



# WEST SIDE MONTESSORI

Better method. Amazing outcomes.®

## Upcoming Events

### 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)



## WSM Voted the Best Preschool Again!

It's official – for the sixth time, West Side Montessori has been selected as the BEST PRESCHOOL in the annual Toledo Parent Reader's Choice poll. Also this year, Toledo Children's House teacher, Brandi Parcell, earned the top spot in the BEST TEACHER & SCHOOL voting! WSM's elementary program also was named the BEST ELEMENTARY SCHOOL!

*Summer at West Side*, Middle School, and after-school programs also were recognized with top runner-up in their respective categories.

Check out the June edition of **Toledo Area Parent** to read the official announcement.

June 2, 2014

## Congratulations to Class of 2014!

Congratulations to the West Side Montessori graduating class of 2014! Here is the second 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.



### Wyatt Reynolds

Wyatt started at West Side Montessori at 18 months in Buttercup.



He participated in Destination Imagination, MathCOUNTS, and Power of the Pen and really enjoyed science classes in Middle School. Wyatt's favorite memory is

visiting Washington, D.C. because he was able learn while visiting places instead of simply reading about them. He feels his Montessori education has prepared him to be organized for high school.

Wyatt will attend Maumee Valley Country Day in the fall and hopes to participate in the Global Leadership program. His advice to younger WSM students is, "to plan your work out. Although it may be tempting, don't do big projects the night before they're due."

### Aidan Sorensen

Aidan started at WSM two years ago in seventh grade. His favorite experience was the class trip to ACE Adventure last fall. "We did so many awesome activities that really helped

me appreciate my class," said Aidan. For Aidan, attending West Side Montessori has helped him become a better essay and research writer and to work more independently.

Aidan will attend Sylvania Southview in the fall where he hopes to participate in cross country and swimming.

His advice to younger students is "to always be positive about the experiences at West Side because we really are a privileged group," said Aidan. "We have great teachers, staff, and a great program."



### Dagan Sorensen



Dagan began at West Side Montessori in seventh grade. His favorite memory is whitewater rafting at ACE Adventure. During Middle School, Dagan did a "ton of presentations to classmates and other people, such as the science research paper this year," which has

continued on page 3

## Calamity Day Information

The Calamity Make-up Day on Monday, June 9, is quickly approaching! The West Side Montessori staff is collaborating to prepare an educational and fun day.

The Little House and Children's House programs will have a typical school day routine with some special additions at the Toledo Campus. Little House will have a sing-a-long with Risa, WSM's Music & Literacy teacher, and the Toledo Zoo will visit the Children's House with some small animals.

Lower and Upper Elementary students will combine into multi-level teams that will rotate through five lesson stations. There will be science lessons, a nature hike, a lesson in movement and music, recycled art projects, and a culture lesson offered to each team.

At 4 p.m., all students will return to their respective classrooms for pizza. If your child is staying past 3:30 p.m. but did not pre-order pizza, please send a **substantial** snack.

If you have specific questions, please contact **Lauren Tracy**.

### CONNECT WITH US



[montessoritoleado.org](http://montessoritoleado.org)



West Side Montessori



@WSMontessori

#### Toledo Campus

7115 W. Bancroft  
Toledo, OH 43615  
(419) 866-1931

#### Perrysburg Campus

13587 Roachton Rd.  
Perrysburg, OH 43551  
(419) 874-9385

## Meet the SUMMER AT WEST SIDE Staff Toledo Campus

### Paige:

I am part of the Little House summer camp team and a WSM alum. I'm a junior at Butler University studying psychology and neuroscience. *Fun fact:* I learned to ski when I was three years old!



### Molly:

This is my 8th year at WSM summer camp. I have 2 daughters who attend West Side and will be attending camp in the elementary level. *Fun fact:* I am No. 14 out of 15 siblings and am a twin!

### Hanne:

I am one of the teachers in Children's House this summer. My husband and I have been living in Toledo for two years. *Fun fact:* I love waking up right before dawn, grabbing a cup of coffee, and going for a long drive.



### Mary:

I am a junior in Early Childhood Education at the University of Toledo and also a part of the Jesup Scott Honors College. My passion is education and children, even though I do not have any of my own yet! *Fun fact:* On my kindergarten diploma, my predicted occupation was "teacher."

### Stacey:

I moved to Toledo from NYC two years ago with my husband, Travis, and our dog, Mindy. I have been working as a Rose Room co-teacher for the past two years. Travis and I are expecting our first child in July! My favorite thing to do in Toledo is to take long walks in



the Metroparks. *Fun fact:* I received an undergrad degree in marketing but missed working with children SO much that I went back to school for early childhood education. I made the right decision!



### Lauren:

I am WSM's Intervention Coordinator. I am a certified Pre-K-3 teacher, an intervention specialist, and have a masters' degree in Curriculum and Instruction. My husband, Owen, and I have two children at West Side – Henry (4) and Elise (2). *Fun fact:* I am married to a WSM alum!

### Jessie:

I am currently working in the Little House and worked summer camp last year. I love to play outside and go shopping with my friends.

### Jane:

I am a retired Montessori teacher from WSM and now sub when needed. I have five grandchildren and nanny for a few WSM families. *Fun fact:* I recently coached the Black Cherry Room teachers through hatching chicks!

### Lynn (left):

I have three grown boys and live in Adrian, Mich. I work with Brandi and Kyla in the Black Cherry Room and also at Capable Kids. *Fun fact:* I once water skied with the Glass City Water Ski Club...on the top of the pyramid!



### Kyla (right):

I am trained in scuba diving and went to college in Hawaii. I have three children who will all attend camp at

*continued on page 5*

## 2014 WSM Graduates

*Continued from page 1*

helped him prepare for high school.

Dagan will attend Sylvania Southview and plans to swim and possibly try water polo.

### Jami Stout

Jami started at WSM when she was three years old. She participated in Irish Dancing and after-school art in LE, Destination Imagination, Drama Club, and MathCOUNTS. Jami's favorite classes have been French,



math, and science. Her favorite memory is all the trips taken in Middle School, including Camp Michinidoh, Ace Adventure, and Washington,

D.C. Jami feels that her Montessori education has taught her independence and to plan ahead, which will benefit her not only in high school but throughout the rest of her life.

Jami will attend Notre Dame Academy for high school. She plans to be involved in tennis and possibly do crew and theatre. Jami would like to study either veterinary medicine or any other kind of medicine and live in France for part of her life. To the younger WSM students, Jami says, "Just enjoy every second of West Side, because there is no other place on Earth like it! Also, keep an open mind because things are always changing around here!"

### Libby Stupica

Libby began at West Side Montessori at age four. She was involved in Destination Imagination, MathCOUNTS, and Power of the Pen. Outside of school, Libby is active in

ice skating, track, and swimming. Her favorite school-related experience is driving to Tennessee to attend the DI Global Competition in third grade and spending the week trading pins, eating out, and performing. Libby



also has great memories from Egg Week and Imaginary Island in Upper Elementary; Harvest Hoedown and the hay rides; and her botany, cursive, and literature lessons with Terie (Alvarez) in Lower Elementary. Although Libby doesn't have a specific favorite memory, she remembers the many activities during French class, even beginning in first grade.

Libby will attend Notre Dame Academy in the fall. She hopes to run cross country and track and join the speech team, where she and her sister, Schuyler (*WSM 2011*), can perform a duo next year. Libby advises younger WSM students "to treat all teachers with respect and to count your blessings," she said. "Going to West Side is a gift. Don't waste your time moping or spreading negativity because you will never get another chance to go to a school comparable to West Side."

### Michael Theis

Michael started at WSM at the age of four in Children's House. He



has been in Boy Scouts, cross country, track and many other activities while attending West Side Montessori. His favorite experiences and

memories involve hanging out on the Middle School bus trips and going

to ACE Adventure in West Virginia. Michael feels that his Montessori education has prepared him as a writer and to give presentations in high school.

Michael will attend St. John's Jesuit High School in the fall. He plans on joining the ultimate frisbee club, running cross country, and being on the crew team. His advice for younger WSM students is, "to do math everyday. Otherwise, you will feel like you don't know enough when you go to take your high school placement test."

### Madalyn Vesoulis

Madalyn began at WSM at 21 months old in the former Willow Room in Little House.

While in school, she participated in Girl Scouts, after-school art, karate, UE Environmental Club, Sports with Tom, and Power



of the Pen. Outside of school, Maddy has been involved in dance at Daryl Jarvis, swimming at Sylvania Tsunami, gymnastics, and traveling to "really cool places." Among the classes she enjoyed most was Language Arts with the opportunity to study many different authors and have a variety of writing activities.

"Words cannot begin to describe how grateful I am for going to West Side," said Maddy. "I feel that Montessori education has prepared me in countless ways for high school and beyond! From being comfortable presenting, to nurturing my natural curiosity for learning, to giving me a strong educational base."

Maddy will attend Notre Dame Academy and wants to become

*continued on page 4*

## 2014 WSM Graduates

*Continued from page 3*

involved in a wide array of activities including, swimming, skiing, golf, crew, or lacrosse for sports as well as possibly speech & debate or theatre. She advises younger WSM students to enjoy every day at school, learn a lot, and have fun with your friends.

### Leen Yassine

Leen started at West Side Montessori at age five in kindergarten. While at WSM, she took after-school art classes and karate. Leen also was involved in Girl Scouts until third grade and Power of the Pen and MathCOUNTS in Middle School. Her favorite school-related experience was the ACE Adventure trip because it was so fun and helped to create strong bonds with her classmates. It is difficult for Leen to pick one favorite memory, but she has loved Middle School for the fun and educational activities with unforgettable memories.



"Besides academics, Montessori has taught me how to act and how to treat others," said Leen. "I don't think that it will be too difficult to make friends while transitioning because WSM has taught me how to be brave and open and how to be courteous. I have taken away lessons that will be utilized throughout my life."

Leen will attend Notre Dame Academy in the fall. She wants to try speech & debate and participate in cross country and track. Her advice for younger students at WSM is to put themselves out there and have no regrets because it is important to be willing to say and do what you believe is right.

### Malak Yassine

Malak started at WSM when she was four years old. She has been involved in karate, after-school art, Girl Scouts, and Power of the Pen at school as well as the community service opportunities in Middle School at the community garden at University Church and the hospitality kitchen at Our Lady of Lourdes. Malak also played lacrosse, swam, and did horseback riding. Her favorite memories are from her Middle School experiences.



"The memories are like a bow on top of a gift filled with all my experiences at WSM," said Malak. "Those memories stand out because we worked so hard."

Malak will attend Notre Dame Academy in the fall. She is planning to participate in track & field and cross country, and possibly swimming or lacrosse. She also is interested in photography. Malak's advice for younger WSM students is to enjoy every moment because you are connected with the teachers, your fellow classmates, and everyone is your friend.

## Parents' Corner

### Volunteers Needed

The Toledo Little House is seeking people interested in being "nurturers" in the fall. Volunteer are needed once or multiple days depending on your availability. The role of a nurturer is to aid in the transition between home and school for our youngest students. Hours are usually 8:30-11:30 a.m. during the first several weeks of school.

If you, or someone you know, is interested in volunteering, please contact **Kathy Heckert** at (419) 866-1931.

### TFA Soccer Tryouts for Boys Ages 8-18 Begin

If you have a son interested in playing soccer, tryouts for the 2014-15 seasons are set to begin this week with Toledo Football Academy. For more information about TFA and a complete tryout schedule, visit [tfasoccer.org](http://tfasoccer.org).

### Unclaimed Lost & Found Donated June 6

Missing a shoe, sock, or coat from your child's backpack? Each campus has a Lost & Found box located in a common area to look for those missing items. All unclaimed items at the end of the day on Friday, June 6, will be donated to charity.

### Yarn Needed for Summer Camp

Do you have any extra yarn that you would be willing to donate? Lynn Darrah would welcome your donation to use at *Summer at West Side!* Please bring to the Toledo Campus with a note for Lynn. Thanks!

**Meet the Summer at West Side Staff**

*Continued from page 2*

WSM. *Fun fact:* I love to work out and I also coach soccer!

**Natalie:**

I am a lower elementary teacher. I have a lower elementary child and upper elementary child at WSM. *Fun fact:* My first summer camp teaching job was in 1994!



**Leigh Anne:**

I am one year away from graduating from BGSU with a degree in science education. I love to read and watch baseball with my friends. This is my first summer camp with WSM, and I can't wait! I'll be working with the elementary camp and we will be exploring new themes each week. *Fun fact:* I have a pet fish named Gilbert.

**Risa:**

I have two children at WSM and can't wait to teach Frozen in July! *Fun fact:* I LOVE to swing dance and art of all kinds!



**Ashley:**

I live in Monroe, Michigan and have two children. I am the technology teacher and librarian and can't wait to teach a Lego Robotics specialty camp this summer!



**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 6th 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 swimming each afternoon at the St. James Club next door to WSM.

**Summer Tutoring & Academic Enrichment Opportunities**

Summer Tutoring and Academic Enrichment is filling up fast! Limited space is still available. If they are interested, please click here to complete a registration form and return it to the Toledo Campus lobby. *Questions?* Contact **Lauren Tracy** at (419) 866-1931.

**Jana:**

I have two kids at WSM. *Fun fact:* I don't like the crusty ends of bread and slimy things scare me!



**Samantha:**

I am a WSM summer camp counselor in the Children's House. I am married and have two children – Alyssa, who will attend camp in the Children's House, and Dylan, who will attend camp in the Little House. *Fun fact:* I was a 4-H camp counselor for five years working with children in Fulton County.



**Margaret:**



I love speaking French and traveling the world! I have two children and can't wait to teach a specialty camp this summer!

