



# WILDCAT NEWS

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## What's Happening.....

March 9....Baseball Home Game vs. Wake Forest – 4:15pm  
March 10...Beta Club Officer Meeting – 7:40am  
March 10...**March Madness Family Night-3:30pm-7:00pm**  
March 11...Beta Club General Meeting – 7:40am  
March 11...Baseball Home Game vs. East Garner – 4:15pm  
March 16...Baseball Away Game at Ligon – 4:00pm  
March 17...Baseball Home Game vs. Ravenscroft – 4:30pm  
March 17...Advanced Band/Jazz Band Concert – 7:00pm  
March 18...**Spring Picture Day**  
March 18...Boys Soccer Home Game vs. East Wake-3:45pm  
March 19...Girls Softball Doubleheader at East Wake-3:45pm  
March 19...Baseball Home Game vs. North Garner-4:15pm  
March 25...Boys Soccer Away Game at Heritage-3:45pm  
March 26...Character Ed Luncheon  
March 26...Girls Softball Doubleheader Home Game vs. Heritage-3:45pm  
March 26...Baseball Home Game vs. Zebulon-4:15pm  
March 27...**School Dance – 3:15pm-5:00pm**

**April 8-12....Spring Break**

**April 13.....Teacher Workday**

## A Message from Principal Mutillo

I always knew that parents are an essential driving factor in the success of any school. Over the past month, I have been thankful on at least a daily basis for the amazing parent volunteers that we have at West Millbrook. It has been a busy month with parent volunteers everywhere. We have had parents on campus recognizing students for integrity at our character café. Many parents traveled to Poe Elementary to help organize a dinner for our families living in the area, while some worked behind the scenes making large trays of pasta, and a few parents both cooked and came out to help serve. Other parents supported our students by cooking and/or serving during our “A” Honor Roll Breakfast. The parents not interested in cooking or serving, arrived daily to help proctor annual testing for students with limited English proficiency. Parents also played a significant role in organizing and presenting during an extremely successful Career Day. I can't forget about Battle of the Brooks where parents helped provide a fun environment for students to socialize before the basketball game and then came over to Millbrook High School for the basketball game. We have had parents donating their time and resources to

launch “WMMS helping WMMS” to support families who have been impacted by current economic conditions. Recently, the campus has been bustling with parents selling tickets, making signs and fliers, and finalizing countless other details for our approaching March Madness event on Tuesday, March 10<sup>th</sup>. Within the last couple of weeks, parents have approached me to lay the groundwork for reinstating our “Builders Club” and initiating a spring intramural program. We are also fortunate to have had students compete in the Odyssey of the Mind Competition last weekend under the leadership of Aimee Niebauer and (you guessed it) several parent volunteers. Lastly, I need to recognize Susan Boone who makes this message and many other articles possible by publishing the Wildcat Weekly on behalf of the PTA. In reflecting upon all I have just listed, I would say this would be a busy **year** in the life of a middle school. However, this was simply one **month** in the life of West Millbrook Middle School. I also realize you have other children and lives outside of West Millbrook that you must often plan around and even sacrifice sometimes. Please know that although I may not always see you on campus to thank you, or I may have missed thanking you in this newsletter, I am eternally appreciative of all the work you put in to support our students and staff at West Millbrook.



## FINALLY...MARCH MADNESS!

Are You Ready? The students have *been* ready and the PTA has done everything but cook the hot dogs! Despite Old Man Winter's storm of last week, we made the best of postponing March Madness by one week. Tuesday, March 10<sup>th</sup> is the **BIG DAY!** As of this writing, the **Falcons** team has come from behind in the raffle ticket sales competition and is leading by a slight margin in front of the Tigers team. We are only halfway to our goal of selling 1,800 tickets, so please take a moment to log on to the school website at [www.wmms.net](http://www.wmms.net) and check out the list of prizes. You can download some tickets and send them tomorrow or you may purchase as many chances to win as you would like at the event!

As always, our goal is for every family to come out and watch the basketball fun, enjoy the food and join in an afternoon of Wildcat pride at its best! Remember, every student must purchase an admission ticket to

attend the games and afternoon of fun. Students with tickets in hand will be the first dismissed into March Madness on Tuesday afternoon. We are hoping for a smooth admission process, so advance admission purchase is encouraged by the PTA. Hope to see you there!

### Join the Builder's Club !!!!

Builder's Club is a student-led service organization for middle school students dedicated to school and community service. Any student, interested in service, and of good character, is eligible to join. If you would like to serve your school and community, learn leadership skills, build friendships, and have fun, please join us for an informational meeting on **Wednesday, March 11, 2009 at 3:15pm in the Media Center** to learn more. [www.buildersclub.org](http://www.buildersclub.org)

### Character Education Luncheon

On Thursday February 26th, nineteen students in grades 6th through 8th were chosen by their teachers' to attend a pizza luncheon hosted by the PTA at the "**Character Cafe.**" Students were chosen as they consistently demonstrated **integrity** throughout the month of February.

This month students experienced a taste of France and enjoyed fruit filled crepes with whipped cream and chocolate éclairs! Principal Muttillio congratulated the students and held the drawing for an exclusive character education t-shirt. Each month one student wins a character ed t-shirt via a drawing held during the luncheon. **Any current or past character education recipient may purchase a t-shirt for \$6. If you would like a t-shirt let your teacher or Principal Muttillio know.** February's winner was Maryam Yamadi from the Falcons team. Congratulations to all our fine students at West Millbrook for showing integrity. Way to Go! The students are listed on our copies sent home by students, and on our parent e-mail edition.

**The Character Trait for March is Perseverance: Being persistent in pursuit of worthy objectives in spite of difficulty, opposition or discouragement.**

### Math Lab Update

Glad to see so many students signing up for math lab! Don't forget to sign up if you would like to attend!!

Math Lab 3:15 - 4:15

Monday / Wednesday 6th grade students

Tuesday / Thursday 7th & 8th grade students

15 students / day - sign up folder on table outside Mrs. Bonner's room (Room 128) beginning each Monday

### Band Notes

There's a concert coming up! The 911 Emergency Jazz Band and the 8<sup>th</sup> grade Advanced Band will be performing several selections on Tuesday, March 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM. Hope to see you there.

Also, don't forget the Pep Band will be performing at March Madness. Come hear all those great, young musicians, and a couple of faculty members, too! We'll be playing from 3:30 – 4:30 on Tuesday, March 10. Band parents are supplying goodies in the band room for us at 4:30.

### "A" Honor Roll Breakfast

144 students were honored at a breakfast on Friday, February 13<sup>th</sup>, for making all A's in the second quarter. They were served a breakfast of hot egg and sausage casserole, bagels and cream cheese and fruit. The guest speaker for the morning was Mr. Chris Sasser who is the Director of Family Ministry at Grace Community Church. Mr. Sasser asked the students to think about where they wanted to be in 10 years and had some of the students share their goals. He gave a high energy presentation, with audience participation, about the importance of staying strong and making right choices to keep them on the path to achieve their goals versus being distracted by society's negative pressures, such as peer pressure, and making weak and wrong choices that will take them down the wrong path in a direction away from their goals. Thank you to Mr. Sasser for taking time out from his schedule to speak and to the parent volunteers who helped at the breakfast or sent in food items. Also, thanks to Papa John's Pizza on Strickland Road for their donation of pizza certificates. The final breakfast for the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter will be on Friday, April 24<sup>th</sup>. A list of the "A" Honor Roll students can be found on the online version of the Wildcat News.

### CHANGE OF DATE ALERT!!

Due to the rescheduling of March Madness, the WMMS PTA Board had to change our monthly meeting. Please join us in the media center for our monthly PTA meeting on March 17<sup>th</sup> at 5:45pm. All are welcome. We will be electing our nominating committee for the 2009-10 school year. See you there....