



# WEST SIDE MONTESSORI

## *Unrestricted Possibilities!*

### *Annual Enhancement Fund Campaign*

Oct. 21, 2013

## Upcoming Events

### Thursday, October 24

- Middle School Field Trip  
12-3:30 p.m. (Waste Water Treatment Facility)
- Destination ImagiNation Informational Meeting (Levels 3-8)  
5:30 p.m. (Central Park-Library)

### Friday, Oct. 25

- Donuts with Dads (Levels 1-3)  
7:45 - 8:15 a.m. (Toledo Commons)
- Upper Elementary Field Trip  
9 a.m.-3 p.m. (Sauder Village)
- Toledo Kindergarten Field Trip  
1-3 p.m. (Gust Brothers Farm)

### October 28-30

MS Standardized Testing

### Tuesday, Oct. 29

- Scholastic Book Fair  
7:30 a.m. - 6 p.m. (Toledo Campus)
- Parent Teacher Conferences  
4-6 p.m. (Toledo/Perrysburg)

### Wednesday, Oct. 30

- Scholastic Book Fair  
7:30 a.m. - 6 p.m. (Toledo Campus)
- Parent Teacher Conferences  
4-6 p.m. (Toledo/Perrysburg)

### Thursday, Oct. 31

- NO SCHOOL (Child care available by reservation only)
- Scholastic Book Fair  
7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. (Toledo Campus)
- Parent Teacher Conferences  
8 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. (Toledo/Perrysburg)



## DeLorenzo Presents to Full House

Nearly 150 parents, local educators, and community members attended last week's *Positive Discipline* program at West Side Montessori. Thanks to everyone who invited friends and neighbors to the event.

Chip DeLorenzo, the guest speaker for the program, polled the audience on parenting issues they were struggling with the most. He also asked the participants what characteristics they would most like to see in their children, in other words, what is the end result of parenting.

DeLorenzo discussed kindness and firmness techniques in *Positive Discipline*. While the goal of the method is high kindness and high firmness (a *democratic, authoritative*

*approach*), most parents "dance" between high kindness with low firmness (a *permissive approach*) and low kindness with high firmness (an *authoritarian approach*).

The techniques DeLorenzo outlined for setting kind and firm limits included:

- ⇒ Act without talking
- ⇒ Limited choices
- ⇒ Short reasonable request (10 words or less)
- ⇒ One word responses
- ⇒ Signal or note (*non-verbal*)
- ⇒ I statements (*It bugged me or I wish*)
- ⇒ Give information
- ⇒ Describe what you see
- ⇒ No

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# Meet an Amazing WSM Graduate

**Emily Boening** ❖ *Class of 1998*

Emily Boening, West Side Montessori class of 1998, credits the WSM culture of learning for her success today. As Presidential Management Fellow at the U.S. Department of State she manages the Afghan criminal court that tries our detainees. She is currently serving on a Pentagon detail to the Joint Staff and is a Middle East policy advisor.

Emily's path to such a prestigious position after she graduated from West Side Montessori included St. Ursula Academy, the University of Chicago with a degree in International Studies and a law degree from the University of Michigan.

Emily feels strongly about sharing the Montessori qualities that she enthusiastically feels have impacted her personal and professional life.

"The priorities Montessori has instilled in me, such as enthusiasm for learning, accepting others, taking responsibility for your actions, and self-sufficiency have stayed with me and still form the template for my decisions today" she states. Her hope is that parents embrace the Montessori



philosophy and make a commitment to be an active participant in Montessori education, as it builds a strong foundation for better decisions long after the child leaves the number beads behind.

Emily fondly remembers her WSM days and how everyone (everyone!) knitted during reading time in elementary, the operas performed, the fact that all ages had recess and the awesome year-long projects worked on in middle school.

"Also, I usually flash back to rolling up my rug in the Orange Room when I roll up my yoga mat after a workout, and I would definitely like to get a pink tower in my office for stressful moments," shared Emily.

Emily loves Krav Maga (Israeli martial arts), hiking, and traveling. She is the daughter of John and Sally Boening.

## Mark Your Calendars!

### Lower Elementary Donuts with Dads

Friday, Oct. 25

7:45 - 8:15 a.m.

in the West Commons

Flyers for your reservation were sent home in backpacks last week. Please RSVP by Tuesday, Oct. 22.

### PACC Movie Night

PACC will hold its fall movie night on Friday, Nov. 15, at the Maumee Indoor Theatre featuring *Monsters University!*



Doors open at 6 p.m. and the movie will begin at 6:30 p.m. The cost is \$1/ per person. Popcorn, water, and pizza will be available for purchase.



### Updated Dates for WSM Shopping Fundraiser

Learning Express in Sylvania is once again offering West Side Montessori a shopping fundraiser, just in time for the holiday season. Mark your calendar to stop by on **Friday, Dec. 6 or Saturday, Dec. 7.**

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## Children's House First Thursday Topic: The Spirit of Giving

**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 November program will be held on **Thursday, Nov. 7**, and the topic will be *"The Spirit of Giving."*

# Positive Discipline Techniques

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These techniques can reduce “nagging” as a parent and result in high firmness.

Another technique DeLorenzo shared is to ask “What and How questions” instead of lecturing. For example:

- ⇒ What is your plan?
- ⇒ How can I help?
- ⇒ What caused that to happen?
- ⇒ I noticed you \_\_\_\_\_. How did that happen?

Finally, the speaker outlined how to establish a “Positive Time-out.” It starts by eliminating



the negative or punitive time-out. As a family, brainstorm where a positive time-out spot to “cool down” will be in the house and what will be included in the space. For example, a

quiet spot in the living room that has pillows, books, and other comforting items. Then, practice the technique just like you would practice a fire drill or emergency situation. When your child (or you) begin to get angry or frustrated, suggest using the quiet area to “cool down” by cuddling or reading a book alone or together. Later when the tension is lessened, discuss the situation in a calmer environment. This technique helps the child to develop emotional skills that avoid the “fight or flight” response and give the child a sense of belonging.

If you are interested in learning more about Positive Discipline and using the method in different stages of parenting, check out Children: The Challenge by Rudolf Dreikurs or Positive Discipline A-Z by Jane Nelsen. Online resources also are available at [www.positivediscipline.com](http://www.positivediscipline.com) or on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/positivediscipline).

*Next week: Developing belonging and significance at home.*

## Give Now to the AEF Campaign

A GIVE NOW button is available for you on our [website](#). When you visit the site, hover over the DONOR menu and then click on the Annual Enhancement Fund from the drop-down options. This feature allows families to give a gift to this year’s **Unrestricted Possibilities!** campaign without needing to write a check or use an envelope. Donations are retrieved through the secured site, Greater Giving. This site was proven safe and easy to use with last year’s spring fundraiser tickets.

The **Unrestricted Possibilities!** campaign is raising money for several categories: **Academic Discovery** – encompassing professional development and classroom

materials; **Technology Advancement** – focusing on website upgrades allowing the website to become more family-friendly and interactive; and **Progression on the Natural Playgrounds** at both campuses.

While you are on the AEF page, be sure to check out the “Thanks for Being a Friend” video that was created and produced by our Middle School students! It is their way of saying thank you for all the years the annual fund provided materials to help them achieve amazing outcomes!

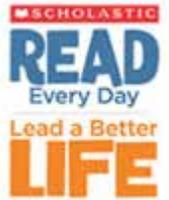
All gifts, regardless of size, impact today’s students. Your dedication has helped create the unique learning environment only West Side Montessori children can experience!

## Child Care Available Thursday, Oct. 31

- ✓ On Thursday, Oct. 31, there is **NO SCHOOL** due to Parent-Teacher Conferences. Child care is available by reservation **ONLY**. Please contact your campus office to make your reservation by Tuesday, Oct. 29.
- ✓ There is **NO SCHOOL** and **NO CHILD CARE** on Friday, Nov. 1.

## Scholastic Book Fair Next Week

West Side Montessori will host its Fall Scholastic Book Fair next week in the Toledo Campus Library. The fair is open to students, parents, and staff at both the Toledo and Perrysburg campuses beginning Tuesday, Oct. 29 through Thursday, Oct. 31. *Times posted on page 1.*



**New this fall:** Online Ordering. Browse an expanded book selection by clicking [here](#) starting Oct. 23. All orders ship free to the school.

## WSM Seeking A Boat Donation

Now that boating season has concluded for the year, do you know anyone who has an old boat to donate to West Side Montessori?

Why would our school be seeking a boat? Other Montessori schools have “docked” old boats on their playgrounds for kids to explore and use for imaginary play.

Please contact [Dawn Westley](#) if you have any questions or can help.

## Watch For Wishing Wells

West Side Wishing Wells are now located on both the Perrysburg and Toledo campuses as part of the *Unrestricted Possibilities!* campaign.

The wishing wells serve as a suggestion bank for families and staff. Please add ideas and wishes to the well. Suggestions can help determine what the community wants and needs, and aid in the decision-making process for WSM Board of Trustees and administration.

The Toledo campus wishing well is located in the West hallway near the main lobby and the Perrysburg campus wishing well is in the front office.

## Parents' Corner

### WSM Spring Fundraiser Committee Wants You

Would you like to join an enjoyable, creative committee as we plan the elements for the awesome annual West Side Montessori spring fundraiser?

The committee is looking for new members to assist in all areas. It's a fun committee and there are many opportunities, including

- ✓ helping to create the ambiance for the event
- ✓ assisting the auction committee
- ✓ lending a hand in obtaining sponsorships

We also have very specific organizational elements that you can do from home.

If you are interested or want to learn more, contact **Roberta Handel**, Development Assistant, at (419) 866-1931 or email at [rhandel@wsmctoledo.org](mailto:rhandel@wsmctoledo.org).

### Are You Looking For A Sitter?

Angie Bosak, a West Side Montessori substitute teacher and niece of Rose Room teacher Molly Kujawa, is available for babysitting. You may contact her at (419) 788-5265.



At this event, the kids are the celebrities. Kids between the ages 6-16 will take orders, deliver food, and entertain their guests all while earning tips to support the kids at Toledo Children's Hospital!

This is a great way to teach children about philanthropy and "giving back."

**Date:** Sunday, Nov. 10

**Time:** 4:30 p.m.

**Where:** Premier Banquet Hall  
4480 Heatherdowns Blvd.

**Attire:** Favorite sports team

**Tickets:**

\$25 / adult ticket

\$15 / child ticket

**Funds Support:**

ProMedica Toledo Children's Hospital

To purchase event tickets, or if you have any questions, please call Maria Dvorak at (419) 291-5679 or email at [Maria.Dvorak@promedica.org](mailto:Maria.Dvorak@promedica.org).

### House For Sale by WSM Family

A West Side Montessori family is selling their Sylvania Township house. The home is located two miles from the Toledo Campus with four bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, a lovely yard, and friendly neighborhood full of kids. To schedule a showing, call (419) 466-7653.



Earlier in October, Rose Room toddlers went for a BIG walk! The class walked over to the soccer fields and all around the grounds of the West building. The students learned about rough and bumpy trees; to balance and walk on logs; and about pokey pine needles. The class also walked up and down the big steps to work on our gross motor skills. The bonus? It was a beautiful day and everyone had FUN!