West Side Montessori

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Jan. 27, 2014

Upcoming Events

Friday, Jan. 31
Toledo Kindergarten Field Trip
9:30-11:45 a.m.
(Toledo Museum of Art)

Saturday, Feb. 1
MATHCOUNTS Toledo Chapter Competition - ***Good Luck MS!***
(UT Nitschke Auditorium)

Tuesday , Feb. 4
PACC Meeting
6-7 p.m. (Toledo Campus)

Thursday, Feb. 6
- Pizza Day (CH-6)
- **First Thursday: Montessori on the Brain**
  8:45-9:30 a.m.
  (Toledo & Perrysburg)

Friday, Feb. 7
Toledo Kindergarten Field Trip
1-2:30 p.m. (Sylvania Post Office)

Sunday, Feb. 9
WSM Open House *(re-scheduled)*
1-3 p.m. (Toledo & Perrysburg)

Tuesday-Wednesday, Feb. 11-12
Parent Teacher Conferences
4-6 p.m. (Toledo & Perrysburg)
See page 3 for details

Thursday, Feb. 13
Parent Teacher Conferences
8 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
(Toledo & Perrysburg)
NO SCHOOL/
Child Care by reservation only

Friday, Feb. 14
NO SCHOOL/NO CHILD CARE

Monday, Feb. 17
NO SCHOOL/NO CHILD CARE

School Closing and Delay

West Side Montessori is often open when area schools close or delay. Because our families come from a wide geographical area with varying road conditions, we encourage parents to use common sense when deciding if and when to bring their children to school. If you choose to bring your child(ren) to school, please take your time and do so safely.

Lynn Fisher, Head of School

The West Side Montessori Open House has been re-scheduled for Sunday, Feb. 9 from 1-3 p.m. The performance schedule at the Toledo Campus will be the same as previously announced. We encourage you to come and see how we help each child grow to become the best thinker and most capable person he or she can be.

Come Experience Montessori

First Thursday Topic: Montessori on the Brain

First Thursday is a monthly parent education program presented by the Children's House teachers from 8:45-9:30 a.m. at the Toledo and Perrysburg campuses. The February program will be held on **Thursday, Feb. 6**, and the topic will be *"Montessori on the Brain."* Each month features a new topic for the parents of children ages three through kindergarten. The program is free and open to the public.

Tuesday Final Day to Request Conference Time

The February Parent/Teacher Conferences will held from 4-6 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 11 and Wednesday, Feb. 12, and from 8 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 13. Parents may call and request specific times for their conferences until tomorrow, Tuesday, Jan. 28, after which conference times will be assigned.

NOTE: There will be no school or child care on Friday, Feb. 14, and Monday, Feb. 17, at Toledo and Perrysburg campuses.

Toledo Campus

To schedule a Toledo campus conference, contact Linda Juhasz at (419) 866-1931. The Toledo Campus will provide regular child care until 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 11, and Wednesday, Feb. 12, in addition to drop-in child care during your conference.

On Thursday, Feb. 13, there will be **no regular school** at the Toledo campus for Little House through 8th grade, although child care is available for children who regularly attend child care. If you know that you will need child care, ***please call the Toledo campus to make a reservation.***

Perrysburg Campus

Perrysburg families should contact Laurie Groff or Carol Arnold at (419) 874-9385 to schedule a conference time. Regular child care will be provided until 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 11, and Wednesday, Feb. 12, in addition to drop-in child care during your conference time.

There will be **no regular school** on Thursday, Feb. 13, for Little House and Children's House classes at the Perrysburg campus. Limited child care will be available for both levels. ***Please call the Perrysburg office to make a reservation for child care.***

Student Services

The Student Services team is available for conferences. Call Linda at (419) 866-1931 to schedule a conference with a member of the Student Services team.

Child Care Options for Thursday, Feb. 13

There will be **no regular school on Thursday, Feb. 13** at either Perrysburg or Toledo campus. Child care is available by reservation to your campus office. The standard child care rate of $5 per hour applies for children who attend child care on that day.

Free drop-in child care during your conference(s) also is available on Thursday, Feb. 13.

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WSM SPIRIT WEAR

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Spring Fundraiser Holds Tuition Raffle

West Side Montessori is excited to offer a Tuition Raffle at this year's spring fundraiser — ***Montessori March Madness "Playing to Win!"***

Tickets are $200/each and multiple tickets per person can be purchased, however, only 100 tickets will be sold. You don't have to be a parent of a WSM child to enter the Tuition Raffle. It's a great way for grandparents, family, and friends to contribute and you need not be present to win. *(Note: Winnings will reduce your tuition and are not redeemable for cash.)*

Don't be the last one out of the gate! The Tuition Raffle drawing will be held at the spring fundraiser event on Saturday, March 8.

Visit the **WSM Spring Fundraiser** website for all the details and to purchase your chance to win your child's tuition for a year!

Do You Have Questions About Tuition Assistance?

West Side Montessori has a need-based tuition assistance program that helps to make a quality Montessori education possible for families who otherwise could not afford to attend WSM. Tuition assistance funds come partially from the spring fundraiser and from Annual Enhancement Fund contributions.

Families who wish to receive tuition assistance must apply annually. West Side Montessori has contracted FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment to provide the needs analysis for the upcoming 2014-2015 school year. This company is user friendly with Customer Care Representatives that families can contact to have their questions answered.

The cost to apply to FACTS for needs analysis is $30 and information needed includes 2012 or 2013 tax forms, 2013 W-2 Wage and Tax Statements as well as other supporting information based on your circumstances.

To apply go to **factstuitionaid.com**. Please complete your application prior to **March 1**. If you would prefer a paper application form, contact Anne Spenny, at (419) 866-1931 or **aspenny@wsmctoledo.org**.

Artwork Deadline Extended

Montessori Education Week is Feb. 24-28

ATTENTION STUDENTS of ALL AGES!

Again this year West Side Montessori is offering a special T-shirt to celebrate Montessori Education Week, and you can help design it!

Submit a design showing what Montessori education means to you. It will be displayed and appreciated on campus for one week. One design will be selected for this year's T-shirt. All designs should be submitted on an 8 1/2 x 11 piece of white printer paper and done in a black Sharpie marker.

The deadline for submissions has been extended until Friday, Jan. 31. Please drop your design off in either campus office. T-shirts will be available for purchase in February.

Children, families, and friends can work together or alone. Tell us what "Montessori" means to you!

Learning to Accept Others

Kids on the Block, a puppeteer group, visited the Lower Elementary classrooms last week. Each large, hand-crafted puppet represented a child with a disability. Disabilities included the blind, deaf, physically disabled, learning disabled, and Down's Syndrome. Students learned that every person is important and accepting others differences will help create a more peaceful world.

Can You Help?

Toledo Little House is looking for an additional pack-n-play to use for afternoon naps. If you are able to donate one, please contact **Dawn Westley**. Thank you.

School Closing & Delay Information

- **Check Your Email:**
  An email announcement will be sent to all WSM families.
- **School Closing:**
  Tune in to WTOL Channel 11, WTVG Channel 13 or AM Radio WSPD (1370)
- **One-hour Delay:**
  Childcare begins 8 a.m.
  Carline 9:15 - 9:30 a.m.
  School begins at 9:30 a.m. for all campuses.

Information also will be posted on WSM's **Facebook** page and **Twitter** account.