

## 2007-08 WMS Parent Education Events

### Coming Up Soon - October & November

#### **Family Night – October 25**

Lower School and Lower & Upper Elementary parents and children are invited to the classrooms. Children will show their parents what they are learning.

#### **Series of Meetings for Dads and Children with John Badalament – on Saturday, November 3**

**8:45 – 10:00 Breakfast for Dads only, whose children are Lower School and Lower Elementary age.**

**10:15 – 12:15 Workshop for Dads and Upper Elementary/Middle School Sons**

**12:30 – 2:30 Workshop for Dads and Upper Elementary/Middle School Daughters**

John Badalament spoke to a group of WMS dads 2 years ago. Because he was so well received, we decided to have him return and to involve the older students in his workshops as well as dads.

He is an international lecturer, Harvard-trained educator, a leader in the fatherhood field, and recently the author of *The Modern Dads Handbook*. John's work focuses on the issues of modern dads – their pressures and their desire to be good fathers -- and provides a practical approach to help men strengthen relationships with their children, partners, and family.

The job description of fathers has changed dramatically. Much more is expected of dads today -- and *they* expect much more of themselves. The real-life, positive role models of Modern Dads™ are few and far between. So, most men struggle between an old model that no longer works and a new model that seems undefined.

“Most dads did not grow up learning the necessary skills to build intimacy in any of their relationships, much less with their kids,” John explains. “And those that did had to contend with a larger culture that taught them to de-value those very skills.”

#### **“So What Do You Do with the Beads?” A Math Overview for Parents – November 14 at 7:30pm**

Overview of Lower, Elementary, Middle School (ages 3 to 14years old) curriculum with an opportunity to experience the materials for one age level in breakout sessions with a teacher. An informative and hands-on opportunity,

## Coming Up Over the Remainder of the Year – A Look Ahead

### December

**Internet Safety & Technology Use** – morning meeting in December or January

**Middle School Potluck Supper Meeting Dec. 3rd 6:30** Media Specialist Cindy White will do a presentation on the Effects of Media on Our Growing Children. This is for Middle School and Upper Elementary parents.

### January

**Positive Discipline Parenting Discussions** – Seven Tuesday mornings beginning January 15.

**Moving Up Information Nights: Lower Elementary – January 17, Upper Elementary – January 16, Middle School – January 15.** This is for parents whose children are moving to a new age level grouping next year.

**First Aid and Child CPR & First Aid** - A daylong workshop later in the month

### February

**Strengthening your Child's Resiliency in Navigating Life with Friendships and School – Jacki Romano February 12 - 8:45a.m.** What do resiliency and flexibility look like in a growing child? What are the things that we parents do to help our kids become resilient? How do we get in the way of our children's path towards these virtues?

**The Voyage - Saturday, February 2, 8:30 to 1:00p.m.** This continues to be our most popular parent education offering. Staff will lead participants through a day as a WMS student beginning in YCC and ending up in the Middle School. This is an opportunity to experience teaching and learning the WMS way.

### April

**Preparing your Child for the Next Academic Step - High School In Particular! –Pat Werner and Sheila Coad-Bernard on April 8 at 8:45a.m.** This is primarily geared to Upper Elementary parents. From years of experience, Pat and Sheila will share some strategies that parents can use in proactively supporting their children's academic progress in the later elementary and middle school years.