



WILDCAT NEWS

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January 9, 2009

What's Happening.....

- Jan. 12....Basketball Away Games at Leesville – 3:45pm
- Jan. 13....Beta Club Officer Meeting – 7:40am
- Jan. 13....**PTA Meeting** – Media Center – 7:00pm
- Jan. 14....Beta Club General Meeting – 7:40am
- Jan. 15....Basketball Home Games vs. East Millbrook-3:45pm
- Jan. 19....**School Holiday**
- Jan. 20....6th, 7th & 8th Grade Dance Performance
3:30pm-4:30pm (Multipurpose Room)
- Jan. 21....Beta Club Service Project – Room 305
3:20pm-4:30pm
- Jan. 21....Basketball Away Games at East Wake – 3:45pm
- Jan. 22....Basketball Home Games vs. Heritage – 3:45pm
- Jan. 26....**Teacher Workday**
- Jan. 29....Basketball Home Games vs. Zebulon – 3:45pm
(Hot Dog Supper, sponsored by the WMMS
Business Alliance, during games)

A Message from Principal Muttillo

I hope everyone enjoyed their vacations. I am sure that you hit the ground running last week just as I did. There is no time to *ease* back into school with so much to do. As a result, I would like to take this opportunity to highlight some of the important events happening over the next couple of weeks.

As you may have heard, the previously administered 7th grade writing test is being revised. As a result, this year is officially a pilot year for a series of writing assignments that are both on-demand (similar to the previous method) and content-based. These content area components will give students an opportunity to show their writing skills in other subjects during a longer period of time than the on-demand assignments. In other words, students may complete a week-long writing assignment in science that will count towards their 7th grade writing assignments. The 7th grade writing assignments will begin on Tuesday and Wednesday with the first on-demand prompt. An additional on-demand assignment and the two content area assignments will be completed over the next couple of months.

With the semester coming to a close, end of course assessments for Keyboarding and BCT 1 will be administered to students enrolled in those classes on Wednesday, January 21st and Thursday, January 22nd.

Remember that grades were updated in SPAN on Friday, January 9th and the quarter ends Friday, January 23rd. Report Cards will be distributed on Friday, January 30th.

Other important events include a home basketball game v. East Millbrook on Thursday January 15th and another home basketball game on Thursday January 22nd v. Heritage.

We will also host a dance performance on Tuesday, January 20th from 3:30-4:30 in the multi-purpose room.

There is a lot going on at West Millbrook. Welcome back.

PTA Notes

We finished out 2008 with lots of campus activity and are in the same mode for 2009! We kicked off back-to-school week with a small bus driver appreciation breakfast last Thursday and all twenty-two drivers were very appreciative. Thanks to Anne Rajagopalan for planning that event. Also, a big thank you to all our parent volunteers for the 7th grade dance last Friday evening. The dances would not be possible without your support! January brings the end of second quarter and beginning of the second semester...yea!

Thanks to every family that donated to our “no fuss fundraising” efforts last month. The PTA raised almost \$2,800 in less than three weeks! That’s the Wildcat way! We look forward to March Madness on the horizon which is always a very popular student and family event. We are hoping to make up for the rest of our fundraising short fall at that event.

Everyone should be looking forward to the close of our second quarter at the end of next week. Please continue to encourage your student to work hard as we begin the last half of the school year. We will all reap the benefits of that extra boost from home!

Attention 8th grade parents

It is time to begin thinking about 9th grade registration. West Millbrook will be hosting a Parent Information session on Wednesday, January 28, 2009 at 7pm in the Media Center.

Millbrook High School will be hosting a Curriculum Fair in their cafeteria on Thursday, February 5th from 6:30-7:45pm. This event will include representatives from all curriculum areas, guidance counselors and administrators. You will have the opportunity to ask questions about course recommendations, course sequencing and graduation requirements. For further information, contact your counselor, Mr. Wishon at 870-4063, or Millbrook High School student services at 850-8807.

High School Open House Dates 2009

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Apex High	Monday, March 2 Rising 9 th Grade Open House 7:00 pm
Athens High	Rising 9 th Grade Open House Thursday, February 26 th 6:00 PM
Broughton	Rising 9 th Grade Open House Monday, March 2 nd 7:00 PM
Cary High	Rising 9 th Grade Open House Thursday, February 19, 2009 at 6:00 PM Media Center
E Wake A and G	Small Schools Fair Thursday, February 12 th 6:00 – 8:00 PM
E Wake Engineering	Small Schools Fair Thursday, February 12 th 6:00 – 8:00

E Wake Health/Sci	Small Schools Fair Thursday, February 12 th 6:00 – 8:00 PM
E Wake Int Tech	Small Schools Fair Thursday, February 12 th 6:00 – 8:00 PM
Enloe High	Rising 9 th Grade Open House Tuesday, February 3 rd 6:00 PM
Fuquay-Varina High	Rising 9 th Grade Open House Thursday, March 5 th 6:30 PM
Garner High	9 th Grade Open House Wednesday, February 4 th 6:30-8:00
Green Hope High	Rising 9 th Grade Open House Tuesday, March 3 rd 6:30 PM
Holly Springs High	Rising 9 th Grade Open House Thursday, February 26 th 7:00 PM
Knightdale High (updated)	Rising 9 th Grade Open House Tuesday, March 3 rd 6:30 PM
Leesville High	Rising 9 th Grade Open House Thursday, March 5 th 7:00 – 8:30 PM
Middle Creek High	Registration Open House Tuesday, March 3 rd 7:00 PM
Millbrook High	9 th Grade Curriculum Fair Thursday, February 5 th 6:30 – 7:45 PM 9 th Grade Open House Thursday, May 21 st 6:00 – 8:30 PM
Panther Creek High	Rising 9 th Grade Open House Thursday, February 26 th 7:00 – 8:30 PM
Sanderson High	Wednesday, March 4 th Rising 9 th Grade Open House 7:00 pm
Southeast High	Rising 9 th Grade Open House Thursday, February 5 th
Wake Early College	Rising 9 th Grade Open House Monday, January 5 th 6:30 – 8:30 PM
Wake-Forest-Rolesville High	Curriculum Fair for WF-RHS Thursday, March 5, 2009 6:30-7:30 pm for rising 9 th graders 7:00-8:00 for rising 10 th -12 th graders
Wakefield High	Rising 9 th Grade Open House Wednesday, February 18 th 6:30 PM Main Campus

♥ LOVE YOUR JOB? ♥

Then come share it with us! WMMS will host its annual Career Day on Thursday, February 12, 2009. We need people from ALL walks of life to share with our students how they arrived at their chosen career. The students need to hear that education is important for EVERY job, that today's hobby can be tomorrow's career, and that true success doesn't necessarily depend on the size of the paycheck. If you can donate one morning of your time to speak to three groups of students about your professional journey, please email the Career Day Committee at beebe7769@yahoo.com. We're looking forward to hearing from you!

Student Directories on Sale

The 2008-2009 WMMS Student Directory is still on sale at the front office. The cost is \$2 each. This is a great way to keep in touch with other students!

Valentines for Troops

For Valentine's Day, the Beta Club would like to adopt a military unit that is currently deployed to a warzone (Iraq or Afghanistan). We would prefer to adopt a unit with direct WMMS ties. Do you have a son or daughter, or know of a former WMMS student, who is currently deployed? If so, please contact Diane Walters (dwalters@wcpss.net) with the service person's contact information.

Beta Club members will meet after school on January 21 to prepare handmade cards and package boxes with treats and small gifts so that the packages can be shipped and received by mid-February. If you would like to send treats for these packages, we will be accepting Beef Jerky, Slim Jims, Twizzlers, other candy that will not melt, magazines & DVDs between now and January 21. Please drop them by the front office to the attention of Diane Walters or Patricia McGlynn.

CHARACTER EDUCATION LUNCHEON

December's Character Education Luncheon was held in the Media Center. Nineteen students received the character award for demonstrating **KINDNESS** consistently throughout the month! The cultural theme tied into the Character Education Luncheon was Mexican. Students were able to try several foods one might find at a mexican fiesta, including fried tortillas with powdered sugar made to order! Students also received an award certificate and gift bag with small prizes and area coupons. Principal Muttillio spent time with the students and held the drawing for the special "Character Education" T-shirt. Last months winner was Martha Flores from the EAGLES team. Way to Go!

Congratulations to the 19 students who were honored for being "KIND" and getting nominated for the Character Education Award in December!

January's Character Trait is "Self Discipline".

THANK YOU, DUNKIN' DONUTS!

WMMS PTA thanks the Dunkin' Donuts at 4415 Falls of Neuse Road (across from Stein Mart). They donated three dozen donuts to the Bus Driver Appreciation breakfast on Thurs. morning, Jan. 8th. We all appreciate everything the drivers do to deliver our children safely to and from school. And PTA is grateful to Dunkin' Donuts for helping us out!