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Education combined with a positive, nurturing environment is what WMS is known for.....let's continue to foster it!



Fast approaching 2012...where does the time go?

Hello everyone! Can you believe that we are already nearing the end of 2011? If you are a first year parent, you will have been to your first parent/teacher meeting and probably had no idea how much your little one has been learning. Most times when we ask our kids what they did during their school day, they reply "not much" or "I just played" making you really wonder about your decision to enroll your child in nursery school! Then, during your first meeting with their teacher you realize what a great decision you made on their behalf.

I would like to extend a sincere thank you for your support in the past months with regard to our fundraising efforts. It has created additional monies for our school to help offset the major expenditure of the new furnace and HVAC system that was installed

over this past summer. Even though the school received a Community Places Grant to help with this major expenditure, that grant only accounted for approximately half of the cost. Therefore, our fundraising efforts are more important than ever to continue to create a safe environment for our children to learn in.

Our school is a 'not for profit' organization. Some parents have asked to have this explained. Essentially, our school can earn a profit however, the profit must be used to further the goals of the school rather than to pay dividends to its membership or, simply put, to its owner, if the school was privately owned. We have charitable status which not for profit corporations can apply for; which we did and have. Therefore, if a family would want to make a charitable donation to the school or designate money

towards a specific project, that can be achieved and a charitable receipt would be issued in the event of this gracious gift. In 2012/13, we are hoping to redo the lighting throughout the interior of the school as it is not efficient and we may be able to offset the costs with a hydro grant as well as another Community Places Grant. The other two concerns are the shingles needing replacement over the sand box and the shed located on the east side of the school that is just not safe to house anything! We will keep you posted with any updates regarding these items.

Please keep in mind that we are offering Christmas trees and wreaths at a great price through our school and also grand prix amusement vouchers that make great stocking stuffers. Thanks again for your support!

New WEBSITE Finally!!

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Our new website is finally online! It is still a work in progress however, it will hopefully become a great tool for teachers, staff and parents. The Calendar is up to date and please frequent the site for offers that will be exclusive to Winnipeg Montessori Families.

A big THANK YOU goes out to Rina Donnelly from Polka Dot Photo who donated her time and talent to create the amazing photos you can see throughout the website showing the children engaged in activities in and outside the school....beautiful, creative and full of life just like our kids!

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