

The Grapevine



Toddler, Early Childhood, Elementary and Junior High

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December

- 1 2012-13 Financial Aid Applications Open
- 1 PA Exec Meeting, 9am, NC
- 1 Last Day of Hopelink Food & Toy Drive
- 3 All-School Cookie Decorating Party, 10-12pm, NC
- 3 Grand Re-Opening, 10-12pm, NC
- 3 JH Craft Fair Pre-Sale, 10-12pm, NC
- 5 Early Bird Deadline for Winter Break Camp
- 5 JH Craft Fair Begins (thru 12/9)
- 7 BOT Exec Cmte Mtg, 4:30pm, NC
- 12 Last Week for Semester I Electives
- 14 After-school Drama Performance, 5pm, NC
- 16 Jr. High Business Event: Kids' Night Out, 6-10pm, NC

19-23 NO SCHOOL – Winter Break (Fig Open)

Camp available for EC/EL students by prepaid reservation.

26-30 NO SCHOOL – Winter Break (Fig Closed)

30 AGP Focus Period Ends (Campaign runs thru 6/30)

January

- 2 Classes Resume
- 2 Auction Procurement Begins
- 4 Volunteer Training, 7pm, WV
- 6 Semester II Elective Registration Opens
- 7 Admissions Open House for Prospective & Moving Up Families and Students, 9am – 11am, NC (All levels)



Sat Dec 3 10-12pm

Spread a Little Holiday Cheer

by Stephany Schneider, PA Social Committee

Drop by the Parent Association's Annual Cookie Decorating Party this Saturday, December 3rd between 10am – 12pm at the North Creek campus. Parents and kids will delight in the festive holiday music, while adorning cookies with frosting and a variety of sparkly sprinkles. Three cookies per person provided with your choice of colored frosting and decorations. We hope you can join us for a sweet time!

If you haven't yet had a chance to admire the renovations at North Creek, this is the perfect opportunity to celebrate the season in our lovely new space and get a head start on some holiday shopping at the Junior High Craft Fair Presale. If you have yet to make your donation to the Annual Giving Program, this celebration of the holiday season is the perfect time. Won't you consider making a tax-deductible gift to your school?

We look forward to seeing you on Saturday!

North Creek Expansion Expense Report

by Mary Schneider, Head of School

As we celebrate the opening of our new space on Saturday I want to share some details. The expenses for this latest expansion, which was planned and executed in only five months, were \$ 324,822 which included \$298,530 for the tenant improvements and \$29,292 for furniture and fixtures. We saved an additional \$54,000 thanks to donations of furniture and fixtures given or procured by several members of our staff and parent community.

These donated items included the labor and materials for the ethernet cabling of the building. We have been given smart boards, computer monitors, classroom and conference room chairs, tables, white boards, office supplies, couches and love seats, shelving for the library and for storage areas, office supplies and more. Add to that more than a thousand hours of volunteer time contributed in the planning, transporting of donated furniture, packing, moving and unpacking of classrooms, installing new library shelves and populating them with books, picture hanging, and the setting-up of all the new spaces. I am sure you all join the students and staff in gratitude to all who pitched in and helped make this lovely new space and all its possibilities a reality.

New Lunch Program Samples & Info

Students and staff are enjoying fresh, healthful lunches from LunchBox Leverage. LunchBox Leverage will be on campus this Saturday as part of our Grand Re-Opening and Cookie Decorating Event to share snacks and information about our new lunch program. For more information, including the registration letter and [December menu](#), see News & Events on the WMS website home page at www.woodinvillemontessori.org.

To Do:

- ☑ If you need child care on Dec 19–23, **register for Winter Break Camp**. Early Bird deadline is Dec 5.
- ☑ **Don't miss our 4th Annual All-School Holiday Cookie Decorating Party** on Sat Dec 3 from 10-12 in N. Creek.
- ☑ Make gift-giving easy this holiday. **Shop the Jr. High Craft Fair on Dec 5-9**. And don't miss the pre-sale during the cookie event on Sat Dec 3 from 10-12.
- ☑ If you have not done so already, 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.



Our Baskets Runneth Over...

Lost-and-Found Baskets, that is

Our lost-and-found baskets at both the Woodinville and North Creek campuses are overflowing! Please stop by to pick up any missing items. All items not picked up by Fri. Dec 16, will be donated to Goodwill.

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.

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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.



Montessori Thoughts

Reprinted from Juniper Class News

“The essential thing is to arouse such an interest that it engages the child’s whole personality.” Maria Montessori, Absorbent Mind, p. 206

What does it mean to teach the “whole child?” Is it important? Dr. Montessori based her philosophy on the child’s intrinsic interest to learn and to cultivate his or her whole personality. The Montessori curriculum is founded on teaching the whole child, and strives to meet cognitive, social, physical, and emotional needs. This is achieved through the specially prepared classroom environment and learning materials, which promote movement, independence, self-discipline, and self-motivation. In keeping with Montessori’s values, at WMS we work to advance the child’s natural curiosity and imagination, to foster collaboration and leadership skills, and to encourage critical thinking. Our purpose is not only to promote academic success, but to develop a love of learning, to grow agile, analytical minds and to nurture positive self-esteem.

When we envision our children getting older, becoming teenagers, young adults and, eventually, parents themselves, what are the qualities we wish for them? Though many of us may have distinct goals, hopes and dreams for our kids, we all aspire for them to be well-rounded, successful, happy human beings who make a contribution to the world. It is why we have chosen a Montessori school – a choice we as teachers appreciate and do our utmost to honor by helping your children acquire lifelong skills.



Team WMS Orienteers!

by Eileen Breseman, Orienteering Instructor

WMS students competed at Fort Steilacoom Park for their second meet this season. Frosty air and sunny skies greeted a record number of over 400 participants Saturday morning this past weekend. Our students are navigating the challenges at three course levels - elementary, middle school and JV, testing their skills and speed and holding their own among the many NW schools of Puget Sound area in the WIOL program. Some seasoned, some first timers enjoyed a great day outdoors. Next up, North SeaTac Park on December 3rd. Come join in or cheer them on!



The Fig Class (Toddler) welcomes **Veera** and her parents **Sonal and Neha Jain**.



Winter Break Schedules

Early Childhood, Elementary, Junior

High: No School Dec. 19-30

Toddlers: No School Dec. 26 - 30

Camp: Available Dec. 19-23 by prepaid reservation.

North Creek Office: Closed Dec. 26 & 30

Woodinville Office: Closed Dec. 19-30



Popcorn Punch Cards

by Yola S., Ginkgo Class Student

Popcorn is available at the North Creek campus every Tuesday. See below for how to order. Buy a punch card and you get 11 bags for the price of 10!!

Steps for ordering popcorn:

1. Purchase a punch card from the Jr. High Business cash register. \$10 per punch card. Checks are preferred, made out to WMS.
2. Fill out an order form with your name, classroom and number of bags you would like to order. Order forms are available in the lobby.
3. Attach payment or punch card. \$1 per bag of popcorn.
4. Turn in your completed order form with payment to your teacher.
5. Popcorn will be delivered to your student's class on Tuesday, and the punch card will be returned with the bag of popcorn.



New Club House

by Jillian Dickson, Club House & Communications Assistant

We moved into our new Club House space in North Creek about a month ago and it has lived up to our expectations! We are thrilled to have the added space and more tables for the children to accommodate all the old and new activities and to allow the children to spread out with their friends. The addition of a second sofa in the reading area has been a particularly huge hit with the kids. The added furniture and the new configuration have allowed us to create more cozy places for the children to engage in creative play.

We are very happy with our new Club House space and we hope all of you will stop by some time to visit and check it out for yourselves! In fact, if you come to the Cookie Decorating party and Grand Opening on December 3rd, you will get to tour all of the newly built areas of WMS. A big thank you to those of you who donated furniture and toys to the Club House; we are very grateful for your generosity.

Here's what some of our students are saying about the new Club House:

"It's good. I like the floor with the rugs out." – Kelsey

"When I walk into the new Club House, it is like walking into a very cheerful and sunny space." - Christina

"I like it. It's bigger and I like the smaller separate spaces." – Zach

"It's awesome! It's bigger, has more Legos we can play with, and another couch which is relaxing." – Sage

"It's really cool!" – Andre

"I like it. It's bigger and we can go in the other room." – Gannon

"I like the furniture, the library area is nice to sit and relax if I'm tired." – Lucy S.

"I like it. The furniture is comfy and there's more room to play." – Daryl

"The furniture is different. I like the couches and the tables." – Seville

"The guys for the Legos are different." – Alexander

"It's bigger and closer to my classroom. I like the new Club House just as much as the other one. The things that are different is it's bigger and closer to my classroom so it's more convenient." – Audrey A.

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"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it's the only thing that ever has."

~ Margaret Mead



- Thanks to **Caitlein Ryan-Whitehead** for assembling Open House packets for prospective families.
- Thanks to **Shobana Arunachalam** for laminating materials for the classroom.
- Thanks and welcome to our new Student Ambassadors: **Simon B., Daisy H., Ashton F., Tavish M., Ryson Y., Bradley S., Parker B., Annika M., Sam S., Nick O., Kaia A., Katrina G., Sarah A., Matt B., Hayden B., Kitty N., Andre L., Dahlia B., Ethan F., David K., Madison W., Alcen C., Sage D., Hope M., Kai M., Chris M., Finn O., Dylan R., and Arjun V.**
- Thanks to **Paul Andersen** for landscape help at the Woodinville campus, setting garden borders.
- Thank you to **all the families** who attended our Open House on November 19. It was a wonderful event!
- Thanks to the Student Ambassadors who volunteered for our November Open House: **Annika M., Daisy H., Kaia A., Hayden B., Dathan A., Leah C., Livia H., Maggie M., Finn O., Kai M., Charlotte L., Louis Z., Charlotte R., Chelsea R., Aidan G.,** and alumnus **Paul Simpson.**
- Thanks to the Parent Ambassadors who also helped at our November Open House: **Dara Darlington, Meta McDaniel, Lori Thompson, Judy Perran, Seema Harlalka, Jennifer Felten, Jamie Simpson, Sabrina Moss, Lea Areitio and Elizabeth Corwin.**
- Thanks to **Carrie Howard** for labeling *Tomorrow's Child* magazines for all-school distribution.



Register Now for Winter Break Day Camps

December Camp Week is coming! Day Camps for Early Childhood and Elementary students will be available from **Monday, December 19 through Friday, December 23**. Attend one day or all five. Both camps will be held at the North Creek campus and will be based on the theme of "Funtastic Winter Crafts!"

If you need child care, click here for the registration form: [Winter Break Camp 2011-12](#)

Early Bird registration is available through December 5. To register, complete the appropriate WebForm on [ParentsWeb](#) and remit payment to the office. You may also download the registration form from the Woodinville Montessori School website. From www.woodinvillemontessori.org, click on "PARENTS" and select "After-School Programs & Camps" on the left.

WMS Shopper Rebate Program

Just in time for the holidays, we want to remind you about WMS Shopper Rebates. Benefit the school by shopping where you already shop, buying things you already buy!

A-Store at Amazon.com

Shop our A-Store at Amazon.com and earn rebates for WMS! Follow this link: <http://astore.amazon.com/woodimontesch-20>

Albertsons Community Partners Program

If you don't already have an Albertsons' Community Partners card, use the one printed here. Use it when you shop, and Albertsons donates a certain percentage of your purchase (depending on the items you buy) to the school.



Use your card when you check out, and your Community Partners number will be automatically linked for future purchases. This is a good way to get grandparents involved. They can shop at any Albertsons to earn money for the school.

Target "Take Charge of Education" Program

Target's Take Charge of Education Program includes a school fundraising opportunity whereby Target donates 1% of Target® Visa® and Target Guest Card® purchases made at Target and target.com, and ½% of Target Visa purchases made elsewhere, to the eligible K-12 school of the guest's choice."

If you already have a Target card, or if you plan to apply for one, designate Woodinville Montessori as your school of choice.

WMS does not endorse these businesses but encourages you, if you're already a customer, to take advantage of the programs they offer. For more information, visit the [WMS Shopper Rebates](#) page on the website.