

The Montessori School Community Update

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TMS would be happy to share our monthly updates with your children's grandparents! Send those email addresses to the **[office](#)**.

Peace in the Home

Wednesday

Feb. 17th 8:45am

Informal parenting discussion facilitated by Annamarie Edwards,

~ MANY THANKS TO OUR GENEROUS DONORS ~



Annual Fund Continues to Grow!

Over \$21,000 of our \$50,000 Goal Raised to Date

Thank you to all the families and individuals who have already given so generously to this year's Annual Fund. This is the perfect time to send your donation in - its never to early to start logging your charitable tax donations for 2010! We would also be very happy to send information to grandparents and other interested family members. Please send that information to the [office](#)!

It's wonderful to see the proceeds of last year's Campaign improving the acoustics in the classrooms...Your donation this year will ensure quality professional development opportunities for your children's teachers!

Natural Learning Initiative

... a DREAM to REALITY!

TMS is seeking two or three people willing to serve as the core team who will hold monthly meetings, plan work days, and schedule the implementation of the NLI plan on various levels. If you have been looking for the perfect **long-term** opportunity to complete your work share and assist the school with a very meaningful project, the time is NOW!

The ideal partners would have a good understanding of the NLI plan, (if you don't have this, we can provide it), and be willing and able to work alongside other parents, teachers, staff and friends of the school in a positive and enthusiastic manner! Good organizational skills and experience in sustainable landscape and knowledge of low impact design would be useful, but not required. Flexibility and a good sense of humor are always helpful!

Director of Education

The Child in the
Natural World

Parent Education

Rescheduled to

*Thurs., Feb 18th
6pm*

Please reserve childcare
with office

Special
Prospective
Parents

Open House

Thurs, March 4th

Invite your friends who
are looking
for something special for
their child/ren.

They can drop in to
tour the school,
observe our
classrooms, meet
teachers

9-11am or 5-7pm

Next Community
Sing

Friday, March 5th
9am

Next Community
Meeting

Wed, March 10th
6pm

The execution of these early stages of the NLI project continue to be supported from the 2007-2008 Auction revenue and will also receive support from this year's auction! Attend the auction this year as your first step in being an agent of change for our campus! We are sure to see the results!



Great Experiences and Items await
your bidding - Register Today!

The evening would not be complete without YOU and your guests! We have wonderful food and entertainment planned and the best auction items around - because there are so many personalized opportunities available to bid on. You have to take a chance on winning what your child's teacher has donated or perhaps the class project that s/he worked so hard on. Just to name a few: Pie of the Month (from scratch!) donated by Karen Doty, LEL1 Teacher; a delicious Indian meal donated by Ms. Sujata, CH 5 Asst.; hand painted items and art by a number of classrooms...**You won't want to miss the chance to have the winning bid for a week's stay at a Costa Rican Vacation home, a Wyoming water rafting trip, or a Sanders Ridge Farm CSA ([click here](#) to learn more about this great item!)**

Keep your eyes out for an exciting new twist to be announced for this year's auction!

Also, it's not too late to donate fabulous items that you are able to acquire or experiences you can share! Call or [email Frances Beasley](#) today!

Currently on Agenda:

NLI UPDATE

(See Articles to right for exciting news!)

Please email [office](#)

with any items you would like put on agenda and/or childcare reservation.

Last month's minutes always available on school website

April's Meeting

Tues, April 13th

Future Montessori Students born !



John Garret Hiliard

Evans

Dec. 30th

9 lb. 2 oz., 21-inches
Congratulations to big sister Cora in CH 6 and parents Jerry & Adele!

Rafael Maldjian

Jan. 20th

7 lb. 4 oz., 21-inches
Congratulations to big siblings Joseph and Ani in CH 5, Andre and parents Joseph & Mariana!

Register for the Auction TODAY

TMS awarded funds through the Community Conservation Assistance Program



The Montessori School recently applied for and was awarded financial assistance through The NC Division of Soil and Water Conservation and their The Community Conservation Assistance Program (CCAP).

The assistance program will provide up to \$4,285 toward our purchase and installation of three rainwater cisterns on the School grounds.

Between the three, we will be able to harvest up to 2,500 gallons of water at one time. The water will be used to support current campus plantings and will be one way our School plans to reduce our dependence on outside resources. Our students will have an on-site opportunity to learn about the process of rain water harvesting and water quality and to watch the cistern process at work! This is the first of many steps toward adopting the plans set forth in our Natural Learning Initiative (NLI).

We have several exciting projects ahead of us as we improve the ecosystem of our site!

Continue to Share as you are able!

Food Banks Still Have Great Need



We ask that you and your children continue to

remember those in need this year by adding a few non-perishable healthy items to your shopping carts. Donations historically decline after the holiday season, but there are no less families in need now! Thank you to those of you who have carted the food to the Food Bank. We hope that this needs to be done often! Directions are always available online or at the front desk.

Mark your calendars now for **2nd Harvest's EMPTY BOWLS** event happening this year on April 21st (also Administrative Professional's Day). Click the above link for all the details! A perfect way to have a delicious lunch AND help those in need! For our Noon-time dismissal families: plan lunch and a playdate that day! Hanes Park is right nearby!

[Click here for registration form](#)



Inclement Weather Procedure

The Montessori School DOES NOT follow the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County School System for inclement weather delays or closings.

Inclement weather closings or delays for TMS will be posted on our school website; our voicemail; and on WXII-TV, WXLV-TV, WFMY/TV, & WSJS/WTQR radio.

Opening changes may be posted as late as 6:45 am, so please check back often. Our decision to open or close will take into consideration the travel conditions and general safety of our staff, students, and parents. We ask that parents make their own travel and attendance decisions based upon weather and road conditions in their vicinity. Class time missed due to inclement weather will not be rescheduled.

THANK YOU'S

To Michelle Babcock, mom of Marisol in Todder 3 & MacLean in CH4 and Kirby McCrary, dad of Rachel in UpEI and Chase in LEL2 for putting together several map holders for our children's house classrooms.

Financial Aid Information 2010-11

Recipients to be notified 2/24

If you have questions, please contact Liz Meadows in the Business Office at extension 103.

ENROLLMENT 2010

On Saturday, February 13th, contracts for the 2010-11 academic year were mailed to all current families with students eligible for re-enrollment, and any of their siblings for whom applications have been received and spaces are currently available. These contracts will be due, with enrollment fees, on Friday, February 26th to secure the space/s offered. Please note that spaces cannot be guaranteed for those contracts received after this date.

If you have a younger child that you are interested in enrolling for the 2010-2011 school year, he or she MUST have an application on file to be considered for placement. Please email [office](#) for an application.

On March 1st, open enrollment begins, when contracts will start being offered to those new families for whom spaces are available.

Upper Elementary has Brain Awareness Day!

Article by 5th Year student Claire Reboussin



The Upper Elementary Class got to see real human brains! Researchers from Wake Forest Baptist Hospital brought the brains. They came on Jan. 12, 2010. There were three different stations. At the first one we learned about the different parts of the human brain, plus we got to hold the human brains! At the second station we learned about animal brains and how sometimes the bigger the brain the smarter the animal. At the third station we made a brain cell and learned about the different parts of the brain cell. We had lots of fun. But the brains did not smell good.

To Marty Strauss, grandfather of Harli (LEL2) and Eitan (UPEL) for donating a set of flatware to our kitchen. Much needed and appreciated.

Keep TMS in mind as you downsize, and check with the office about any kitchen items you might not want/need anymore.

2010-2011

School Calendar
now posted on
[School Website](#)



Quick Links

[School Website](#)

[International Montessori Foundation](#)

[Scholastic Book Ordering](#)

username:
themontessorischool

password: books4ourkids
[World Book Online](#)

user name: tmsws
password: peace

Summer Camp Dates Posted



See [school website](#) for all summer dates.

Descriptions of sessions to be published Friday, February 26th!



Book Ordering

A fast and easy way to shop for great books at great prices AND the school benefits by receiving credits for library purchases!

2 ways to shop:

Simply log on to the [Scholastic Parent Ordering website](#).

Our login: the montessori school Password: books4ourkids

Browse the available catalogues on screen and it's a simple click and order. Orders are due by the 15th of the month. Books will be delivered to the school, and Betsy Wisenbaker will deliver them to your child's tote. You can ask questions to Betsy directly from the scholastic website or at namadog@hotmail.com.

Events in Winston-Salem

CHECK OUT SMITTY's NOTES for what's going on in Winston this month!!

So much!! From Vermiculture to Symphony concerts!

FIT Nutrition: Toddlers & Picky Eaters

Based on Ellyn Satter's Feeding with Love and Good Sense

Location: The Kohl's Family Collaborative 2nd floor Gateway YWCA
1300 S. Main St., Winston-Salem, NC 27127

Date: March 10 & 24, 2010, a 2 Class Series

Time: 6:00pm-7:30pm Same Location

FIT Nutrition is a two class series addressing the challenges of feeding toddlers. This series is led by a registered dietician and licensed counselor. FIT Nutrition assists parents in addressing issues such as: picky eating, over/under feeding, food variety, refusal to eat, portion size, and how relationships between parents/children are affected by feeding. The February program is free to participants through the contribution of The Kohl's Family Collaborative. Daycare available when pre-arranged during registration. To Register please notify Sara Ebbbers at sebbbers@wfubmc.edu or 722-5138 ex 318.

TMS T-Shirts still available!

The shirts are made from organic cotton and printed here in NC from a company with values similar to our school's - tsdesigns.com.
You may purchase at the front desk.

As always, please call with any questions or concerns. We strive everyday to provide a joyful learning experience for your children.

Sincerely,

The Staff and Administration