

Calendar

- October 21-23: Parent/Teacher Conferences
- Oct 23: NO School during conferences
- October 28: Battle of the Books Team begins meeting 3:30-4:00
- October 30: Halloween Parade at 9:00-9:30 a.m. Parents, grandparents, and special guests are invited.
- November 19: Battle of the Books demonstration at Wheaton Public Library 4:00-4:30.
- November 23: Rehearsal for Grandparents' Day. Parents invited to watch at 11:15.
- November 24: Grandparents' Day.



Grandparents' Day

Grandparents' Day is fast approaching. New families this year will need to send in addresses for grandparents and "just like grandparents". Returning WMS families will only need to confirm that last years addresses have not changed.

I ask that you confirm grandparent addresses no later than Wednesday, the 28th please. Even grandparents not able to attend will receive an invitation personalized by their grandchild(ren) and it will include instructions on how they are able to participate through email, card, or letter.

It is also necessary for you to let them know about our celebration that day so that they are able to make plans in advance.

Small Hands Catalog Order

Please return your order forms for the Montessori Services "Small Hands" Catalog group order by Friday, October 23. If you place an order by phone, please remember to give the **school's account number: 121628**. This way your order will be counted toward our group order and help accumulate merchandise credits for WMS to use toward classroom materials.

Halloween Parties

If you would like to donate food or craft items for the classroom Halloween parties, please call the office!

Observations

The best way to gain further understanding about your child's experiences is through observations. Our school asks that parents call in advance to schedule observation appointments. This assures that too many guests are not scheduled at the same time and protects the classroom from constant interruption. However, please feel free to call with short notice and we will try to accommodate your schedule.

Typically, we schedule observations at 9 am for 30 minute visits. Most children will immediately respond to a parents' presence and we would like you to stay long enough to fade into the background. Ideally, your child will forget that you are visiting.

In some instances, we may feel it to be in your child's best interest to keep your visit short and to schedule another one soon to follow-up. In these situations we will let you know and will be happy to see you again in the near future. We will help your child to prepare for the next visit.

Please come see WMS principles in action and learn what your child is doing all day!

Halloween Parade



Time:

Children should be dropped off between 8:20 and 8:30 as usual. Your children will participate in party activities in class before the parade. The Halloween parade will start at 9:00 a.m. and finish at approximately 9:30.



Place:

The parade will be held on the grassy field in front of the main building. We will stack cars in our lots so if you might need to get out quickly please plan to park accordingly.



Costumes:

Children should arrive at school **wearing** their costume and with a change of clothes in their backpacks. No one will be required to change. The extra clothing is in case they choose to do so. Please remember that anything excessively scary or that represents a weapon will not be allowed in school. Also, please leave any particularly valuable items at home! (Costumes may get dirty!)



Treats:

You are welcome to bring treats to hand out at the Halloween parade. There are approximately 110 children in our school. This candy will *not* be eaten during school time so that parents can decide what is safe for children with allergies or restrictions.

They will be making trick-or-treat bags in school to use. Please do not send in trick or treat bags from home.



Guests:

Your guests are welcome to attend the Halloween Parade. **Please note that younger siblings not enrolled at WMS MUST remain with parents at all times.**

We hope to see everyone there!