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# Washington University Nursery School

## Trivia Night Success

Many parents, teachers and friends enjoyed a night of fun at the WUNS annual Trivia Night, Silent Auction and Raffle on Saturday, April 9. The Trivia table winners were the Hassenstab (Wes), Odden (Quinn), Austin (Waller) and O'Callaghan (Frances) families! The teachers' table was a strong contender in the early rounds, but stumbled on the Sports category and couldn't recover!



**WUNS came away as the biggest winner – with \$6000 raised!** We are excited to use a portion of this money to begin our Composting Initiative. We will be vermi-composting (worms), as well as composting with a tumbler. Our fundraisers also help support our enrichment programs – Art, Music, Nature and Spanish, as well as scholarships for families in need. Your support is greatly appreciated. We hope you enjoyed the night and look forward to future gatherings with parents. Thank you for your generous donations.

The Big Bear class earned top honors for raffle sales and will enjoy a class celebration. Chloe Toohey was the top seller (18 tickets) and will enjoy a bowling party at Pin-Up Bowl in the Loop. A BIG thank you to Erin Toohey (Chloe's mom) for all of her behind-the-scenes work, as well as many WUNS families that donated their time, restaurant gift cards and much more!

And for our raffle winners...Darren Lee and his family will enjoy the Disney Vacation and Frances O'Callaghan will enjoy summer camp!

### Save the Date!

#### Parent-teacher Conferences

April 21 and 22

NO SCHOOL

#### WUNS Play date

April 28, 3:15-5pm

SLCH will be at the play date to sell and fit bike helmets!

#### Moms' Day

May 6

Moms, Grandmas and Special Friends are invited to school





## The My Sci Investigation Station Visits WUNS

The Investigation Station is a roving vehicle of innovative, hands-on exhibits and specimens that makes learning fun as kids climb and crawl through and explore three zones in the 37-foot custom-built trailer. The Investigation Station was here today for the children to explore. Each class took a guided, interactive tour through the three zones of the station. The trailer is also open to families during today's afternoon WUNS playdate from 3:15 – 5 pm.

The trailer was designed by past WUNS parent Heather Corcoran, the director of Washington University's College & Graduate School of Art. The trailer is divided into three zones. **Zone 1** is the Missouri woodland area, anchored by a floor-to-ceiling sculpted tree and mural. Students can explore flora and fauna of a typical woodland scene by matching the corresponding magnet animals to their habitat. Also in Zone 1 is a mural of what's underground in Missouri complete with attachable animals. Younger students can interact with a vast assortment of naturalistic puppets, learning about physical and behavioral characteristics of animals.

**Zone 2** is the laboratory room in which students can study live and preserved plant, rock and animal specimens. This room includes projected microscopes, computer programs and DVD presentations, as well as several display cases filled with engaging materials. Students can sit on crafted tree stumps at wooden tables for their investigations.

**Zone 3** is a replica of a Missouri limestone cave. Students can crawl through and examine the stalactites, stalagmites, animals, insects and rocks that make up a limestone cave. The students also look through a spelunker's backpack to further understand cave exploration and ecological protection of this precious resource.



## Dine Out Dinner at Dewey's and Dessert at Tutti Frutti

Enjoy dinner with your family and WUNS friends at Dewey's Pizza in University City (559 North and South Rd.) on Monday, April 25. Up to 20% of all food and beverages purchased will be donated to our school. Dinner and take-out orders from 4 pm to 10 pm apply. Please share with neighbors and friends! We will be sending out a flyer and e-flyer to present to Dewey's. If you've ever been to Dewey's in U City then you know the yogurt shop Tutti Frutti is right around the corner. That night Tutti Frutti will also donate up to 20% of sales to our school. See you there!

# PB & Joy

This week is the start of Wash U's annual "PB&Joy: Fill a Bag, Fill a Belly" food drive, when students, faculty, and staff from every area of the university collect food and money in support of Operation Food Search's efforts to end hunger in the St. Louis region: [fooddrive.wustl.edu](http://fooddrive.wustl.edu)

This year, Wash U Nursery School kids are going to help, too!

There are enough St. Louis kids at risk of experiencing hunger that they could fill Busch Stadium 4 times over -- and they're especially vulnerable in summer, when they don't have access to free school breakfast and lunch. One of Operation Food Search's many programs is to fill backpacks with healthy, kid-friendly

(nonperishable) foods and send them into the communities with the most need once school is out.

This is where our kids come in: the Bear Cub, Big Bear, and Sun Bear kids will be bringing home a special backpack tomorrow (before the 3-day weekend) to return any time before April 19 with nonperishable food inside. Participation is voluntary, you can return the empty backpack to school if you do not want to participate.

Students in any class (Teddis and Pandas and Bear Trackers!) are welcome to drop food donations in the big blue bin in the entry of school (no glass or liquids, please).

And because many of Operation Food Search's educational programs run on money rather than granola bars, you're encouraged to donate financially, too -- tax-deductible donations can be directed to Operation Food Search via check or online at <http://operationfoodsearch.donorpages.com/WUPBJ2016/NurserySchool/>

The organization is able to translate every \$1 donation into \$21 worth of food services (via picking up and distributing leftover hot meals, for example), so even your child's piggy bank change makes a difference!

Our kids are incredibly lucky to have so many of their needs taken care of at WUNS. Thanks for allowing our kids to help others without the same advantages.

A big **THANK YOU** to Heather McPherson (Penny's mom) for organizing and leading this food drive. She spent time talking with the Bear Cubs, Big Bears and Sun Bears about how WUNS can help.

