



TOGETHER...We Build a Community

WMS Family Alliance Newsletter – September 2020



Welcome Back! It is so great to be together again! The Family Alliance has new ideas to build and strengthen our wonderful Woodinville Montessori community.

Introductions

Family Alliance (FA) welcomes all families to a new school year at Woodinville Montessori School (WMS). A year where life feels a little different, yet still very much the same, as children settle into their classroom communities and dream about the year ahead. Family Alliance is the link connecting all families so that we may feel the joined synergy and community of WMS. Please visit the [FA web page](#) to learn more about FA, its committees, and its leadership team.

Community Reminders

While school and social events will look different this year, FA is planning to reimagine current traditions and start building new ones! We would love to have your help.

Share your ideas for community building!

Do you have a cool idea for a virtual community event? Family Alliance is working hard to build a calendar of fun, safe, family-focused ideas for the Fall and early Winter and would love to hear your ideas.

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

Share your culture with the WMS community!

Family Alliance would like to invite families to share their culture and traditions with the community! If you are interested, contact us about creating a short video to share.

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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. We plan events, coordinate communications, encourage volunteerism, and build community.

There are several open positions for the 2020-21 school year including the executive committee, event specific leads, and topic chairs.

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

Woodinville Montessori School Family Facebook Page

Looking for a way to connect with other WMS Families? Come join the [Woodinville Montessori Families Facebook Group](#) to plan outings, share upcoming events, and promote our sense of community.

To access the group, you can send a request to Claire, our Communications Director at ctuohymorgan@woodinvillemontessori.org.

Family Alliance Communications

Family Alliance shares information about events and volunteer requests through Room Parents, direct emails, [The Grapevine](#), and Facebook. We would love to hear from you if you have ideas or would like to find a way to help. [Contact us!](#)

Logging Volunteer Hours

Every volunteer hour you put in helps our school!

Directions to log service hours in Family Portal

1. Sign into [Family](#) Portal
2. In your account, find Family on the left sidebar, expand the arrow and click on Family Home.
3. On the Family Home screen, the service hours module will be the **center top** panel on your screen.
4. 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.
5. Click "Add+" on the upper right of the module.
6. Choose a description of your service from the dropdown. (If you are unsure, choose "Other.")
7. Add a brief note to add detail (if desired).
8. "Verified by" can be the person in charge of the task, Lauren Ng (Director of Development), or leave it blank.
9. Save the entry.
10. 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.
11. Contact [Laureen](#) with any issues or questions about recording your volunteer hours.

If you have any feedback regarding the logging system, [please let Lauren Ng know](#). Please don't forget to find out if your company has volunteer match!

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