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# WEST SIDE MONTESSORI

## The Inside Story

February 11, 2013

### Re-enrollment Forms Mailed Home

Last week, enrollment intent forms for the 2013-2014 school year were mailed home. Re-enrollment forms, along with the \$400 non-refundable tuition intent deposit, are due to your campus office by **Friday, March 1**, to receive the returning family tuition rate.

If a sibling is not currently enrolled, you may pick up a Sibling Admission Application and Sibling Intent Form at any campus office. To receive the returning family tuition rate for new siblings, the Admission Application, Sibling Intent Form, and a \$100 non-refundable tuition deposit need to be turned in by March 1. After March 1, we begin

offering spaces to new families at the higher tuition rate. Returning families who turn in forms for currently enrolled students or new siblings after March 1, will be accepted if space is available and at the higher tuition rate.

Do you have questions about re-enrollment for the fall? Are you interested in applying for tuition assistance but are unsure of how to begin the process? Check out the frequently asked questions listed on page 4.

If you have other questions, please contact Anne Spenny, (419) 866-1931 or [aspenny@wsmctoledo.org](mailto:aspenny@wsmctoledo.org).

### Montessori Education Week Begins Feb. 24

Celebrate Montessori Education Week – **Feb. 24-March 2** – with a specially-designed t-shirt. Middle School students Claire Kohler and Jami Stout, with editing help from Katherine Bauer and Parker Caesar, have designed a t-shirt for Montessori Week 2013!

The team created the design with the whole school in mind. They chose to add a quote from Maria Montessori on the back, "Free the child's potential and you will free the world." The students see these shirts as a way to celebrate Montessori Week together.

The shirts come in four color options (gray, navy, purple, and pink) and are available for toddlers through adults. The hope is all the students can wear their new West Side Montessori shirts during Montessori Education Week on **Tuesday, Feb. 26!**

Complete the attached order form and return with payment by Thursday, Feb. 14.



### Upcoming Events

#### Tuesday, February 12

- Coffee & Conversation 8:45-9:30 a.m. (Perrysburg)
- Parent-Teacher Conferences 4-6 p.m. (No extracurriculars)

#### Wednesday, February 13

Parent-Teacher Conferences 4-6 p.m. (No extracurriculars)

#### Thursday, Feb. 14

##### NO SCHOOL

Parent-Teacher Conferences 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

#### Friday, Feb. 15

##### NO SCHOOL/NO CHILD CARE

#### Monday, Feb. 18

President's Day  
NO SCHOOL/NO CHILD CARE

#### Tuesday, Feb. 19

Parent-Child Little House Field Trip to Children's House 8:30-11 a.m. (Toledo and Perrysburg)

#### Wednesday, Feb. 20

Parent-Child Little House Field Trip to Children's House 8:30-11 a.m. (Toledo)

#### Thursday, Feb. 21

- Pizza Day (CH-6)
- Parent-Child Little House Field Trip to Children's House 8:30-11 a.m. (Toledo)
- Coffee & Conversation 8:45-9:30 a.m. (Toledo)
- UE at Toledo Symphony Young People's Concert 9-11 a.m. (Peristyle Theater)

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Perrysburg, OH 43551  
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## Two WSM Alums Active In Youth Leadership Toledo

Two 2011 West Side Montessori graduates currently participate in YLT - Lauren Kohler and Schuyler Stupica.



Lauren is a sophomore at Maumee Valley Country Day. She is a student council representative; the sophomore representative to the school's Winterim Committee; and a member of MV's Global Leadership Program. Lauren also plays varsity field hockey and lacrosse teams while maintaining a 4.2 GPA.



Schuyler is a sophomore at Notre Dame Academy and recently earned First Honors for earning a 4.0 GPA and above. In addition to YLT, she was selected to attend the **HOBY Leadership Seminar** at Ohio Northern University this June. Schuyler also plays on the junior varsity volleyball team for the Eagles.

## A Safety Reminder

Please remember that once school doors are locked after morning or afternoon carline, everyone **MUST** enter the main lobby in the West building. Though it may seem inconvenient, we appreciate your support to place the safety of our students first. Thank you.

## Support Area Businesses During Restaurant Week

*by Schuyler Stupica, 2011 WSM Graduate*

If you would like to support an amazing non-profit organization, which serves both high school students and adults in its programs, Leadership Toledo is sponsoring Restaurant Week from Thursday, Feb. 21 to Saturday, March 2. If you eat at one of the 28 participating restaurants and tell your waiter that you are there to support Leadership Toledo, 10% of all proceeds will benefit this program. Go for lunch or dinner and treat yourself to a pre-set menu of \$10, \$20, or \$30 that often includes appetizer and dessert. It is an affordable way to try something new or just a great excuse to visit an old favorite. Go to [www.restaurantweektoledo.com](http://www.restaurantweektoledo.com) for a list of participating restaurants and more information.

### What is YLT?

For those of you who have not heard of Youth Leadership Toledo (YLT), it is a non-profit leadership

program for sophomores in the greater Toledo area. More than 50 high school sophomores meet once a month in various locations around Toledo, learning leadership skills by listening to speakers and participating in hands-on activities. One to three students from each school are chosen for the program, and almost all Toledo area high schools are represented. In order to be a part of Youth Leadership Toledo, students must be nominated by their schools, and their applications reviewed and accepted by YLT.

**NOTE:** Read more about Schuyler's experiences in Youth Leadership Toledo in an upcoming issue of the *Sylvania Advantage*. It is available in local Sylvania business or online at [sylvaniaadvantage.com](http://sylvaniaadvantage.com) under Community News.

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Ten WSM Middle School students attended the MATHCOUNTS competition at the University of Toledo on Saturday, Feb. 2. The students include Leen Yassine, Sadie Kaplan, Janaki Patel, Bobbi Baranek, Claire Kohler, Jami Stout, Patrick Gorman, Katherine Bauer, Adam Richards, and Michael Theis.



Clockwise from above: Lower Elementary classrooms celebrated the 100th day of school last week and students could share 100 items. World Languages were featured at First Thursday last week. Margaret Kohler (top) and Lorena Leal (middle) shared lessons with Children's House students during the program. WSM graduates Jacob Sigman and Beth Ann Less shared experiences on how West Side prepared them for high school at last week's Upper Elementary's Donuts for Dads gathering.



## Perrysburg Campus Coffee & Conversation

Plan to attend this week's *Coffee & Conversation* on Tuesday, Feb. 12 from 8:45-9:30 a.m. at the Perrysburg Campus. Parents and friends from Toledo and Perrysburg campuses are welcome!

## Toledo Campus Coffee & Conversation

Mark your calendar today for the next *Coffee & Conversation* at the Toledo Campus on Thursday, Feb. 21. Come to the Central Park area after morning carline and visit with fellow West Side parents.

## Connect With Us Online



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



West Side Montessori



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## Frequently Asked Questions About Re-enrollment

- Q: "How do I know how much money to send in with the Enrollment Intent?"  
A: Send in the deposit only: \$400 for the oldest child and \$100 for each additional sibling.
- Q: "I selected the pay in full option. I know it's due March 31, but how do I know how much to pay?"  
A: A statement with the amount due will be sent in mid-March.
- Q: "I used a FACTS payment plan last year. Do I have to go online to set up a payment plan?"  
A: No. If you used the FACTS payment plan last year your account is already set up.
- Q: "I've never used a FACTS payment plan. How do I set up the plan?"  
A: To set up a new FACTS account, go to [www.montessoritoledo.org](http://www.montessoritoledo.org), find the FACTS information link, and click the "Get Started" button under "New User." (If you had a FACTS account last year there is no need to set up another account. See the question above this one.)
- Q: "I applied for tuition assistance. When will I find out if my family will receive a grant?"  
A: Tuition assistance notification letters are sent early in April.
- Q: "I won't know if my child will be coming back until I know how much aid I will receive. The tuition deposit is due by March 1. What should I do?"  
A: Turn in your re-enrollment forms before March 1, with the \$400 tuition deposit. If you do not receive aid or if the assistance offered is not sufficient and you will not be enrolling, send a written request to the Admission Director, Anne Spenny, by the date specified in your notification letter, for the return of your deposit. The only time a tuition deposit can be returned is if a family has a tuition assistance application in process.
- Q: "How do I get a tuition assistance application?"  
A: The easiest way is to apply online. The FACTS Grant and Aid Assessment website is [www.factstuitionaid.com](http://www.factstuitionaid.com). If you would prefer a paper copy, call Anne. All applications must be completed online or postmarked by March 1. Applications received after that date will be processed, but assistance will be awarded only if there is money left in the fund.
- Q: "Is there a fee to apply for tuition assistance?"  
A: FACTS charges a \$30 fee to process your tuition assistance application.
- Q: "What school zip code do I enter when completing FACTS online?"  
A: All WSM parents, regardless of which campus your child attends, must enter 43615 as the zip code. The website will recognize West Side Montessori only if the zip code given is the zip code for the Toledo Campus. On your personal address information you may list your zip code.

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## You're Invited To Get



Horses, hats and Mint Juleps!  
Live and silent auctions!  
Derby inspired cuisine!

Please join us on Saturday, May 4 at Health Care REIT to watch "The Run for the Roses" and show your support for the students of West Side Montessori.

**Watch for your invitation coming in March!**

# Montessori Week 2013

## T-shirt Order Form



Cost is \$10 for Sizes from  
2T through Adult XL

Cost is \$12 for XXL

**Orders due Thursday, Feb. 14**



Write the quantity for each shirt desired in the box

Color	Toddler Sizes		Youth Sizes				Adult Sizes				
	2T	4T	YS	YM	YL	YXL	S	M	L	XL	XXL (\$12)
PINK											
PURPLE											
NAVY											
GREY											

Total Shirts ___ x \$10	\$
Total Shirts ___ x \$12	\$
Total Due	\$

Make all checks payable to West Side Montessori

Questions? Contact Middle School teacher Mary Brandon: (419) 866-1931

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Room Name \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_