

September

- 14 BOT Executive Committee 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 EI 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, NC
- 30 JH Book Fair, 6-8pm, NC

October

- 4 High School Info Mtg for 9th Grade Parents, 3:45pm, NC
- 5 Upper EI Parent Orientation, 7-8:30pm, NC
- 6 Volunteer Training, 9:15am, NC
- 12 BOT Exec Cmte Mtg, 4:30pm, NC
- 12 EC Parent Ed Night, 6:30pm, NC
- 13 PA Exec Meeting, 9am, NC
- 14 NO SCHOOL – Inservice Day (Fig Open)**
Day camp available for full day students by reservation.



Save the Date

It's almost time for the Fall Festival

by Stephany Schneider & Janet Snyder, PA Social Committee Co-chairs

Mark your calendars - the 3rd Annual Fall Festival will be held on Friday, September 30th from 6-8pm at the North Creek Campus. This is a fun-filled way to meet other families and celebrate autumn's arrival all while supporting our school. Friends and extended family are welcome, too.

Enjoy legendary food from Maximus/Minimus, the very cool pig-shaped mobile restaurant. And take part in some fun activities such as the famous Cake Walk and the popular fishing pond. Take photos of your children at our measuring "wall," and enjoy connecting with old friends and meeting new friends. And don't forget to stop off at the Junior High book sale, where you'll find plenty of gently used books for the whole family.

All the details on food and fun will be published in next week's Grapevine – so stay tuned and mark your calendar!



WMS Orienteering Program Off and Running

WMS Junior High orienteering class has begun, but did you know that Orienteering is available for everyone?

The annual Newcomer's meet is Saturday, September 17 at Woodland Park geared especially for parents and kids who want to give it a try. Cascade Orienteering Club holds regular public meets on weekends throughout the year at local parks. Each meet offers a selection of courses from novice to challenging, with beginner instruction available. Many recreational participants enjoy it as a family outing, or you can choose to test your running/navigating skills at a friendly competitive level. Staggered starts allow you flexibility to register and start your course between 10am-12 at most meets. For information and a complete schedule: www.cascadeoc.org

For WMS Elementary or Junior High students who are thinking about joining the school league series, (every other Saturday between Nov to Feb), signups are open now at the website above or contact WMS Orienteering Instructor Eileen Breseman at cobreseman@gmail.com.

 **To Do:**

- ☑ **Attend the first PA meeting** of the school year TONIGHT, Sept 14.
- ☑ It's picture day next week, so **turn in your completed picture envelopes** to your classroom with payment enclosed.
- ☑ **Turn in your pizza order form** no later than Wed at noon to enjoy hot pizza on Thursday.
- ☑ **Mark your calendar** for the All-School Fall Festival on Sept 30.



Spread the Word

Do you Twitter? Are you on Facebook? Woodinville Montessori is too. Let your friends, families and colleagues know that you support Woodinville Montessori School. Join us on Woodinville Montessori School's [Facebook Page](#) and follow us on [Twitter](#).

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.



First TSA Event a Success!

by Megan Hensler, PA Teacher & Staff Appreciation Co-chair

An enormous thank you to all those that brought food and/or helped with set-up or clean-up for the first Teacher-Staff Appreciation (TSA) event of the year! The Welcome Back Breakfast was an overwhelming success and greatly appreciated by teachers and staff at both campuses.

A quick word about the TSA committee for the unfamiliar: TSA hosts a handful of food-related events at each campus over the course of the school year as a way of saying thank you to the teachers and staff of WMS. When an event approaches (the next being a soup luncheon in November) volunteers are emailed and asked to bring items to the school (or to help with set-up or clean-up) for a potluck for teachers and staff to enjoy. It is a fairly simple way to get involved at WMS and any cooking, shopping, cleaning, etc. that is done for the event can be logged towards the twenty hours of required volunteer work. But it never seems like 'work,' showing our appreciation is fun!

Should you be interested in helping on this committee, but did not receive an email about the Welcome Back Breakfast, please contact Megan Hensler, mhensler@comcast.net, if your child attends the North Creek campus or Lisa Frost, at frostzone@comcast.net, if your child attends the Woodinville campus and we'll add you to our list. Thank you!

Yearbook Photographers Needed

If you are interested in joining the Yearbook Committee, we would love to have you! Contact WMS Parent Carli McSorley at Carli@mcsorley.info. We especially need staff photographers to capture school events from September through March.

Thanks to Jon Revere for stepping up to help in North Creek. We still need a Woodinville campus volunteer who can take photos of the classes once a month (no more than 20 minutes, 5 mins per class), try to get to all the special events in the classes (parties, mother's tea, etc.) and the after school electives at that campus. Contact Carli if you can help.



Down to Business

This year the Junior High Student Business continues their sales of pizza lunch to the school. A big "thank you" to the 80+ families that have already ordered and are helping us head towards our end of the year goal, a trip to the Headlands Institute in California. Junior High Business will also be offering monthly Kids' Night Out (K.N.O.) events. A great evening for WMS students to play games, hang with their friends, get their faces painted and other activities provided for by the Jr. High. This month will be on Sat. Sept. 24th from 6 p.m.-10 p.m. the theme is Aliens. Please see the front desk to sign up. Later this month on September 30th the Jr. High will be working with the Parent Association at the Fall Festival by hosting a book fair. Any donations of good quality books are greatly appreciated.



- Thanks to **Agnes Chen, Lisa Sharp, Liesl Bohan, Kristi Caldwell, and Michele Lang** for assembling and labeling photo envelopes to facilitate distribution to all families this week.
- A very warm thank you goes out to the **Teacher and Staff Appreciation Committee** for the wonderful back-to-school breakfast for all of the staff.
- Thanks to **Carli McSorley** for coming in to take photos for this year's all-school yearbook.
- Thanks to **Lauri Cook** for her continued graphic design support of our website and school communications.
- Thanks to **Sabine Stehling** for all of the admin support to help us get the school year off to a strong start.
- Thanks to the **Ault-McCoy family** for all of their work in the library, including the generous donation, transportation and assembly of bookcases from Borders.
- Thanks to **Ana Martinez** for sharing her love of dentistry in many of our Early Childhood and Lower Elementary classes, and for her work in the library.
- Thanks to **Mari Bercaw** for her admin support this week.
- Thanks to the **Cook, Gabrielle, Otter, Fass, McElrath, Busenbark, Garrard, McCowan, Price, Collins, McDuff, Thorn, Damico-Salmon, Lanners/Ball, Karnan, Fitts, Davis, Johnson, Fogle, Lundquist, Kohli, Koriath/Ziob, Roughsedge and Harlalka** families for referring prospective students and families to our school. A word of mouth referral from friends, coworkers, and acquaintances goes a long way. It is the #1 reason new families come to us. We appreciate your continued enthusiasm and commitment to our school; you are a huge part of our success. Thank you for all that you do!



Annual Giving News

As we announced last week, the Annual Giving Program is under way. We are excited to report that we already have 100% participation from our Board of Trustees. Thank you!

What is the Annual Giving Program?

The Annual Giving Program is our opportunity to support and enhance the school's educational program beyond the reach of tuition. Tuition fees fund the operational budget, which covers basic expenses such as rent, utilities and salaries. The Annual Giving Program provides monies that enrich our children's education in a variety of ways. In the past, funds have been used to provide new classroom materials, launch the toddler program, retain a learning specialist, maintain, expand and remodel our facilities, offer financial aid, and much more. This year you will see these funds at work in our wonderful and much-needed expansion at North Creek.

Who Should Give?

All of us, because all our children benefit. Our goal is to have 100% participation from parents, faculty, staff and Board members. No gift is too big or too small.

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"Nobody made a greater mistake than he who did nothing because he could only do a little."

~ Edmund Burke

Salmon Watchers Program

The Salmon Watcher Program trains volunteers to identify and record species and numbers of spawning salmonids in streams in the Lake Washington Watershed. There is a training session at Woodinville City Hall on Thursday, September 22 from 7-9pm. It would be great to see our students and families get involved! For more information:

<http://www.kingcounty.gov/environment/animalsAndPlants/salmon-and-trout/salmon-watchers/volunteer.aspx>

Brightwater Grand Opening

The grand opening of the Brightwater Center at 22505 State Route 9 SE in Woodinville will take place on Saturday, September 24 from 9-4pm. Admission is free and there will be live music, an opening ceremony, activities for kids, tours, performances, free food, community resources expo, and more. For all the information see www.kingcounty.gov/brightwatercenter. Please note: parking is very limited at the site, so you should park at the Woodinville Park & Ride and take the shuttle to the event.

Corrections

We apologize for any errors in the printed 2011-12 School Calendar. Please make note of the following corrections:

9/28 Rosh Hashanah begins at sundown

9/29 Rosh Hashanah

10/12 Sukkot begins at sundown (through 10/19)

12/20 Chanukah begins at sundown (through 12/28)

[Click here](#) for the full online ParentsWeb calendar.



The Fig Class (Toddler) welcomes **Kaia** and her parents **Stanley & Vanessa Liu**.

The Ginkgo Class (Jr. High) welcomes **Michael** and his parents **Brian & Katherin Schmidt**.



Smile! It's Picture Day
Tue, Sep 20th, North Creek
Wed, Sep 21st, Woodinville

Picture envelopes were sent home earlier this week. 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. There is no charge for retakes but you must return your complete photo package.

Back again this year, siblings can be photographed together on Make-Up/Retake Day! The fee for sibling pictures is the cost of the chosen picture package plus \$6 for each additional child. Sibling packages will include 8 wallets of the sibling photo instead of a class picture. Signups will be available at the front desk in November.

“Any child who is self-sufficient, who can tie his shoes, dress or undress himself, reflects in his joy and sense of achievement the image of human dignity, which is derived from a sense of independence.”

Maria Montessori

Montessori Thoughts

Reprinted from Willow Class News

WMS is a community of lifelong learners dedicated to facilitating the optimal intellectual, physical, emotional, social, and spiritual development of children using Montessori and contemporary educational methods. – Woodinville Montessori School mission statement

We hope that throughout the year you will see evidence of growth in all these areas for your child. Montessori is holistic education which means we observe your child in all disciplines. We challenge, support, and respond to their needs as individuals. We have assignments and lessons in typical school subjects along with peace, music, art, and conflict resolution. We also acknowledge that there are wonderful changes in education happening all the time. Our goal at WMS is to take the best ideas happening in education and modify them to fit our philosophy.



Matthew W. (Cypress – Upper El) makes a heroic catch in the outfield during the district championships this summer. His Woodinville Little League All-Star team won the district championship and subsequently, they were able to participate in the WA State Little League tournament in Spokane in mid-July. Congratulations to Matthew and his team!

Cyclo-Cross

by Paul Walentynowicz, WMS Parent

What is Cyclo-Cross? According to Wikipedia, it is a form of bicycle racing held in the fall and winter, and consists of many laps of a short 1.5 – 2 mile courses featuring pavement, wooded trails, grass, steep hills and obstacles requiring the rider to quickly dismount, carry the bike whilst navigating the obstruction and remount. Bicycles used can range from mountain bikes to cyclocross specific bikes. We are fortunate to have two local cyclo-cross race promoters offering weekend races Sept - Nov. The events have a carnival atmosphere with fans ringing cow bells to encourage riders and vendors selling food along with warm and cold beverages. And they offer kids races for all ages!

Alex W. (Cypress – Upper El) is a team member of the Revel Rad Junior Cycling Team. At the age of 10, he is a 2nd year veteran of both track and cyclocross racing and has won two silver medals for both Track racing at the Marymoor Velodrome and for Road racing in the Lance Armstrong Road Race Series. This past weekend he won his first cyclocross race. Congratulations Alex! Come out and see the cyclocross races this fall and don't forget your boots as it will be muddy!!!

For more information see <http://www.mfgcyclocross.com/> and <http://seattlecyclocross.com/>

Social Justice Speaker Series at Giddens

Giddens School is continuing their Social Justice Speaker Series this year. Their first event will take place on Tuesday, September 27, from 6:30-8:00 pm with Kimberly Kim on “Social Capital, Social Responsibility: How to Make Meaningful Connections Between Schools and Their Communities.” Kimberly is Program Director at Need in Deed, a Philadelphia-based non-profit organization that has been bringing schools and their communities together to work on social justice issues in students' and community members' everyday lives for the past 25 years. In this dynamic presentation for parents and educators, we will explore how we can prepare children for social responsibility and service, while at the same time increasing academic engagement and fostering critical thinking skills about issues they are concerned about in their schools and communities. Through a discussion of theoretical approaches to school-community partnerships as well as real-world examples, the talk will offer insight into how schools and their communities can work together to build social capital and promote social responsibility.

This event is free of charge and open to the public. Please register at: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/social44>