



# WILDCAT NEWS

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## What's Happening.....

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**  
March 30...Boys Soccer Away Game at Zebulon-3:45pm  
March 30...Girls Softball Doubleheader Home Game vs. Zebulon-3:45pm  
March 30...Baseball Away Game at Davis Drive-4:15pm  
April 1.....Boys Soccer Home Game vs. Wakefield-3:45pm  
April 2.....Rising 6<sup>th</sup> Grader Orientation – 9:30am  
April 2.....Rising 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Open House

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

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

## March Madness Success!

Despite the weather and postponing March Madness by a week, it was a huge success! The PTA would like to thank EVERYONE who sent in raffle items, food items, donated money, worked in the cafeteria, coached a team or volunteered the day of the event. This was our eighth March Madness at WMMS and although everyone does not love basketball, it is fun to watch your friends and teachers play! The afternoon brought out Wildcat Pride at its best! The PTA could not have pulled it off without the support of our community and families. Look for a complete listing of all the local businesses that helped support March Madness in next week's newsletter.

Preliminary income figures from this event are great.....in fact, we will probably exceed our budget! Congratulations to the Falcons team, they sold over 550 raffle tickets and were the team that sold the most! Everyone is encouraged and welcome to attend our upcoming board meeting on Tuesday, March 17<sup>th</sup> at 5:45 p.m. We will discuss March Madness in detail and we will also vote on a nominating committee to help select a slate of PTA officers for next school year.

## The Winners Are...

March Madness is all about basketball! But our March Madness is clearly about who WINS the raffles! The best part of the afternoon is always hearing the happy squeals from winners in the stands. March Madness had THIRTY-SEVEN general raffle winners this year! Some students had to ponder for many minutes as to what prize they wanted to pick out of the many offered. The PTA will net over \$3,400.00 on the raffle tickets alone! It is an awesome day when you can meet your fund raising goal and send home over forty lucky winners too! We would like to congratulate the SEVEN grand prize winners!

**See e-mail or paper edition for list of winners.**

## WMMS Outreach

If you are interested in donating specific items to our WMMS Outreach Committee, we are in need of a few things:

- Shampoo
- Body wash
- Ladies jeans (gently used) in sizes 4-14
- Ladies shorts (same sizes as above)
- Ladies shoes (gently used) in sizes 6-9
- Chapstick/lip-gloss

\* \$\$\$ is also accepted, simply label the donation for WMMS PTA Outreach Committee.

\* Simply drop off items in the Media Center with Mrs. Symes!!!

Your help is greatly appreciated. Each week new families are being helped by this closet and none of it would be possible without the help and support of people like you.

If you have any questions or want to help in other ways, please contact Stacy at [ssymes@nc.rr.com](mailto:ssymes@nc.rr.com) or Dawn at [bentoddsam@nc.rr.com](mailto:bentoddsam@nc.rr.com).

## PARENTS -- Make a Difference at West Millbrook!

The West Millbrook Parent- Teacher Association is starting to fill its Officer and Committee Chair positions for next year. If you want to join the parents who make a difference at West Millbrook, or if you have any questions about PTA positions, please contact Anne Rajagopalan, PTA President- Elect, at 855-8284 or e-mail [srajagopalan@nc.rr.com](mailto:srajagopalan@nc.rr.com).

## Battle of the Rock Bands

ATTENTION STUDENTS & STAFF, in order to promote POSITIVE BEHAVIOR and zero discipline referrals, West Millbrook will be hosting the First annual Battle of the Rock Bands!!! All students who have a “major-free” March, meaning you have no major discipline referrals for the month of March, may audition. In order to audition, you must create a band of you and of 3 of your buds who also have zero referrals. At least one of your band members must be able to play on “expert” in order to qualify.

Starting March 30th & 31st, you can sign up in the media center during HOMEROOM to audition. You will receive a pass for your band to audition on 4/1 in your homeroom. For those of you who would like to be fans and groupies, tickets will go on sale during all lunches. \$3 in advance and \$4 at the door. Stay tuned to the announcements for more information! At this time, any questions can be directed to Stacey Symes.

## Ink and Toner Cartridge Recycling

Did you know that West Millbrook recycles old ink and toner cartridges that earn money for technology? Our recycling buyer will be coming to school in the next couple of weeks. If you have old or used cartridges that you'd like to donate to our recycling program, please drop them in the recycling box located in our front office. Many thanks for your support!

## From the Healthful Living Department

During March, your child's Physical Education class will be participating in a gymnastics unit. Because of the amount and type of equipment involved, strict safety guidelines will be enforced.

1. No horseplay will be tolerated.
2. Students are not to enter the Gymnasium without first being instructed to enter by a teacher.
3. Students are not to touch any equipment without first being instructed to do so.
4. Students are to use caution in practicing new skills.
5. Students are not to attempt any skills in which they have not had instruction.
6. Students should not work out alone. A spotter should always be present.
7. Spotting is an important responsibility and should not be taken lightly.
8. Students are to be sure mats are both under and around the equipment they are using.

For safety reasons, failure to dress out in appropriate athletic apparel will result in your child being unable to participate for that day and a loss of points, both for participation and for dressing out.

## THANK YOU, CICI'S PIZZA!

The PTA thanks the CiCi's pizza across from West Millbrook for donating the brownies for the Poe Elementary dinner held February 26th. They were delicious and appreciated by all!

## Buy Your Yearbook Today!!!

The 2008-2009 school year at WMMS has been a year to remember! Were you caught having a good time? Go to [www.jostensyearbooks.com](http://www.jostensyearbooks.com) to purchase your yearbook today! You'll see you and your friends at school, on field trips, at sporting events, at dances, hanging out at your lockers, enjoying your clubs, and so much more! You DON'T want to miss out on these fantastic memories! Buy your yearbook today!

## Band Notes

Congratulations to Kelley, 8<sup>th</sup> grade euphonium player. Kelley has been selected to participate in the North Carolina State Honor Band at UNCG the weekend of April 24-26. She attended a difficult audition in Thomasville March 7 and was selected from players all across the state.

If you'd like to hear Kelley and her WMMS band classmates play, we have a concert on Tuesday, March 17 at 7:00 PM in the multi-purpose room. The Advanced Band will be playing material from Sousa to the Beatles. You'll also get to hear the 911 Emergency Jazz Band perform a couple of selections.

Ms. Oliver sends a big thank you to all of the band students who participated in the Pep Band for March Madness. Also a big thank you to all of the band parents who helped with the goodies afterwards. It was a great afternoon!

## Congratulations to our

### *Odyssey of the Mind* teams!

West Millbrook had 3 teams who competed in the regional tournament this past weekend in Chapel Hill. They have been working diligently for this competition since November. We are very proud of them and their placement at the tournament.

4th in the Region: <i>Shockwaves</i>	5th in the Region: <i>The Lost Labor of Heracles</i>	4th in the Region: <i>Teach Yer Creature</i>

We also would like to extend our deepest gratitude to our parent coaches who stepped up and dedicated their time and efforts weekly to get our teams ready for competition: Mike Nix, Donna Murphy, Kayla Perry, and Tom Ficker. Great job Wildcats!