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TOGETHER...We Build a Community

WMS Family Alliance Newsletter – Winter 2019



Welcome Winter! While the snow falls into a winter wonderland, the Family Alliance has many fun and exciting events coming up in the Woodinville Montessori Community.

Upcoming Family Alliance Events

Lunar New Year Celebration – NEW DATE Sunday, March 15th – 10:30 am – 12:30 pm

Join us for the Lunar New Celebration at the North Creek campus, Building 2 club house. Enjoy activities celebrating this culture include calligraphy, traditional art work, tea culture, traditional instrumental performance, kids talent show and food making and bazaar.

Volunteer opportunities are available and much appreciated! Please [sign up here if you are interested in volunteering](#)

For more information, please contact co-chairs: [Yingying Du or Kaige Zhang-Gantz](#)

February All School Family Alliance Meeting February 10th – 3:30pm – 4:30pm – Woodinville Campus

Want to learn more about the Family Alliance and all it has to offer? Come to our periodic all-school meetings to discuss upcoming events, volunteer opportunities, leadership opportunities, social ideas, and much more.

Social Committee Family Movie Event March 7th – North Creek Campus

Looking for a little fun during the long winter months? Join us for a family movie event on March 7th at the North Creek campus. There will be popcorn to enjoy and we will be showing Frozen II. Stay tuned for more details.

For more information or if you want to share other social event ideas, please contact [Cheryl Tsalapatanis](#).

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Community Reminders

Share your culture with the 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 the list at this link to set up a display for two weeks at each campus. Ideas and content are to be discussed with the school administration. Additionally, if there is a theme already chosen for a month, we are welcoming additional content from other families.

For interest, please contact the [FAC executive committee](#).

* For interest with assisting in February for Black History Month, please contact [Labiba Khan](#)

* For interest with assisting in March for Navruz, please contact [Amaan Kassamali](#)

* For interest with assisting in April for Passover, please contact [Jessica Felt](#)

Family Alliance 2020-21 Committee Chairs/Leadership Members Needed

Looking to be more involved at WMS in a fun and exciting manner? Consider joining the Family Alliance Leadership team. Family Alliance is the link connecting all families so that we may also feel the joined synergy and community of WMS.

* There are a number of open positions for the 2020-21 school year including the executive committee, event specific leads and topic chairs

To learn more information or discuss interest, please email: [FAC Leadership Interest](#)

Logging Volunteer Hours

Every volunteer hour you put in helps our school

Directions: Now log service hours in ParentsWeb

1. Sign into [ParentsWeb](#)
2. On your account, find Family on the left sidebar, expand the arrow to Family Home and click on Family Home.
3. On the Family Home screen, the service hours module will be the **center top** panel on your screen.
 - a. You may see a dropdown above the module to select your name or your partner's name, if you wish to specifically credit the service hours.
4. Click "Add+" on the upper right of the module.
5. Choose a description of your service from the dropdown. (If you are unsure, choose "Other.")
 - a. "Verified by" can be the person in charge of the task, or Lauren Ng, development director or leave it blank. Then save the entry.
 - b. A tip: to record more than one occasion of service hours, save and return to the previous "enter volunteer hours" page. Otherwise, you will be editing—and over-writing—the current entry.
6. Contact [Claire](#) with any issues or questions about recording your volunteer hours this way.

If you have any feedback regarding the logging system, [please let Lauren Ng know](#).

Please don't forget to also find out if your company has volunteer match!

Woodinville Montessori School Family Facebook Page

Looking for a way to connect with other WMS Families? Come join the private WMS Family Facebook group to plan outings, share upcoming events, and promote our sense of community.

To join the group, please email Claire, ctuohymorgan@woodinvillemontessori.org, and she will invite you.

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Reflections

Gingerbread Festival

Early December was the annual Gingerbread Festival, and it was another great success. This year was a fun-filled time with many wonderful compliments from families and children enjoying the event. Additionally, our community's support of the Babies of Homelessness program was deeply appreciated.

Events like this could not happen without the wonderful support of our families. A very big thank you goes out to the Gingerbread Festival Chair, Christina Bernal, who has led such a wonderful and community building event.

Family Alliance All School Meeting

December 9th was a crisp winter afternoon as we held our second all school FA executive meeting. We want to thank those who took a moment to attend and share valuable feedback. We look forward to the next meeting in February at the Woodinville campus and encourage everyone to stop by.