

# West Suburban Montessori School

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February 2008 Newsletter

## CLASSROOM ACTIVITIES

A Message from  
Mrs. Brzozowicz

### Administration:

Our **Valentine's Day Party** will take place on Thursday February 14, 2008. Each child needs to bring in 32 unaddressed valentine cards to share the day of the party. The children can also pass out treats such as pencils, erasers, stickers, etc. We discourage candy and please remember that our school is *peanut free*

The first **Parent-Child Night** in January was a great success and was enjoyed by parents, children and teachers alike. Please make sure if your child is in Child Care until 6:00 p.m. that he/she gets a chance to eat dinner *before* Parent Child Night. Parents, come ready to learn!

**Open House:** This month is our opportunity to spruce up the building for our Annual Open House. Social, Marketing and Facilities share the job of preparing for the Open House on Sunday March 2, 2008.

Please watch for **volunteer opportunities** to help with snacks, moving furniture before and after waxing the floors and helping at the event. Watch for sign-ups.

**Graduating children** from both classes will be invited to host the Open House and work on materials during the 2-hour event. Please watch for the invitation and RSVP with Ms. Israel or Mrs. B.

At the **All Parent Meeting** many plans were shared with the parents: the tuition increase will be kept at 3%, the development of the Third Classroom, and the tuition comparison.

**Continuing Enrollment Forms** to hold a spot for the 2008-2009 school years are due on February 15<sup>th</sup>. The **Hair Fairies** are doing a follow up visit on Friday February 8<sup>th</sup>. Keep your fingers crossed that we are free and clear. Thank you for all the parental support with this problem.

### Mrs. B's Class:

The **First Year Students** busy making (con't)  
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## Important Dates for Your Calendar

<u>Event</u>	<u>Date</u>
Tuition Due	Feb. 1 <sup>st</sup>
2 <sup>nd</sup> Parent Child Night (6-7 p.m.)	Feb 7 <sup>TH</sup>
Hair Fairies (Re-Screen)	Feb 8 <sup>th</sup>
In House Field Trip (Dr. Hines)	<b>TBA</b> (Study of the Heart)
Board Meeting (7 pm) WSMS	Feb 13 <sup>th</sup>
Valentine's Day	Feb 14 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Continuing Enrollment Due</b>	<b>Feb 15<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>Classroom Move (Strip/Wax)</b>	<b>Feb 15- Feb 17th</b>
<b>Presidents' Day</b>	<b>Feb 18th (No School)</b>
<b>Spruce Weekend (Landscaping)</b>	<b>Feb 24th</b>
<b>Spring Child Care Forms due</b>	Feb 29 <sup>h</sup>
<b>OPEN HOUSE (2-4 P.M.)</b>	<b>MARCH 2<sup>nd</sup></b>

*Avoid late fees – tuition due the first of the month.*

## CHILDCARE ACTIVITIES

A Message from Mrs. Nash – February 2008

We have some very popular themes featured this month that we are going to focus upon: Groundhog Day, Presidents' Day, and Valentine's Day. Our children will surely get your heart with one-of-a-kind Valentine decorations. We won't wait for spring to convert the Child Care Room into a garden-like haven making flowers from several heart shapes. We will have some mobiles hanging around which is just a heart beat away – I am sure you can "heartily" wait to view them!

Mrs. Nash

## PARENT ACTION ITEMS

**Cold/Snow!** – To confirm school closure due to weather check emergency [www.emergencyclosings.com](http://www.emergencyclosings.com). Please check the clothes boxes for both the classroom *and* child care for warm clothes. **Please label ALL outerwear including hats, gloves and boots.**

The forecasts for early February are for snow and cold weather. Please make sure your child have the proper clothing, mittens, gloves and hats. **Also please enter and leave the building quickly and not hold the door open for extended periods of time letting the heat out and the cold in! Also, please dust off as much snow and wet as you can to minimize mopping. Thank you.**

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friends and repeating new work. The **Second Year** children are excited about Parent-Child Night and looking forward to P.C.N. The **oldest** students will be studying Black History; the Presidents in the USA encourage our study of money and who is on each coin. February is also Dental Month

#### **A Message from Ms. Israel:**

February is a busy month. Our Valentine's Day Party is **on** Valentine's Day, February 14<sup>th</sup>.

Please send 32 **unaddressed** valentines. We will be decorating bags at school for carrying the Valentines home. We will also be learning about the heart with a special visit from Dr. Hines in February if our schedules can be worked out.

February is also Black History Month. We will study the lives of famous African-Americans and learn new songs from that culture. To honor President's Day, the Afternooners will learn about the Presidents pictured on U. S. coins and do math work with money.

Thank you to all the parents who attended the Parent-Child Night in January. The next Parent Child Night is scheduled for Thursday February 7<sup>th</sup> from 6-7 p.m. Please be sure your child has eaten before the event. Also, please check the list in the front hall to confirm if you are scheduled to come that evening. **Ms. Israel**

#### **Notes from the Office**

Continuing Enrollment Forms and Checks are due before February 15<sup>th</sup>. We need your information in order to set the enrollment figures for the next school year and to set up the interview meetings with sibling and new families.

Please return the Spring Recess Child Forms on or before February 29<sup>th</sup> so that the schedules and staff can be set.

Please do not hold the Entrance Door open for extended periods of time when entering and exiting during the cold weather and please dust off as much snow and wet as possible to reduce additional mopping time in the hall and Gym. Mr. Bruce

#### **MARKETING COMMITTEE UPDATE**

Please look through the next several weeks of the Wednesday Journal starting January 30<sup>th</sup> for the WSMS promotional ads for the Open House featuring several of students.

#### **PARENT BOARD**

Dear parents-thanks to those who were able to attend the All Parent Meeting in January. As a follow up, the Board wishes to remind everyone to volunteer-if not on a committee, then helping with projects around the school (especially in preparation for the Open House on March 2<sup>nd</sup>) would be greatly appreciated. Also, if you have a moment, stop and look at the architectural renderings and model for the third classroom. Both Todd Hansen and Peter Harlan have been instrumental in moving this project forward.

The next Board Meeting is scheduled for February 13<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. at WSMS.

Melanie Brown, Board President

#### **THANK YOU**

**Kirsten Straughan and Maria Pascarella and the Fundraising Committee** together with the **Social Committee** for making **the Auction so successful and Alison White** is preparing the tax letters to the many contributors.

**Michelle Cohen** did a fantastic job with the Valentine's Door Poster in the Front Hall.

**Social Committee** for their hard work in preparing refreshments for the All Parent Meeting.

Thank you to the **Long Range Planning Committee** and **Peter Harlan** for their discussion on the Third Classroom at the All Parent Meeting.

And thank you for the many other unsung parents and families whose contributions may not be noted but are not forgotten. **Mrs. B.**

Please see the web site [www.wsms.org](http://www.wsms.org) for the new tuition schedule and the tuition comparison of the schools in our area as well as other updates.