

WOODLAND HILL Montessori Messenger

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Dear Parents,

I have some faculty and staff announcements to let you know about.

I have hired a School Counselor to replace Shannon Hutton who is staying home with her baby Allison, her fourth daughter! Jane Benson-Rivera is our new School Counselor. Jane has a Master's degrees in Guidance and Counseling from Sage Graduate School and a Master's in Educational Administration from SUNY Albany, as well as a Bachelor's from SUNY in psychology. She interned at Goff Middle School in East Greenbush, and worked in Admissions at SUNY Albany. She is very eager to get to know our students and work with our faculty.

Our lower elementary teacher Megan Donnelly-Heg has decided that she would like to stay at home with her beautiful daughter Coralee, and has resigned from her position. Fortunately for Woodland Hill, Maryann Montgomery has agreed to continue on as our lower elementary teacher. I am very excited that Maryann will join our faculty permanently. She has been a Montessori educator for many years, first as a former member of our faculty, and then as owner and teacher at Morningstar Montessori. We will miss Megan very much, and are in hopes that she will rejoin us sometime in the future.


Our Spring Concert promises to be a wonderful demonstration of our students' musical talents. Our school band, led by Scott McGovern, sounds terrific! Marla Bracco will conduct our Chamber Ensemble and all of our violin groups. Christina Pickreign will direct the Handbell Choir and the WHMS Chorus and Charles Austin and the Recorder players will perform two songs, including an original number called *WHMS Rock*, which Charles wrote. Don't miss this concert!

Sincerely,

Susan Kambrich

Upcoming Events at WHMS

For updates to the WHMS calendar,
go to our website
www.woodlandhill.org

- May 25 Memorial Day-No school 
- May 26 Staff Day
No School/Enrichment Available
- May 28 10 a.m. Violin Concert
6 p.m. Spring Music Concert
- May 29 9:15 am Gymnasium and
Cultural Arts Dedication

7:00 pm Dear Edwina Play
- May 30 2:00 pm Dear Edwina Play
- June 1 TEXTBOOK FORMS DUE
9:30 am Dear Edwina Play
- June 2 UE to Nature's Classroom
MS to USS Slater
Julie's class to Berkshire Botanical
- June 3 Primary Field Day
- June 4 MS Hot Lunch
- June 10 Elementary/MS Field Day
- June 12 Last Day of School
Art Show
10 am Moving Up Primary
2 pm Moving Up EL/ MS
- June 21 Fathers' Day
- June 22 Summer Camp Begins



Faculty/Staff workshop

On Friday May 8, Matt Carlen, M. Ed., of 7th Wave Solutions, led a workshop describing with uncanny accuracy, the various personality traits of Woodland Hill Faculty and Staff members. 7th Wave specialize in strategic leadership programs. Matt is certified in Leadership Development.

He and his colleague Nancy Brooks administered a personality test to the staff.

The DiSC Personality Profile workshop assessed individuals based on a brief questionnaire and develop quality leadership development.

Matt facilitated the workshop in an engaging manner, leading the staff toward an insightful view into each person's strengths.





Summertime Fun June Enrichment Week
June 15th – June 19th



Amanda Bentley will be exploring pond life with Primary



Sara Bradley will be Cooking Light with Elementary

If you are in need of child care during June Enrichment please circle the dates needed below and return this form to the main office.

6/15 6/16 6/17 6/18 6/19

Child's Name _____ Teacher _____

Child's Name _____ Teacher _____

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If your child is not 3, does he/she nap? Yes No If Needed (circle one)

On or Before June 1st \$30 (per child) After June 1st \$40 (per child)

****Please note your child will need lunch and snacks****

*****This is a peanut free program*****



**2008-2009
Woodland Hill Montessori
Yearbook Orders**



The 2008-2009 WHMS yearbooks are still on sale for **\$40.00.***

Our yearbook is published by Taylor Publishing Co. in Dallas, Texas. It is bound with a hard-cover and is printed in full color.

The supply is limited, so please place your order **NOW** so you are not disappointed.

We will distribute the yearbooks on June 10th during Field Day.

All books MUST be paid for BEFORE June 10th.

Please make your check payable to **WHMS yearbook** and give to Meg Parascandola in the main office along with the order form.

If you have any questions, please contact Nancy Hillengas at nhillengas@nycap.rr.com

[*please note: we are unable to offer a discounted price for multiple copies ordered or WHMS staff this year due to price increases, but wanted to keep the price as low as possible]

08-09 WHMS Yearbook order form

FAMILY NAME: _____

_____ **number of books ordered** **(\$40.00/book) total amount enclosed** _____

Student name	Classroom teacher

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday Oct 3, 2009

Family Fun Day at Woodland Hill!

Volunteers needed!!

Please contribute one hour of your time on this day or join a committee to help make this a success.

"Many Hands Make Light Work"

With all parents donating one hour of their time, we will all have time to spend with our families having fun with friends and community!

PLANNING MEETING ON WED, JUNE 10 AT 3:15 AT WHMS
CHILDCARE AVAILABLE - RSVP to Meg at 283-5400

I would like to volunteer:

please circle:

one hour of my time to build games to join a committee

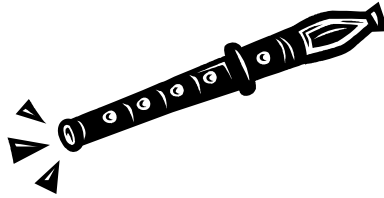
Name:

email:

phone number:

Please return to WHMS ATTN: ERIN STERANTINO
or email esterant@nycap.rr.com

You are invited



WHMS Spring Music Concert

Thursday, May 28 at 6 pm

in the new gymnasium

Featuring:

- The Chamber Music Ensemble
- School Band
- Select Chorus
- Handbell Choir
- Recorder Ensemble
- Violinists

The children have been working hard all year and are really looking forward to performing for everyone!



Performers should arrive at 5:30 and go directly to the music room in the new wing.
Please be "performer ready." Wear nice clothes and clean shoes!

Montessori Field Days 2009
Primary Field Day – Wednesday, June 3

We will be starting at 8:40 a.m. on June 3 for a thirty-minute time period per class in play-ground area. We plan on offering five stations that will be manned by parent volunteers. Keeping in mind that there are 21 children in each class, we would have 4-5 children in each station, we will need parent volunteers to help rotate the children through the stations. We would rotate the stations every six minutes. Thanks Wanda

The stations are the following: Station 1 - Parachute Station 2 - Hit the target and get a hat Station 3 - Face painting Station 4 - Sudzy Bubble station Station 5 - Pass the water balloon	Primary Field Day Schedule Cassandra’s Class - 8:40-9:10 Julia’s Class - 9:15-9:45 Nancy’s Class - 9:50-10:20 Emmy’s Class- 10:25-10:55 Liz’s Class -11:00-11:30
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We are in particular need of many Face Painters and parents to up “set up” or “take down.”

Montessori Primary Field Days

Yes, I can help. Please check below the things you can do. Multiple entries are ok; I can spread out the volunteers better. Any questions - contact wdrazan@localnet.com or call the school between 11:45 to 12:20 Monday, Wednesday Thanks Wanda

Primary Field Day ~ I can help with:

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|------------------------------|--|
| Stations _____ | Pre-work (shopping for supplies)_____ |
| Rotating with classes_____ | I am willing to do any job _____ |
| Set up (½ hour before)____ | Clean up (11:30-12:00)_____ |
| Buy water balloons____ | Supplies needed (Bubble soap, quart or larger size, face paints and brushes) |
| Bring in ice pop treats_____ | |
| Help with Face painting_____ | |

Your name_____ Phone_____

Email_____

Child’s Name_____ Child’s Teacher_____

Elementary/Middle School Field Day June 10, 2009

Time:8:30-8:55-Year Book Distribution

9:00-2:15 Field Day Activities Lunch (11:25-12:15)

The Field Day official start will be 9:00. We will have eleven stations to rotate classes through. Lunch will be held halfway through field days. For the field games, lower elementary and middle classes will be broken in half so there will be groups of 10-12 children rotating every 20 minutes through the following stations that will be manned by volunteer parents. All Children should bring water bottles and wear hats and sun screen.

Station 1- Star Wars

Station 2- Olympic Relays

Station 3- Snow Cone eating

Station 4- Parachute/ Playground

Station 5- Sit on Balloon Relay Races

Station 6- Volleyball

Station 7- Bouncy Bounce

Station 8- Wet Sponge Relays

Station 9- Arts and Crafts- Cindy Roy is in charge of this station

Station 10-Face painting

Station 11- Water balloon toss

We are in particular need of face painters, arts, crafts people and people to fill water balloons. For this year only, we are in need of parents to help set up and take down the stations.

Montessori Field Days Parent sign up

Yes, I can help. Please check below the things you can do. Multiple entries are ok; I can spread out the volunteers better. Any Questions-contact wdrazan@localnet.com

Field Day Elementary

I can help with:

Any Stations _____

Pework (making signs, shopping for supplies) _____

Rotating with classes _____

I am willing to do any job _____

Set up (one hour before) _____

Clean up (up to one hour after) _____

Buy water balloons _____

Help with Face painting _____

Bring in ice cream on a stick _____ or ice cream sandwiches _____

Bring in drinks _____

Bring filled water balloons the morning of field day _____

Help fill up water balloons _____ **Help with Arts & Crafts** _____

Buy bags of ice for the snow cone machine _____

Your Name _____ Phone _____

Email _____

Child's Name _____ Child's Teacher _____

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Thank you for your support. We have met our goal of
\$30,000!



As a thank-you, everybody who donates \$25 or more to the Annual Fund will get their very own environmentally friendly WHMS shopping bag. Made from recycled water bottles, this bag is sturdy and attractive.

If you have donated to the Annual Fund, and have not received your shopping bag, please e-mail Moira at moira@woodlandhill.org

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