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Upcoming Events

May 27-29

Middle School Ohio Trip

Thursday, May 29

- Mud Hens Ticket Pick-up
- Toledo Kindergarten Parent Lunch (*Birdhouse*)
11:45 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.

Friday, May 30

Toledo Kindergarten Crossover Ceremony
10:30 a.m. (*Birdhouse*)

Sunday, June 1

WSM at Toledo Mud Hens Game
6 p.m. (*5/3 Field*)

Monday, June 2

K-8 Field Day
9:30 a.m. (*Toledo Campus*)

Thursday, June 5

- Perrysburg Kindergarten Luncheon and Celebration!
11:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
- 8th Grade Graduation
7 p.m. (*Toledo Campus*)

Monday, June 9

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL
Calamity Make-up Day
8 a.m. - 6 p.m. (*Toledo & Perrysburg*)

May 27, 2014

Congratulations to Class of 2014!

Congratulations to the West Side Montessori graduating class of 2014! Here is the first of two installments, featuring this year's 8th grade class, to learn about their plans for the future and favorite WSM moments. Graduation is Thursday, June 5, beginning at 7 p.m. at the Toledo Campus.



Michielle Bland

Michielle started at West Side Montessori in Little House when she was two years old. During her years at WSM she participated in extracurricular and community activities such as reading with elders at a nursing home and 12 years of dance at the Daryl Jervis Dance Studio. Her favorite memories at WSM have been the trips to Washington, D.C. with Middle School and to Quebec, Canada with French class.



"Montessori education focuses on the whole child and is not just academic-based. This style of education has helped me to develop into a well-rounded person that has taught me to value myself," said Michielle.

Michielle will attend St. Ursula Academy in the fall. She has been selected to participate in TOLEDO EXCEL, The University of Toledo's Scholarship Incentive Program for young students of high academic achievement and potential.

Her advice to younger students is to take your studies seriously, balance

school and social life because having a positive social life also is important.

Parker Caesar

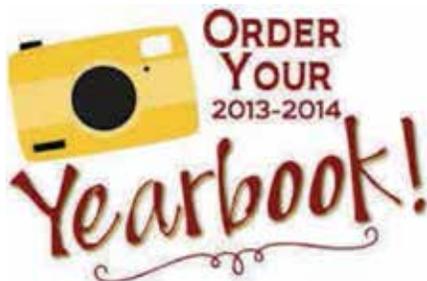
Parker began at West Side Montessori in sixth grade. She was a member of the Power of the Pen team the last two years. Parker enjoyed Language Arts projects because of the great books and the chance to express her creativity. Her favorite memories of WSM have been the trips, especially to Ace Adventure in West Virginia, because of the opportunity to bond with her classmates while doing fun outdoor activities.



"West Side has really made me better at presenting and talking in front of a large group of people," said Parker. "I liked having presentations every week. It really helped me and I feel like I will have no problem with presentations in high school."

Parker will be attending Notre Dame Academy. Her advice for younger students is to stay all the way through Middle School because the students and teachers are the nicest people you will ever meet.

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**Orders are due
Thursday, May 29**

**See the attached order
form for details!**

Summer at West Side!

Summer at WSM! Are you looking for a truly unique experience for your child this summer? **Check out our camps and register online today!**

Our first week of camp will begin with many exciting options for students Little House through 8th grade. Our Little House summer camp program is designed to be consistent with our Montessori school year program, in a relaxed, more outdoor-oriented atmosphere. Children's House morning sessions will offer a Montessori-based program that allows children to explore engaging materials while a trained teacher offers exciting and enriching lessons. Each afternoon session will implement a STEM (*Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math*) and Literacy approach with different themes each week. Lower and Upper Elementary camps will have a variety of unique themes and experiences throughout the morning session and swim each afternoon at the St. James Club next door to WSM.



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Look Ahead at Week 8: July 28-August 1

Children's House Level

STEM Topic: All About Me

All About Me is an important concept for young learners. Not only do children need to learn about their own individuality, they need to learn to accept and appreciate the characteristics of other people. STEM concepts are infused throughout the activities this week as the children discover how they are similar to and different from their peers. Children will also enjoy outdoor walking trails, water-play, and WSM's natural playground each week!

Elementary Level

We Will Remember You: A Look at the Past, Present, and Future

Students will learn about time capsules this week and reflect about their *Summer at West Side*. Collectively, students will create their own time capsule and create one for West Side Montessori. Students also will learn about other time capsules near and far!

Why Summer at West Side for Your Child?

"The summer program at West Side provides not only a wonderful environment, but an atmosphere of learning and enrichment for the kids. I love the summer program because it focuses on outside exploration and activities. Vita especially embraces this, she loves discovering new and exciting things in her little world!"



~ Anna M. Berakis

Calamity Day Reservations

West Side Montessori has scheduled the make-up of its calamity days on Monday, June 9. It is intended to be an academic day with extended hours, from 8 a.m. – 6 p.m. Attendance will be taken for students in grades K-8.

Morning carline will begin at 8 a.m. and full-day students will be picked up no later than 6 p.m. Half-day students are expected to be picked up at 11:30 a.m. and are welcome to return to school for pizza in the afternoon from 4-6 p.m.

If you would like your Little House or Children's House child to attend the program, please make a reservation **NO LATER THAN THIS FRIDAY, MAY 30**, in order for WSM to appropriately prepare for staffing. There is no childcare before 8 a.m. or after 6 p.m. on Monday, June 9.

Mud Hens Ticket Pick-up May 29

Sunday, June 1, at 6 p.m. • Mud Hens vs. Charlotte Knights

Tickets will be available for pick-up in your campus office Thursday, May 29. Let's Go Hens!



This is the final week the Lower Elementary classrooms are participating in Heifer International's **Read to Feed** program. LE parents: please have your kids read to raise money for Heifer International!

2014 WSM Graduates

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T.J. Fidler

T.J. started at WSM at age four in Children's House. He played travel hockey for five years and football for two years. T.J. also volunteered at Gliding Stars, a program that assists children to ice skate.



His favorite class at West Side Montessori was social studies, while his favorite memory is attending Ace Adventure with the entire middle school.

"West Side has taught me to never be nervous and always be who I am. It has also helped me in all of the school subjects for high school," said T.J. "[My Montessori education] has taught me presentation skills that I could never get anywhere else. I am comfortable getting in front of any numbered crowd and giving a well thought out speech."

T.J. will be attending a high school out of state and plans to play football and possibly be on the debate team. His advice for younger WSM students is to tell yourself that you are important and not to let anyone but yourself tell you what you can and can not do.

"Nothing in the world is stopping anyone from doing anything but themselves."

Ryan Gannon

Ryan started at West Side Montessori when he was in third grade. While at WSM, he participated in karate and the school band. Ryan's favorite school-related experience was his eighth grade internship at Wings, Paws, and Prayers Wildlife Rehabilitation Center.

"I think my Montessori education has prepared me for high school by making me prepared in all kinds of situations," Ryan said. "I feel ready for high school because of my ability to independently solve problems when needed, but to still have the ability to work with a group."



Ryan will attend Maumee Valley Country Day School in the fall. His advice for younger WSM students is to try and become great friends with your class. Everything is better if you have close friends in your class.

LENA Hodge

LENA started at West Side Montessori in the Buttercup Room. During her time at WSM, she has been involved in after-school French club, art classes, and Girl Scouts. LENA's favorite classes were French and Art and she enjoyed sixth grade camp and all the Middle School trips because of the leadership opportunities and community building.



"Trying to step out of your comfort bubble, knowing you have people there to support you, makes the experience better," said LENA.

LENA will attend Central Catholic High School in the fall. She plans to play soccer and participate in the African American and poetry clubs. Her advice for younger students at West Side Montessori is to try your absolute hardest and don't take any memory or moment for granted.

Claire Kohler

Claire began at West Side Montessori in the Rose Room at 21 months old. She was involved in Girl Scouts, Irish dancing, and Deb's art classes during Lower Elementary. Claire participated in Destination Imagination and UE's Environmental Club. She played flute in the school's ensemble and went on the French trip to Quebec, Canada.



In Middle School, she was involved in Clean Your Streams, WSM's band, St. John's Middle School Community Band, Vitamin G (after-school French), Math COUNTS, and Power of the Pen. This summer, Claire is taking a two-week trip to France with her French class.

She couldn't name a favorite class or school experience while she was at WSM.

"I've honestly loved every single class at West Side from Little House through Middle School, including all of my specials classes. I can't choose a favorite and have always had amazing teachers," Claire said. "I really loved all the service experiences like buying and wrapping presents for families in need, planting trees at the University Church, raising money for Heifer International, and serving at the Hospitality Kitchen."

Claire will attend Notre Dame Academy in the fall. Her advice for younger WSM students is to make your experience as fun as you can. Don't spend every minute studying, but love the time you have. Get off those screens and enjoy your experience!

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2014 WSM Graduates

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Morgan Krueger

Morgan started at WSM in sixth grade in Upper Elementary. She enjoys yoga and dances at Toledo Ballet. While attending West Side Montessori she volunteered regularly in her church nursery, Rosenbloom Summer Camp, and spent her weekends watching children.

Her favorite school-related experience was Camp Michindoh because it was her first camp experience and she had a memorable time with all her friends.

Morgan will attend Notre Dame Academy in the fall and plans on participating on the golf team. Her advice for younger WSM students is to work hard and enjoy every minute of your time at West Side.

C.J. Leonard

C.J. began at West Side Montessori when he was 18 months old in Little House. During his years at WSM, he was involved in Destination Imagination, played baseball, and skateboarded whenever possible. C.J.'s favorite memory was going to Camp Michindoh in Middle School and his DI team advancing to the global competition in fifth grade.

"We work hard everyday and do some pretty advanced stuff. I mean the gnarly work," said C.J. "Even

if it's not at the level of high school, we've been prepared for high school and maybe even college."

C.J. will attend Sylvania Southview High School in the fall and hopes to play in the jazz band and try out for the baseball and golf teams. His advice for younger students is to stick with it because the years will fly by.

Janaki Patel

Janaki started at West Side Montessori at age three in the Children's House. She was the first recipient of the Karen Weeks' Memorial Scholarship in first grade.

While at WSM, Janaki participated in a wide variety of activities, including French Vitamin G, MathCOUNTS, Power of the Pen, karate, Irish dancing, Destination Imagination, school band, and helped as an after-school yoga assistant. Outside of school she was active in Girl Scouts, Indian dance, sports, music, and community service.

Janaki's favorite memory of WSM is morning and afternoon group meetings.

"Whether it was handing out a birthday certificate (Lower Elementary), or listening to upcoming lesson plans (Upper Elementary), or even laughing and crying with friends during greeting/reflection (Middle School), group meeting will always be with me," said Janaki. "This is one of the unique qualities that West Side has and I very much value it. I feel that each day starts out great because since first grade, we have all been together in the morning, since the beginning, waiting for the day to unfold."

Janaki will attend Anthony Wayne High School and plans to participate in concert and marching bands. Her

advice to younger WSM students is to always put forth their best effort in everything. Go above and beyond and bring out your inner Montessori heart.

Next week: The second installment of the 2014 West Side Montessori graduates.



Congratulations to West Side Montessori Middle School students who were recognized for their entries in this year's **Toledo Museum of Art Ekphrastic Poetry Competition**. Claire Kohler (left) and Madalyn Vesoulis (center) tied for third; and LENA Hodge (right) earned honorable mention.

Girls on the Run Concludes



West Side Montessori just completed its first season of Girls on the Run. The team will run the GOTR 5K at

Fallen Timbers on Saturday, May 31. The program has been so successful that we will offer a fall team at the start of next school year. Here are some basic facts about the fall team:

- ▶ GOTR is open to all girls in levels 3-5.
- ▶ Practices will be on Mondays and Fridays from 3:30-5 p.m. beginning after Labor Day.
- ▶ Any questions on the program can be directed to **Lynn Cherry** or **Jana Schultz**.

WSM Students Shine in National French Contest

For the second-consecutive year, West Side Montessori students participated in the National French Contest, Le Grand Concours, organized by the American Association of French Teachers.



Le Grand Concours

The National French Contest
of the American Association
of Teachers of French

Sixteen students in levels 6-8 chose to participate and all students achieved outstanding results. It is a very high honor to receive a medal or certificate for this nationwide contest. Below is a list of students who received honors.

A special thank you to Sarah Bell, who proctored the exam.

6th Level

Bronze Medal – Emma Morgenstern and Emelie Wagner

7th level

Bronze Medal – Zaynab Lazreq and Benjamin Theis

Certificate of Achievement – Sean Fernandez and Rachel Gorman

8th Level

Silver Medal – Jami Stout

Bronze Medal – Claire Kohler, Libby Stupica, Leen Yassine, and Malak Yassine

Certificate of Achievement – Parker Caesar, C.J. Leonard, Janaki Patel, Wyatt Reynolds, and Michael Theis



Last week, the Lower Elementary third level students took a field trip to Ann Arbor Museum of Natural History. Pictured above are all the third level students in Bluebird in an ancient dug out canoe.



Perrysburg Holds Community Gardening Day

The Perrysburg Children’s House classrooms concluded their study of seeds and plants by helping to overhaul the garden at the Perrysburg Campus. With the help of many parents, a large bush was removed and MANY strawberry plants, carrots, and day lilies were transplanted.

The Perrysburg Gardening Day received so many extra plants, the classrooms were able to donate some to be used at a community garden in Maumee, where people can buy shares of crops for others who don’t ordinarily receive fresh produce.



Yearbook Ads and Memory Pages!

Do you have a business that you would like to advertise in the West Side Montessori Yearbook?

Would you like to create a special memory page for your child?

Please complete the attached form and return to the office by **Thursday, May 29.**

If you have questions please contact Mary Brandon at mbrandon@wsmctoledo.org or (419) 866-1931.

Please include this form with payment by Thursday, May 29.
If you have specific instructions write them on the back of this form.

Student's Name _____
Grade/Classroom _____
Your name & contact information _____

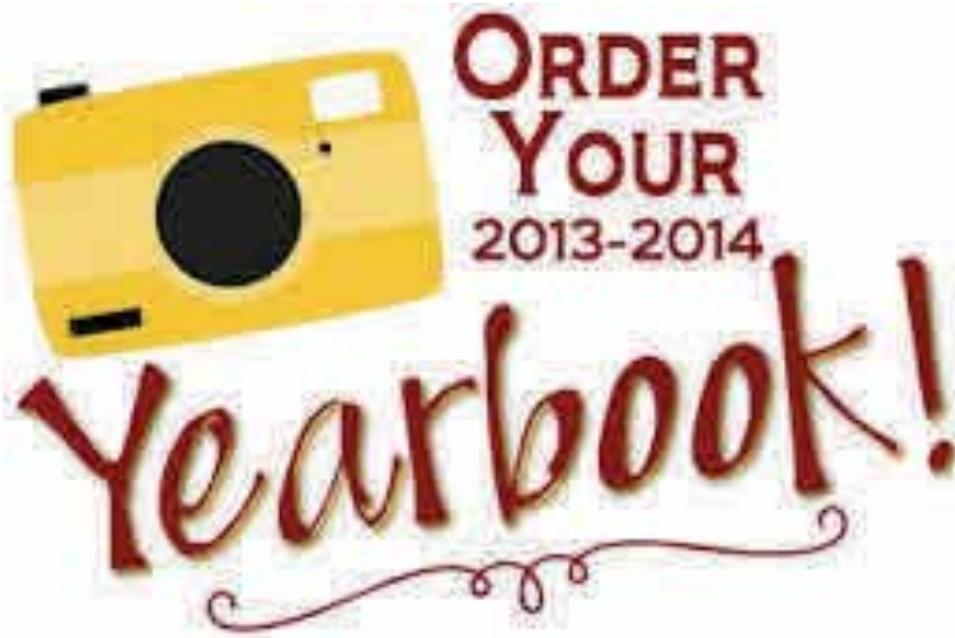
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Paper and digital copies are accepted. Digital copies must be saved as high resolution, JPG files.

Be sure to include your contact information.

Digital copies may be e-mailed to Mary Brandon at mbrandon@wsmctoledo.org.



Cost: \$25

Yearbooks will be distributed at the beginning of the 2014-2015 school year

If you have questions
Please contact Mary Brandon
at (419) 866-1931 or by e-mail at mbrandon@wsmctoledo.org

Orders are due Thursday, May 29!

Yearbook Order form:

Student's Name _____

Classroom/Grade _____

Quantity of Yearbooks _____ Total Amount enclosed _____

Please make checks payable to:
WSM Middle School Yearbook
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