

The Grapevine



Toddler, Early Childhood, Elementary and Junior High

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Wednesday, October 5, 2011

October

- 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, WV
- 13 PA Exec Meeting, 9am, NC
- 14 NO SCHOOL – In-service Day (Fig Open)**
Day camp available for full day students by reservation.
- 18 Toddler New Parent Ed Series I, 6-7:30pm, 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
- 21 JH Business Event: Kids' Night Out, 6-10pm, NC

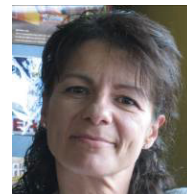
- 24 JH Cycle I Finals Begin
- 25 Toddler New Parent Ed Series I, 6-7:30pm, NC
- 26 Volunteer Training, 7pm, WV
- 27 Early Bird Deadline for Nov 10 Day Camp
- 27 Toddler New Parent Ed Series I, 6-7:30pm, NC
- 31 JH Immersion Days Begin

November

- 7 JH Cycle 2 Begins
- 8 Volunteer Training, 9:15am, WV
- 9 BOT Exec Cmte Mtg, 4:30pm, NC
- 10 NO SCHOOL – In-service Day (Fig Open)**
Day camp available for full day students by reservation.
- 11 NO SCHOOL – Veterans Day**

Nearing A Permanent Home

by Bettina Chaiken, Board President



During all of my six years on the Board of Trustees, we have been searching for a 'Permanent Home.' As our school grew from the original Woodinville campus to include our expanded programs in North Creek, it became clear to the Board that renting was not a sustainable business model. We knew that it would be important to find the right place at the right price. It was difficult to share our search with the school community because throughout our years of actively searching and sometimes believing we had even closed in on a new location, our hopes were repeatedly dashed.

Today, we are closer than we have ever been before! All of the signs point to us soon becoming the proud owners of the North Creek campus and our two adjacent buildings. Our dream of ownership will very likely become an exciting reality.

I invite you to share my excitement and vision of all the possibilities for our children today and in the future. Stay tuned for more updates!

Fantastic Turnout for Fall Festival

by Beth Bazley, Associate Director of Development



Our Woodinville Montessori School community turned out in full force for the third annual Fall Festival. Games, food, and fun were in store for everyone in attendance. The size of the crowd took us by surprise and unfortunately the lines were longer than expected. We learned from this that our families look forward to this super fun evening and we promise to plan for over 300 cake walkers and delicious food eaters next year! More space, more games, and more food options will be priorities as we begin planning for Fall Festival 2012. Anyone who was unable to wait for their meal is encouraged to contact Beth Bazley (bbazley@woodinvillemontessori.org) for a refund. All checks will be held through the end of the week in the event they might be returned.

Our food vendor, MAXimus/miniMUS was very apologetic for taking so long to serve the food. To show the sincerity of their commitment to WMS they have pledged \$1,000 to our Annual Giving Program. A very generous gift given in the spirit of learning and received graciously by us all.

Thank you to everyone who pitched in to make the evening a wonderful time. Thank you to the Parent Association and our Board of Trustees for making this event happen this year and beginning the plans for next year already!

To Do:

- ☑ **Sign-up now for Day Camp** if you need child care on Oct 14, our in-service Day.
- ☑ **Send in your donation for this year's Annual Giving Program** and help us reach our goal of 100% participation.
- ☑ **Sign up for school emergency notification** at www.schoolreport.org.
- ☑ **Take volunteer training** if you plan to volunteer in your child's classroom.



WMS Sweatshirts for Sale

Stay tuned for info and order forms in the coming weeks.

Parking Lot Safety

Reminder: Please watch your speed and exercise caution in the parking lot.

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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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.



A BIG Thanks to all our Fall Festival Volunteers

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

We'd like to thank all those who helped with the Fall Festival this year - over 60 volunteers!

<i>Adrianna Lower-Stephenson</i>	<i>Jennifer Johnson</i>	<i>Patty Pickering</i>
<i>Agnes Chen</i>	<i>Jessica Wray</i>	<i>Pooja Kohli</i>
<i>Amy Chang</i>	<i>Jon Revere</i>	<i>Reuel Robertson</i>
<i>Angela Fox</i>	<i>Judy Perran</i>	<i>Rori Bonnell</i>
<i>Anne Baker</i>	<i>Juhi Ali</i>	<i>Sarika Monteiro</i>
<i>Autumn Collins</i>	<i>Julia Gold</i>	<i>Seema Harlalka</i>
<i>Bettina Chaiken</i>	<i>Juliana Harris King</i>	<i>Shabina Premji</i>
<i>Brandy Peterson</i>	<i>Karen Weiss</i>	<i>Sharron Fell</i>
<i>Carol Edwards</i>	<i>Kathy Fleming</i>	<i>Shehwar Fatima</i>
<i>Chen Chen</i>	<i>Kathy Osborne</i>	<i>Shengquan Liang</i>
<i>Cindy Engstrom</i>	<i>Kelly Peterson</i>	<i>Sheri Rees</i>
<i>Cynthia MacDuff</i>	<i>Kimberly Briar</i>	<i>Shobana Arunachalam</i>
<i>Dagny Cook</i>	<i>Lauren Owen</i>	<i>Sue Ann Birdwell</i>
<i>Dara Darlington</i>	<i>Lilac Muller</i>	<i>Sujata Banerjea</i>
<i>Dena Wilson</i>	<i>Lisa Sharp</i>	<i>Tom Rose</i>
<i>Dexter Bradshaw</i>	<i>Lori Poliski</i>	<i>Vipul and Payal Patel</i>
<i>Elizabeth Corwin</i>	<i>Maddy Schneider</i>	<i>Wally Schneider</i>
<i>Emily Eggert</i>	<i>Mary Nelson</i>	
<i>Heike Koriath</i>	<i>Megan Hensler</i>	<i>And anyone else who</i>
<i>Inge Berg</i>	<i>Michele Lang</i>	<i>stepped in at the last</i>
<i>Jamie Simpson</i>	<i>Michelle Udasco</i>	<i>minute!</i>
<i>Jeff Gerwin</i>	<i>Olof Hellman</i>	
<i>Jennifer Felten</i>	<i>Paige Armentrout</i>	

Whether you helped with ticket sales, baked cakes, ran a game booth, set-up, cleaned-up or one of many other activities, we appreciated your enthusiasm and dedication. Thank you for the tremendous amount of hard work you put into the Fall Festival. We couldn't have done it without you!

P.S. Remember to log your hours! ☺



Tomorrow's Child

Earlier this week families received a copy of *Tomorrow's Child* magazine. We hope this gift from WMS will increase your knowledge and appreciation of Montessori Education. You will receive this several times throughout the year. When you finish with it, please pass it on to a friend.



- Thanks to **Aparna Kurupati** for labeling *Tomorrow's Child* magazines for all-school distribution, and for preparing information packets for prospective families.
- Thanks to the entire **WMS community** for the fantastic turnout at our All-School Fall Festival!

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(noun)**

"Generosity consists not the sum given, but the manner in which it is bestowed."

~ Mahatma Gandhi



SchoolReport.org & Parent Alert

Note: System-wide tests of SchoolReport.org will be held on Wednesday, October 12. Be sure to sign up now before a weather event heads our way since they disable subscription capability during regional weather events.

Q: How do I get information about school closures due to weather or other emergencies?

A: Sign up for SchoolReport.org!

To sign-up, go to www.schoolreport.org and click on the "Sign up for email alerts." At the next screen, enter the email address you want the alert to go to. Then click on the arrows next to the email box. This will bring you to the "My School Report" screen, where you can follow the menu to add schools and make changes to your account.

In addition, WMS will also utilize the Parent Alert feature of RenWeb to send instant notifications to parents, including text messages to cell phones and PDAs; voice calls to work, home and cell; and emails to multiple addresses. Alerts are sent directly from RenWeb, providing a convenient method for communicating with parents' device of choice - whenever, wherever.

Annual Giving News

by Fiona Haynes, Fund Development Committee

We are delighted to report that gifts, pledges, and anticipated matching gifts total \$22,380 so far -- 20% of our monetary goal. We have 100% participation from the Board and from staff at our Woodinville campus. Thank you!

If you have not yet made your pledge, we invite you to show your support for our wonderful school as we enter this exciting period of growth. You can make your pledge [online](#) or you can submit a [pledge form](#). Hard copies are also available at the front desk. No gift is too big or too small. Your support makes a difference.

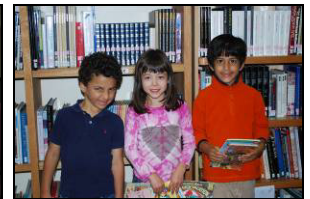


The Elm Class (Early Childhood) welcomes **Vihaan** and his parents **Bhavesh & Kashmiria Patel**; **Cole** and his parents **Shane Howard & Tate Perri**; **Matthew** and his parents **Gary & Rachel Ng**.

The Fig Class (Toddler) welcomes **Jack** and his parents **Timothy & Carrie Hood**.

The Apple Class (Early Childhood) welcomes **Rayan** and his parents **Saud Aziz & Sara Malik**. Rayan just moved up from the Fig Class (Toddler) to the Early Childhood Program. Congratulations!

The Douglas Fir Class (Early Childhood) welcomes **Sophie** and her parents **RJ and Minako Martin**.



Library Remodel

by Margaret Andersen, Librarian

It's been a long-held dream by many here at WMS to have a warm, welcoming and spacious place for the children to read and study. I am reminded of the saying that it takes a village to raise a child when I see our WMS community come together to remodel the library which in turn directly benefits the students. It all came together over the course of one crazy week when the Ault-McCoy family generously donated bookcases from the Borders liquidation. To get the bookcases into the library was an endeavor of Herculean proportions but again the WMS spirit of community came into play. We had Kevin Thomas, parent of Brian (Cedar) and Kyle (Madrona), Thomas Andersen, parent of Audrey (Cypress) and Vanessa and Brett Ault-McCoy, parents of Dathan (Cedar), show up on a Sunday morning to the Borders in Everett and haul countless dismantled bookcase pieces. Then these had to be reassembled back at WMS. The hours of work were worth it as we gazed upon the results of our teamwork.

Now when the children come into the newly remodeled library they are greeted to an expansive and bright area. There are many more bookcases to help organize our growing book collection. The library is now being used by all Upper and Lower Elementary classes as well as the North Creek Early Childhood classes. We've even had the toddlers come by to be read to by their reading buddies from Spruce Class. Please come by and check it out as well. This is just one example of how WMS families make a difference in our school. We've also had numerous library volunteers come by during the summer and the first weeks of school. Thanks to the following people for making our remodel a success!

Anna Martinez

Cheri Sibthorp

Vanessa Ault-McCoy

Brett Ault-McCoy

Kevin Thomas

Thomas Andersen

Emily Andersen

Paul Andersen

Julie Schwarz

Erika Price

Ryan P. (Cedar)

Stephen P. (Willow)

Natalie H. (Ginkgo)

Aaron D. (Ginkgo)

Dylan R. (Cedar)

Dathan A. (Cedar)

Aubrey Bordyn (WMS Alum)

Scenes from the Fall Festival

Photos Courtesy of Jon Revere

