

# Montessori News

#### September 11, 2023

#### What's Happening!

- Parent Registration forms are due if you have not submitted https://www.wmpcs.org/ parents/ student\_registration\_forms
- 7th & 12th grade updated immunizations report is due 9/30

WMPCS Spirit Store is NOW open

https:// wmpcsspirit.itemorder.com/ shop/home/

# Upcoming Events

Mon. Sept. 11th Volleyball Game Away	5:00 pm
Tue. Sept 12 Picture Day!!	All day
Tue. Sept 12th	5:00
Soccer Away	pm
Tue. Sept 12th	8:15
BOG 3rd grade	am
Tue. Sept. 12th	4:00
Xcountry Away	pm
Wed. Sept 13th	4:00
Volleyball Away	pm
Thurs. Sept 14th	4:00
Soccer Home	pm
Fri., Sept 15th Opening Cere- mony	9:00 ar
Fri., Sept 15th Volleyball Game Home	4:00 p.m.

# Introducing VisitU Safe Campus

WMPCS is excited to introduce our new visitor management system, VisitU. This is one simple platform that will allow us to manage visitors, students, emergencies and campus communications. Upon check-in, visitors will scan their ID and choose from a list of options for the reason for their visit. The VisitU Visitor Management System provides instant and automatic verification of visitor information against the national sex offender list via partnership with Family Watchdog, which covers all 50 United States plus Puerto Rico and Guam.

The system also allows us to track all attendance including tardies and dismissals on an electronic platform. Students will be able to choose from a list of options for the reason for the tardy, or type in a reason. Parents will get text alerts when their student is checked in or out of the system.

WMPCS is committed to making our campus safe and staying up to date on the latest technology.

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# Staff Spotlight

#### **Amie Rhodes– Lower Elementary**

Hi, I am Amie Rhodes and consider Montessori education my true calling and life's work. I obtained my American Montessori Society certification in 1995 and opened Montessori Today, Inc. in Greenville that same year. In addition to operating Montessori Today, I also taught a 3-6 class at the school for the last 26 years. I find genuine joy in teaching and nurturing children. At a very young age, I knew that being a teacher was what I wanted to do with my life. I have been married to Barry Rhodes for 39 years and together we raised three wonderful sons, Austin, Tucker and Josh. I enjoy reading, swimming and time spent at the beach. I am thrilled to have the opportunity to continue teaching children in a Montessori environment at WMPCS!





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#### We're on the Web www.wmpcs.org

### **Did You Know?**

- Volunteers need for BoT selection committee. More info www.wmpcs.org
- MPTO is in need of new President contact office if interested.
- Please use the crosswalks on campus. The crosswalk at UE and BASC building are closed from 7:45—8:15 am. Use the crosswalk at Children's House.
- Energy drinks should not be sent to school with students. Please send water bottles. We have re-fillable stations on campus.

### **EAGLES SPORTS**



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**Mission Statement:** Our mission is to inspire academic excellence; to nurture curiosity, creativity, and imagination and to do so within an environment rich with warmth, kindness, and respect.

## Montessori Parent Education: The Second Great Lesson

The Second Great Lesson involves the coming of life. This lesson revolves around the Timeline of Life, a long chart with pictures and information about microorganisms, plants, and animals that have lived (or now live) on the earth. The great diversity of life is emphasised, and special care is paid to the "jobs" that each living thing does to contribute to life on earth.

This lesson leads to the study of:

- Biology: cells, organised groups, five kingdoms, specimens, dissection, observation, use of microscope
- Botany: study of plants, classification, functions, parts of plants (seed, fruit, leaf, stem, root, flower), types of plants
- Habitats: location, characteristics, food chains/webs, symbiosis, adaptation, ecosystems, conservation
- Ancient Life: eras of the earth, evolution, extinction, fossil records, excavation
- Animals: classification, needs, similarities/differences, human systems, nutrition, hygiene
- Monera, Protista, and Fungi Kingdoms: what they are, classification, observation..

(https://www.montessori.nsw.edu.au/blog/montessori-five-great-lessons)

# **School Picture Day**

School Picture Day will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 12th. Please wear uniforms. Fall Sports photos will also be taken. Please ensure your student athlete has their full uniform for pictures. Due to BOG 3rd grade will be on make up day Sept. 22nd



# **Sports Highlights**

Congratulations to the WMPCS soccer team, who are undefeated with 4 wins under their belt. Last week games both ended early with 10 goal win against the Pitt Pacers and Ocracoke High School. Senior Jonah Keusenkothen credits the team success to Coach Noah Williams and the partnership with Beaufort Early College and their new teammates.



