A Note from Mr. Edinger, Head of School

The 2020 Annual Dinner Auction: Celebrating 35 Years

The Annual Dinner Auction is rapidly approaching. I look forward to these times when we can gather as an entire school community to celebrate the success of the school year and mingle with all of our families.

In 1984, Marge Thomas and her 14 students started something special in a Victorian home on Quinby Avenue. That small Children’s House has grown into a thriving institution serving preschool through middle school aged children from Ashland, Holmes and Wayne counties.

We hope that you will join us in celebration of 35 years of Montessori education in Wooster at our Annual Dinner on March 1, 2020. We will gather at Wooster High School for a meal, auction, and two musical performances. Your participation in this event is important to our school. This fundraiser is an opportunity to help our school to continue to expand our materials and services. Buying a meal, bidding on an item, purchasing a buy-it-now item for the classroom, or sponsoring a tree, volunteering for a shift, and simply attending are all important.

Links to volunteer, donate raffle items and to order meals are online at www.woomontessori.org/thirty-five.

Thank you for being part of our school. We look forward to celebrating with you on March 1st!
A monthly series to help parents implement the Montessori Method into their lives.

February Montessori Monday: Advancement Night
February 24th at 5:30 PM in the Main Building
Childcare will be available.
Please pre-register for childcare on our website.

This is an opportunity for you to meet your child’s teacher for the 2020/2021 school year! There will be a short presentation followed by a tour of the classroom.

5:45-6:15 PM: Lower Elementary
6:20-6:50 PM: Upper Elementary
6:55-7:25: Middle School

There will be a second orientation coming up for toddlers moving up to Children’s House. Dates will be announced soon.
The Montessori Annual Dinner Auction

**Schedule of Events**

4:00—Registration opens. Pick up pre-ordered meal tickets at registration tables as you enter.
4:30-6:00—Enjoy a delicious meal from Bombay Sitar or El Tapitia.
4:30-6:00—Silent Auction bidding, Raffle, and reverse raffle tickets on sale.
6:00—Auction and raffles end. Students and families move to auditorium.
6:15—Recognition of alumni and staff
6:30—All-Student performance
7:00—Announcement of auction and raffle winners
7:15-7:45—Cashiers will be open to accept auction payments

**Meal Options**

- **Option 1** - Indian Meal - Chicken Tikka Masala, Vegetable Samosa, Rice, Naan & Dahl
- **Option 2** - Indian Vegetarian Meal - Aloo Gobi, Vegetable Samosa, Rice, Naan & Dahl
- **Option 3** - Two Soft Tacos (BEEF) – Salsa & Chips, Rice & Beans
- **Option 4** - Two Soft Tacos (CHICKEN) – Salsa & Chips, Rice & Beans
- **Option 5** - Two Soft Tacos (BEAN) – Salsa & Chips, Rice & Beans

Adult Meals: $18  Child Meals: $9

Order meals, become a sponsor, donate an item, and sign-up to volunteer online at www.woomontessori.org/thirty-five

Our dinner includes a large silent auction and raffle. We need your donations of items and services for this event. This is a great opportunity to promote your business while supporting the community. Let us know what you can donate!

Big events require lots of volunteers. There are a variety of volunteer spots that still need filled. For a full list of volunteer opportunities, visit www.woomontessori.org/thirty-five.
Raffles
This year, there will be two raffles at the Dinner Auction. Read more about the raffles below. To pre-purchase tickets and cards, visit www.woomontessori.org/thirty-five.

Pick-A-Prize Raffle (For the Kids)
Unlike a traditional raffle, you will purchase tickets and place them in a basket for any prize you hope to win. Purchase your raffle tickets ahead of time and they will be printed for you! Otherwise, you can purchase tickets at the event and you will write your name on each ticket prior to dropping it into the basket. Tickets are $1.00 each or six tickets for $5.00.

Reverse Raffle (For the Adults)
This is a new version of our 50/50 raffle. Three types of cards will be sold and drawn until one card remains. The last card drawn will win half of the pot! We will only sell 53 playing cards. Number cards will sell for $20 per card, face cards will sell for $50 per card, and aces will sell for $100 per card. One Joker will be auctioned late in the event. Once we sell out, or at 5:30, we will start drawing cards.

Number cards are eliminated from the raffle as soon as they are drawn. Face cards will be marked and re-entered into the raffle if they are drawn during the first 20 eliminations (after 20 eliminations, they are eliminated if drawn). Aces will not be added to the raffle to be drawn until 35 cards have been eliminated. One joker will be auctioned to the highest bidder when 9 cards remain.

Deck shuffles will occur after 20 and 35 eliminations and when the Joker is added. The final 3 will be shuffled face down on a table top.

Capturing Our History
The Montessori School of Wooster started in September of 1984. We have now completed 35 years in the community and have touched many lives with the generous support of many people.

It is time to capture this history, give credit to the visionaries that made this possible, and collect the testimonies of our students and families. Many of these students are now adults. We need your help locating them and with your testimonies (new and old).

Please share your testimony with us online at www.woomontessori.org/online.
Grandparents and Special Friends Day

Thank you to everyone who came to visit on Grandparents and Special Friends Day.
“Grandchildren are the dots that connect the lines from generation to generation.”
- Lois Wyse
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