

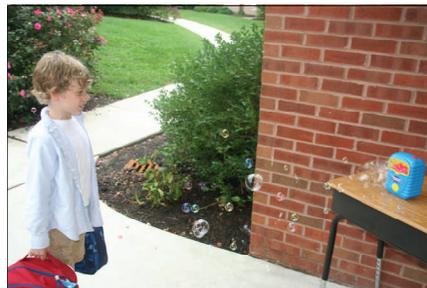


Wilmington Montessori School



WEDNESDAY WEEKLY

Welcome back!



Mark Your Calendars

September

- 9 **Coffee for new 9-12 families,** 8:30 a.m., Room 26
- 12 **Homeschool Enrichment Program Begins**
- 13 **Parent Education—Separation Anxiety,** 9:15 a.m., Room 26
- 15 **Back to School/Curriculum Night for Infant/Toddler & 9-12 Programs*,** 7 p.m., Great Room
- 21 **Welcome Back Peace Assembly,** 11 a.m., Gym
Back to School/Curriculum Night for Preschool*, 7 p.m., Great Room

- 27 **Coffee with Linda for New Families,** 8:30 a.m., Great Room
Back to School/Curriculum Night for 5-9*, 7 p.m., Great Room
- 29 **Rosh Hashannah**
No Classes. Pre-registered childcare only. Email cass_winner@wmsde.org to register.

* Childcare for curriculum nights will be offered to families for preschool through 7th grade children. The cost will be \$5 per child (billed, not cash on delivery). Email cass_winner@wmsde.org to register at least 48 hours before the event.

October

- 3 **Montessori Monday,** 9:30 a.m. Tell a friend!
- 5 **Student Portraits**
- 10-14 **Book Fair,** Great Room
- 17 **Montessori Monday,** 9:30 a.m. Tell a friend!
- 19 **Diversity Parent Movie** TBA
- 21 **Parent Education—Building Strong Relationships Workshop with Dr. Lani Nelson-Zlupko,** 7 p.m., Great Room
Registration required.

WMS Introduces the Homeschool Enrichment Program

On Monday, September 12, WMS will open its doors to a group of approximately 20 homeschooled students ages 5 through 12 for an exciting new educational program.

Through the school's new Homeschool Enrichment Program, these students will have the opportunity to attend WMS every Monday and take classes in art, technology, French and creative writing with our talented teachers.

We are pleased share WMS's child-centered Montessori approach with a new group of children. If you have any friends in the homeschooling commu-

nity, please share this opportunity with them. More information is available at www.wmsde.org/homeschool.

Please join all of us in welcoming this new group of families to our community!



Parent Education— Strong Relationships Workshop with Dr. Lani Nelson-Zlupko

What are the hallmarks of a successful relationship? Who stays connected for the long haul? Is it an "accident" or intentional? Find out who stays connected and what you can do today to begin increasing the strength of your primary relationship—ship at 7 p.m. on October 21.

Top tools for strong relationships will be provided, as well as major roadblocks to be avoided. Come skill up! All individuals and couples are welcome at this inspiring, humor-filled and empowering event!

Advance registration is required. Register online and learn more at www.wmsde.org/events.

Parent Education—Separation Anxiety



Whether children are experiencing school for the first time or returning from a summer vacation, new transitions and routines may bring anxiety for them... and for you!

Join Stacey Hogan-Tietze, WMS Early Childhood Learning Director, on **September 13 at 9:15 a.m.** for an open discussion on understanding and handling separation anxiety. Learn about the normal signs of separation anxiety in young children. Bring your questions and concerns to the discussion in Room 26.

After-School Specials and Sports

Don't forget to register today for **After-School Specials** and **After-School Sports**!



This fall's programs include the Steel Drum Band, drama, piano, technology, dance, art, tennis, soccer, science, Girl Scouts, Yoga and Boy Scouts.

Some special courses are scheduled to begin after 4 p.m. in order to allow children from other schools to participate; WMS students will be served a snack and welcomed into our regular afterschool groups until then (with the option to do homework in the homework room, if they wish!)

at no charge. Details are available at www.wmsde.org/extendedday. For more information, contact cass_winner@wmsde.org.

Individual Piano Lessons:

There are five slots left for individual piano lessons—after school on Mondays or Wednesdays—with Leslie Carey, WMS alumni parent and piano instructor extraordinaire. Contact her at 302-540-3718 to register.

2011-12 Co-op Opportunities



Want to get a head start on your co-op for this year? The main co-op board across from the library is full of school-wide opportunities including Saturday front desk supervisors, school store coordinators, Moms Day coordinator, and support for open houses, the Book Fair, and the Journey.

A full list of the opportunities is available at www.wmsde.org/co-op. Contact familyrelations@wmsde.org with any questions!

Help WMS Prepare for Emergencies

FEMA has designated September as National Preparedness Month, but at WMS, we've been working all summer to prepare our new emergency information system!

Alert Now is an emergency communication system that will allow WMS administration to quickly share a recorded message with our families and staff through phone calls and email.

We successfully used the system to keep staff informed during Hurricane Irene and look forward to sharing it with our families as well.

This system will only be used to transmit important messages in the case of an emergency and/or closure—other reminders will continue to be shared through the same media as usual (i.e., website, email and social media).

We will test the system in the next few

weeks, and inform you when these tests will occur. In the meantime, it is important that we have all of your information up-to-date in our database. Please make sure you **submit all of your school forms by the end of next week**, and if your information changes, please inform the front desk.

We are confident that you will find this system helpful, and we thank you for your assistance in getting it up and running as soon as possible!



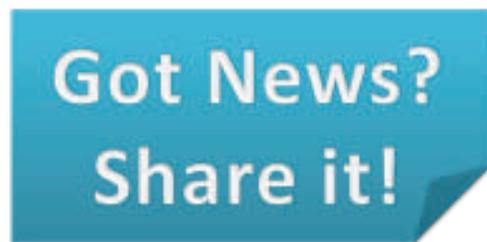
Visit the Parent Portal

Have you visited WMS's Parent Portal yet this year?

Find out what's happening at WMS, access our Early Childhood and Elementary toolboxes, and receive updates straight from your child's teacher! Visit www.wmsde.org/portal to login and click "Classroom Pages" from the left menu to find the page for your child's room.

All new families should have received login information via email last week, and returning families should continue to use the username and password you received last year.

Questions? Problems logging in? Contact Noel Dietrich, Communications Officer, at noel_dietrich@wmsde.org.



Email Wednesday-Weekly@wmsde.org by Friday to submit information for publication in the following week's Wednesday Weekly. All submissions are subject to modification for space constraints and/or content clarity.

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.



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