



# Wilmington Montessori School



## WEDNESDAY WEEKLY

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!

### Mark Your Calendar

#### May

30 **9-12 Concert**  
7 p.m., Gym

#### June

1 **WMS Student/Alumni Photo Show  
Opening Reception**, 5-8 p.m.  
Louis L. Redding Children's Gallery  
800 N. French St. Wilmington  
(Photos on display June 1-30)  
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**Online Auction closes at 8 p.m.**

3 **Family Garden Day**  
9 a.m.-noon  
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6 **Last Day of School**  
*Graduation Breakfast*  
7:30 a.m., Great Room  
*Graduation Ceremony*  
10 a.m., Gym

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**  
(including [LEGO Mini-Camps](#))  
Contact [cass\\_winner@wmsde.org](mailto:cass_winner@wmsde.org)  
to pre-register.

18 Montessori Monday (Admissions)  
9:30 a.m.  
*Tell a friend!*

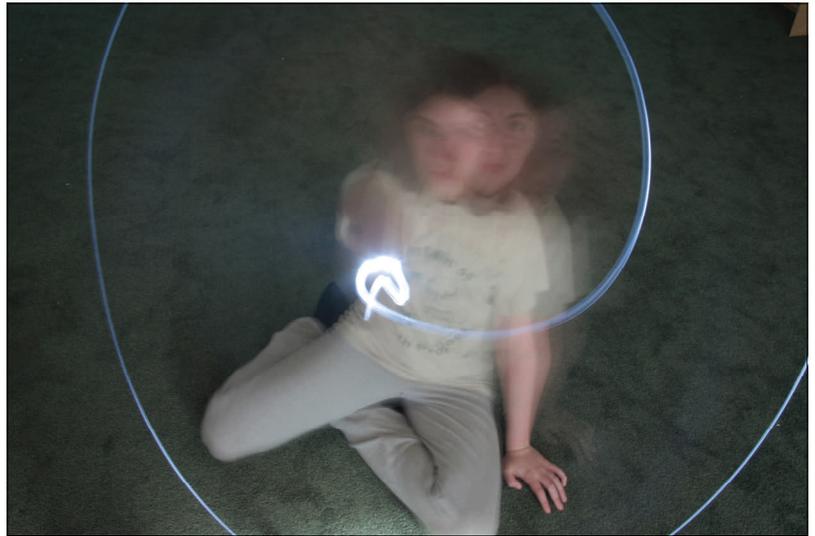
18-22 **Week 1 of Camp Montessori**  
*Featuring Earth Science and  
Forensic Science Specialty Camps*  
Register at [www.wmsde.org/camp](http://www.wmsde.org/camp).



# WMS photographers to be showcased in June Art on the Town Loop

*Join us for the opening reception this Friday!*

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- 8 p.m. The show runs through the end of June.



## Family Garden Day—This Sunday

*Special chance to help with WMS's gardens!*

Dear fellow families,

Several months ago, WMS received a large donation of beautiful plants from the Flory family. Our children did a magnificent job of planting many of them during Earth Day celebrations at school and we have been enjoying them since. But WMS still has a number of garden beds that need filling and, luckily, a number of plants that need a home in the ground. Families are key to keeping WMS looking beautiful — let's show our kids that we care.

Your whole family is invited to join in a WMS garden work morning this coming Sunday, June 3, from 9 a.m. to noon. Please join us for any part of the morning.

For your family, bring shovels, trowels, gloves, watering cans and drinking water. For extra incentive (beyond the good karma), we will have cold watermelon and you earn co-op hours.

Thanks in advance for your help! Hope to see you there!

Anna Quisel and Kerry Shweiki



# AUCTION



## WMS Online Auction

*WMS's Online Auction is LIVE until 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>





## Odyssey of the Mind Team Performs on World Stage

Last weekend, WMS's Odyssey of the Mind team, along with their coaches and parents, traveled to Iowa State University to compete in the World Finals. The team met participants from around the world, including their Buddy Team from Mexico. Their performance placed 13th out of 55 teams in their Problem/Division — an improvement of two places from last year!

"It was a really, really exciting experience to get to meet people from all over the world," said fifth-grader Rachel Aussprung.

The team and coaches would like to thank everyone who supported through donations and school store purchases.

"We couldn't have done it without you!" Rachel said.

## 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!



## End of the Year 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?

**We need lots of help with Graduation—both with preparation on June 5 and on Graduation Day, June 6—as well as Homeroom Parent Coordinators for next year.**

Be sure to check out the co-op board and sign up today!

# 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@wmsde.org](mailto:admissions@wmsde.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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### *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.