



Celebrating 34 Years of Nurturing Children

WEST SIDE MONTESSORI CENTER

July 2010

The Inside Story

All School Forms Due Prior to First Day

We know that the beginning of the school year may bring much activity...shopping for school supplies, picking out the perfect first day of school outfit, completing all of the beginning of the school year paperwork. For this reason West Side staff tries to make it as easy for you as possible by mailing your child's important school forms to you over the summer.

We understand that it can be a time intensive task, but we ask that you complete and return all of the necessary forms before the start of school. It's very important to note that the state of Ohio mandates that a Student Record Form be on file before permitting a child to attend classes.

Your cooperation allows us to provide the best possible service to you and your children. So please read this information carefully and make every effort to meet the deadlines. Call the McCord Campus, 419.866.1931, with any questions.

Help Us to Collect Important Medical Info

Having up-to-date medical information on your child is of the utmost importance. Due to the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) many doctors' offices are unwilling to provide necessary vaccination information or other health information to WSMC without parent intervention. For this reason we are asking for parents' help in expediting the return of these forms. HIPAA also affects the release forms for the administration of any medication. Please have these forms completed by your physician prior to turning in to the office.

Thank you for helping us to stay in compliance with Ohio state law and making sure that your child receives necessary medications.

CALENDAR

Aug 20	Fri	Lower Elementary Open House (MC) Upper Elementary Open House (BC)	1 pm 1 pm
Aug 23	Mon	Lower Elementary Family Interviews (MC) Upper Elementary Family Interviews (BC)	
Aug 23- 24		Little House Family Interviews (MC & PC) Pre-Primary Family Interviews (MC & PC) Middle School Family Conferences (BC)	
Aug 24	Tue	First level and Lower EI Orientation Half Day	
Aug 25-Sept 7		Little House Staggered Start Dates	
Aug 25	Wed	First day of school levels 1-8 New Pre-Primary Students Start	
Aug 26	Thu	Pre-Primary Session I	
Aug 27	Fri	Pre-Primary Session II	
Aug 30	Mon	All Pre-Primary Attend	



Sweet September Sundae

Sunday, September 12
3-5:30 pm

Every year West Side hosts an ice cream social at the school's Bancroft Campus with many fun kids' activities. This time-honored event has become a tradition with West Side families and staff. It's a great opportunity to meet new families, catch up with old friends and feed your sweet tooth. Bring your chairs and blankets and plan on having a great time!

*West Side Montessori Center is a family-oriented educational community
engaging and inspiring children to discover their potential
within an environment promoting mutual respect, social responsibility,
natural curiosity and a love of learning.*

Thank You for Your Continued Support!

During every school year, West Side, like other private schools, depends on school-wide fundraising opportunities to provide enhancement funds for classrooms, programs, and students. Because of the generous support of our families, students' extended family members, former families, friends and staff, the school is able to use these funds to enhance our school. Thank you to everyone who supported one or more of these opportunities last year.

Annual Enhancement Fund – this fundraiser is a mainstay of each school year. Last year the gifts totaled \$33,355. For the first time West Side introduced a donor Leadership Circle for gifts of \$1,000 or more. The response was outstanding for the first year with 14 participants and gifts totaling \$19,000. Some of the uses for the funds included purchase of classroom diversity materials, digital camera equipment for classrooms, and field trips. The Annual Enhancement Fund kicks-off in the fall and concludes June 30.

Spring Fundraising Event – Montessori Magic was last school year's spring event. This fun filled evening of entertainment and auction bidding has been a major fundraiser for the school's tuition assistance program. Last school year we raised over \$27,700. These funds, along with other sources, provided tuition assistance to 106 students last year. Watch for this year's event in March 2011.

Karen Weeks Memorial 5K Dub Walk/Run – held in May, this was the fourth year for this fun, family 5K walk/run held at Olander Park, Sylvania OH. We raised \$3,500. The money raised goes into a scholarship fund in honor of Karen Weeks, an amazing lower elementary teacher who passed away from breast cancer in 2005. Each year a lower elementary student is awarded the scholarship which is \$1,000/year through 8th grade. The recipient of the 2010-2011 scholarship is Donovan Hipp-Elder.

Coming Together Campaign – this campaign is raising funds for the campus consolidation project. Even though the building has been delayed, the campaign has raised over \$800,000. Work to raise these funds is ongoing.

PACC Fall Fundraiser – this fundraiser is the single event sponsored by the PACC to raise the funds they use to host community events such as Sweet September Sundae and Harvest Hoedown, and to support our students' participation in activities like Destination Imagination and Lego League. They also support the school by donating to the purchase of classroom materials, the Coming Together Campaign and more. Last year the PACC raised \$6,000 – much less than in previous years. They hope 2010-2011 will be better so they can continue to sponsor the school's many family friendly community events. This fall fundraiser kicks-off in September.

Vendor Programs – Thank you for making West Side your choice when using vendor's fundraisers. West Side receives benefits in either cash contributions or reward points that can be used for purchasing educational materials. Watch for information about the entire list of vendor programs available for our families to use or check out the school website under "Support WSMC":

- + General Mills Box Tops for Education – received \$585 thanks to the box tops you bring to school.
- + Target Taking Charge of Education – received \$162 thanks to you shopping at Target.
- + GoodSearch – received \$97 just because you used GoodSearch as your search engine.
- + Meijer Rewards – received \$129 because you designated West Side for Meijer Rewards.

Thank you again! If you have any questions about any of the above, please contact Lyn Cooke, ldcooke@wsmctoledo.org, 419.866-1931.

Your participation in any or all of the above is greatly appreciated.

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AUGUST 2010

MC = McCord Campus LH = Little House BC = Bancroft Campus PC = Perrysburg Campus

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
					Lower Elementary Open House, 1 pm Upper Elementary Open House, 1 pm	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	<u>Family Interviews:</u> The Little House Pre-Primary Lower EI Upper EI <u>Family Conferences</u> Middle School	<u>Family Interviews continued:</u> The Little House Pre-Primary <u>Family Conf. continued:</u> Middle School Lower Elementary Orientation 1/2 Day: all 1st level and students NEW to Lower EI	Little House Staggered Start Dates Begin 8/25-9/7 First Day of School Levels 1-8 NEW Pre-Primary Students Start	Pre-Primary Session I	Pre-Primary Session II	
29	30	31				
	All Pre-Primary Attend					

School Closings: Tune in to WTOL Channel 11, WTVG Channel 13 or AM Radio WSPD (1370)
One-hour Delay: Childcare begins 8:00 am. Carline 9:15 - 9:30 am. School begins at 9:30 am for all campuses