

## September

- 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 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Parents, 3:45pm, NC
- 5 Upper El 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.*
- 18 Toddler New Parent Ed Series I, 6pm, NC
- 18 EL/JH 'Families are Talking' Workshop, 6:30-9pm, NC
- 19 BOT Mtg, 7pm, NC
- 20 Toddler New Parent Ed Series I, 6pm, NC



## Fall Festival Fun & Food for the Family

by Beth Bazley, Associate Director of Development

Come one, come all to the annual All-School Fall Festival on Friday, September 30 from 6-8pm at N. Creek campus!

Enjoy a rousing good time with games and prizes, and remember that everybody wins in the popular cake walk! Special food presented by MAXimus/miniMUS in their crazy pig-shaped food truck. Help to keep the lines short by pre-ordering your meals, just click [here](#). We want to tell the chefs how many hungry families we'll have in attendance. Let us know your meal choice and they'll have it ready when the fun begins.

The delicious selection is a choice of Pulled Pork Sandwich, Grilled Chicken Sandwich, or Veggie Sandwich each paired with Slaw, Kettle Chips, and a drink (\$12 each). A special kid sized meal of Beechers Mac & Cheese is also available (\$10 each). Order now and pay at school or when you pick up your tickets at the big event. Help us to make the night run smoothly by pre-ordering today!

All pre-ordered meals will receive a free game ticket!

## Parents Show Their Support

by Lori Poliski, PA Communications Chair

Over 35 WMS parents attended the All School Potluck and Parent Association (PA) Meeting on September 14 to learn how they could get involved and enjoyed a bevy of dishes and desserts. Dagny Cook, PA President, Mary Schneider, Head of School, Beth Bazley, Associate Director of Development, and Bettina Chaiken, Board President, all welcomed many new and returning families and explained the importance and need for family involvement at the school. With the school expansion, there is a greater need than ever.

"If you want to volunteer, we will find a match for you. It could be something you can do at home and doesn't have to take a lot of your time," encouraged Dagny who added that all parents are welcome to every PA meeting listed on the school calendar. PA and school staff are wearing ASK ME buttons to encourage better communication and to answer *any* question a parent may have about the school that ranges from volunteering to "inside" shoes. So if you have a question, please ask!

The PA chairs also introduced themselves and shared briefly what they do from auction to volunteer coordination, volunteer training to parent ambassador, social committee to teacher and staff appreciation, WV campus reps and communication. Cathy Mithel, the volunteer chair, also noted that volunteering can be fun - you meet other parents and develop new friendships while strengthening the school community at the same time! If you would like to know more about the PA or how to get involved please contact Dagny Cook at [dagnycook@gmail.com](mailto:dagnycook@gmail.com) or Cathy Mithel at [cmithel@aol.com](mailto:cmithel@aol.com).



- ☑ **Mark your calendar** for the All-School Fall Festival on Sept 30. **Preorder your tickets today** so we can plan accordingly.
- ☑ If you need child care on our Oct 14 In-service Day, **be on the lookout for the camp registration** form coming home on Friday.
- ☑ **Take volunteer training** if you plan to volunteer in your child's classroom.

## Alumni News

Congratulations to WMS Alumna **Adrianna Gildner** for being named one of the WIAA / Seattle Times state athletes of the week. Click [here](#) for the full story.

## Does your employer match volunteer hours?

Microsoft is just one example of the many local companies that recognize volunteer time with a donation to non-profits in which its employees volunteer. This means that for each hour of your volunteer time, your employer may donate money to Woodinville Montessori School! Please participate. These funds mean a lot to our school.

## Got News?

Submit articles, ideas or comments for *The Grapevine*, our school newsletter, to Ellen Wastell via [grapevine@woodinvillemontessori.org](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:cmithel@aol.com).

RSVP to [volunteer@woodinvillemontessori.org](mailto: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.



## How can I volunteer at WMS? ASK ME!

by Cathy Mithel, PA Volunteer Coordinator

Volunteers play an important and invaluable role at Woodinville Montessori School. By bringing your knowledge, energy, time and ideas, you have a HUGE impact on the school and EVERYONE - students, teachers, administrators, parents and the community - benefits from your work. There are several ways to get started:

### What type of volunteer are you?

Do you want to use your current skills or learn something new? Do you want ongoing, regularly scheduled projects, or one-time projects? Do you want to work alone or with a group? Do you prefer to come to school or work at home? Are you ready and willing and able? Then we have volunteer opportunities for YOU!

### What are examples of volunteering?

Baking a cake for the Fall Festival, providing ideas or coordinating art for the auction, chaperoning field trips or becoming a "swim mom/dad", bringing goodies for teacher and staff appreciation, gardening, providing general office support, taking photographs for the yearbook, and more!

### Where can you find volunteer opportunities?

Contact WMS PA Volunteer Coordinator - [Cmithel@aol.com](mailto:Cmithel@aol.com)  
Contact WMS PA Committee Chairs  
Read Grapevine postings!

Take time to enjoy volunteering at WMS! **Your time is valued. Your presence is felt. Your support is honored.** Thank you!



## Grounds help needed this Sat. Sept. 24<sup>th</sup>

Calling all volunteers who are unable to volunteer during the school day - great opportunity to fulfill a couple of hours this sunny Saturday afternoon!

Gary Davis is spearheading a project on the North Creek playground on Saturday, September 24 and he needs help to pull up the North Creek playground soft tiles, clean up the playground underneath and reset the tiles. The time is 9:00am -1:00 pm. Additional push brooms and regular brooms would be helpful.

If you are able to assist in this effort, please contact Gary as soon as possible so he can plan accordingly: Gary Davis 206-972-7257 or [garywdavis777@gmail.com](mailto:garywdavis777@gmail.com)



- Thanks to **Scott Fell** for creating a new version of our Grapevine logo to be unveiled next week.
- Thanks again **Ana Martinez** for doing several presentations on oral health for our Early Childhood and Lower Elementary classes, and for her work in the new Cypress classroom and in the library.
- Thanks to **Judy Perran** and the **Fund Development Committee** for updating our *Guide to Giving* in support of this year's Annual Giving Program. And thanks to **Sarah McGuire, Aparna Kurupati, Autumn Collins and Sabine Stehling** for all of their help with the Annual Giving Program mailing to current families.
- Thanks to **Julie Schwarz** for her help in the new Cypress classroom and in the library this week.
- Thanks to **Cheri Sibthorp** for organizing volunteers to work in the gardens at Woodinville campus.
- Thanks to the **Parent Association** for all the work they are doing to put on a fantastic Fall Festival on September 30.
- Thanks to **Kevin Thomas and Thomas Andersen** for working with the **Ault-McCoy family** to install the new bookcases in the library. They look great!

### Montessori Thoughts

Reprinted from the Oak Class Newsletter

*"The child can only develop by means of experience in his environment. We call such experience work.*

~ Dr. Maria Montessori

We really do call all of the activities in the classroom work. You will often hear a Montessori teacher say, "What work would you like to do?" Children and teachers love their work in the Montessori classroom. Hopefully this love of learning and the work they do will last a lifetime!

## How to Log your Volunteer Time!

Why do I need to log my volunteer time you ask? Well it not only satisfies your 20-hour commitment as a family but it helps WMS in other ways too! An architect volunteered his professional services because he was inspired by the strong volunteerism and support at WMS. It is valuable on grant applications. It helps on tax returns. Some employers such as Microsoft pay WMS \$15 per hour of their employees' volunteer service time to WMS. So please put it on your calendar to log your volunteer time daily, weekly or monthly.

It is easy to do online! Here is how:

1. Logon to **Parents Web**.
2. Click on the Family Information tab and then select the family member whose volunteer hours you will be entering.
3. Click on the Service Hours tab, then Add Service Hours.
4. Save to submit.

That's it! Don't stress about the exact dates too much or finding the right category, (it is helpful but not essential). You can lump your hours all together and round up if you worked a partial hour. The main goal is to add your volunteer hours on a regular and consistent basis. Did you make a cake? Log your hours. If you bought food for the teacher and staff appreciation breakfast, log your hours. If you are a reading parent or volunteer in the classroom, log your hours. Did you make copies? Log your hours. Were you a chaperone on a field trip? Log your hours. And a big **thank you in advance for volunteering at WMS!**

If you need help or have any questions, please contact the PA Volunteer Chair Cathy Mithel at [cmithel@aol.com](mailto:cmithel@aol.com)!



Fri Sept 30 6-8pm NC  
**Junior High Book Fair**

Junior High Student Business will be hosting a book sale in our classroom during the Fall Festival, starting at 6:00pm on September 30. The proceeds from this sale will go toward our end of the year trip to the Headlands Institute in California. We are asking for book donations that can be dropped off in the barrels by the front desk in North Creek and in the boxes in Woodinville. These can include children's books, novels, nonfiction, cookbooks, etc. We have had several successful book sales in the past, and are looking forward to another one. Thank you for your support!



### Need to check your Family Account Statement?

Logon to [ParentsWeb](http://ParentsWeb), click on **Family Information -> Family Billing** and you will see your *Family Account Statement* for Tuition, Camps, Childcare and Electives. If you have any technical difficulty, contact Emily at [techsupport@woodinvillemontessori.org](mailto:techsupport@woodinvillemontessori.org).

Please remember that we do not send hard copy invoices but you can check your balance online anytime or you may receive an email with a link to your statement from Bogda.

WMS currently offers four different methods for families to make payments to the school. The methods may be used for any charges that show in your family's ParentsWeb account (tuition, daycare, electives, etc.). You may use any method at any time. For more information see [Payment Methods](#) on the website. Please note that credit and debit card payments may only be made online.



The Elm Class (Early Childhood) welcomes **Sean** and his parents **Todd & Cathy Liggett**.

The entire WMS community welcomes **Elizabeth von Sobiesky**, here for the next month as a visiting intern from Germany.

The Apple Class (Early Childhood) welcomes **Vedant** and his parents **Subramanian Balan & Deepa Srinivasan**.

The Apple Class (Early Childhood) welcomes **Cullen** and his parents **Dan & Ashely DeCloux**. Cullen just moved up from Fig Class (Toddler) to the Early Childhood Program. Congratulations!



## Congratulations

**Nichol Schaffer**, our Fig Class (Toddler) Co-teacher, gave birth to Cedric William Schaffer on Friday, September 16<sup>th</sup> at 12:28am. He weighed 8 lbs 13 oz., 22 inches long. Congratulations to big sister **Seville** (Pine Class – Early Childhood) and the rest of the Schaffer family!



## School Picture Retakes & Sibling Photo Opportunity

If anyone missed submitting an envelope on picture day, contact Foto 1 by Monday, September 26 at 206-242-4866 to order pictures.

Make-Up/Retake Day is scheduled for **Wednesday, 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.



## The Importance of Giving

by Fiona Haynes, Fund Development Committee

By now you will have received an email from a parent in your child's classroom briefly explaining why they support the Annual Giving Program, and inviting you to support it too. Shortly, you will also receive an invitation to give from Bettina Chaiken, President of the Board of Trustees.

### I Pay Enough In Tuition. Why Give More?

WMS keeps tuition fees at the most affordable level possible to allow children from all backgrounds the opportunity to thrive at the school. It is a significant expense, especially if we have more than one child at the school, but as we learned last week, tuition covers only the school's most basic expenses. The Annual Giving Program provides monies for a range of programs, materials and needs that tuition cannot. These funds also help cover unanticipated expenses, which may include a drop in enrollment and unexpected repairs. They also give us the flexibility to quickly allocate resources where they are needed most. Without these funds, tuition fees would increase at a faster rate.

The good news is that gifts to the AGP are tax deductible, which tuition is not. You can also double the value of your gift if your company has a matching gifts program.

### OK, So How Can I Give?

Please complete a pledge card, which you will be receiving shortly, and submit it with your check made payable to WMS to the front desks of either campus. You can also make a gift online at our secure website at [www.woodinvillemontessori.org/giving](http://www.woodinvillemontessori.org/giving). Please know that your gift is truly appreciated, is 100% tax deductible, and will be acknowledged in the *Grapevine*, unless you request anonymity. Thank you!

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*"Before giving, the mind of the giver is happy; while giving, the mind of the giver is made peaceful; and having given, the mind of the giver is uplifted."*

~ Buddha

## Screening of *Finding Kind*

Lake Washington Girls Middle School, Seattle Girls' School, and host, **Hamlin Robinson School**, will be presenting a screening of *Finding Kind* on the evening of Thursday, September 29<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. *Finding Kind* is a film that counters bullying. Following the screening, there will be a student panel made of girls from all three schools.

Hamlin Robinson School is located at 1700 East Union Street, Seattle, WA. Tickets are \$10 or \$15 at the door. Purchase tickets at: <http://hamlinrobinson.eventbrite.com/>

## Battling the Blues

Childhood and adolescent depression is a serious mental health problem that affects 1 in 33 children – as well as an alarming 1 in 8 adolescents. The bottom line is that depression not only gets in the way of normal functioning but can also be life-threatening. Suicide is the third leading cause of death in teenagers. It has been said that youth depression is the worst kind of depression. This is because children and teens have not fully developed their coping skills, and they typically have limited control over their environment. In this 90-minute webinar on September 29, counselor, author and nationally known presenter Tip Frank will cover practical strategies for identifying and combating depression in youth, grades K-12. For more information and to register, go to [www.dev-resources.com](http://www.dev-resources.com)