winner at 302-475-0555 or [cass\\_winner@wmsde.org](mailto:cass_winner@wmsde.org).

# 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 schedule a private tour by calling 302-475-0555 or emailing [admissions@wmde.org](mailto:admissions@wmde.org), attend our next Montessori Monday on June 18 at 9:30 a.m. or consider hosting a Montessori event at 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). To learn more about upcoming admissions events, visit [www.wmsde.org/admissionsevents](http://www.wmsde.org/admissionsevents).



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<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.