



TOGETHER...We Build a Community

WMS Family Alliance Newsletter - September 2019

Family Alliance (FA) welcomes all families to a new school year at Woodinville Montessori School (WMS). A year where our children are a little bit taller, have new experiences to share from the summer, and are already actively joining in their class community. Family Alliance is the link connecting all families so that we may also feel the joined synergy and community of WMS. Please visit the [FA Webpage](#) to learn more about FA, its committees, and its leadership team.

There are many opportunities to volunteer with FA. To explore these opportunities and sign up for your preferred ones, visit the [Volunteer Signup Form](#). Detailed below are opportunities to help with October Teacher and Staff Luncheon, Fall Festival, and Gingerbread Festival.

Coming to all school events and FA meetings is another great way to connect with the WMS community. Check the [School Calendar](#) for dates and read below about events coming up in September, October, and December.

WMS Family Alliance Newsletters will be sent out the second week of every other month (September, November, January, March and May). The all school FA meeting schedule is:

- Monday 10/14/2019 - 3:30 to 4:30 pm Woodinville campus
- Monday 12/9/2019 - 3:30 to 4:30 pm North Creek campus, in front of the main building
- Monday 2/10/2020 - 3:30 to 4:30 pm Woodinville campus
- Monday 4/13/2020 - Cancelled, No School
- Monday 6/8/2020 - 3:30 to 4:30 pm North Creek campus, in front of the main building

Teacher and Staff Appreciation (TSA) Committee: Luncheon Events

The TSA Committee organizes three luncheons for WMS staff during the school year. Parent volunteers contribute lunch items that are set up buffet style at each campus, and WMS staff get to enjoy a delicious lunch. The first TSA luncheon will be on **Tuesday, October 1st**. Please sign up for this fun and festive event using the applicable links below:

North Creek Campus: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c084fa4ac2da1fe3-north6>

Woodinville Campus - Apple/Elm: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c084fa4ac2da1fe3-appleelm>

Woodinville Campus - Maple/Oak: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c084fa4ac2da1fe3-mapleoak>

Fall Festival

WMS Family Alliance invites you, your friends, and family to join our community at The Farm at Swan's Trail for a morning of Fall Fun, Saturday, October 5, 2019 from 10 AM to 1 PM. Set along the beautiful Snohomish River just outside of Seattle, The Farm at Swan's Trail is home to authentic fall fun for everyone. Enjoy the enormous 55-acre pumpkin patch, the Washington State corn maze, the petting farm, wagon rides, U-pick apple orchard, live duck races, Farmer

Ben's Famous Four Little Pigs Show, jumping pillows, and more. Concession food is also available for purchase from the Farm.

Please [register](#) in advance, thru Thursday, October 3rd. Tickets will be available for pick-up on the day of the event beginning at 9:45 AM at the Farm. There will be several WMS tables set-up near the Farm's ticket booths. As this is a FUN-raiser and NOT a fundraiser, all proceeds from ticket sales go toward covering the costs of organizing the event.

The Fall Festival Committee is seeking volunteers for the day before and day-of the event. We are seeking parent volunteers from every grade level to help guide families of the same grade levels to various parts of the farm at the same time. We hope this will help facilitate interaction and community building among our families attending.

Please review the [Sign-up Genius](#) for details and to volunteer.

Gingerbread Festival

Gingerbread Festival is coming up on December 14, 2019. Mark your calendar! The committee is seeking more volunteers to help with this festive event. Please sign up [here](#).

A Word from the Social Committee...

At Fall Festival, come forward and share your vision of social activities you would like to see this year to help make our WMS community even stronger. Hiking, power walking before pick up, adult or teen ropes course, Snoqualmie snow tubing, wine tasting, guided nature walks, and a laser music show are some of the ideas the social committee is considering. What activities would you like to participate in? The FA social committee would like to hear from you! Please email your ideas to [Cheryl Tsalapatanis](#).

Coming up this Sunday, September 29: Seattle Reign FC Match

A lovely time to be super close to the action. Join us for field side tickets at the Seattle Reign FC soccer match this Sunday, Sept. 29th. Please text Cheryl at 360-229-3679 or email cheryltsalapatanis@yahoo.com. Tickets are \$14.50 each for grass hill seating. This includes hotdog, chips and water. Bring your blankets and your cheer to Cheney Stadium in Tacoma. Game starts at 11am.

Share Your Culture With WMS Community!

WMS Family Alliance would like to invite all families to share their culture and traditions with the community. If you are interested, pick a month from [this list](#) to set up a display for two weeks at each campus. Ideas and content are to be discussed with the school administration.

Quick Links...

- Learn more at [FA Webpage](#)
- Contact FA at fa@woodinvillemontessori.org
- Find events and meetings at the [School Calendar](#)
- Volunteer at the [Volunteer Signup Form](#)
- Join [Woodinville Montessori Families Facebook Group](#)
- Sign up for the cultural display [here](#)