

# The Grapevine



Toddler, Early Childhood, Elementary and Junior High

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## February

1	Yearbook Sale Begins (thru 2/15)	14	Auction Meeting, 6pm, NC
3	Jr High Drama Performance: Macbeth, 7pm, Canyon Park JH	15	BOT Mtg, 7pm, NC
4	Admissions Open House for Prospective Early Childhood Families and Students, 9am – 11am, WV	15	Yearbook Orders Due
6	Re-Enrollment Contract Distribution	17	JH Business: Kids' Night Out, 6-10pm, NC
6	Early Bird Deadline for Mid-Winter Break Camp	18	WA State Orienteering Championships, Mt. Vernon
6	Permanent Home "Sneak Peek," 4-6pm, NC	18	Auction Procurement Ends
7	Auction Meeting, 6-7pm, NC	<b>20</b>	<b>NO SCHOOL – President's Day</b>
8	BOT Exec Cmte Mtg, 4:30pm, NC	<b>21-24</b>	<b>NO SCHOOL – Mid-Winter Break (Fig Open)</b>
8	Volunteer Training, 6:30pm, NC		<i>Camp available for EC/EL students by prepaid reservation.</i>
8	All-School PA Mtg, 7pm, NC	27	Re-Enrollment Contracts Due
9	PA Exec Mtg, 9am, NC	28	Auction Meeting, 6-7pm, NC
		29	Early Bird Financial Aid Deadline for 2012-13

## REMINDER: 2012-13 Financial Aid Applications Due February 29

### North Creek Sneak Peek

Rescheduled Due to Snow

Join us on Monday, February 6<sup>th</sup> from 4-6pm for a sneak peek of our new buildings in North Creek! Come learn about our future plans and enjoy photos of Woodinville Montessori School's earlier days. Everyone is welcome! Meet at the front door of the big front building, 19204 North Creek Parkway.

### Prospective EC Students Invited to Open House on Feb 4

If you know anyone interested in applying to the WMS Early Childhood Program, please invite them to attend our Open House, taking place THIS Saturday, February 4 from 9-11am. For more information about this Open House, visit the WMS website: [www.woodinvillemontessori.org/admissions/openhouse](http://www.woodinvillemontessori.org/admissions/openhouse).

Mar 1 NurtureShock Lecture

### Why Do Kids Lie?

by Lori Poliski, PA Communications Chair

Apparently four year olds lie once an hour and teenagers lie to protect their parents. Want to know more about the surprising science in child development on topics such as lying, praise, race relations, aggression, intelligence and sleep?

On March 1, Ashley Merryman, the co-author of the award-winning book, *NurtureShock: New Thinking about Children*, will present her synthesis of parenting research in her lecture *NurtureShock: New Twists that Shape Children's Success*, as part of the WMS-sponsored Parent Map lecture at Washington Cathedral in Redmond from 7-9 pm.

Prior to the lecture, WMS is excited to offer the school community an exclusive Q&A with the author at 6:00pm. This "fireside chat" is open to WMS parents, friends and families. The Parent Association will be providing refreshments.

**Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased through WMS. Order online via Web Form on [ParentsWeb](#) and remit payment to the front desk.** Merryman is a science journalist who writes for Newsweek and The Washington Post. *NurtureShock* has been featured on Good Morning America, Nightline, All Things Considered and Newsweek. Copies of the book are also available for purchase at the front desk.

### Yearbook Orders Due Feb 15

Order your 2011-12 yearbook today! 52 color pages with a hard bound cover. Each class, from Toddler to Junior High, has at least 2 dedicated pages which include class photo, student photos and class candids. Other special features include community service photos, electives, faculty/staff, all-school photos, an autograph section and more! Stop by the front desk to see a copy of last year's book.

Thanks to Carli McSorley and the Yearbook Committee for putting together such a professional looking book to commemorate our 2011-12 school year, and to Lauri Cook for designing our beautiful custom cover.

Cost per book is only \$31. For an additional \$3 you can personalize the front cover. **To order, complete the Web Form on [ParentsWeb](#) and remit payment to the front desk by Wednesday, February 15.** Yearbooks are expected to arrive at the end of May.

## To Do:

- ☑ **Bring a friend to EC Open House** this Sat Feb 4.
- ☑ **Submit your photos** for the all-school yearbook.
- ☑ **Process the paperwork for matching funds** if your gift through Annual Giving qualifies from your employer.
- ☑ **Save the date** of Mar 24 for our *World's Fair Gala & Auction!* Invitations coming soon.
- ☑ **Help procure an item for the auction.** To make sure your donation is included in the catalog, please turn it in by Feb 17. Donation forms can be found online: click the *World's Fair* block at the bottom of the home page.
- ☑ **Purchase tickets for the March 1 NurtureShock lecture** and plan to come early for our WMS exclusive fireside chat!



Fig Class (Toddler) welcomes **Connor** and his parents **Clara Ling and John Huang**.

Elm Class (Early Childhood) welcomes **Jonah** and his parents **Burt & Michelle Bielicki**.



## Congratulations

Congratulations to **Laura Ascolese** (Juniper Teacher – Lower El) and Jeff Carryer on the birth of Owen Michael on January 10th, weighing 7 lbs, 9 oz and 20 inches long.

## Woodinville Montessori School

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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.



## Don't Miss the All-School Parent Association Meeting!

Mark your calendar for Wednesday, February 8 for the next All-School PA Meeting at the North Creek Campus from 7-8:30 pm. Come early at 6:30pm if you need to complete volunteer training.

The focus will be on exciting events and news for the rest of the school year including:

- PA Events and March 1 Parent Map Lecture
- Auction Details
- Update on the school expansion
- WMS Community Q&A

So plan on an informative evening where you can socialize with other parents, get up-to-date WMS information from PA President Dagny Cook, Auction Co-Chair Laura Roughsedge, Director of Development Beth Bazley and BOT President Bettina Chaiken and find out how you can get involved.

Childcare is provided but you must RSVP by February 6 and only children 3 and older will be accepted please! RSVP for childcare to [pa@woodinvillemontessori.org](mailto:pa@woodinvillemontessori.org) and if you have any other questions please contact Dagny Cook at [dagnycook@gmail.com](mailto:dagnycook@gmail.com).

## World's Fair Gala & Auction

Join us at our World's Fair Gala & Auction on **Saturday, March 24, 2012** at the Lynnwood Convention Center for great food, fun and wonderful auction items to bid on. Everyone is welcome including friends, grandparents, and extended family. Invitations will be coming soon!

### We need your donations & support:

- **Donate** and/or **solicit auction items**; visit our school website for donation ideas, tips & scripts for soliciting donations. All donations are tax deductible.
- Become an event **sponsor and/or solicit sponsorships**. Monetary donations help underwrite the event.
- **Solicit advertisement space** in the auction catalog. This is a great opportunity for local businesses to build awareness in our community of their services.



All donation/procurement forms must be returned to the school by **February 17, 2012**. Visit [www.woodinvillemontessori.org/giving/auction](http://www.woodinvillemontessori.org/giving/auction) for further details and required donation & solicitation forms.

## 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.



## Directory

In addition to the online directory available via ParentsWeb, there is also a downloadable PDF version available on ParentsWeb under Resource Documents. This version is complete with faculty and staff info, class lists, and an all-school alphabetical listing. The current version posted was revised on 1/10/12.

## Electives Update

by Lea Aemisegger, Toddler & EC Program Director

Our electives are in full swing and the children are enjoying this fun-filled alternative to the after school routine!

We still have some spots available for several of the classes, so if you have not considered offering your child the gift of an elective experience before, now is your chance!

**In Woodinville:** We still have spots for our *Early Childhood* students in: Amazing Athletes (Mondays), Lil' Kickers (Wednesdays beginning in March), Yoga (Thursdays), and Arts and Crafts (Fridays).

**In North Creek:** We still have spots for our *Early Childhood* students in: Cooking Fun (Tuesdays).

We still have spots for our *Elementary* students in: iPad 2 Animation (Mondays), Machine Sewing and Aikido (Tuesdays - Aikido begins in March), Ukulele Orchestra, Drama, and Art Adventures (Wednesdays - Art begins in March), Sign Language and Sports Sampler (Thursdays - Sports begins in March), and Chess (Fridays).

Please go to [ParentsWeb](#) to sign up for the classes. If you have any questions or suggestions, please contact me. I love your input and ideas!

## World's Fair Art Contest

All WMS students are invited to share their creative talents by entering the exciting World's Fair Art Contest! Winning entries, one from each level (Toddler, Early Childhood, Lower Elementary, Upper Elementary, and Junior High) will be selected for display at the auction.

Use your imagination, an 8 ½ x 11 sheet of paper, and the medium of your choice to create a two-dimensional interpretation of this year's auction theme "World's Fair" – an exhibition of new inventions, cultural exchange and global community. Please orient your artwork horizontally.

Entries must be received by Friday, February 10. Be sure to include the artist's name, age and classroom. See the attached Entry Form for all the details.



## Sharecraft Pilot Program Launching at WMS

A new after-school club is now available to the WMS community: *Sharecraft*, a non-profit organization for boys and girls ages 6+, will help kids learn what they can create with their own hands. Using a library of Learning Projects along with experienced mentors from the community, kids will have the opportunity to explore skills like making paper from scratch, screen printing on fabric with designs they create, dyeing clothes with natural dye they make themselves, knitting with up-cycled materials, building furniture from reclaimed wood, and much more. With core values including sustainability, creative thinking and building confidence, *Sharecraft* encourages kids to push boundaries to gain a better understanding of the world around us, our role in it, and how we can make a difference.

Started by WMS parent Michele Lang in 2011, *Sharecraft* will be running a pilot program at WMS this spring and is looking for a small group of students to participate. In order to offer the best experience for all, the pilot is presently open to students in Lower Elementary classes. *Sharecraft* will meet after school one Monday each month, 3:30 – 5:00 pm, from February to June. **Because this is a pilot program, the normal program fee will be waived and participants will be asked to pay just \$30.00 to cover the cost of all materials used during this pilot program.** This is an opportunity for your children to try new things, have fun, and play an important role in molding an exciting new organization before it's made available to communities throughout Puget Sound later in 2012. Visit <http://share-craft.org> to learn more.

**Participants are limited to 8 students and will be selected on a lottery basis.** Email [info@share-craft.org](mailto:info@share-craft.org) with your student's name and class if you're interested in participating in this trial pilot program.

## Fri Feb 17 6-10pm NC Looking for a Night Out?

Register your child at the front desk for February's Kids' Night Out! Kids aged three and older can come enjoy a night full of fun activities, crafts, and a movie.

**Who:** Kids ages 3 and up (must be potty-trained)

**When:** Fri Feb 17, 6-10pm

**Where:** North Creek campus, Ginkgo Classroom (Junior High)

**Cost:** \$20 for the first child. One additional sibling is \$10. All other siblings are \$5 each.

Dinner is not provided, but the children will be given snacks. Thanks for your support of the Junior High Business!

*Stay tuned for the next Kids' Night Out on March 24 Auction Night with a World's Fair theme and extended hours from 4:30-10:30pm.*



- Thanks to **Carrie Howard** for labeling *Tomorrow's Child* magazines for all-school distribution.
- Thanks to **Kristi Caldwell, Trish Dillon, Autumn Collins** and **Jiseon Shin** for assembling the Seasons newsletter for alumni and friends.
- Thank you to **all the families who attended our Open House** on January 7. It was a wonderful event!
- Thank you to the Student Ambassadors who volunteered for our January Open House: **Nick O., Madison W., Dylan R., Amelia Z., Marcella C., Maya G., Finn O., Chris M., Naomi F., and Alden R.** Special thanks to WMS alums **Chris Leahy, Kamna Shastri** and **Paul Simpson** who came back to help.
- And to our Parent Ambassadors: **Elizabeth Corwin, Dagny Cook, Lori Thompson, Cathy Mithel, Jeff Gerwin, Sabrina Moss, Leslie Benoit** and **Jon Revere.**
- Thank you to **all who attended Students' Teaching Night** on January 27.
- A very warm thank you goes out to the **Teacher and Staff Appreciation Committee** for the yummy sweet treats.



*All of the students in the school have been brainstorming ideas for our new outdoor space at the North Creek campus. This will be the focus of the first phase of our planned renovations now that we are the owners of the North Creek campus and two adjacent buildings. Students have been surveying the site, participating in small and large group discussions, and documenting their ideas, some with sketches of what the new space might look like. They have some very interesting ideas which we will be sharing with you soon.*

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(noun)**

*"You may never know what results come of your action, but if you do nothing there will be no result."*

~ Mahatma Gandhi



**Summer Camp**

Plans are underway for some exciting Early Childhood and Elementary Summer Camps. Stay tuned for all the details next month!

**Outdoor Space Planning: The Lobster Story**  
by Cheri Briar, WMS Parent

Last week, as I was observing the lower elementary classrooms, I got to listen in on a fabulous conversation. In conjunction with the recent building purchase, Mary Schneider asked each class to have a discussion about what they would dream up for a new outdoor play area. The students were a bit shy at first, but as the first responses were shared, the conversation took off like a rocket!

Bridges, streams, tennis courts, outdoor class and eating areas, three trees, places to run, places to jump! Each new idea quickly sparked another and the excitement built as together they designed *their space*.

One idea in particular was especially endearing. One student suggested a small pond and the student next to him quickly exclaimed "with fish and lobster!" We all chuckled at the thought of lobsters swimming in a pond just outside the buildings. And then, in true Montessori fashion, this suggestion became a springboard for learning. Older students quickly shared what lobsters needed in order to live, cold water, salt, etc. The Montessori pond would not have these things, so how about crawfish? As the discussion concluded, I was both humbled and grateful to be part of school community that has the audacity to allow students to directly impact their environment and learning. This opportunity will produce not only a first class outdoor area, but first class citizens of the world.

# WORLD'S FAIR GALA & AUCTION



TO BENEFIT  
WOODINVILLE MONTESSORI SCHOOL  
SATURDAY, MARCH 24, 2012

WMS PARENT ASSOCIATION  
PRESENTS

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**HOW:** Use your imagination, an 8 1/2 x 11 sheet of paper, and the medium of your choice to create a two-dimensional interpretation of this year's auction theme "World's Fair" -- an exhibition of new inventions, cultural exchange and global community.

**WHY:** To share your creative talents!

**Deadline:**

Friday, February 10th, 2012

Winning entries, one from each level (Toddler, Early Childhood, Lower Elementary, Upper Elementary, and Junior High), will be selected for display at the auction.

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## World's Fair Art Contest Entry Form

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_ **AGE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**CLASSROOM:** \_\_\_\_\_

Please submit your art with this form to the front desk at either campus by Feb 10<sup>th</sup>.

**THANK YOU!**