



# WEST SIDE MONTESSORI

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Sept. 23, 2013

## Upcoming Events

### Thursday, Sept. 26

LE Bluebird Field Trip  
8:45-11:15 a.m. (Botanical Gardens)

### Friday, Sept. 27

Toledo Kindergarten Field Trip  
1-3 p.m. (MacQueen's Apple Orchard)

### Monday, Sept. 30

Observations Begin

### Tuesday, Oct. 1

Conversations with Lynn Fisher  
at PACC Meeting  
6 p.m. (Toledo Campus)

### Thursday, Oct. 3

Pizza Day (CH-6)

- First Thursday  
8:45-9:30a.m.  
(Toledo & Perrysburg Campus)

### Tuesday-Friday, Oct. 8-11

6th Level Camp (Camp Storer)

### Tuesday, Oct. 8

Picture Retakes (Toledo Campus)  
See page 2 for details

### Wednesday, Oct. 9

Middle School Field Trip  
12-3:30 p.m. (Bowling Green Landfill)

### Monday, Oct. 14

WSM Board Meeting  
4 p.m. (Toledo Campus)

### Thursday, Oct. 17

- Pizza Day (CH-6)
- Lower Elementary Field Trip  
8:30-11:30am (Fossil Park)
- Middle School Field Trip  
12-3:30 p.m. (Watershed Watch)
- **Positive Discipline Parent Program with Chip DeLorenzo**  
7-8:30 p.m. (Toledo Campus)

## Children's House First Thursday Program Starts Next Week



**First Thursday** is a monthly parent education program presented by the Children's House teachers from 8:45-9:30 a.m. at both the Toledo and Perrysburg campuses. The first program will be held **Thursday, Oct. 3**. This month's topic is "A

*Window into Our World: Observing and Volunteering in Your Child's Classroom."*

Any family is welcome to attend any or all programs, including families currently enrolled at other levels. First Thursdays are opportunities for parents and friends (both WSM and the community) to learn more about Montessori through the eyes of children, teachers, and other Montessori parents.

Make plans to come, meet other parents, and learn more about the Montessori method of learning. Tours will be available following the program.

## Annual Enhancement Fund Update

### Loving The Land

Thanks to the generosity and support of our families, West Side Montessori has seen major improvements in the last few years. The **Annual Enhancement Fund** touches families at both campuses. Last year's dollars helped purchase the land acquisition on the Perrysburg campus — our future home for the natural playground. One goal for this year's mission is to continue progress on the natural playground at both campuses. Natural playgrounds ignite the philosophy of Maria Montessori who



said, "The environment must be rich in motives which lend interest to activity and invite the child to conduct his own experience."

## Conversations with Lynn Fisher

Tuesday, Oct. 1 – Hosted by PACC

The Parents' Association Coordinating Committee (PACC) will host Lynn Fisher, WSM founder and head of school, for a question & answer forum on Tuesday, Oct. 1. The event follows a regularly-scheduled PACC meeting at approximately 7 p.m. in the Toledo Commons.

Child care is available for the meeting, but a reservation is required. Please call (419) 866-1931 to make your reservation by Monday, Sept. 30.



## Observations Start Sept. 30

Parent observations are an opportunity for you to get a glimpse of what life is like in a Montessori classroom. It may be your first exposure to the Montessori experience, your first time at our school, or you may visit to find out more about your child's day.

To schedule your observation at the Toledo campus call (419) 866-1931 or at the Perrysburg campus (419) 874-9385.

## Picture Retakes Held On Oct. 8

Did your child miss taking a school picture this year? Do you want a retake?

School picture retakes will be held on **Tuesday, Oct. 8, beginning at 9 a.m.** in the Toledo Campus library. To schedule a retake, please call the Toledo Campus office at (419) 866-1931 to make a reservation.

Retakes are available only for students in Children's House through 8th grade. Students from Perrysburg are welcome to sign up for retakes, but will need to come to the Toledo Campus to have their picture taken.

*Note: A thumbnail portrait and order form will be sent home in backpacks in the next week for parents to preview prior to placing an order.*

## LE Celebrates Day of Peace

On Friday, Sept. 20, WSM's three Lower Elementary classes took time to celebrate International Day of Peace. More pictures are posted online at [montessoritoledo.org](http://montessoritoledo.org) or our [Facebook](#) page.



## Buy Local Sale

West Side Montessori Middle School's annual **Buy Local Sale** is quickly approaching. It will be held **Friday, Nov. 22** from 3-5:30 p.m. at the Toledo Campus.

There will be a variety of vendors, ranging anywhere from food to crafts. In addition, there also will be poinsettia order forms available for the holiday season. Mark your calendars and plan to join us for this year's Buy Local Sale.



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Make Plans to Join Us

# AN INTRODUCTION TO POSITIVE DISCIPLINE

*Presented by Chip DeLorenzo*

Thursday, Oct. 17, at 7 p.m.



Come and learn about the basic principles of *Positive Discipline* and effective tools for encouraging cooperation and mutual respect with children.

Positive Discipline is a program developed from the work of Alfred Adler and Rudolf Dreikurs and designed to teach young people to become responsible, respectful, and resourceful members of their communities. Based on the best-selling *Positive Discipline* books by Dr. Jane Nelsen, it teaches important social and life skills that are encouraging for both children and adults. *Positive Discipline* teaches adults to employ kindness and firmness at the same time.

The tools and concepts of Positive Discipline include:

- Mutual respect. Adults model firmness by respecting themselves and the needs of the situation and kindness by respecting the needs of the child.
- Identifying the belief behind the behavior. Effective discipline recognizes the reasons kids do what they do and works to change those beliefs, rather than merely attempting to change behavior.
- Effective communication and problem solving skills.
- Discipline that teaches and is neither permissive nor punitive.
- Focusing on solutions instead of punishment.
- Encouragement (instead of praise). Encouragement notices effort and improvement, not just success, and builds long-term self-esteem and empowerment.

**Reminder: There is NO SCHOOL and NO CHILD CARE on Friday, Oct. 18. WSM teachers and staff will be attending Positive Discipline Classroom Management workshops for the 2013-2014 teacher in-service day.**