

WACO MONTESSORI SCHOOL



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The Mustang Connection

Dates to remember:

September 26

Dad's Day

Sunday, September 27

WMS Day at La Fiesta

September 28

Parent Observations Begin

September 30

8:30 Auction Meeting

October 7

8:30 Auction Meeting

Picture Day

October 8

8:30 PTO Meeting

October 9

Loved Ones' Day

Early Dismissal

No After School

October 12

Fall Holiday—No School

October 14

8:30 Auction Meeting

October 19

5:30 Parent Ed—Montessori
Language Strand

October 20

6:00 Board Meeting

October 21

8:30 Auction Meeting
2:00 Auction Pep Rally

October 26

Elementary Progress Reports

October 28

8:30 Auction Meeting

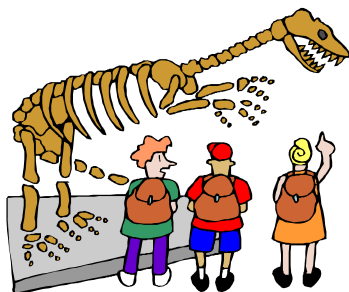
October 30

No School—Conference Day
Drop-in childcare available

6:00 AUCTION

October 31

10:00 KidStage performance



A Night at the Museum...

Blast from the Past!

Waco Montessori School

19th Annual Auction

Friday October 30, 2009 at 6:30 p.m.

Donations!

Please remember that donations for our silent auction can be dropped off anytime at the school office! Just make sure to fill out a contract to go with your item. If each family makes just one donation, we will be in fantastic shape for the auction! Call Ann Gage for more details on silent auction donations at 224-6630. Underwriting opportunities are still available. Stop by the office for more information. Thank you!

Childcare!

Make your childcare reservations now with Miss Linda at the school office! Childcare is available at Flips Gymnastics at 6933 Woodway Drive from 6p.m. until 11:45 p.m. for children ages 5 and above. Kids can wear their favorite costumes and enjoy pizza, playtime, and a movie. Cost is \$20 per child payable to Flips the night of the auction.

Sneak Peeks!!!

Basket of Mediterranean Treats are homemade by our very own Marian Khoury. Basket will contain traditional Lebanese baklava and desserts. These are absolutely delicious, and they freeze well!

Pamper your Pet! Dr. Tracy Kelly will conduct an initial exam, consultation, and a first acupuncture treatment for your pet. Great for animals with chronic pain, arthritis, or hip dysplasia.

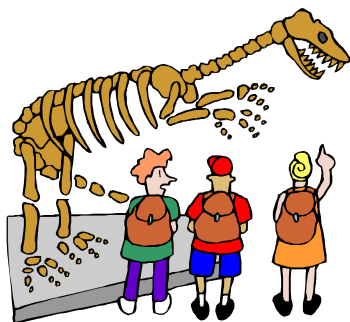
Enjoy a homemade gourmet breakfast at your home prepared by our very own upper elementary teacher, Ms. Jarvis. She will prepare cinnamon rolls, coffee, juice, and other special requests for your family. YUM!

Amazing tree service package from Sanders Landscaping (our very own Ashley and Jared Sanders).

The mission of Waco Montessori School is to educate children in a nurturing, stimulating Montessori environment that appreciates and celebrates each child, encourages respect for oneself and others, and develops life-long learning and problem-solving skills.

Gracias Merci Thank You Danke Arigato Spacibo Xie Xie Shukriya

□ John Wyche for all the honey-dos, picture, and stained glass hangings.



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October 30, 2009—MCC Conference Center

Thank you to our
Auction Committee

Chair	Amanda Hansard
Class Gifts/Projects	Mandi Emmons
Audible Auction	Sarah Aynesworth & Kimberly Nielsen
Silent Auction	Ann Gage
Socials	Karen Landis
Class Pictures	Jo Otto
Decorations	Marian Khoury
Invitations/Reservations	Lisa Salganik
Class Gifts/Projects	Mandi Emmons
Computer Entry	Melanie Gloff

Auction Committee meets at 8:30 am each
Wednesday—everyone is invited to attend!

Remember to collect
Box Tops!!!!

Thank you to our Underwriters
as of 9/24/09

Jubilee Subaru—Brad & Robyn Smith

Mr. Rooter of Central Texas

Friend of WMS

Nancy Callan

Nashim & Bruce Hamilton

Erin & Bob Davis

Bosque Valley Family Dental

Independent Bank

Waco Cardiology Associates

Central National Bank

Kerr Refuse Service

Vanguard College Preparatory School

Stewart & Tracy Kelly

Johnny & Karen Howton

Samer & Marian Khoury

Chris & Stacey Meyer

Randy & Missy Larson

Brazos Education Foundation, Inc.

Alliance Bank

Jake and Soo Battle

Ruth Chenault Holley

John and Liz Turnage



Picture Day!

Wednesday, October 7th is picture day.

Chris Pearce will be here again to take your child's individual portrait.

Portraits taken with siblings will be taken by appointment only the afternoon of Tuesday, October 6th. Contact Linda in the office to make an appointment and pick up a specific sibling order form.

Only students with pre-paid orders will have pictures taken. You can view samples of Chris' work and get tips on what to wear by viewing his website –

www.portraitsbychris.com

Sally Foster

Anyone who wishes to place an order after the 23rd can do so online at SallyFoster.com When ordering online use the WMS account # 507026 so that we get credit for the sales. If you have any questions please contact Michelle Glenn at 366-0083 or Cherie Almand at 857-8708.

WMS Day at La Fiesta

Help support our school by dining-in or driving-thru and enjoying some great Mexican food!

Where: La Fiesta at 3815 Franklin Ave

When: Sunday, September 27th

11:00am-8:00pm

Contact Leigh Ellen Morrison at 715-9027

with any questions

**The Two-Hundred and Eleventh Board of Trustees Meeting of the Waco Montessori School
held on August 25, 2009**

The Waco Montessori School Board of Trustees met in the new Board Room and was called to order at 6:15 P.M. on Tuesday, August 25, 2009, by President George Harmon.

The following Trustees were present:

George Harmon	Emily McKenzie	Melinda Hedrick	Missy Larson
Frances Callan	Cherie Almand	Brian Aynesworth	Joseph Wade
Aaron Braunstein	Kevin Henry	Leanne Howell	Amanda Hansard, ad-hoc
Tracy Kelly	Duane Kerr	Marian Khoury	

The following Trustee was absent: Brad Caldwell

The following Ex-Officio Members were Present: Shirley Jansing

The following Staff Member was present: Donna Baker

George opened the meeting at 6:15 P.M. and commended Shirley and Donna on dealing so well with the CWA Contractors as well as all the work required to get moved in by the opening day of school. He also discussed committee assignments as well as committee duties.

Evaluation of Minutes: Minutes from the July 21 meeting were passed out by Frances Callan. There being no discussion, a motion was made for approval by Brian Aynesworth and seconded by Joe Wade.

Resource Management Committee: Melinda Hedrick reviewed the monthly financials and provided explanation of her report. She informed the board that the balance sheet is basically a snapshot of that particular point in time.

Institutional Advancement: Amanda Hansard reported that preparations for the auction are well underway. She handed out a committee list as well as reported on the Underwriting Levels and reviewed a draft budget indicating that the expenses would be approximately \$12,000.

Childcare for the night of the auction will be provided at FLIPS for \$20.00 and costumes for the children are encouraged. The hours will be from 6-11:45 P.M. which should give auction attendees plenty of time. Discussion ensued regarding the option of auction online updates and ticket sales. It was determined that it would be too much this year to set up ticket sales online, but Shirley will provide updates to people on the Flash-alert list. She encourages all to sign up on the Waco Montessori website. Assistance with underwriting is needed.

Facilities Committee: George Harmon reported that the original bid was for \$89,500 and with all the add ons that were required in order to tie into the old construction, the final cost was \$127,900. The Resource Committee will meet in order to provide a recommendation on amount of cash to put down to reduce debt.

Dad's Day is scheduled for September 26th and George is hoping for a good turnout.

Nominating Committee: There was no report.

PTO: Cherie Almand reported that the Sally Foster campaign has begun and is off to a good start. New Family mentors have been assigned and are contacting their families about the back to school cocktail party at the Aynesworth's. She thanked Bob and Erin Davis for donating Fazoli's food for the childcare meal and noted that Rio Brazos Fine Custom Cuisine was catering the adult party. Donations of wine for the party are still being accepted and any that is not used will be saved for the Holiday party.

Emily McKenzie reported on the Back to School Party, to be held Saturday, August 29th from 1:30-4:00 P.M. at the school. There will be numerous activities as well as an ice cream sundae finale in the gym. Emily needs volunteers as well as ice cream scoops. She also stated that she wants to stress to all of the new families that they are members of the PTO just by enrolling their children at WMS.

Head of School: Shirley Jansing discussed the large toddler wait list and stated that this is a good problem to have. She continues to look for good LE matches, but notes that these are really difficult to find. She also explained a new after school offering, KidStage which is a theatre group that will produce skits and stage direction. The session will begin Wednesday, September 23-October 28th and will end with a production. This program will be offered to preK-6th grade.

New Business: No new business.

George Harmon brought up the fact that our Strategic Plan runs out at the end of this year and we need to evaluate and develop a new plan. Joe Wade will meet with the committee to discuss a plan of action.

George also discussed the responsibility of the Board in raising money for the auction. Last year's underwriting list was divided among board members for their solicitation and he urged all on the board to give at the least to give the same amount they donated last year. Marion Khoury will update the list.

George Harmon adjourned the meeting at 7:44 P.M.