



WEDNESDAY WEEKLY

WMS Art on Exhibit

The Delaware Association of Independent Schools (DAIS) Art Exhibit at St. Anne's Episcopal School (211 Silver Lake Road, Middletown, DE) features work by WMS 9-12 students

Gallery Opening and Reception -
March 4th, 4:00 – 7:00 p.m.

March 5th, 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
March 6th, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

P.J. Bingo Night

P.J. Bingo night has been rescheduled to:

Friday, March 19, 6:00 p.m.

Tickets are \$10 per person. Tickets for a family of four are \$35 and for a family of five, are \$40. The money benefits the fifth graders who will be going to the United Nations in their sixth grade year at WMS.

We hope to see you at P.J. Bingo night!

From the 9-12 Program Students



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- March 3: Admissions Open House – Tell a Friend!
9:30 a.m. , Library
- March 3: Auction Committee Meeting
9:00 a.m., Conference Room
- March 4: 9-12 Program Talent Show
11:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.
- March 8-19 Artist in Residence at WMS
- March 9: Marketing Committee Meeting
9:15 a.m., Conf. Room
- March 9: “Hollywood Squares” – The chance to create a keepsake and support WMS
4:00 – 6:00 p.m., Lobby
- March 9: Surviving the Challenge of Children Parent Workshop with Yvonne Nass
6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
- March 12: Family Movie Afternoon – Brother Bear
Sponsored by the Diversity Committee
3:45 p.m.
- March 16: Diversity Advisory Committee
6:30 p.m., Library
- March 17: Auction Committee Meeting
9:00 a.m., Conference Room
- March 19: Pajama Bingo! All are welcome
6:00 p.m., Gym
- March 22-26: Spring Break – no classes
Preregistered childcare is available
by emailing cass_winner@wmsde.org
- March 31: Admissions Open House – Tell a Friend!
9:30 a.m., Library
- April 2: Building closed – Good Friday
- April 5: No classes, Easter Monday
Preregistered childcare is available
by emailing cass_winner@wmsde.org

Capturing Kids: The Basics of Family Photography



Saturday, April 10th
10:00 a.m. -2:00 p.m., Great Room

After-school photography teacher and WMS parent Heather Siple will lead this one-day workshop, intended to help parents make the best records they can of their precious family memories. During this four-hour class, participants will learn about basic composition, lighting, capturing motion and avoiding common mistakes. Everyone is encouraged to bring their cameras, problem photos and a picnic lunch.

Copies of Siple's book, *Through the Crystal Ball*, will be available for sale and a portion of the proceeds will benefit WMS.

Register at the Front Desk - \$30 per person.

CAMP CORRECTION!

Good news for potential summer drummers: the price listed in the camp brochure for the two-week Summer Steel Drum Workshop (\$600) was wildly incorrect! The price is actually \$350. New brochures have been corrected, but if you are holding an old one and would like to register, just make the correction by hand. If you know of anyone from outside the school who has a brochure and might have considered the drum program, please help to pass the word on. Thank you!

Have Your *Little Star* On Our Very Own
Wilmington Montessori
Auction & Gala
WALK OF FAME
At
Mann's Chinese Theatre

- ★ On Sale Tuesday, March 9, 2010
4pm to 6pm Only WMS Lobby
- ★ Spaces Are Limited!
- ★ First Come - First Serve

Payment must be in full during sale hours ★ \$100 per square ★ 1 Child per square

1 DAY ONLY! ★ MARCH 9, 2010

Your *Hollywood Square* Will Be On Display At This Years Auction Event
Enjoy The Auction & Gala & Take Home your Artwork!

For more information, contact Colleen Redmond (colleen_redmond@wmsde.org)



ARTIST-IN-RESIDENCE: TAMARA PAYNE

WMS will host Tamara Payne, our Artist-in-Residence, beginning next week. Tamara is a Baltimore based artist who creates art incorporating found and recycled objects. She will be coming to WMS in March to work with all the students in our school community to create a unique mosaic art installation for WMS. In preparation, Tamara has asked each child to collect a small baggie of items they will use to create their piece of the mosaic artwork.

Ideas for items include:

Marbles. Buttons. Small tiles. Stones. Broken ceramic glazed pieces. Old game pieces. Shells. Old plates. Old jewelry. Broken stained glass. Mirrored glass. Barbie shoes. Sea glass. Checkers. Bottle tops. Pennies. Rocks.

Please do not purchase items for this project – the intent is to reuse items from home. Each child should have approximately 20-40 small pieces in a plastic bag or baby food jar by March 8th. Please use parental discretion and do not allow your small child to handle broken glass or inappropriately small sized items.

Come See Brother Bear!

Looking for a fun Friday afternoon activity? The Diversity Advisory Committee is sponsoring the family movie Disney's Brother Bear. This movie describes the changes in a headstrong teenager after he turns into a bear – and is forced to examine the world through the eyes of his enemy. His journey introduces him to a forest full of wildlife on his often zany journey. This is suitable for all ages.



March 12, 3:45 p.m., Great Room

Make your annual fund contribution online!
<http://www.wmsde.org/howtogive>

→ Don't FORGET!

TALENT SHOW

Come see a wonderful display of talent by our own student body. Students in the 9-12 Program will present their Talent Show

Thursday March 4th
 11:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

AMS Re-accreditation Survey results

In December, we asked the WMS parent community to take part in a survey administered as an important step of our AMS (American Montessori Society) re-accreditation process. Last week's article in the Weekly discussed results from the second section of the survey focused on parent communications. This week will focus on the results from the third section: what parents think is needed to prepare children for the future. The final question, reflection on why parents chose WMS for their children, will be addressed next week.

Question: What do you think needs to be reflected in WMS as we prepare children for a rapidly changing world?

Parents mentioned technology, an appreciation for cultural diversity, adaptability and a love of learning. Specific comments include:

- "Flexible thinking, open ended problem solving, rigorous deep thought, getting along well with others, confidence in self, listening skills, speaking skills, conflict resolution, the belief that everyone has something to share, some unique angle that is worth listening to. Today's problems will not be solved 'by the book.'"
- "We subscribe to the tenants and covenants of Montessori teachings methods. That said, our expectation is for selected elements of current events, both domestic and abroad, be incorporated into the curriculum as maybe appropriate."
- "To be joyful learners regardless of the subject matter. To be confident and comfortable in their skin and in the world around them."
- "Even though our children are sharing a unique learning experience, other children do not have this opportunity. I think they need to be aware of the harsh criticisms and challenges they may face once they experience other schools/methods of teaching. Not sure how to present this to them, only wish all educators were as supportive as WMS instructors."
- "The ability to stay 'present.' As technology sweeps every aspect of our lives, it is too easy to get caught up in too much at once. Kids (and adults) need to know how to take a breath and not be overwhelmed. So, really the mental aspects of success."

Our Mission

Wilmington Montessori School is a collaborative learning community rooted in Montessori principles, inspiring the joyful discovery of self and a passion for learning and independent thinking. We empower children to be knowledgeable and responsible contributors to the global community.

E-mail Wednesday-Weekly@wmsde.org by Friday to submit information and announcements for publication in the following week's Wednesday Weekly. All submissions are subject to modification for space constraints and/or content clarity.