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# WMSG Update

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News from the Washington Middle School for Girls

## *First "Scholars Committee" Luncheon is a Huge Success!*



Students welcome Anne Marie Gibbons and Posey Mendoza, who have joined with several others to form a Sponsor Team.

Maury Devine, Chair of the Development Committee of WMSG's Board of Directors, welcomed members of WMSG's new *Scholars Committee*, assuring them that their investment in the future of WMSG's students is deeply appreciated.

Sixth grade students, assisted by their Language Arts teacher, Shakenya Humphries, hosted the luncheon, and shared several poems and readings from their study of the Harlem Renaissance during Black History Month.

The *Scholars Committee* is made up of individuals and groups of individuals who have agreed to sponsor a student for three years at \$15,000, which will cover the cost of her total education at WMSG. (This includes quality academic instruction, Extended Day Program activities, Summer School each year, as well as the assistance she and her family will receive from the Graduate Support Program.)

"We are very grateful to these individuals who have joined with others to make a three year pledge which will provide the needed resources for these students to succeed", said Sister Mary Bourdon, RJM, Head of School.

For more information about the WMSG Scholars Committee, please contact Kathy McMackin, 202-678-1113.



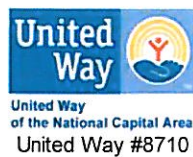
2009 Quality Schools Initiative Award



WMSG is proud to be selected as one of the best small charities in the DC area. (Catalogue for Philanthropy 2007-2008)



DC CYITC - a strong supporter of WMSG's Extended Day Program



## Volunteers Abound at WMSG! Here are just a few...



Undergraduate science education students from Georgetown University's Sparklab! visit WMSG at THEARC twice a month to conduct experiments. Here, students explore the results of certain chemical reactions.



George Washington University graduate art student, Marie Warren, teaches an art appreciation class each week at WMSG's TheVIEW Campus (4th & 5th grades).





Combined Federal  
Campaign #95746

Volunteers from The Catholic University of America's School of Library  
Science assist in keeping WMSG's library at THEARC  
in state of the art shape.

***We are grateful to the many individuals  
and organizations who make a difference  
in our students' lives.***

### ***White & Case DC Hosts WMSG 7th and 8th Grade Students***



Attorney Ting-Ting Kao welcomes 7th and 8th grade students to a Career Day held for WMSG students at the law firm of White & Case.



WMSG students question the attorneys, judges, and others present about their experiences in the legal field.

White & Case DC's Women's Network, along with the National Association of Women Judges, hosted a *Color of Justice* program for WMSG's 7th and 8th graders to help educate the students about different opportunities in the legal profession. The event featured input from judges, law clerks, law professors, attorneys, legal assistants, and others who shared their life experiences. The legal professionals who gathered, discussed the importance of developing a well-rounded skill set, including the mastering of reading, writing, and mathematics. Each one encouraged the girls to believe in themselves and work hard to achieve their goals.

A big hit among the students: a gavel-shaped lollipop as a memento to remember the day!

Thanks to our friends at White & Case DC for a memorable

experience!

### *News From the Graduate Support Office...*



Tania Hester (WMSG Class of 2005), attended the University of Pittsburgh, and now is in training with the U.S. Air Force to become a meteorologist.

*Thank you for your support!*

*S. Mary B.*

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