



WMS FAMILY ALLIANCE

TOGETHER...We Build a Community

WMS Family Alliance Newsletter – September 2021



Welcome Back! The Family Alliance is looking forward to continuing to connect families 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 classrooms (HOORAY!) 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 continue to look different this year, FA is hard at work reimagining current traditions and building new ones! We would love to have your help.

Coffee with Sunita

Coffee with Sunita meets at 10 AM on Wednesdays via Zoom. Come join in, talk with Sunita, staff, and volunteers. Join the [zoom here](#).

Fall Festival

FA is hosting this year's **Fall Festival at Craven Farm in Snohomish on Saturday October 2 from 10:00 AM to 12:30 PM**. Save-the-date and stay tuned for details to register in advance. In the meantime, we are looking for volunteers to help with preparations and you can sign up [here](#).

Family Alliance 2021-22 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 2021-22 school year including the executive committee, event specific leads, and topic chairs. To learn more or discuss interest, please email: [FA Leadership](#).

There are many other opportunities to volunteer with FA. To explore these opportunities, visit the [Volunteer Signup Form](#).

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Share your ideas for community building!

Do you have a cool idea for a virtual community event? FA would love to hear your ideas for any fun, safe, family-focused ideas for the Fall/Winter. For interest, please contact the [FA executive committee](#).

Share your culture with the WMS community!

Family Alliance invites families to share their culture and traditions with the community! If you are interested, contact the [FA executive committee](#) about creating a short video on cooking a dish, dance performance, art making, or any tradition from your culture!

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.

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!](#)

Volunteering

Volunteer Opportunities

Due to COVID-19, we are continuing to restrict in-person parent volunteer opportunities within our buildings, and those that work directly with students (field trip chaperones, reading parents, etc.) We have many offsite opportunities within FA and you can find current school-wide volunteer opportunities [here](#).

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 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 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 Ng](#) with any issues or questions about recording your volunteer hours.

Did you know that many companies will match your volunteer time as well as funds?

Support WMS through AmazonSmile

Did you know Amazon has a feature which allows you to support our school while shopping at Amazon? The site will donate 0.5% of eligible purchases to WMS every time you use it. Simply shop at smile.amazon.com/ch/91-1212740 or with AmazonSmile ON in the Amazon shopping app!

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