



WEDNESDAY WEEKLY

WMS Currency Collection

Last year, the Matalonis family created and donated to WMS an International Coins and Currency collection. The collection currently contains money from over 50 countries and the goal is to get at least a few examples from over 200 nations around the world.

Please feel free to stop by the library and ask Elizabeth to see the collection. If you traveled this summer or have any foreign currency at home, please consider donating to the collection by contacting Elizabeth Varley (elizabeth_varley@wmsde.org).

The collection is available to WMS teachers in all age groups to allow our entire community to discover more about world geography, history, money, exchange, saving, sorting, and counting.

Thank you to the Matalonis Family for initiating this venture!



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

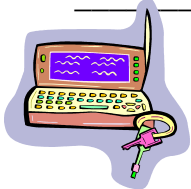
- Sept. 8: Coffee with Liz Madden for families new to 5-9 Program
8:30 a.m., Room 26
- Sept. 10: Coffee with Lisa Lalama for families new to the 9-12 Program
8:30 a.m., Room 26
- Sept. 14: Parent Workshop: Separation Anxiety with Barbara Marchese
9:15 a.m., Great Room
- Sept. 16: Back to School/Curriculum Night
Infant/Toddler/9-12 Program
7:00 p.m.
- Sept. 21: International Day of Peace
Welcome Back/Peace Assembly for students
- Sept. 22: Back to School/Curriculum Night
Preschool
7:00 p.m.
- Sept. 23: 9-12 Program Overnight
- Sept. 29: Back to School/Curriculum Night
5-9 Program
7:00 p.m.
- Oct. 5: Diversity Advisory Committee meeting
All are Welcome!
6:30 p.m., Library
- Oct. 6: Student Portraits
- Oct. 8: WMS Dance Party
Everyone is welcome!
6:00 p.m.
- Oct. 11-15: Scholastic Book Fair



CALLING ALL HOMEROOM PARENTS!

Terry Ramsey, Homeroom Parent Coordinator, is compiling a list of all HRP's for this year. If you are a HRP, please take a moment to contact her at Terry.L.Ramsey@att.net.

The first meeting of Homeroom Parents is scheduled for Tuesday, September 28, 9:00 am, Room 26.



AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAM NEWS

The new semester of Afterschool Special Programs includes old favorites and brand-new *future* favorite enrichment activities for ages 4-12. Check out classes in art, dance, cooking, technology, and more on the website or (for K-6th families) in your mailbox at home!

We have also officially opened our Extended Care and Childcare Day programs to students from other schools. K-6th Childcare will be offered to these students on days when Brandywine School District schools are closed.

Tell your friends and neighbors that we'd love to have their children for Afterschool, Childcare, or Afterschool Specials!

Contact Cass for more information at cass_winner@wmsde.org or visit the website at:

http://www.wmsde.org/RelId/606502/ISvars/default/After_School_Programs.htm

Welcome Back Coffees

Has your child just entered the 5-9 or 9-12 Program? Liz Madden (Elementary Learning Director) and Lisa Lalama (9-12 Program Coordinator) are hosting coffees for families who are new to these programs to answer your questions and ease your family's transition. Join them for an informal discussion on what you can expect through these upcoming months.

Note that any parent with questions is welcome to attend!



5-9 Program Coffee with Liz Madden
Sept. 8th @ 8:30 a.m. in Room 26

9-12 Program Coffee with Lisa Lalama
Sept. 10th @ 8:30 a.m. in Room 26

Co-op Request:

The Aspen Wing is seeking donations of:
Calculators (large buttons and numbers)
Cameras - Picture frames
Kitchen and bathroom scales
Walkie talkies - Baby monitors
Cell Phones - Books and Puzzles

Can you help? Contact leanne_alexandrini@wmsde.org for additional information



PARENT EDUCATION WORKSHOP – 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 Barbara Marchese, WMS Early Childhood Learning Director, for an open discussion on understanding and handling separation anxiety. Identify strategies to best prepare for transitions and minimize anxiety. Learn about the normal signs of separation anxiety in young children. Bring your questions and concerns to the discussion.

Tuesday Sept. 14 @ 9:15 a.m.
Great Room



Curriculum Night

Curriculum night is the opportunity for you, as parents, to meet your child's teachers, visit the classroom and learn about the curriculum and classroom activities for the school year. It is a wonderful way for you to start the school year informed and will provide you with insight and information on your child's daily routine and schedule.

Curriculum Nights are scheduled for:

Infant/Toddler/9-12 Program: Sept. 16 @ 7:00 p.m.

Preschool: Sept. 22 @ 7:00 p.m.

5-9 Program: Sept. 29 @ 7:00 p.m.

A Word From Admissions

Limited Space is Available for 2010-2011

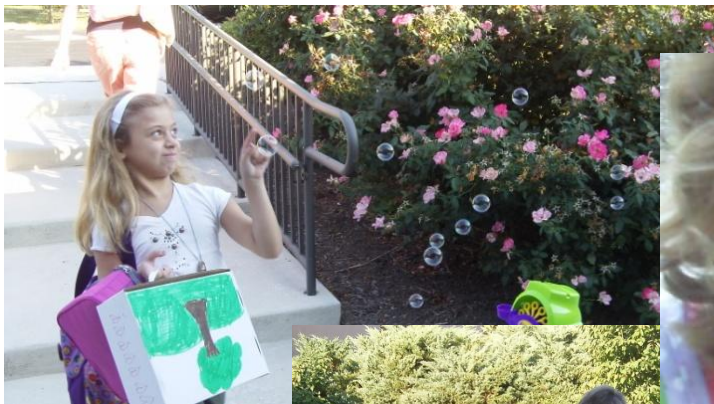
Please share the word. We know our best referrals come from you, our WMS families, so please tell your friends to call and visit now.

WMS is accepting applications on a rolling basis.

Contact Theresa Conaty in Admissions (theresa_conaty@wmsde.org) or 302-475-0555.

Welcome Back!

To a new year of learning and fun.
Celebrating the first day of school and all the excitement that brings!



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.

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