



**UNRESTRICTED POSSIBILITIES!**

*Play is the work of a child.*

*~ Maria Montessori*

**The Board of Trustees and Administration are pleased to invite you to the**

## **UNRESTRICTED POSSIBILITIES! KICK-OFF BREAKFAST**

**Friday, Oct. 11, from 8:30 – 9:30 a.m.  
In the Commons on the Toledo Campus**

**Please join us as we share how you can help support the mission of West Side Montessori through our Annual Enhancement Fund (AEF) as we present:**

- Special guests sharing stories of their WSM experiences.
- Charming messages from our children illustrating how AEF funds have been used in the past.
- A special presentation outlining the goals of our 2013-14 Annual Enhancement Fund campaign.
- Friendly conversation to share why WSM's Annual Enhancement Fund is so important.

**Please RSVP to Roberta Handel at [rhandel@wsmctoledo.org](mailto:rhandel@wsmctoledo.org)  
by Wednesday, Oct. 9.**



## Upcoming Events

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

6th Level Camp (*Camp Storer*)

**Tuesday, Oct. 8**

Picture Retakes (*Toledo Campus*)

**Wednesday, Oct. 9**

Middle School Field Trip

12-3:30 p.m. (*Bowling Green Landfill*)

**Friday, Oct. 11**

**Unrestricted Possibilities!**

Annual Enhancement Fund Kickoff

8:30-9:30 a.m. (*Toledo Campus*)

**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*)

**Friday, Oct. 18**

NO SCHOOL/NO CHILD CARE

Teacher Inservice

Staff Appreciation Luncheon

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# Who Should Take The Time Out?

Guest post by *Chip DeLorenzo*

Originally posted on May 1, 2013 at *Maximize Your Talent*



*Editor's Note: Chip DeLorenzo is the Head of School at the Damariscotta Montessori School in Nobleboro, Maine. He is a certified Montessori teacher (Early Childhood, Elementary I&II), and has been working in Montessori classrooms since 1995. He has been using Positive Discipline in his classrooms since he was a new teacher, and now works with Montessori schools and parents in bringing the message of Positive Discipline to the Montessori community.*

*Mr. DeLorenzo will be the guest speaker at West Side Montessori's Introduction to Positive Discipline on Thursday, Oct. 17 at 7 p.m. Watch our website for more details.*

A number of years ago I taught a class of twelve 6-9 year olds (grades 1-3) in a school room that was converted from an old farmhouse. I was only one of two teachers in the school, as well as the sole administrator. Sometimes during the day I had to leave the classroom to do things like answer an important phone call, go to the restroom or answer the front door. Because of the many hats that I wore, the kids learned to become independent and help one another, as there was only one of me. However, they were also normal kids who misbehaved from time to time—in that way it was a regular classroom.

One day, I had to leave for a few minutes to use the restroom on the second floor, where my office was. I was only gone for about five minutes when I heard a great disruption: loud voices, furniture moving, in general a lot of noise! My first thought was, "Why the @\$@#\$ can't I leave the classroom for 5 minutes without them keeping it together?!"

I was furious! I stomped downstairs, with full intention of giving the third degree to whoever caused this commotion. I still can't tell you what it was that caused me to pause and take a deep breath before I entered the room, but I did. What I saw amazed me as I entered—humbled me and made my eyes well up with tears. When I was washing my hands in the sink one of the old pipes in the floor had broken; water was pouring down through the ceiling. The kids had reacted quickly, moved tables and shelves out of the way of the incoming water, and had also emptied trash cans to catch the water. I couldn't have done a more effective job myself. They saved about \$500 worth of educational materials, as well as the rug beneath the leak.

Had I reacted to my emotional state as I stomped down the stairs I would be recalling that moment 10 years later as one of my biggest regrets as a teacher. Now, with greater understanding of myself and how the brain works, (*continued online*).

Click here to read more: [www.montessoritoledo.org/blog/](http://www.montessoritoledo.org/blog/)

**Learn more about Positive Discipline with Chip DeLorenzo on Thursday, Oct. 17, at 7 p.m. on WSM's Toledo Campus.**

*The event is free and open to the public.*

# Conference Calls Accepted Through Oct. 15

## Request Your Conference Time

Parent/Teacher Conferences are scheduled from 4-6 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 29 and Wednesday, Oct.30, and from 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 31. Parents may call and request specific times for their conferences through Tuesday, Oct. 15, after which conference times will be assigned.

### 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, Oct. 29, and Wednesday, Oct. 30, in addition to drop-in child care during your conference.

On Thursday, Oct. 31, *there will be no regular school* at the Toledo campus for Little House through eighth 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.

*There will be no school or child care on Friday, Nov. 1.*

### 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, Oct. 29, and Wednesday, Oct. 30, in addition to drop-in child care during your conference time.

*There will be no regular school* on Thursday, Oct. 31, 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.

*There will be no school or child care on Friday, Nov. 1.*

### Student Services

The Student Services team will be available for conferences at the following times:

- ✓ Intervention Specialist, Lauren Tracy  
Thursday, Oct. 31  
from 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
- ✓ Communications Specialist, Laura Monaghan  
Thursday, Oct. 31  
from 9 a.m.-2 p.m.
- ✓ Reading Specialist, Sarah Bell  
Tuesday, Oct. 29 from 4-6 p.m.  
Wednesday, Oct. 30 from 4-6 p.m.  
Thursday, Oct. 31 from 8 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

To schedule a conference with a member of the Student Services team, call Linda at (419) 866-1931.

## Picture Orders Due This Friday, Oct. 11

Picture order forms, including a thumbnail portrait, were sent home in backpacks last week. The completed form and full payment are due to your campus office on Friday, Oct. 11.

**NOTE:** Retakes are Tuesday, Oct. 8 at the Toledo Campus by reservation only.

## 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**.



## Students Learn About the Brass Family

Ben Wolke, a St. John's Jesuit graduate, music education major at UT, and trombone player in its marching band, visited with a group of kindergarten, fourth level, and middle school students and talked about the brass family on Monday, Oct. 1. While the students ate lunch, Ben played a tuba, a trumpet, and three trombones. He demonstrated each instrument and discussed their differences. The students enjoyed the program and being together with different levels.

