

September

- 7 PA Exec Kick-off Mtg, 9am, NC
- 7 Volunteer Training, 2:30pm, WV
- 8 Volunteer Training, 9:15am, NC
- 8 Maple Class Potluck, 5:30-7pm, WV
- 9 D. Fir Class Potluck, 5:30-7pm, NC
- 9 Oak Class Potluck, 5:30-7pm, WV
- 9 Apple Class Potluck, 6-7:30pm, WV
- 9 Elm Class Potluck, 6-7:30pm, WV
- 9 Upper El Potluck, 6-8pm, Blythe Park, Bothell
- 12 Semester I Electives Begin
- 13 Auction Kick-off Mtg, 6-7pm, NC
- 14 BOT Exec Cmte Mtg, 4:30pm, NC
- 14 Volunteer Training, 5:30pm, NC
- 14 All-School PA Potluck & Meeting, 6-8pm, NC
- 15 Pine Class Potluck, 5:30-7pm, NC

- 16 Lower El Potluck, 6-8pm, Wilmot Park, Woodinville
- 20 School Picture Day, NC
- 21 School Picture Day, WV
- 21 BOT Mtg, 7pm, NC
- 22 PA Exec Meeting, 9am, NC
- 23 Fig Class Potluck, 5:30-7pm, NC
- 23 JH Potluck, 6-8pm, NC
- 24 JH Business Event: Kids' Night Out, 6-10pm, NC
- 30 Early Bird Deadline for Oct 14 Camp
- 30 All-School Fall Festival, 6-8pm
- 30 JH Book Fair, 6-8pm

October

- 4 High School Info Mtg for 9th Grade Parents, 3:45pm, NC
- 6 Volunteer Training, 9:15am, NC
- 12 BOT Exec Cmte Mtg, 4:30pm, NC
- 12 EC Parent Ed Night, 6:30pm, NC



An Invitation to Give

by Fiona Haynes, Fund Development Committee

Woodinville Montessori School's 11th Annual Giving Program is up and running! The grand kickoff will take place at our Fall Festival on September 30th. Look out in the mail for your personalized invitation to give coming soon.

Our goal this year is to raise \$110,000, with 100% participation among families, staff and the Board of Trustees. No gift is too big or too small. We simply ask that you give at a comfortable and thoughtful level for your family.

After your donation, your name will be added to our new, colorful version of the Giving Tree, which will make its appearance at the Fall Festival.

Ways to give:

- Fill out a pledge card and mail with your check to 19102 North Creek Parkway, Suite 100, Bothell, WA 98011
- Find pledge cards in the school lobbies, fill out and put in drop boxes
- Donate online at www.woodinvillemontessori.org/giving by selecting the left tab for "Online Giving"

Matching gifts:

- If your company matches your donation, please put the company's name on your pledge card
- Microsoft matches can be made by going to <http://forms.matchinggifts.com/Microsoft.pdf> but please still hand in your pledge card.

Many thanks to our Board members for their early pledges! Find out more about our Annual Giving Program [here](#).

Club House – Before & After School Care

Before and after school Club House is provided at both campuses as a service for our families. Club House includes indoor and outdoor play, and study hall time for older children. Club House is available to currently enrolled students on regular school days.

See your *Parent Handbook* on page 20 for information about the two different options for Club House billing: (1) Drop-in Club House and (2) Unlimited Prepaid Club House. *Club House Schedules Procedures & Billing 2011-12* and *Prepaid daycare payment stubs* are also on the website under PARENTS -> [Forms & Handouts](#).

To Do:

- ☑ **Turn in your after-school electives registration forms today** as most classes begin next week.
- ☑ **Let us know of any address, phone or email changes** by submitting a change of info form via ParentsWeb.
- ☑ **Mark your calendar** for the All-School PA Potluck and Meeting on Sept 14.



Need to update your Emergency Contact & Pickup Info?

Please logon to [ParentsWeb](#), click on **School Information -> Web Forms** and then select *Current Family – Information Update Forms*. Under the heading *Emergency Contact & Pickup List Form* you will see the Web Forms that you need. If you have any technical difficulty, contact Emily at techsupport@woodinvillemontessori.org.

Got News?

Submit articles, ideas or comments for *The Grapevine*, our school newsletter, to Ellen Wastell via grapevine@woodinvillemontessori.org. Deadline for submissions is 9:00am on Monday. *The Grapevine* accepts advertising. Run your business-card-size ad for \$25/week. Your ad also goes online, and stays in our newsletter archives.

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PA CORNER



If you have any ideas or questions for the Parent Association, please contact Dagny Cook at dagnycook@gmail.com.

To find out how you can volunteer to help (there are plenty of jobs, big and small), you can email Cathy Mithel at cmithel@aol.com.

RSVP to volunteer@woodinvillemontessori.org if you plan to attend an upcoming Volunteer Training Session.

To record your volunteer service hours, logon to **Parents Web**, click on the Family Information tab and then select the family member whose volunteer hours you will be entering. Click on the Service Hours tab, then Add Service Hours and then Save to submit.



Greetings from the Parent Association

by Dagny Cook, PA President

Greetings! And welcome. I am looking forward to a wonderful school year and am excited to have the opportunity to lead the Parent Association as president for the 2011-12 school year. My daughter, Willow, began her first year in the Early Childhood program last fall and we couldn't be happier to return this year. She was excited to be reunited with her teachers and classmates last week and I am equally thrilled to have had the opportunity to reconnect with the parents, staff and teachers in our community.

One of my goals as president of the Parent Association for this year is to build the sense of community that we all feel toward one another. In addition, I hope to create a better sense of connectedness between parents working on different projects, committees and groups that all strive to contribute toward the mission of the school. Throughout the year I hope you will feel personally invited and encouraged to participate in specific ways that speak to your interests, expertise or goals. The PA is an organization open to all parents and I hope that you will join us this year as we strive to enrich the school experience of all our children.

Be there! **Wednesday, September 14** at the North Creek Campus, Jr. High Classroom. **Childcare provided.**

Please mark your calendars and plan to join us for the first Open Meeting of the Parent Association this year. This meeting will be an opportunity for parents to gather and learn more about the exciting events, projects, programs, goals and opportunities we have to look forward to during the 2011-12 school year. Chairs from the PA committees will be on hand to give specific examples of ways that you will be able to join in and participate. My hope is that everyone in attendance will leave with a clearer vision of what the PA "does" and how they can help or become personally involved. At 6:00pm we will start with a pot luck gathering and will begin our meeting agenda at 6:30pm. Please come and, if you are able, bring a dish to share. I look forward to seeing you there!

And if all else fails, if you are interested in becoming involved but are not presented with the opportunity you seek.... Ask Me! I am passionate about matching people with the project that will inspire their involvement. I love meeting new people, particularly when they seek me out. I am pleased to welcome you into, or back to, our community and am looking forward to a successful and fulfilling school year.



Calling all Swim Dads!

We need YMCA chaperones on Monday and Wednesday (Lower Elementary) and Thursday (Upper Elementary) from 12:40 – 3:10pm. Parents can volunteer for weekly or biweekly sessions one of the three afternoons. Parents must have completed volunteer training and the background clearance before beginning chaperoning duties. Contact Nancy Kestek at nkestek@woodinvillemontessori.org if you can help. We need you!



- Thanks to **Scott Lewallen** for formatting all of the data from the Parent Participation Forms (PPF) to facilitate the work of the Parent Association.
- Thanks to the following donors for their very generous in-kind donations providing supplies and materials which greatly benefit our school:
Carli McSorley for the books, games and T-Rex assembly set;
Amy and Bryan Kretz for the books, Columbus ship models, and rock collection;
Miki Heye for the books and tapes;
Lodie and David Grubb for the HP photosmart 8250 printer;
Ron Yabut for the books.
- Thank you for a very warm Welcome!! We are so glad to be part of such a wonderful community.
 ~ **Angela Bertolini**



Congratulations

Congratulations to **Jason, Thais and Olivia Fryberg** (Apple – Early Childhood) on the arrival of Emily on August 19.



Tue, Sep 20th, North Creek
Wed, Sep 21st, Woodinville

Smile! It's Picture Day

Look for picture envelopes coming home soon. Please complete one for each student and return it to his/her classroom with payment enclosed. Wear colorful clothing and your best smile!

If your child misses pictures at North Creek, you are welcome to bring him/her to Woodinville and vice versa. Just let the folks at the front desk know. Make-Up/Retake Day is scheduled for November 16.

Grace & Courtesy

Reprinted from The Michael Olaf Montessori, Newsletter #9, August 2011

In 1990 I was having dinner in Rome with Silvana Montanaro, director of the Montessori 0-3 training, and holding her new grandson. He was fascinated with speech, as are all children at this age. Silvana insisted that I NOT LOOK AWAY OR STOP SPEAKING TO HIM UNTIL HE WAS FINISHED AND LOOKED AWAY! That taught me a great lesson. If we want to teach consideration in giving one's full attention to another during a conversation, we must do the same. This gives pause to thought about manners connected with cell phone use, a radio or TV playing during meals, and other elements of modern life. Technology is constantly changing, so we must continually explore, observe, and devise ways to help children adapt and flourish.

To view the entire August 2011 Newsletter go to this page:
<http://michaelolaf.net/newsaugust2011.html>

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"Nobody can do everything, but everyone can do something."

~Author Unknown



Electives Update

We are pleased to offer a wide selection of after-school electives for the fall term. We continue to offer Drama, Chess, and Woodworking, our long time favorites! Our newest offerings include Jewelry Making, Amusement Park Architecture, and a Ukulele Orchestra! See the [electives packet](#) for all the details.

Most classes begin during the week of September 12, so complete the WebForm on [ParentsWeb](#) to enroll. Registration is processed on a first come, first serve basis so don't miss out on all the after school fun!

For more information, or if you have questions, please contact Lea Aemisegger at laemisegger@woodinvillemontessori.org or call me at 425-481-2300.



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Directory

Looking for the most up-to-date contact information for current students and families? Logon to [ParentsWeb](#) and view the online Directory which contains information for all those who have consented to have their information published. Email addresses can be found by drilling down to an individual person's contact info tab.

The directory is made available to all parents of Woodinville Montessori School for internal use only. The information cannot be shared, distributed or used for non-school related activities without express permission from the school administration.

We will be posting a Directory PDF in early October which will contain staff contact information, class listings and family contact information which you can print locally if you prefer to have a hard copy by the phone or in the car.