

# The Grapevine



Toddler, Early Childhood, Elementary and Junior High

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"Learn. Grow. Become."

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## 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, 7-8:30pm, NC
- 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**

## Are You Moving Up?

by Juliana Fitts, Admissions Director

Open House is a wonderful opportunity to learn more about our program and discover how our Montessori education develops "21<sup>st</sup> century skills" (see article below). **Join us on Saturday, November 19<sup>th</sup> at 9am for our first open house session for prospective and moving-up (EC to EL; EL to JH) families and students.**

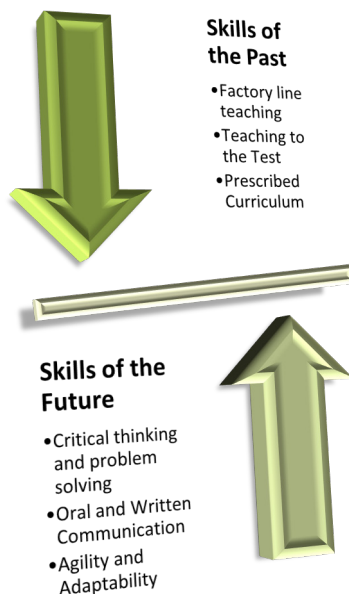
Please invite a friend to join you. It is because of our WMS families that we have experienced such wonderful success and growth. Word of mouth referrals are the number one reason families come to our school. Thank you for helping us build the future of WMS!

## Montessori & 21<sup>st</sup> Century Skills

by Juliana Fitts, Admissions Director

*This is the first of a three part series to share information about how your children are developing "21st century skills" in their daily learning at WMS.*

The term "21<sup>st</sup> century skills" was introduced by Tony Wagner, a Professor of Education at Harvard, in his book [The Global Achievement Gap: Why Even Our Best Schools Don't Teach the New Survival Skills Our Children Need--And What We Can Do About It](#). His research affirms what Dr. Montessori observed about the core components of optimal learning:



Tony Wagner identifies skills which are necessary to succeed in the 21st century. Skills such as intrinsic motivation and resilience have been historically under-served by education, but are shown by Wagner to be as important as the academic skills. He describes how practices today are hindering students' ability to succeed in the workplace. Wagner asked CEOs and College Head Masters to describe the traits of successful individuals in their institutions. The skills cited by his interviewees were not aligned with the skills being taught and tested in our conventional schools today.

The Montessori environment is quite the opposite of the factory-modeled schools. The classrooms are designed to allow movement, collaboration, and discovery. The 21st century classroom environment must allow for more social interaction, collaborative learning, peer teaching and leadership. We must cultivate capabilities which are sustainable, developing critical thinking and a love of learning which will serve our children not only now, but throughout life.

The vehicle to close the 21st Century skills gap already exists. Montessori education has presented the world with some of its most innovative and effective industry leaders, government officials and renowned artists. The 21st Century has already begun. How we choose to educate our children now, will determine our future.

Stay tuned for part two in the next edition of the Grapevine, and come to Open House to learn more!

## To Do:

- ☑ **Sign-up now for Day Camp** if you need child care on Nov 10, our in-service Day.
- ☑ **Submit an order for WMS sweatshirts** by Fri Nov 4.
- ☑ **Mark your calendar** for the *Enhancing Early Childhood Language* presentation sponsored by the PA on Nov 15.



The Pine Class (Early Childhood) welcomes **Risha** and her parents **Rathnakar Jadhav and Meena Shuklar**.

The Maple Class (Early Childhood) welcomes **Washi** and his parents **Raghu Kolluru & Meghana Maheshwaram**.



Wed Nov 16

### School Picture Retakes

WMS photo make-up/retake day is scheduled for November 16. There is no charge for retakes but you must return your complete photo package. Photos from our September 20 & 21 picture days are expected to arrive any day. Order envelopes are available at the front desk if you need one.

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 are available at the front desk.

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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.



### 2011-12 Room Parents

Thank you to all the generous parents who volunteered to be room parents this year! Room Parents serve as the liaison between teachers and volunteers in your child's classroom. They help organize volunteers for social events, for auction art projects, for field trips, or whenever extra help is needed in the classroom.

**Fig**  
Leslie Benoit

**Douglas Fir**  
Lauri Tatalick  
Elaine Bidstrup

**Willow**  
Elizabeth Corwin

**Apple**  
Jennifer Felton  
Emily Eggert

**Pine**  
Lauri Cook

**Cedar**  
Gina Setzer  
Dara Darlington  
Veronique Savoye

**Elm**  
Thamis Mendez

**Juniper**  
Megan Fass

**Cypress**  
Vivian Busenbark  
Cathy Mithel

**Maple**  
Kristin Norton  
Meta McDaniel

**Madrona**  
Polly Ann Najarian  
Kelly Koffman

**Ginkgo**  
Sue Ann Birdwell  
Cynthia MacDuff  
Page Robinson

**Oak**  
Miquette Karnan

**Spruce**  
Lea Areitio  
Markus Kirsch



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*"There is nothing like a dream to create the future."*

~ Victor Hugo

### Congratulations

Congratulations to WMS student **Tejah Dillon** (Early Childhood – Apple) who was featured as one of the models in a new clothing line that launched this month, Sass Factory. Tejah does pageants, film and modeling.

### The Dyslexic Advantage

Hamlin Robinson School is hosting a special presentation and book signing with the authors of the acclaimed book, The Dyslexic Advantage on Wednesday, November 30<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-8:30pm. For more information and to purchase tickets visit: <http://hamlinrobinson.org/dyslexic-advantage>.