



# WILDCAT NEWS

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## What's Happening.....

- Jan. 14.....Basketball: WMMS @ East Millbrook – 3: 45pm
- Jan. 14.....Beta Club Service Project – Room 305 Computer Lab
- Jan. 15.....**Parent Meeting**, Multipurpose Room, 6:00pm-6:30pm (All Parents)  
6:30pm-7:00pm (8<sup>th</sup> Grade Parents only)
- Jan. 17.....Basketball: WMMS @ Wakefield - 3:45 pm
- Jan. 17.....End of Grading Period
- Jan. 18.....**Teacher Workday (Students No School)**
- Jan. 21.....**Martin Luther King, Jr. Day – School Holiday**
- Jan. 23.....Basketball: WMMS @ East Wake – 3:45pm
- Jan. 24.....Basketball: WMMS @ Leesville – 3:45pm
- Jan. 25.....Report Card Day
- Jan. 28.....Basketball: Bye (no game)
- Jan. 29.....Parent/Teacher 'At Risk' Conferences – 5:30pm-7pm  
Location-Poe Elementary
- Jan. 29.....Southeast Raleigh High Curriculum Fair (for 8<sup>th</sup> Graders assigned or applying to the school and parents)
- Jan. 30.....Parent/Teacher 'At Risk' Conferences – 3:30pm-5pm  
Location: WMMS
- Jan. 30.....Enloe High Curriculum Fair (for 8<sup>th</sup> graders assigned or applying to the school and their parents)
- Jan. 31.....All 'A' Honor Roll Breakfast In cafeteria – 9:00am
- Jan. 31.....Basketball: Heritage @ WMMS – 3:45pm
- Jan. 31.....Garner High Curriculum Fair (for 8<sup>th</sup> graders assigned or applying to the school and parents)
- February 12.....PTA Meeting – 7:00pm  
Media Center

## Happy New Year to everyone!

As we begin a new year here at West Millbrook Middle School, I'd like to take a moment to thank each and every parent, student, staff and teachers for all you do to help our PTA be an effective advocate for our children. Much work has been done thus far such as the Dance-a-thon Fall fundraiser, PTA membership "Battle of the Brooks" challenge with East Millbrook Middle (we won), cultural arts programs, book fair, character education awards, A-honor roll breakfast, school spirit wear sales, and let's not forget the numerous great hospitality events for our staff. Together, we have accomplished a lot in a little time but our work is not done yet! The second half of the school year brings many exciting opportunities for you to volunteer a little of your time. Yeah, I know we're all super busy. I too drop off and pick-up at several schools, work in and outside the home, cook meals, check homework, help with projects, attend games, volunteer at several schools and work with my church, so I understand. I have all those excuses and yes it is exhausting but it's a new year. I challenge all of you to turn over a new leaf in this new year and be more than just a card carrying member of PTA. Step out of your comfort zone and be an active participant. I know you've heard the saying that membership has its benefits. Well, so does PTA membership and our benefits are the numerous smiles on the faces of our children that our activities help benefit in both educational and fun ways. So as we embark upon this part of the school year with planned PTA activities such as cultural arts programs, career day and March Madness Spring fundraiser, I want to thank you all for joining PTA, but now I say let's take it a step further and participate. Showing up is half the battle! So maybe dinner will be served a little early or late, homework help will wait, the cleaning will still get done later and someone else can have a turn to pick up the kids so we can be present at a once a month, 2 hours at the most, PTA meeting. We have many important items on the agenda to coordinate and discuss with our committee chairs and we need your presence at a meeting, a campus function or just volunteering some time at school to help with the many activities that enrich our children's education. That's what PTA is all about, parents, teachers and students, all working together, and we all reap the benefits! We all have something to contribute, whether we run the race full out from the start or come in for the photo finish, let's all do our part, participate and end the school year great in 2008!

Thank you again for all you do and your continued support!

We're all in this together!

**Lisa F. Brown, PTA President**

## **ATTENTION BUSINESS OWNERS: THE WMMS PTA NEEDS YOUR HELP!!**

We are seeking donations from business owners for March Madness!! March Madness is our big spring fundraiser, and it happens on March 4, 2008. If you own a business, please consider donating merchandise or a gift certificate for goods or services. If you know someone who owns a business, ask him or her to help WMMS! No item is too large or too small. It's a great way to advertise to the local community. These items will be used for the raffle during March Madness, and make up a significant portion of the funds we raise. If you cannot donate an item or service, please consider a financial contribution. Any donation is tax deductible, and would be greatly appreciated. Any questions, please call Stacy Symes at 919-848-2246 or email [ssymes@nc.rr.com](mailto:ssymes@nc.rr.com). Thanks for your support! Stacy Symes  
cell: 919-610-0496

## **Students to Compete in National Geographic Bee**

**What:** First Round of the 2008 National Geographic Bee

**When:** Tuesday, January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2008

**Where:** WMMS Media Center, 8:35 am - 'til finish

**How:** For the 20<sup>th</sup> year, the National Geographic Society is holding the National Geographic Bee for students in the fourth through eighth grades in thousands of schools across the United States, in the five U.S. territories, and in the Department of Defense Dependent's Schools around the world.

WMMS students took a qualifying test in December through their Social Studies classes. Based on the results, the top five scoring students from each team have been notified that they are eligible to compete in the school's competition.

The winner of the West Millbrook Bee will advance to the next level of competition: a written examination to determine state competitors. All school winners are eligible to win the national championship and its first prize, a \$25,000 college scholarship, at the national competition May 20-21, 2008 in Washington, D.C.

For more information or to brush up on your knowledge for the Bee, check out: [www.nationalgeographic.com/geobee](http://www.nationalgeographic.com/geobee) Or contact: Ms. A. Niebauer, [aniebauer@wcpss.net](mailto:aniebauer@wcpss.net)

## **Urgent Reminder: Check the Lost-and-Found!**

In an attempt to reunite you with your coats (or other clothing), parents and students will have until the end of January to claim any items that have been misplaced. Coats and clothing will be hanging on a rack by the teachers' mailboxes. At the end of the month, any unclaimed items will be donated to those in need.

## **Character Education Luncheon**

On December 20<sup>th</sup>, the WMMS PTA sponsored a Character Education Luncheon for nineteen students who demonstrated KINDNESS, the December Character Trait. Two students from each team and one student from our Bluefish team were chosen by their teachers to be invited to the PTA pizza luncheon recognizing them for showing courage. These students not only enjoyed pizza, drinks and cookies, they also received a certificate, prizes and treats.

Congratulations to our fine students who show care and compassion and who are considerate, courteous and understanding of others!!

Stingrays – KD, SS  
Seals – VB, SL  
Dolphins – AG, JA  
Falcons – MM, AK  
Lions – PN, UB  
Panthers – JO, AB  
Eagles – DZ, PW  
Sharks – LW, GP  
Tigers – CN, AN  
Bluefish – AD

## **The Character Trait for January is SELF DISCIPLINE.**

## **Parents of Rising Ninth Graders**

Mark your calendar and plan to attend the "Rising 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Open House" to learn more about the high school registration process and course selections for rising ninth graders. Teachers, counselors and school administrators will be available to answer your questions. (The schedule is attached as page 3 in the online version of the Wildcat News)

	<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>
<a href="#">Apex High</a>	March 3, 2008	TBA
<a href="#">Athens Drive High</a>	TBA	
<a href="#">Broughton High</a>	February 5, 2008	5:00 – 7:00
<a href="#">Cary High</a>	TBA	
<a href="#">East Wake High School of Health Science</a>	TBA	
<a href="#">East Wake School of Arts, Education and Global Studies</a>	TBA	
<a href="#">East Wake School of Engineering Systems</a>	TBA	
<a href="#">East Wake School of Integrated Technology</a>	TBA	
<a href="#">Enloe High</a>	January 30, 2008	7:00
<a href="#">Fuquay-Varina High</a>	TBA	
<a href="#">Garner High</a>	TBA	
<a href="#">Green Hope High</a>	TBA	
<a href="#">Holly Springs High</a>	February 21, 2008	7:00- 8:30
<a href="#">Knightdale High</a>	TBA	
<a href="#">Leesville Road High</a>	February 7, 2008	7:00
<a href="#">Middle Creek High</a>	March 4, 2008	7:00
<a href="#">Millbrook High</a>	February 7, 2008	6:30 –7:45
<a href="#">Panther Creek High</a>	February 28, 2008	7:00
<a href="#">Sanderson High</a>	February 13, 2008	7:00 – 9:00
<a href="#">Southeast Raleigh High</a>	January 29, 2008	6:30
<a href="#">Wake Early College of Health and Sciences</a>	February 6, 2008	7:00 – 9:00
<a href="#">Wake Forest-Rolesville High (Main Campus)</a>	March 6, 2008	6:00 –8:00
<a href="#">Wakefield High</a>	February 27, 2008	6:0 – 9:00