



WEST SIDE MONTESSORI

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Feb. 3, 2014

Upcoming Events

Monday, Feb. 3

Perrysburg Kindergarten Field Trip
12:30-2:30 p.m. (Dental Innovations)

Tuesday, Feb. 4

PACC Meeting
6-7 p.m. (Toledo Campus)

Thursday, Feb. 6

• Pizza Day (CH-6)

• **First Thursday: Montessori on the Brain** (Toledo & Perrysburg)
8:45-9:30 a.m.

Friday, Feb. 7

Toledo Kindergarten Field Trip
1-2:30 p.m. (Syloania Post Office)

Sunday, Feb. 9

WSM Open House (re-scheduled)
1-3 p.m. (Toledo & Perrysburg)

Tuesday-Wednesday, Feb. 11-12

Parent Teacher Conferences
4-6 p.m. (Toledo & Perrysburg)

Thursday, Feb. 13

Parent Teacher Conferences
8 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
(Toledo & Perrysburg)

NO SCHOOL/

Child Care by reservation only

Friday, Feb. 14

NO SCHOOL/NO CHILD CARE

Monday, Feb. 17

NO SCHOOL/NO CHILD CARE

Tuesday, Feb. 18

Toledo Kindergarten Fireman Visit
12:30-1:30 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 20

Pizza Day (CH-6)

Friday, Feb. 21

LE Muffins with Moms
7:45-8:15 a.m. (Toledo Commons)



The West Side Montessori Open House is re-scheduled for Sunday, Feb. 9 from 1-3 p.m. The performance schedule at the Toledo Campus will be the same as previously announced. We encourage you to come and see how we help each child grow to become the best thinker and most capable person he or she can be.

Come Experience Montessori

First Thursday Topic: Montessori on the Brain

First Thursday is a monthly parent education program presented by the Children's House teachers from 8:45-9:30 a.m. at the Toledo and Perrysburg campuses.



The February program will be held on **Thursday, Feb. 6**, and the topic will be "Montessori on the Brain."

The Children's House teachers will share how brain research supports language development, independent expression, and creativity based

on a presentation they attended at last year's American Montessori Society annual conference. The program will take a closer look at the early core Montessori language

works and discuss how the prepared Montessori environment is optimal for development in children.

Each month features a new topic for the parents of children ages three through kindergarten. The program is free and open to the public.

Child Care Reservations Needed

There will be **no regular school on Thursday, Feb. 13** at either Perrysburg or Toledo campus. Child care is available by reservation to your campus office. The standard child care rate of \$5 per hour applies for children who attend child care on that day. Please contact your campus office as soon as possible so that we have the proper staffing for the day.

Free drop-in child care during your conference also is available on Thursday, Feb. 13.

Girls on the Run Is Coming

This spring, West Side Montessori will host its first Girls On The Run (GOTR) team that is open to all girls in **Levels 3, 4, and 5**.

The team will meet on Mondays and Fridays after school from 3:30-5 p.m. starting in March. We hope to have most practices outside, however, if the weather does not cooperate, girls will practice running laps in the East wing hallway. More information will be coming home to girls in these levels this week.

We have three fabulous coaches who will help motivate and build our girls' positive self-image. Jana Schultz, WSM's physical education teacher; Jackie Vannuyen, mom of Paige (4) and Aidan (6) Stephens; and Samantha Vandervlucht, who works at Wildwood Athletic Club and will lead our team. Watch for updates on this great program for our students.

MS Finishes 9th at MATHCOUNTS

Congratulations to West Side Montessori's Middle School MATHCOUNTS team. On Saturday, Feb. 1, middle school teams from Toledo-area public and private schools competed in the 2014 Toledo Area MATHCOUNTS competition. Competing for only the third year, West Side Montessori finished ninth out of 19 teams. This annual competition was hosted by the Toledo Society of Professional Engineers at the University of Toledo.

This year's MATHCOUNTS team consisted of Janaki Patel (8), Jami Stout (8), Michael Theis (8), and Benjamin Theis (7). Individuals also competing were: Hanna Ahmad (7), T.J. Fidler (8), Rachel Gorman (7), Zaynab Lazreq (7), Wyatt Reynolds (8) and Libby Stupica (8). The team is lead by Tom Strong, Middle School's math teacher.

MATHCOUNTS is a national enrichment club and competition program that promotes middle school mathematics achievement through grassroots involvement in every U.S. state and territory.



UE Holds Mad Scientist Day

On Wednesday, Jan. 29, the Monarch and Karner Blue Upper Elementary classrooms had a Mad Scientist Day. Students took part in a variety of science experiments and demonstrations for the afternoon. Check out the pictures of the scientific fun.



Motion Mania!



What A Drip!



Foaming Frenzy



The Incredible Shrinking Styrofoam

Meet an Amazing WSM Graduate

Kashvi Patel ❖ *Class of 2012*

"I remember from the youngest of levels at West Side, we were encouraged to love learning and foster our curiosity," recalls Kashvi Patel, a sophomore at Maumee Valley Country Day. She has carried those qualities learned at West Side Montessori into high school as she continues to excel both academically and personally.

An exceptional student, Kashvi is challenging herself as a student in all honors courses at Maumee Valley. She is a member of the Hawks' lacrosse team; St. John's High School marching band and Titan Thunder drumline; a student ambassador; and many leadership committees which have resulted in numerous awards.

Kashvi has recently returned from her Marine Science MVCD Winterim

in Andros, a remote island off the coast of the Bahamas. The three-week, in-depth independent study immersed her in the science and marine life of the island and its culture.

Reflecting on her West Side Montessori experience, she realizes that lessons learned from even the earliest age culminated in a rich middle school experience laying the foundation for success in high school. Vital academic skills such as time management, freedom to question, in-depth study of a topic, and choice in expressing knowledge have been vital to success in high school.

Kashvi definitely feels that her foundation at West Side exceptionally prepared her for high school. She also cherishes the lasting bonds



Kashvi Patel (left) and a friend on the island of Andros during her Maumee Valley Winterim experience.

she has built with her former WSM classmates and teachers. She cannot imagine a better preparation for a successful career and life than West Side Montessori.

Kashvi is the daughter of Jaimin and Smita Patel and big sister to Janaki (8), Harshil (3), and Daivik (1).

Two WSM Grads Represent Ohio at National Girl Scout Council Session

Congratulations to West Side Montessori 2012 graduates **Ellie Leonard** and **Kashvi Patel** on being chosen as two of eight Western Ohio council delegates to the 2014 National Girl Scout Council Session. Delegates are elected representatives of their local councils and will participate in all business sessions and actions of the National Council. Ellie and Kashvi also will be involved in the Girl Scout Leadership Institute (GSLI). It is a triennial conference that provides girls 14 and older with three days of leadership skill-building activities tied to the Girl Scout Leadership Experience. The convention is Oct. 16-19 in Salt Lake City, Utah.

2014-15 Re-Enrollment Packets To Be Sent Later This Week

Watch Your Mailbox Starting Early Next Week

Now that the calendar has turned to February, it is time to look ahead to the 2014-15 school year. West Side Montessori's re-enrollment packets will be mailed at the end of this week. Watch your mailboxes early next week for the packet to be delivered and then check out next week's newsletter for an FAQ and answers regarding the re-enrollment process.



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Annual Enhancement Fund Update

Thank you so much for everyone's donations to West Side Montessori's Annual Enhancement Fund, *Unrestricted Possibilities!* Here are some of the amazing gifts WSM has been able to purchase for our students and staff:

- ✓ Peace Rose books for Children's House at both campuses
- ✓ Outdoor gardening supplies for Lower Elementary
- ✓ Climbing rope and trees for Natural Playground
- ✓ Carved trails in our 37 acres at our Toledo campus
- ✓ MATHCOUNTS and Destination Imagination Registrations
- ✓ Professional Development conferences for four teachers
- ✓ Recovering the play structure in the Little House gross motor room
- ✓ Sand and Water table for Perrysburg
- ✓ Nomenclature cards for Children's House (*purchased the rights to reprint as needed for both campuses*)
- ✓ Veterinary expenses for Fluffy, Perrysburg's pet rabbit.



WSM is a unique and wonderful place where children are given every opportunity to explore, create, and imagine. These opportunities come from the generosity and support of our school's families.

Want a Chance to Win Free Tuition for 2014-15 School Year?

Purchase a Tuition Raffle Ticket!

Tickets are \$200/each and multiple tickets per person can be purchased, however, **only 100 tickets will be sold**. You don't have to be a parent of a WSM child to enter the Tuition Raffle. It's a great way for grandparents, family, and friends to contribute and you need not be present to win.

Note: If 100 tickets are not sold, drawing becomes a 50/50 raffle with 50% of the profits going to West Side Montessori and the remainder applied

to the winning ticket holder's tuition expenses at West Side Montessori. (*Note: Winnings will reduce your tuition and are not redeemable for cash.*)

Don't be the last one to get your ticket! The Tuition Raffle drawing will be held at the spring fundraiser event on Saturday, March 8.

Visit the **WSM Spring Fundraiser** website for all the details and to purchase your chance to win your child's tuition for a year!



School Closing & Delay Information

- **Check Your Email:**
An email announcement will be sent to all WSM families.
- **School Closing:**
Tune in to WTOL Channel 11, WTVG Channel 13 or AM Radio WSPD (1370)
- **One-hour Delay:**
Childcare begins 8 a.m.
Carline 9:15 - 9:30 a.m.
School begins at 9:30 a.m. for all campuses.

Information also will be posted on WSM's **Facebook** page and **Twitter** account.

