



WILDCAT NEWS

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What's Happening.....

May 28....Character Ed Luncheon

May 28....Athletic Banquet

5:30pm - Dinner in Cafeteria

6:45pm - Awards in Gym

June 1.....8th Grade Picnic

June 5.....8th Grade Dance – 7:00-9:30pm

June 9.....Eighth Grade Awards Assembly 8:45am - 9:45am

June 10...Sixth Grade Awards Assembly 8:45am-9:45am

Seventh Grade Awards Assembly 10:45am-11:45am



June 10th – Last Day of School !!!!

A Message from Principal Mutillo

Last Friday, May 15th, school assignment strips were sent home through all students indicating the school your child will attend for the 2009-2010 school year. If your child did not give you this school assignment, please ask him or her for it. Included with the school assignment were instructions to apply for a transfer through the office of Growth and Planning. The transfer period ends on June 1st. If your rising 7th or 8th grade student was reassigned to another school, you can apply for a transfer to “grandfather” back to West Millbrook; however, school bus transportation will not be provided. Remember that “grandfathering” transfer requests must be submitted to the office of Growth and Planning before June 1st. After that deadline, students will not be able to grandfather back to West Millbrook. Please contact me if you have any questions about this process.

Thank you for your help in getting students to school and on-time last week for the EOG tests. There were some mechanical problems with several buses and many of you were still able to caravan groups of students here for the tests. I appreciate your extra efforts. The tests themselves went rather smoothly thanks to the efforts of most of the students. Additionally, I want to thank the parent proctors who came to help. I know this is not the most exciting volunteer opportunity we have to offer, but it is extremely helpful to us. By the time you are listening to or reading this message, I hope we were able to distribute EOG results to your students. If you have not seen them, please ask your child. Congratulations to students who received a level III or IV on the EOG tests. We will administer a re-test to all students who scored a level II on any EOG test. The re-tests will be administered from Wednesday, May 27th through Friday, May 29th. Reading Comprehension will be administered on Wednesday, Math with Calculator will be administered on Thursday, and 8th Grade Science and Math without Calculator will be administered on Friday. Students who scored a level I on any of the EOG tests will not be re-tested unless the parent or guardian returns the request for re-

testing found on the bottom of the EOG Notification Letter by Tuesday, May 26th.

Please note that the 8th grade picnic has been changed from Friday, May 29th to Monday, June 1st due to EOG re-testing. Invitations to the June 5th eighth grade dance have been distributed. Students who received a full day of In-School Suspension or Out of School Suspension should not have received an invitation and are not eligible to attend the dance. The eligibility window for the 8th grade dance continues through June 5th, so please help us remind students that school is still in session and they need to continue their good behavior. The dance is more formal than other dances throughout the year. No denim please. Shirts and ties are required for gentleman and dresses with straps are required for ladies.

PTA Notes

Oh what a long weekend can do for the energy level! We hope that everyone enjoyed our Memorial Day weekend. The PTA would like to take one more opportunity to congratulate the WMMS Teacher of the Year, Beth McKibben-Nee. Beth teaches Science and Social Studies on the Gems team and she exemplifies every trait of phenomenal teacher. The PTA purchased four seats to the recent WCPSS Teacher of the Year banquet in Cary, and we all were proud to sit with Ms. McKibben-Nee.

Our new officers have been elected into the PTA and are hard at work planning a great 2009-2010 school year. We have many eighth grade committee chairs that will be leaving WMMS at the end of this school year. We will miss them and their commitment to our children. This also means that we will have open committee chair positions, and we would LOVE the opportunity to have you on board...Please contact Anne Rajagopalan at (919) 855-8284, if you are interested in serving next year as a PTA Board member. This is a great group of parents and we promise that it's not all work and no play...you'll be glad you took the leap because there is no better way to get connected.

Strings and Things

The West Millbrook Orchestra students have had a very busy Spring Semester and have accomplished a great deal! Much of January, February and March were spent in preparation for performance at the Orchestra State Adjudication Festival. This required us to work on mastering many musical skills as we prepared several pieces for adjudication. On April 2nd, the Chamber Orchestra traveled to Methodist College in Fayetteville to perform for a panel of judges. We were honored to receive a rating of Excellent from the judges, and had the opportunity to hear several orchestras from neighboring counties. Additionally, we had a great deal of fun traveling to and from the Festival!

After returning from Spring Break, all orchestra students worked to prepare for our May 12th concert (presented jointly with the WMMS Band), playing a variety of pieces to entertain the audience. The Chamber Orchestra also performed their State Festival pieces on the May 14th concert at Millbrook High School, in addition to presenting 2 lively pieces in

partnership with the Carroll Middle School Advanced Orchestra. Currently, the Orchestra is working hard to prepare music to play at the 7th and 6th grade Awards assemblies at the end of the school year. We look forward to performing for the audience at those very special ceremonies!

We would like to thank everyone- teachers, parents and students alike- for an enjoyable and successful year of Orchestra at West Millbrook. A very special thank you goes to the parents who traveled with us to State Festival and did a wonderful job chaperoning our students...we could not have been successful without your help! Have a wonderful summer and we look forward to seeing you in the fall!

Mrs. Ross, Orchestra Director

6th and 7th Grade Parents

We Need Your Help !!!!!

The 8th grade dance committee is in need of 6th and 7th grade parents to chaperone at the dance on Friday, June 5, from 7-9:30 PM. Most 8th grade students do not want their parents chaperoning, so, for those of you that have students that are returning next year, please consider chaperoning. It is a great way to see how the dance is set up and plan for the future. We have to "pass the torch" to rising parents so that the tradition continues. We need chaperones to help serve food in the mat room and supervise dancing and activities in the gym. If you would like to help, please email Sharon Anderson at and.sharona@gmail.com.

The Eighth Grade Dance Committee NEEDS YOU!!!!!!

Whether you are a sixth grade parent, seventh grade parent or, eighth grade parent--we are in need of folks who can come to the school on Thursday, June 4th and/or Friday, June 5th to help decorate the Gym/Mat Room for the upcoming 8th grade dance that is scheduled for June 5th at 7 pm. An hour here, an hour there on one or both days--whatever you can give, physically, we'll take.....Please let me know if you can come.....This is going to be SOOOOO Beautiful,

You'll be happy to be a part of it! If you have any questions, you can contact Jeanna Reeves at jeanna_reeves@hotmail.com.

Many thanks for all that you do at WMMS!

Keep Those Books Coming

Thank You for Your Help Parents

All materials were due back to the media center by May 22nd! Statements will be going out this week for overdue accounts. Please call the library if you have questions (870-4067).

West Millbrook Middle School 2008 - 2009 Athletic Banquet

WHEN: Thursday, May 28th @ 5:30PM

WHERE: WMMS Cafeteria (Dinner) and
Gymnasium (Awards)

- **The deadline for reservations was Friday, May 22nd. If you did not make reservations by the deadline and plan on attending the dinner, the cost is \$10.00 at the door.**

If you are not planning on having dinner, there is no cost to attend the awards ceremony.

****** See Page 3 in the copy of the online newsletter for full banquet information.**

Sports Camps at WMMS

Registration has begun for the Summer Sports Camps, sponsored by the WMMS Athletic Booster Club. Multiple camp and multiple children discounts are available. For more information and to access a downloadable registration form, see the school website at www.wmms.net or see page 4 online of the Wildcat News.



Reminder to Parents Regarding Students' Medications

Please remember if you have any medication at the school for your child all medication must be picked up at the end of the school year. Any medication not picked up will be taken to the health department and destroyed. This includes over the counter medication, prescription, and emergency medications. Some of these medications are expensive so we highly encourage you to pick up the medication.

If your child will be receiving medication at school during the 2009/2010 school year you must bring the medication to the school at the beginning of next year. We do not hold medication from year to year. Do not forget you will need to provide a new physician's order signed by both you and the physician for any medication (including over the counter) you wish your child to receive during school hours. The medication must come in the original container if it is over the counter and prescription medication must come in a clearly labeled pharmacy bottle with the correct administration information on the bottle.

If you have any questions, feel free to call Gayle Starkey, RN your School Based Public Health Nurse at 870-4070.

West Millbrook Middle School 2008 – 2009 Athletic Banquet

WHEN: THURSDAY, MAY 28th @ 5:30PM
WHERE: WMMS CAFETERIA (Dinner) & GYMNASIUM (Awards)
COST: \$7.00 ATHLETES, MANAGERS, AND SCHOOL-AGED CHILDREN
\$8.00 FOR ADULTS
(If reservation was made on or before May 22nd)
DINNER: RAGAZZI'S ITALIAN – CHICKEN PARMESAN, PASTA, BREADSTICKS,
SALAD & BEVERAGE
ATTIRE: SEMI-FORMAL (NO SHORTS PLEASE)

DINNER WILL BE SERVED IN THE CAFETERIA STARTING AT 5:30 PM. AFTER DINNER WE WILL BE MOVING FROM THE CAFETERIA TO THE GYMNASIUM FOR THE AWARDS PRESENTATION. **ALL ATHLETES WILL SIT IN THE RESERVED SECTION OF THE BLEACHERS TO AWAIT THE DISTRIBUTION OF CERTIFICATES AND AWARDS. THIS WILL HELP SPEED UP THE PROCESS.**

PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN THE ATTACHED RESERVATION FORM AND YOUR PAYMENT TO COACH CALHOUN **BEFORE FRIDAY, MAY 22nd**. WHEN PAYMENT IS MADE, YOUR NAME WILL BE ADDED TO A RESERVATION LIST THAT WILL BE AT THE DOOR ON THE EVENING OF THE BANQUET. **THE DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS IS FRIDAY, MAY 22nd.**

➤ **IF YOU DID NOT MAKE RESERVATIONS BY THE DEADLINE AND PLAN ON ATTENDING, THE COST IS \$10.00 PER PERSON AT THE DOOR.**

ALL CHECKS SHOULD BE MADE PAYABLE TO: WMMS BOOSTER CLUB

* IF YOU ARE NOT PLANNING ON HAVING DINNER, THERE IS NO COST TO ATTEND THE AWARDS CEREMONY. PLEASE ARRIVE TO THE GYMNASIUM BY 6:40PM.

Please return with payment to: **COACH CALHOUN BY FRIDAY, MAY 22nd**

Athletes Name: _____

NUMBER OF RESERVATIONS:

_____ @ \$7.00 (ATHLETE, MANAGER, SCHOOL-AGED CHILD)... \$ _____

_____ @ \$8.00 (ADULT/RELATIVE)..... \$ _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

Baseball - Basketball - Football - Soccer - Summer Sports Camp Info

BASEBALL

What: Northern Wake Baseball Camp

Who: Ages 9 - 14

When: June 22 – 26 (Mon.—Thurs. 9 - 4 Fri. 9 – Noon)

Equipment: Bring a glove, bat, helmet, catching gear or any other equipment you feel you may need. Bats, helmets, and catching gear are available for use. It is preferred that campers wear baseball attire but not required. (i.e. Baseball pants, cleats, hat)

Session Topics: Hitting, Fielding, Throwing, Base Running/Sliding, Positional Play, Agility Test

*Each athlete will receive a t-shirt and have opportunities to earn extra awards

BASKETBALL

What: Wildcat Basketball Camp

Who: Rising 6th gr. - Rising 8th gr. (Co-ed)

When: June 26 – July 3 (Mon.—Thurs. 9 - 4 Fri. 9 – Noon)

Equipment: T-shirt, shorts, court shoes

Session Topics: Individual ball handling drills, passing, shooting, offense/defense team play

*Each athlete will receive a t-shirt and have opportunities to earn extra awards.

FOOTBALL

What: Wildcat Football Camp

Who: Rising 6th gr. - Rising 8th gr.

When: August 10 – 14 (Mon. - Fri. 8 - 11:30 am)

Equipment: T-shirt, shorts, cleats (not mandatory), indoor shoes, thermos

Session Topics: Stance, blocking, passing, catching, kicking/punting, agility tests, conditioning drills and positional play

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SOCCER

What: Wildcat Soccer Camp

Who: Rising 6th gr. - Rising 8th gr. (Co-ed)

When: August 10 – 14 (Mon. - Fri. 8 - 11:30 am)

Equipment: T-shirt, shorts, cleats, indoor shoes, shin guards
Session Topics: Ball handling, dribbling, passing, shooting, offense / defense concept

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Coaches:

Dan Calhoun - Baseball, Football

Matthew Hrbek - Basketball, Soccer

Ron Miterko - Baseball

Chad Navin – Football

Costs:

Baseball, Basketball \$180 / wk.

Football, Soccer \$120 / wk.

**Multiple camp discount—subtract \$40 for each Additional camp

**Multiple children discount—subtract \$20 for each child per camp

Questions? Contact Dan Calhoun 870-4072

Mission: To provide an opportunity for our youth to gain knowledge and experience in a variety of sports offered at the middle school level.

See the WMMS.net website and click on Summer Sports Camps for a downloadable brochure with registration form and fees.