Community Update
The Montessori School of Winston-Salem

Curious, engaged learners!

What an amazing year we’ve had so far! Our school has been a hubbub of vibrant and active learning. The toddlers have learned to set their snack table and eat their snacks with great independence and pride, the Children’s House students are exploring the world of numbers and letters, and the Elementary students are discovering answers to their many burning questions about how the world works.

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Save the Date!

What to Expect in Children’s House
1/8/15 - 6-7:30 pm
Come hear about the exciting Children’s House community!

Community Meeting
1/13/15 - 6 pm
Join us as Jon presents the State of our School Address.

Substitute Training
1/15/15 - 9-11 am
Please contact Annamarie Edwards to sign-up.

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As the winter chill sets in and snow is almost in the air, we turn our thoughts to the sun and fun of summer!

We’re building on last year’s success by keeping the elements from last year that were important to you:

- TMS Faculty
- Camps for Toddlers through Elementary/Alumni
- Expanded Sunrise/Sunset Hours
- Wide variety of Camp Offerings

PLUS NEW OFFERINGS!

Can we improve on last year’s success? DEFINITELY!!! Registration information and a complete set of offerings will be available in February 2015. Questions? Contact Michael Hosey, Director of Summer Ventures, at michaelhosey@wsmontessori.org.

Inclement Weather Reminder

As we shift our thoughts from summer fun to the realities of an approaching winter, here’s a reminder that we do not follow the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County School closing/delay decisions. TMS inclement weather closing/school delay information will be posted by 7 a.m.:

- TMS website - wsmontessori.org
- TMS Voicemail - 336.766.5550
- WXII - online and TV

Sunrise/Sunset Openings: Spring 2015

There are a few openings remaining in Toddler Sunrise and Sunset, CH Sunrise and Elementary Sunset for the spring semester. Please contact Trish Corbett, Director of Admissions, to enroll.
Tuition Payment Reminders: Options B & C

Remember to remit your tuition payment prior to the 5th of the month, as a $25 late fee will be applied to your account after that date. Please mail your payments to the school – Attention: Liz Meadows, Business Manager – as our business offices will be closed until 1/2/15.

Multi-child families paying by Option B or C: Remember to apply the discount to your payments. If you are uncertain of the tuition amount or discount, refer to the tuition schedule on our website.

Financial Aid Deadline: 2/9/15

The Financial Aid (FA) program was created to assist families with tuition in the form of need-based grants. Our school is committed to supporting those families who cannot meet the full expense of current tuition rates. The Financial Aid Committee is dedicated to distributing these funds to as many eligible families as possible, those who desire an authentic Montessori education for their children. The distribution is determined yearly, based on the number of applicants and the amount of money that the school has allocated for aid. The actual amount distributed per family may change year to year based on the need of the applicants and the budgetary restraints of the school. A ward of aid one year does not guarantee future aid, yet previous recipients are given priority.

The financial aid allocation is decided by the Financial Aid Committee and the Head of School. The parents' financial aid statement and results are considered private and confidential information by The Montessori School of Winston-Salem. The information is used only to determine your family’s need for assistance in offsetting the cost of tuition.

If you have any questions about FA, please contact Liz Meadows or visit our website for the link to the on-line application.

Our TMS Family keeps growing!

Help us welcome these beautiful babies into our community.

Marshall Thomas Booth
Born 3/11/14 – 4 lbs. 8 oz
To big brother Franklin (CH 5) and Benjamin and Jessica Booth

James Patrick Gilchrist
To big sister Emma (CH 2) and Andrew and Ann Marie Gilchrist

Hunter Glen Pearl
Born 6/23/14 – 8 lbs. 12 oz.
To big sister Ariane (LE 2) and Jonathan and Natalie Pearl

Vance Barron Hyde
Born 6/24/14 – 8 lbs.
To big brother Charlie (CH 2) and Ruth and Adam Hyde

Caroline Paula Shalaurov
Born 7/21/14 – 8 lbs. 3 oz.
To big sister Lilia (CH 1) and Andrey and Yanica Shalaurov

Sarvesh Satish
Born 7/24/14 – 7 lbs.
To big sister Deechu (CH 2) and Satish Shivakulandai and Abirami Vijayaraghavan

Trinity Barbara & Serenity Edris Rodriguez
To big brothers Deacon (T 2) and Bishop (CH 2) and Carloes and Nyree Rodriguez

Harper Laine Tillman
Born 10/5/14 – 8 lbs. 11 oz.
To big brothers Wesley (CH 5) and Lee and Tiffany Tillman

Chase Iones Ripple
Born 10/14/14 – 5 lbs. 12 oz.
To big sisters Camryn (CH 5) Courtney (CH 3) and Roxann and Bryan Ripple
TMS STUDENTS MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Students at our Montessori school learn from an early age the importance of contributing to their larger community. Below we are highlighting two of our Elementary students – Shaun Kawalec (LE 2) and Dana Leander (Upper Elementary) – who exhibited leadership, compassion and social responsibility in making a difference in the lives of members of the greater Winston-Salem community (those that are 2 legged and 4 legged!). Thank you for all your support of these worthwhile causes.

Shaun Kawalec

Shaun’s not the typical 8-year old. For his birthday, he asked family and friends to bring items that he could donate to the Forsyth County Humane Society in lieu of gifts. Even after his birthday he wanted to expand his support and approached TMS to see if we could support his efforts. Below is an excerpt from an interview Caroline Crotts, a 4th year student in our Upper Elementary program, conducted with Shaun to find out more about this act of generosity.

Shaun told Caroline that he feels “really good about helping the animals.” When she asked if anyone from the schools helped him collect the items, he replied “Parents and students from the whole school brought towels and blankets, in fact about 26 towels and 16 blankets!”

Dana Leander

Those who know Dana describe her as a caring, supportive friend and classmate, so it was no surprise when Dana organized a Food Drive to help the Clemmons Food Pantry and asked TMS to support her efforts.

Although Dana had never done anything like this before, she quickly designed a game plan. Dana enlisted some of her Upper Elementary peers to create flyers to get the word out about the need for food contributions. These students arrived at school early in order to walk through the morning car line, accepting donations from our families. Because of the generosity of our families, over 375 pounds of food went to local families experiencing food insecurity.
1 picture is worth 1,000 words!