



WILDCAT NEWS

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March 7, 2008

What's Happening.....

- March 11...**PTA Meeting** – 7:00pm (Media Center)
- March 12...Beta Club General Meeting – 7:45am (Multipurpose Room)
- March 12...Soccer (Boys) – East Wake @ WMMS – 3:45pm
- March 12...Hispanic/Latino Outreach Parent Training at WMMS 6:30pm-8:30pm
- March 13...Softball (Girls) Doubleheader Wakefield @ WMMS – 3:45pm
- March 14...**Early Release for Students** – Noon (12:00)
- March 18...Wildcat Family Night: Dinner at Gianni and Gaitano's, Towne North Shopping Center- 8311 Creedmoor Road 4:00pm-8:00pm
- March 18...Teen High Risk Behaviors – Costs And Consequences-Program for Parents, Sanderson High School Auditorium – 7:00pm-8:30pm
- March 19...Soccer (Boys) – WMMS @ Leesville 3:45pm
- March 19...Hispanic/Latino Outreach Parent Training at WMMS-6:30pm-8:30pm
- March 20...Dolphins and Seals Team Field Trip
- March 20...Girls Softball Doubleheader WMMS @ East Wake – 3:45pm
- March 21...**SCHOOL HOLIDAY**
- March 25...Solo and Ensemble Band Concert- Multipurpose Room
- March 26...Soccer (Boys) – Bye
- March 26...Hispanic/Latino Outreach Parent Training at WMMS-6:30pm-8:30pm
- March 27...March Character Ed Luncheon Recognizing INTEGRITY
- March 27...Softball (Girls) Doubleheader Leesville @ WMMS – 3:45pm
- March 27...Dance Explosion Concert – Multipurpose Room
- March 31-..SPRING BREAK**
- April 7**
- April 8.....Students Return to School
- April 8.....**PTA Meeting** – Media Center 7:00pm
- April 9.....Soccer (Boys) – Heritage @ WMMS 3:45pm

Math at West Millbrook

Congratulations to the Wildcats that participated in the MathCounts Competition on February 23rd! Our team placed extremely well this year. Next year, the MathCounts Club will start in early September, so be ready to sign up. Our West Millbrook Brainiacs who competed are: AT, HM, KK, EG, JS, ST, MR, and BP.

Stingrays Welcome New Teacher

The Stingrays Team welcomes Mr. Chris Touch - he will be teaching Social Studies. Mr. Touch has a degree in History (Archeology) and has experience producing documentary films on historical topics. We are excited to have our own "Indiana Jones" in the classroom!

Rising 6th grade "Open House"

When: April 23, 2008

Elementary Campus Tours: 9:15-10:30am (Multi-purpose room)

Parent Orientation & Tour: 6:00-7:30pm (Gym)

Sonja D. Poole, MA
Guidance Counselor
West Millbrook Middle School

Character Education Luncheon

On February 28th, the WMMS PTA sponsored a Character Education Luncheon for nineteen students who demonstrated PERSEVERANCE, the February 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 exhibit fortitude to try again when confronted with discouragements and are persistent in the pursuit of worthy objectives!!

Stingrays – WW, DR
Seals – EBR, JJ
Dolphins – JL, SR
Falcons – SP, TC
Lions – MK, JN
Panthers – RN, SC
Eagles – KDLC, DD
Sharks – HB, BC
Tigers – EM, LT
Bluefish – TB

**The Character Trait for March is
INTEGRITY.**

West Millbrook to Support the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society

Did you know that our West Millbrook family has been directly affected with leukemia for the past five years? Sherilyn Adams was diagnosed with leukemia when she was a 7th grader at WMMS. She received a bone marrow transplant (BMT), went into remission, and was able to enjoy most of her 8th grade year in school with her friends. The blood cancer returned last year and we mourn the fact that she lost her battle with the disease this past fall. Her sister, Nicollette is currently an 8th grader at West Millbrook. Also, Camille Walton attended WMMS when she was in middle school. Last year, as a freshman at Millbrook High, she was diagnosed with leukemia. After her BMT, she went into remission and is enjoying a fairly normal life now as a sophomore in high school. Though she is currently struggling with a version of graft vs. host disease, she and her family remain optimistic and are thankful for life. Camille's brother Ethan is also one of our 8th grade students. Read about Camille's journey at her family's CaringBridge blog site linked on the WMMS.NET homepage.

From March 17- April 6, West Millbrook students will participate in the Pennies for Pasta campaign, sponsored by the Beta Club. Homerooms will compete to raise the most money to support leukemia and lymphoma research. Our goal is to raise at least \$3500, which is approximately \$3 per student and teacher. If you would like to help your child's class win a pasta lunch, given by the Olive Garden, please donate. Either send your spare change or checks written to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society with your child to school beginning March 17, or contribute online at our special fundraising webpage <www.active.com/donate/synce/syRWestM>. If you contribute online, please send a copy of your receipt with a notation of your student's name and homeroom. Send the copy with your student to place in the "Pennies for Pasta" box, and your child's room will receive proper credit.

March Madness Update

March Madness was a huge success! We exceeded our budgeted income and had fun at the same time. We sold 500 admission tickets, over 1000 raffle tickets and lots of food and drinks. The 7th Grade Lions Team won the Team Raffle Competition with 564 tickets sold. They will get a Movie Afternoon with popcorn and drinks for all their hard work. We had great performances from the Pep Band, the Dance Ensemble, the Step Team, the Cheerleaders, the Faculty Cheerleaders, the student basketball teams and the Faculty basketball teams. We also had special appearances from the Sanderson ROTC color guard, the ECU Step Team and the Chick-fil-A cow. We would like to thank everyone that helped make this happen - the teachers who encouraged the students to buy raffle tickets, the PE staff that helped the evening run smoothly, the staff that helped at the event, cheered and played in the games, the parents that donated all the food, drinks and raffle prizes, the parents that volunteered their time to sell raffle and admission tickets for a week in the cafeteria, the parents that helped at the event, the high school and college students who volunteered their time to ref and coach and the students and families that came to the event. Everything ran smoothly and we couldn't have done it without you! The PTA truly appreciates all you do for WMMS. Stacy Symes and Jill Balogh

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