

The Grapevine



Toddler, Early Childhood, Elementary and Junior High

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"Learn. Grow. Become."

Thursday, October 27, 2011

October

- 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

- 2 Jr. High Business: Pizza Lunch (rescheduled from Nov 3)
- 4 Sweatshirt Orders Due
- 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**

- 14 Annual Giving Campaign Mid-Point
- 15 Volunteer Training, 6:30pm, NC
- 15 PA Mtg/Parent Ed: Enhancing Early Childhood Language
- 16 Picture Make-up/Retake Day, 9am NC, 10:30am WV
- 16 BOT Mtg, 7pm, NC
- 17 PA Exec Meeting, 9am, NC
- 17 AGP Parking Lot Campaign
- 17 Hopelink Food & Toy Drive (through Dec 2)
- 18 2011-12 Financial Aid Applications Open
- 18 JH Business: Kids' Night Out, 6-10pm, NC
- 19 Admissions Open House for Prospective & Moving Up Families & Students, 9-11am, NC (All levels)
- 24-25 NO SCHOOL – Thanksgiving Break**



Lunch Program Launches on Nov 7

We are excited to announce a fresh lunch delivery program offered by Lunchbox Leverage. They have partnered with orderlunches.com to provide a secure, fast and easy-to-use online ordering system that allows parents to view our school lunch menu, order, prepay and manage student lunches on the web.

For all the details, see the attached Registration Letter and November Menu. Additional information can be found at <https://lunchboxleverage.orderlunches.com>.

Stand Tall for Little People

by Janet & Paul Snyder, parents of Bradley, Kevin and Katie

October is Dwarfism Awareness month and we celebrate with great pride little people's contributions to social diversity. Seattle Children's Hospital, Little People of America and Caffe Ladro have worked together this month to raise awareness and educate the general public about dwarfing syndromes. Caffe Ladro has shrunk their distinctive "tall man" logo on its cups to represent our community members with dwarfism.

One in every 15,000 children is born with skeletal dysplasia and 80% of those children have average-height parents and siblings. Dr. Michael Goldberg, Bradley's orthopedist, shares his view on dwarfism: "Society has tended to look at dwarfism as a disease, when it should be viewed as an example of diversity. We will address whatever medical problems come up, but these are not children who are broken and need to be cured. They have the same needs and capacities as every other child. They just happen to be short."

Some common terminology:

- Midget: The word "midget" is considered to be a derogatory slang-word amongst the short-stature community and is not used anymore. In our home, we use the terms "little person", "short-stature" or "having dwarfism".
- Dwarf: The word "dwarf" is technically the correct term for someone with a dwarfing condition, although we rarely use it when speaking about a person.
- Average-height: We use the term "average-height" as opposed to "normal-height". Everyone has their own opinion about this, but for us, people with dwarfism are just shaped differently, not 'abnormally'.

We hope this information is helpful. The Montessori community has always acknowledged and welcomed the differences in each human being; we each have our own 'uniqueness', some just carry it on the outside. I think we've all found that once we know and understand someone, we are far more accepting and often forget that they are different. Please also share this with your friends and families and challenge them to help us change the perceptions of the general public about people of difference.

To Do:

- ☑ **Sign-up now for Day Camp** if you need child care on Nov 10, our in-service Day.
- ☑ Turn in your Annual Giving Program (AGP) pledge card today. **Please join us so we can reach our goal of 100% participation.** Your gift will make a difference.
- ☑ **Sign up for school emergency notification** at www.schoolreport.org.
- ☑ **Submit an order for WMS sweatshirts** by Fri Nov 4. See the attached order form for all the details.
- ☑ **Mark your calendar** for the *Enhancing Early Childhood Language* presentation sponsored by the PA on Nov 15.
- ☑ Remember to track your volunteer service hours. **Submit your hours online via ParentsWeb.**

Pizza on Wed Nov 2

Next week, due do the Jr. High being off-campus for Immersion Week, pizza lunch will be on Wednesday, November 2.

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.



Environmental Committee

Reprinted from the Ginkgo Class News

The Junior High Environmental Committee has been working on making a greener school. We would like to ask you to bring in your plastic screw-on bottle caps to the main kitchen. There is a bin near the recycling to put them in. The bottle caps will be taken to a special organization to be recycled, as they cannot be recycled in typical business or household recycling programs. The Environmental Committee would also like to remind parents that use the drop-off line to not idle the car while waiting, even if it's just for a few minutes. Turning off your car saves fuel and is better for the environment. It also means all the students coming out of school don't have to breathe your fumes. Thank you.

Alumni News

Congratulations to **Anne Seckinger** who was named National Merit Scholarship semifinalist.

Congratulations to **Mercedes Thompson, Lucas Wimmer and Kevin Wyatt-Stone** who were named Commended Scholars in the SAT/National Merit Scholarship competition.

Across the nation, the National Merit Scholarship Foundation designates about 16,000 semifinalists and 34,000 commended scholars from among the nearly 1.2 million students who take the PSAT during their sophomore or junior year.

Got more alumni news? Share it with us via alums@woodinvillemontessori.org.

Welcome New Board Trustee

We are excited to welcome new Board member Cathy Mithel. Cathy has been an active member of the WMS community since 2005. She has worn many hats including auction chair, community service chair and social chair, as well as parent ambassador, AGP rep, and room parent. Cathy is currently serving as Volunteer Coordinator for the Parent Association. Prior to WMS, Cathy was General Manager for the Seattle Office of Data Partners I.T. Solutions where her duties included overseeing sales, consulting, recruiting and operations. She also has experience as Senior Consultant for Connor Language Services in Milan, Italy, and managed Sales and Marketing for Lante Corporation in New York. Cathy is married to Navin Mithel. Their son Christopher has been attending Woodinville Montessori School since Early Childhood and is in the 4th Grade.



- Thanks to **Sujata Banerjea, Chen Chen and Lilac Muller** for their help with the Annual Giving Program mailing to alumni & friends.



The Pine Class (Early Childhood) welcomes **Bryan** and his parents **David & Sirirat Reinikka**.



WMS Sweatshirts for Sale

To order, return a complete order form (see attached) with payment to the front desk by Friday, November 4. Make your check payable to WMS. Sweatshirts will be delivered via “kid mail” just after Thanksgiving Break.

Email

As we continue to work to optimizing the level of filtering on our email server, we apologize if any emails are bouncing back to you. If you are having trouble getting through, please let us know.

Toddler Parent Education Nights

Each new Fig Class family is invited to attend a 2 week course of tips, education and peer sharing on best practices for toddlers and their families. The first 4 night session this year began on October 18. Some of the topics that were covered include development, discipline and troubleshooting as well as family life, nutrition and other parent initiated topics. Video, handouts and/or questionnaires will be made available to families that missed a session due to conflicting schedules. The next session begins on February 28.

Parents Urged Again to Limit TV for Youngest

Pediatricians say that video screen time provides no educational benefits for children under age 2 and leaves less room for activities that do. [Full article here.](#)

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“He who wishes to secure the good of others, has already secured his own.”

~ Confucius



WMS Students Performing with Studio East

Congratulations to WMS students Lillybeth H. (Cypress – Upper EI) and Daisy H. (Willow – Lower EI) who will be performing with Studio East in *'Twas the Night* again this year. It is a great, fun-filled family show that you won't want to miss! There are two casts and Lillybeth and Daisy's cast performs on the following dates and times:

Saturday November 26th at 11:00, 2:00, and 5:00

Friday, December 2nd at 7:00pm

Sunday December 4th at 11:00, 2:00, and 5:00

Friday December 9th at 7:00

Sunday December 11th at 11:00, 2:00, and 5:00

Saturday December 17th at 11:00, 2:00, and 5:00

The following link will bring you to a page where you can order tickets online:
<http://bit.ly/twasmediakit>

Performances will take place at Studio East, 11730 118th Ave NE, Kirkland, WA 98034.

Montessori Thoughts

Reprinted from Juniper Class News

“The hands are the instruments of man’s intelligence.” (Maria Montessori, *The Absorbent Mind*)

Nearly one hundred years ago, Maria Montessori recognized what current brain research today is continuing to prove to be true: handwriting is important for brain development. In today’s world of ubiquitous keyboards, many studies are demonstrating the significant value of students learning and practicing penmanship and handwriting. Virginia Berninger, a professor of educational psychology at the University of Washington, says:

“Handwriting differs from typing because it requires executing sequential strokes to form a letter, whereas keyboarding involves selecting a whole letter by touching a key. She says pictures of the brain have illustrated that sequential finger movements activated mass regions involved in thinking, language and working memory – the system for temporarily storing and managing information.”

The Wall Street Journal, October 5, 2011.

Another study conducted at Indiana University found that after children practiced printing letters, their neural activity was enhanced and “adult like.”

Because Dr. Montessori appreciated how writing by hand engages the brain in learning, she designed materials in the early childhood classroom to prepare the child’s hand for writing – the heavy “broad stairs” develop the strength of the hand, the little knobs of the “cylinders” are just the size of a pencil, the “rough and smooth boards” cultivate the light touch needed to use a pencil. In the elementary classroom, we continue this effort by providing many opportunities to write by hand, such as writer’s workshop, journaling, Person of the Week letters, and penmanship lessons.

Our classroom fully embraces the essential importance of learning about and engaging with today’s technology, including acquiring keyboard competency. We are, however, also committed to boosting our kids’ brains by providing the necessary support each child needs in their quest for fine penmanship and strong writing skills.

2011-2012 SWEATSHIRT ORDER FORM



We are offering WMS logoed sweatshirts for sale! The sweatshirts, available in three styles (crewneck, hooded or zippered), will be a cotton/poly blend (Gildan 80/20 for adults, or Gildan 50/50 for youths) available in many colors (see below) with two choices for the logo embroidery (silver or matching monochromatic thread). The WMS logo pictured above will be embroidered on the front left of the sweatshirt.

To Order: Return this completed order form, with payment, to the front desk by Friday, November 4, 2011. Make your check payable to WMS. Sweatshirts will be delivered via “kid mail” after Thanksgiving Break. **All sales are final; no returns or refunds.**

Name: _____ **Total number of sweatshirts ordered:** _____
Phone: _____ **Total amount for order: \$** _____
Classroom: _____

Item #	Sweatshirt Style	Sweatshirt Size	Sweatshirt Color	Logo Thread Color
1	<input type="checkbox"/> Youth Crew.....\$23	<input type="checkbox"/> YS (6-8) <input type="checkbox"/> AS <input type="checkbox"/> YM (10-12) <input type="checkbox"/> AM <input type="checkbox"/> YL (14-16) <input type="checkbox"/> AL <input type="checkbox"/> AXL <input type="checkbox"/> AXXL	<input type="checkbox"/> black <input type="checkbox"/> light pink* <input type="checkbox"/> navy <input type="checkbox"/> red <input type="checkbox"/> sand* <input type="checkbox"/> sport grey	<input type="checkbox"/> Silver <input type="checkbox"/> Matching
	<input type="checkbox"/> Youth Hooded...\$28			
	<input type="checkbox"/> Youth Zippered..\$33			
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* light pink is not available in adult hooded or adult crew; sand is only available in adult crew and adult hooded

Attach additional order forms if ordering more than 4 items. Thank you!

For Office Use Only:			
Amount Paid _____	Check Number _____	Date _____	Initials _____

PURCHASE SCHOOL LUNCHES ONLINE
IT'S THE FAST AND EASY WAY TO ENSURE YOUR KIDS EAT RIGHT AT SCHOOL!

Woodinville Montessori is now offering fresh lunch delivery by Lunchbox Leverage who partners with orderlunches.com to provide a secure, fast and easy-to-use online ordering system that allows parents to view our school lunch menu, order, prepay and manage student lunches on the web.


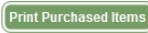
Who is Lunchbox Leverage?

Lunchbox Leverage offers creative, fresh, healthy, allergy sensitive (peanut & strawberry free), organic and **WASTE FREE** lunches and delivers them directly to schools and childcare centers. All lunches are delivered **cold** in a thermal lunch box with ice block and compostable materials. Lunches are clearly labeled for easy distribution. Students just pick them up and return them to the designated area. The "Program Info" tab at <https://lunchboxleverage.orderlunches.com> has more information and policies.

Who is orderlunches.com?

Orderlunches.com is a secure, fast and easy to use, online ordering solution that provides the ability to view your school lunch menu, order, pay, and manage your lunch orders online

Registration and ordering is open now.

- Simply go to <https://lunchboxleverage.orderlunches.com> and click on "Register"
- Your School Password is: **WMS4**
- Lunch Service will begin on Nov 7 - click on "order" to begin
- Add lunches to your cart and continue to the next day
- Pay and check out
- Print your order by clicking -  

Email Notifications - To ensure that you are receiving email notifications - including ordering reminders, important communication, confirmations, password resets - be sure to add info@orderlunches.com to your email safe list.



Important Messages will display this icon  (field trips and/or no lunch days, etc.)



Food or Order Policy Questions - Email info@LunchboxLeverage.com. Please add student's name, grade and "lunch" in the subject line.



November 2011

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DAILY COMBO MENU				
7	8	9	10	11
"Grilled cheese and tomato soup" stacker with fennel and apple slaw	Sesame Noodles with chicken or roasted tofu and broccoli salad	Yam & turkey sausage or zucchini & chevre tartlet with cherry tomatoes	INSERVICE DAY NO SCHOOL	VETERANS DAY NO SCHOOL
14	15	16	17	18
Tortilla "club" stacker (Spinach, tomato, ham, turkey & bacon) or (Spinach, tomato and white bean)	Carrot curry salad with whole wheat couscous and roasted asparagus	Roasted squash & apple turnover with or without chicken, and spaghetti squash	North Creek Campus Remember to support the Jr. High Business and order pizza	ALT (avocado, lettuce, tomato) or BLT (bacon, lettuce, tomato) Wrap with potato salad
21	22	23	24	25
Cranberry cream cheese and spinach stacker with or without turkey, with green veggie salad	Wagon wheel pasta salad with toasted chickpeas or ground beef	Turkey sausage or lentil and sweet potato stuffing "cupcakes" with cranberry glaze	Thanksgiving Break No Lunch Service 	Thanksgiving Break No Lunch Service
28	29	30		
Spinach and ricotta ravioli with cucumber chips	Edamame succotash with roasted acorn squash	Meatloaf or squash/spinach/barley "cupcakes" with sweet potato/parsnip "frosting" with Potato Salad	 Lunchbox Leverage	



Pre-Order Pricing:

Regular lunch	\$6.00
Large lunch	\$7.50
A la carte entrées	\$5.50
Snacks	\$2.75
Milk	\$0.75

Notations for vegetarian, gluten free, kosher and organic are online (dairy free is coming soon). Each day has a main entrée including a vegetarian option. More information is available online for ordering

- *All "combo" meals come with a vegetable side, fresh fruit and a small healthy treat
- ** All "Entrée" meals (except salads) come with veggie sticks, fresh fruit and a small healthy treat

The following are available for ordering everyday:

Entrée's

- **Bagel with cream cheese
- **Bagel with humus
- **Variety Meat and cheese lunch
- **Two "cage free" hard boiled eggs
- Caesar salad with chicken & fresh fruit
- Caesar salad with fresh fruit
- Garden salad with seasonal vinaigrette dressing & fresh fruit

Snack's

- Seasonal fresh baked goods (ex: zucchini bread, pumpkin muffins)
- Fresh Fruit
- Roasted honey cinnamon chickpeas
- Veggie sticks & hummus

Milk

- Milk: Smith Brothers - 1%
- Milk: Smith Brothers - 2%
- Milk: Smith Brothers - Whole

Orders placed within 7 days of the lunch date will be \$0.50 extra per item (late order pricing)