



Celebrating 35 Years of Nurturing Children

# WEST SIDE MONTESSORI CENTER

August 30 2010

## The Inside Story



### Sweet September Sundae

Sunday, September 12  
3-5:30 pm

The annual Sweet September Sundae ice cream social is just around the corner. It is a great place to catch up with old friends and to welcome new families to West Side. Come join us at the Bancroft Campus on Sunday, September 12, from 3-5:30 pm where there will be fun and refreshments for everyone.

Hero's, the Party Experience will add to the fun in the form of inflatables and airbursh tatoos. Gracing the center stage will be Wilson Lake and the Rock Bass, singing some of their ever-popular tunes like Burnt Marshmallow Blues, Rock Skippin', Dirt Bike Racer, and Fish Flippin' Fever.

If it's crafts you're after, there will be plenty of activities. Come join us at the craft table to make your own foam sun visor, design your own key chain or backpack chain, or decorate your school pencil with an adorable pencil critter.

If you have any questions or would like to volunteer to help out, please email Barb Masters at [barb@barbmasters.com](mailto:barb@barbmasters.com).

If you plan to attend, please fill out the flyer sent home over the summer. If you need another copy, stop in your campus office. We look forward to seeing you there!



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**Keep up to date on school happenings!**

### CALENDAR

Aug 30	Mon	All Pre-Primary Attend	
Aug 30-Sept 1		Middle School Fall Camp	
Sept 2	Thu	Upper EI Parent Night (BC)	7 pm
Sept 6	Mon	Labor Day - No school/child care	
Sept 7	Tue	Parents' Association Meeting (BC)	7 pm
		All Parents Welcome!	
Sept 10	Fri	Deadline for Pizza Day Order Forms	
Sept 12	Sun	Sweet September Sundae (BC)	3-5:30 pm
Sept 13	Mon	Acorn to Oak (MC)	9-10:30 am
Sept 14	Tue	Acorn to Oak (MC)	9-10:30 am
Sept 16	Thu	Lower Elementary Parent Night (MC)	7 pm

*MC McCord Campus BC Bancroft Campus PC Perrysburg Campus*

### September Monthly Calendar Attached

## Extracurriculars Start Up September 20

Keep your eyes on the newsletter as descriptions of our extracurricular offerings will be listed on September 7. Please note that, as part of our continuing efforts to reduce our use of paper, registration forms will be available online at the school's website and in each campus office. All extracurricular classes will begin the week of September 20. We're looking forward to a great year of after-school fun!

## Guide for Families Available Online

If you have questions about school policies or procedures, check out WSMC's "A Guide for Families" online at [www.wsmctoledo.org](http://www.wsmctoledo.org). A limited number of hard copies are available through the McCord office.

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## **Putting Safety First at All West Side Campuses**

### *Parking Lot and Car Line Reminders*

Coming and going from school should be fun and safe. The best way to ensure safety in the parking lot is to follow the arrival and departure procedures that have been created with your child's safety in mind.

#### ***McCord Campus***

Enter the school parking lot through the north driveway. Turn right as you enter the parking lot. There is a one-way traffic flow pattern. You may elect to drive through car line and drop off or pick up your child during designated car line times, or you may park and walk your child to the door. Always hold the hand of any child too young or too impulsive to be trusted to stay by your side.

#### ***Three Lanes***

Little House car line traffic is asked to stay in the outside lane closest to McCord Rd. Teachers will meet cars during arrival and dismissal times. Main building car line traffic should move through the center lane until reaching the north corner of the building. Pre-primary children can be dropped off at their assigned classrooms. Yellow, Orange, Green, Red and Blue rooms have corresponding flags to greet parents and children at arrival and dismissal times. Lower Elementary students enter through the front office door but may be dropped off at any stopping point to walk down the sidewalk. The inside lane is reserved for parking or circulation traffic.

#### ***Remember...***

Drivers are expected to yield to Little House cars to keep traffic flowing. Drivers are also expected to maintain their places in line and not cut in front of other drivers. Also, please refrain from cell phone usage while maneuvering through car line.

#### ***Bancroft Campus***

Drivers should enter car line by turning right (counter-clockwise) and proceeding through the parking lot following the large white arrows if you intend to use the car line drop-off/pick-up or the large yellow arrows if you intend to park and walk your child(ren) into the building. All students will enter through the lobby door on the west side of the building. Only buses will use the east side for drop-off/pick-up. To exit, follow the white or yellow arrows, traveling in a counter-clockwise direction, to leave the parking lot.

#### ***Perrysburg Campus***

All cars enter through the west single lane driveway. Follow the drive to the front of the building, maintaining your place in line until a space is available past the two Great Room doors. If cars are backed up into the street, please pull into the parking lot and loop around to the front of the building or park and walk your child(ren) to his/her classroom teacher. Continue in a counter-clockwise direction to exit the lot.

## **Deadline for Busing Contracts for Anthony Wayne, Perrysburg and Toledo Public School Districts**

If you reside in Anthony Wayne Local, Perrysburg Public, or Toledo Public school districts and would utilize the district's public schools' transportation service (ages K and up), you are eligible to apply for transportation reimbursement. Parents must apply every year. Applications for Perrysburg and Toledo Public are available in the McCord Campus office. To receive reimbursement for Anthony Wayne Local, you must send a letter

requesting the form; the letter should contain the following: child's name, address, phone number, parental contact, attending school and child's grade level.

The submission deadline for Anthony Wayne Local is October 1. The submission deadline for Toledo Public is November 30. Perrysburg Public does not have a deadline.

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## What Is West Side's Parents' Association?

*Who Belongs and When Are the Meetings?  
All Your Questions Answered!*

The Parents' Association at West Side is made up of parents just like you! All parents are invited to attend the monthly meetings. The Parents' Association meets to discuss programs and activities focused on building school community. Active membership in the Parents' Association through volunteerism, meeting attendance and/or joining the Parents' Association Coordinating Committee (PACC) is an excellent way to become acquainted with other parents, staff, and the school. The first meeting of the school year is Tuesday, September 7, 7 pm, at the Bancroft Campus.

The Parents' Association Coordinating Committee (PACC) is the operational core of the Parents' Association. The PACC and its committees focus on short term planning and work with the West Side Montessori Center Board of Trustees on long term initiatives through reciprocal communication of plans and programs. Listed below are 2010-2011 PACC officers and members.

### **Executive Committee**

**President:** Sally Gladwell

**V. President:** Becky Gannon

**Secretary:** Erin Hennessy

**Treasurer:** Niki Simon

### **External Enhancements**

David Koeninger, Akrum Youssef

### **Fundraising**

Erin Hennessy, Nasiba Mian, Areka Foster,  
Maryam Salhi, Lauren Reynolds, Laura Robarge

### **Internal Enhancements**

Beth Gensler, Annette O'Neill, Nicole Nungester,  
Brandon Slotterbeck, Niki Simon, Mary Goldberg,  
Angie Mohanty

### **Parent Programs**

Catherine and Steve Summers, Hope and William  
Bland

### **Special Events**

Becky Gannon, Barb Masters, Mindy Vesoulis,  
Amy Choksey, Connie Kufner, Paige Hipp,  
Jen Behnfeldt

## Pizza Day Is Back!

### *McCord & Bancroft Forms Online and In Offices*

This year the PACC is pleased to continue to offer the very popular Pizza Days! Pizza will be offered on the Thursdays listed below. We will serve Vito's cheese pizza to pre-primary, lower elementary, and upper elementary students only. To make sure that your child does not miss Pizza Day, order now for the school year!

### **New Info About the Pizza Day Program**

- When you sign up for pizza days you are signed up for every pizza day of the year.
- The deadline for ordering pizza is Friday, September 10.
- Orders received between September 13 and October 7 will be charged an additional \$5 late fee.
- Orders received any time after October 7 will be charged an additional \$10 late fee.
- Also note that, like last year, ½ day children staying for lunch require a reservation with the office 24 hours ahead and will be charged for the afternoon enrichment program at \$7 per hour, per child.

Please use one form per child and return the entire form with payment (check made out to WSMC & cannot be combined with any other school fees or payments) to either the McCord or Bancroft office no later than: Friday, September 10.

Parent volunteers are needed to serve lunch in each classroom. Volunteers help count out plates, serve pizza, pour juice, etc. & are welcome to stay and enjoy a slice of pizza with their child. Email Glenda at gmiller@wsmtcledo.org if you can help with Pizza Day at McCord or Bancroft.

### **Perrysburg Pizza Day Forms This Week**

Watch backpacks this week for Perrysburg Campus Pizza Day registration forms. Pizza Day in Perrysburg is offered to Little House, Pre-Primary and Kindergarten children. Pizza Days are listed below. Return your form to the Perrysburg office by September 10. Please make checks payable to WSMC. Questions about the program? Please contact Laurie Groff at 419.874.9385.

### **Pizza Days for 2010-2011 School Year**

September 23	December 16	March 10
October 7	January 13	March 24
October 21	January 27	April 7
November 4	February 10	May 5
November 18	February 24	May 19
December 2		

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## Earn Money for Tuition Through Everyday Spending

West Side families have the opportunity to accrue credit toward their child's tuition through their everyday spending at places like Giant Eagle, Speedway, and many other area businesses. WESTAP, the school's parent-coordinated vendor certificate program, allows families to purchase "scrip" in the form of gift cards to be used as cash at their favorite participating vendor locations year-round.

This is how it works. Parents use a scrip order form to purchase scrip, which in most cases has the same value as cash, to be used at their favorite participating grocery store, gas station, restaurant, etc. Order forms may be picked up at any school campus or downloaded by visiting the school website, [www.wsmctoledo.org](http://www.wsmctoledo.org), clicking on "Our Community" and selecting "Scrip Program".

Each time you purchase scrip, a percentage - anywhere from 1-22% - of the money spent is applied toward your child's tuition. The percentage varies depending on the vendor and can be found on the order form.

If you are new to the program you need to fill out a registration form, which is available at each campus office when you place your first order. Once you accumulate more than \$20 in credit, it will either be applied to your FACTS payment or WSMC account.

To purchase scrip, you must submit your completed order form along with a check for the total amount of purchase. Checks must be made out to West Side Montessori Center. Order forms and checks can be dropped off at the campus office most convenient to you.

At the McCord Campus you may turn in orders for the upcoming week as late as Friday at 6pm. Orders dropped off at the Bancroft and Perrysburg campuses must be in by Thursday at 6pm. If you are picking up your order at McCord - it will be ready on Thursday between 8:15am-8:45am - the other campuses orders should arrive by Thursday afternoon.

Any questions? Contact John Wagner, [john.wagner@sev.org](mailto:john.wagner@sev.org), or Mary Goldberg, [mary\\_beth\\_goldberg@hotmail.com](mailto:mary_beth_goldberg@hotmail.com).

### **Kroger Community Rewards**

Do you shop at Kroger? Make sure you sign up your Kroger card for the Kroger Community Rewards Program. With this program, every time you use your card at the store you assign, the purchases are recorded and once every three months you can receive up to \$300 in tuition credit. A great way to maximize your Kroger tuition credit is to purchase scrip gift cards and then use your Kroger Plus card when making your purchases.

#### **How do you sign up your Plus Card to receive credit? Here's how it's done:**

- First, go to [www.krogercommunityrewards.com](http://www.krogercommunityrewards.com). Make sure you have your Kroger Plus card number.
- Click on SIGN IN/REGISTER, then SIGN UP TODAY in the "New Customer?" box.
- Enter your zip code, click on your favorite store, fill out your email and create a password.
- You will then get a message to check your email and click on the link in the body of the email.
- Click on MY ACCOUNT and use your email address and password to proceed.
- Click on EDIT KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS information and input your Kroger Plus card number.
- Confirm your information and enter the NPO number for West Side - 81417. Select West Side from the list and click on CONFIRM.
- To verify you are enrolled correctly, you will see your organization's name on the right side of your information page.

Once you have registered your Kroger Plus Card (and signed up your relatives and friends), please email the names to Mary Goldberg, [mary\\_beth\\_goldberg@hotmail.com](mailto:mary_beth_goldberg@hotmail.com) and let us know which student's account you would like your credits applied. If you do not designate a specific recipient, the funds will go into the tuition assistance fund.

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## Now Taking Registrations for Parent & Child Classes

West Side is currently taking registrations for the Saturday Parent and Child program and Acorn to Oak. Both programs will be held at the McCord Campus with the Acorn to Oak program meeting on Monday (for ages 13-24 months) and Tuesday (for ages 25 months-3 years) mornings.

The Saturday Class is designed for young children **who do not attend a weekday Montessori class** and who are 13 months (must be walking) through 5 years. Either parent is welcome to participate in the class, but we request that only one parent attend on a given Saturday. Parents are welcome to take turns attending with their child.

The Saturday Class meets from 10-11:30 am in The Little House and Pre-Primary classrooms at the McCord Campus beginning September 25. A short orientation meeting for **parents only** will be held from 7-8 pm on Wednesday, September 22.

The Acorn to Oak class is an eight-week program designed for young children **who are not enrolled in a Montessori program** and who are 13 months (must be walking) through 3 years. Classes begin September 13 and run from 9-10:30 am on Monday or Tuesday mornings depending on the age of your child. A parent, grandparent, or caregiver is welcome to participate in the class, but we request that only one adult attend per class. This class provides an opportunity for a child and an adult to work together in a Montessori classroom in a small group setting. A teacher introduces the adult to the Montessori philosophy, materials, and techniques to aid in working with the child at home.

Registration forms for both classes are available on the school's website at [www.wsmctoledo.org](http://www.wsmctoledo.org) and in the McCord Campus office.



### Announcing... The Stork Pays a Visit!

Congratulations to Jana Schultz on the birth of her daughter Anna Patricia Schultz on July 7, 2010. Anna was born weighing 7 lbs., 3 oz.

## PARENTS CORNER

### *Looking for Child Care*

Yellow Room teacher Brandi Parcell is available for child care. Contact Brandi at 419.230.8381, or [brandi.baker@gmail.com](mailto:brandi.baker@gmail.com)

### *Humane Society Offers Fall Programs*

Toledo Area Humane Society is registering now for its Education Fall Programs. Many course options are available from which to choose, including Animal Art Drawing Class and Pet Sitting. Call 419.891.0705 for more information.

## WSMC Holds Speech & Language Screenings

Laura Monaghan, West Side's Speech and Language pathologist, will be conducting kindergarten screenings for speech and language. The screenings will take place over the next few weeks. If you have questions about this process, please call Laura, 419.866.1931.

### **Dear West Side Families, Students, and Staff,**

I want to express my appreciation for your generosity and support of my volunteer trip to Haiti in June. Your personal commitments were incredibly helpful and allowed me in a dozen ways to make a difference within many communities. With your kind donations and support I was able to teach English, initiate a field trip for 35 children, and create a pen pal chain with Dr. Robert's orphanage.

Thank you from the bottom of my heart,  
Sincerely,

Bonnie Kangasniemi  
(Bancroft School Aged Child Care Teacher)

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 Upper Elementary Parents' Night, 7 PM	3	4
5	6 <b>Labor Day</b> No School / No Child Care	7 Parents' Association Meeting, BC 7:00	8	9	10 PACC Fall Fundraiser Begins <i>All American Fundraising</i>  Deadline to return Pizza Day form	11
12 <b>Sweet September Sundae</b> <b>BC, 3-5:30 PM</b> 	13 Acorn to Oak, MC, 9 am	14 Acorn to Oak, MC, 9 am	15	16 Lower Elementary Parents' Night, 7 PM	17	18
19	20 Acorn to Oak, MC, 9 am	21 Acorn to Oak, MC, 9 am	22 Saturday Parent & Child Class Orientation Meeting, 7 PM	23 Pizza Day MC, BC, PC	24	25 Parent & Child Class, MC
26	27 <i>Observers welcome beginning today. Call office to sign up.</i>  Acorn to Oak, MC, 9 am  <b>Picture Day</b> Perrysburg Pre-Primary Perrysburg Little House M-T	28 Acorn to Oak, MC, 9 am  <b>Picture Day</b> Levels 4-8	29 <b>Picture Day</b> McCord Pre-Primary-3rd	30 <b>Picture Day</b> Perrysburg Little House W-F		

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# WSMC EXTRACURRICULARS

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			1	2	3	4
5	6 <b>Labor Day</b> No School / No Child Care	7	8	9	10	11
12 <b>Sweet September Sundae</b> BC, 3-5:30 PM 	13	14	<b>LOOK FOR EXTRACURRICULAR DESCRIPTIONS AND DETAILS IN THE SEPTEMBER 7th NEWSLETTER</b>			18
19	20 Extracurricular classes begin this week!	21				22
26	27	28	29	30		

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