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TMS Celebrates 30 Years

The 2013-14 School Year marks TMS's 30th year of service to the children of Winston-Salem and Dr. Montessori’s vision. In honor of this milestone we begin our first community update with a short history lesson about our journey from our humble beginnings on Bolton Street to our beautiful 8 acre home on Holder.

The year was 1984 and the Montessori movement in Winston-Salem was still in its adolescents with an uncertain future. It was at this time that two of the three existing Montessori schools in Winston-Salem, Forsyth Montessori and Reynolda Montessori, merged together in rented space in the Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church on Bolton Street to found The Montessori Children’s Center Inc. (Later to be known as The Montessori School of Winston-Salem).

In 1992 a new home was found on Old Vineyard Road. Here our programs grew to eventually serve two Toddler environments, five Children's House environments, and a combined Lower and Upper Elementary environment. It was during this time that The Montessori Children’s Center, Inc. adopted the operating name, The Montessori School (of Winston-Salem), retaining the original name as our corporation title.

Then in the summer of 2006, a new building designed by Montessori architect, Jim Dyck was completed, and The Montessori School moved to its new 8 acre campus on Holder Road in Clemmons, North Carolina. Since then TMS has redefined its core values and purpose through the development of our Blueprint, developed a master site plan for outdoor learning environments, grown to serve over 200 students and celebrated 4 classes of graduates from our Upper Elementary program.

As a school community we have much to be thankful for indeed. And so, with joy and gratitude we will take time this year to celebrate our first 30 years. With inspiration and passion we look towards the next 30 years of service to the child and Dr. Montessori's vision.

September Events

TMS 2013-14 Event calendar is available on the school website. You now have the option of linking the calendar to your personal calendar with the "ical" option.

Tues. 9/10 10:00AM-11:00AM
Sub Training
Please RSVP with Shauna Quiroz by clicking here.

Thurs. 9/12 6PM
Community Meeting
Reserve childcare by clicking here.

Fri. 9/27 6:00 pm

Welcome to New Faculty & Staff!

Leah Tablazon: Toddler 2 Co-Lead
Cassie Cochran: Toddler 3 Assistant
Michelle Morgan: Toddler Sunset Lead
Elaine Gwin: Toddler Sunset Assistant
Katie Morse: Toddler Sunrise Lead
Pam Guy: Children's House 4 Assistant
Lauren Duncan: Lower Elementary 2 Assistant
Will Randolph: Upper Elementary Assistant
Laura Maruzzella: Artist in Residence and Elementary Sunset Assistant

We are grateful to have these talented individuals!

Fall Picnic Friday 9/27 6pm

Come for dinner, family fun, and meet new TMS families!
Enjoy food and fun with us at TMS. Please bring chairs and blankets for your comfort on TMS Grounds.

What to bring:
1 main dish and 1 side or dessert to share
Fri. 9/24 6:00 pm
Parent Discussion: Montessori in the Home (Birth to 12 yrs old)
Please RSVP for childcare by noon of this day with the office.
(see article)

Mon.9/30-10/1
School Portraits
Monday: CH Students
Tuesday: Siblings and Elementary
(Toddlers will be taken in the Spring)

Hispanic Month: September 23rd to November 8th

It's that time again.
TMS's annual Hispanic Week is now a month and will coincide with National Hispanic Heritage Month in September and October.
Ms. Luisa will lead us again in celebrating the diversity of Hispanic culture through art, dance, music and drama and yes, food.
We will conclude our Hispanic Month with our November 8th "Spanish" community sing.
Oh what fun this will be!

Community Meeting
Thursday, 9/12 6pm

What is a Community Meeting?
The Montessori School adopted the community meeting process in 2006, and with each meeting, we continue the art of perfecting the process and using it to effectively collaborate in the best interest of our School. The goal of each community meeting is to provide a forum for the open exchange of ideas, not necessarily being involved with the current and future plans of our school. Each community meeting is to provide a forum for the open exchange of ideas, not necessarily being involved with the current and future plans of our school.

On the agenda:
- Meet new TMS Board of Trustee, Rick Rutledge
- Reflections on parking lot renovations

If you have any items you wish to discuss at one of our community meetings, please let us know by the 4th of the upcoming month by contacting the office.

Welcome Future Montessori Student!

Library Time!
by Marybeth Oas, Librarian

Woo-hoo! The New School Year Has Begun!
The library is already bustling with eager elementary students browsing the collection for pleasure reading and scouring it for the perfect sources for their research projects. In the coming weeks, the riches of the library will be extended to our friends in Children's House and the Toddler wing. For families new to the school and as a refresher for veterans, below is an explanation of the students' access to the library and their borrowing privileges.

Lower Elementary and Upper Elementary students visit the teachers' discretion throughout the school day and week. LE is allowed to check out up to 4 books for 30 days and UE is allowed to check out up to 5 books for 30 days. They return their books to the library drop box at the desk in the library.

Children's House classrooms visit the library every Wednesday morning. Each child may choose one book, which they are asked to return by the next Wednesday in order to borrow another. Children's House students should return their books to the special bag hanging on the back of their classroom door. Library volunteers will collect them from there. Notices will be sent home before each library day as a polite reminder for those whose book is past due. Children's classes will visit the library for the first time this year on September 11th.

All toddler classes will visit the library on Thursday mornings, starting the last week of September or first week of October.

In past years, library volunteers brought a selection of books down the hall and along with a classroom teacher, shared them with the Toddlers either in the hallway or their classroom. The library is already bustling with eager elementary students browsing the collection for pleasure reading and scouring it for the perfect sources for their research projects.

If your child/ren are old enough to borrow, please help them care for the books responsibly.

Please report any losses or damages as soon as they occur so your child will be able to continue checking books out. Fees for lost or badly damaged books will be managed by the office. More information regarding handling damaged and lost books will be managed by the office.

Please contact me at marybeth.oas@gmail.com with any questions. Happy reading!

Easy $$ for TMS!

Harris Teeter will donate dollars to our school each time you shop there - and it won't cost you a thing! Just link your VIC card to account #3736. For the 26 families linking their cards last year please do so again, Teeter requires re-linking for the new school year...it only takes a minute to do and last year TMS earned $201.31 with the help from the 26 families! 

Visit the Harris Teeter website and click on "My VIC Manager" and "Manage Your Cards." You will need to click the "add card" button to add the card.

Target Stores also donates $$ to schools! Link your Target Red Card or Visa to our school. Go to "Target.com" and click on "Sign In" at the top. Go to the "Get More Rewards" section and click "Link Your Accounts." Enter the account number and the school ID (117270).

Campbell Soup Labels
http://www.labelsforeducation.com/My-School

Box Tops for Education
Snip and collect the little stamps on many of the products you regularly buy and turn them into school (basket in the office).
**Tuition Payments**

**Helpful Information**

Don’t forget that monthly tuition installments and the Sunrise and Sunset school program installments are due on the first of the month and considered late after the fifth. We do not send monthly invoices, however, if you need a statement of your account for tax purposes or flex spending accounts please contact Liz at lizmeadows@wsmontessori.org or extension #103. You may also visit our website for a complete listing of the 2013/14 tuition and fees schedule.

http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=0014iHPo0WyaGmX-PEdmbA4A-ZVPkz2hwyTlMx9eqwFLvNgjiCkcl5Sd4V59PXi5n1tcrwB3HszKSe. Q1-Xnp4ZRAohJN4HOkflJl1rUHe1EdpWzp5jr0qj0C2u3x-NMrfjQ2YKfeObQ5ebHcmzqjXWb7efH2imFDWapHy95Spcc588IP4poeMkhHuU1i0rQnONQIG15Guvjigc&=c&ch=

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**Montessori in the Home:**

**Birth to 12 yrs old**

**Tuesday 9/24, 6pm**

Childcare available for this wonderful session at TMS. Discuss strategies for bringing the peaceful learning that your child experiences at school into your home.

Please RSVP for childcare to Shauna!

There will be many Montessori Parent Discussion/Support events offered throughout the year. Mark your calendar now for the October 17th-6pm discussion.

“We affirm that education begins at birth and continues throughout life.”

-- The Blueprint: The Montessori School of Winston Salem 2007

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As always, the faculty and staff, are available to you for any questions or comments you may have along the way. Wishing everyone a wonderful Fall season!

The Administration Team