



WILDCAT NEWS

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What's Happening.....

Sept. 4.....Informational Meeting- Dance Explosion Company – 3:15pm-3:45pm

Sept. 9.....Beta Club Officer Meeting, Media Center 7:40am

Sept. 9.....**6th Grade Parents Cookies and Conversation – 5:30pm-7:15pm**

Sept. 9.....**PTA Meeting**, Media Center-7:30pm

Sept. 10....Beta Club General Meeting, Media Center – 7:40am

Sept. 11....Dance Explosion Company Auditions 3:30pm-4:30pm

Sept. 16....**Fall Sports Picture Day**

Sept. 16....**7th & 8th Grade Parents Meet the Teacher Night – 5:30pm-7pm**

Sept. 17....Football: East Wake @ WMMS-3:45pm

Sept. 18....Soccer (Girls) & Volleyball: WMMS @ East Wake – 3:45pm

Sept. 23....Soccer (Girls) & Volleyball: Heritage @ WMMS – 3:45pm

Sept. 24.....Football: WMMS @ Heritage – 3:45pm

Sept. 24.....Helping Hands Parents Night – 6pm-7:30pm

Sept. 25....**Early Release Day**

Sept. 26....**Fall Picture Day**

access the form through our website. To avoid notarization, you may drop by the office during school hours and show a valid drivers' license. You will also have an opportunity to sign up with a drivers' license during Cookies and Conversations or 7th and 8th Grade Meet the Teacher Night.

A BIG WILDCAT WELCOME!

The PTA would like to extend a warm welcome to all new and returning families! The long lazy days of summer are gone and we have a terrific group of PTA officers and board members who are already hard at work preparing for a great school year!

Your PTA provides programs which greatly enhance each student's education. We provide extra support through both volunteer hours and monetary contributions to help build a stronger academic environment. It is our goal this year to implement new programs and activities that will boost "Wildcat Pride". We want our students to be proud to be part of the West Millbrook family. We encourage each of YOU to become involved as well to help us meet these goals. The PTA board and administration would love to see new faces and hear fresh ideas, so please join us for our **monthly PTA meetings**, held the **second Tuesday** of each month at **7:00 p.m.** (except in November when the meeting will be held on the 18th, and no meeting at all in December). These meetings are a great way for you to stay connected to the school!

Every family received a PTA information page in their back to school mailing. This included a couple of forms and a PTA membership envelope. This year the PTA will focus a lot of attention on our PTA membership drive. We feel this is a quick and easy way for parents of all means to be supportive of our efforts and help raise the monies needed to fund the many committees, events and programs that we provide for the students and school. If you have not done so, please take a moment to join and send in your PTA dues today, or you may choose to bring them to either PTA Open House on September 9th or 18th instead. We promise to put your money to good use for the benefit of ALL of our kids! Look for additional membership information in this newsletter. As for the forms in the mailing, one was a volunteer form that gives you many opportunities to find a place to "get connected" through volunteering. We anxiously await the return of YOUR form! The last form was a non-consent form for our PTA student directory....please send this form back if you DO NOT want your child's name printed in the PTA directory. Another form will follow in next week's newsletter or one can be obtained in the front office.

Thank you in advance for your support and interest in the West Millbrook PTA. Feel free to contact any member of your board at any time.....we would love to hear from you! See you at Open House!
Jody Gross, PTA President

A Message from Principal Mutillo

Yesterday, I finished meeting with students by grade-level and team. In those meetings I talked a lot about having pride in attending West Millbrook Middle School. I have to say that all of our students acted like they were proud to be a West Millbrook Wildcat this week.

It was a great opening week of school, and we look forward to many more great weeks. I want to thank all of the parents who have shown their support over the past few weeks. With that continued support we will be the Best in the West.

6th Grade parents, please join us for Cookies and Conversations on September 9th from 5:30pm to 7:15pm.

7th and 8th grade parents, please join us for Meet the Teacher night on September 16th from 5:30pm to 7:00pm.

Remember that we will host East Wake Middle School for our first home football game on September 17 at 3:45pm. On September 23 at 3:45pm, we will host Heritage Middle School for our first home volleyball and soccer games. Please come out and support our athletes.

Parents, if you are sending SPAN registration forms with your students, remember that they must be notarized. You can

ATTENTION PARENTS!

We need your mind...

West Millbrook would like to have an Odyssey of the mind team this year.

Odyssey of the Mind (O.M.) is an international educational program that provides creative problem-solving opportunities for students from kindergarten through college.

O.M. is a competitive program, but it's nothing like your typical sporting event. The competitive element encourages kids to be the best that they can be, but it's a friendly competition. O.M. is not a college bowl or a competition about knowledge. It's all about creativity. Kids are rewarded more for how they apply their knowledge, skills and talents, and not for coming up with the right answer.

Schools or community groups purchase a membership and form teams of up to seven students. Each team chooses one of five competitive problems to solve. The problems appeal to a wide range of interests; some are technical in nature, while others are artistic or performance-oriented.

Under the guidance of an adult coach, teams work on their solutions throughout the school year and, if they choose, present them in organized competitions in the spring. (info from www.odysseyofthemind.com)

This is why we want YOU! We need parents willing to coach our O.M. team. Ms. Niebauer (AG Coordinator) will be the school contact/sponsor; however we need parents willing to get involved on our school community to coach. If you are interested, please contact Stacy Symes ssymes@wcpss.net, or Aimee Niebauer aniebauer@wcpss.net. (For more information on *Odyssey of the Mind*, www.odysseyofthemind.com)

From the Healthful Living Department

Physical Education uniforms are mandatory for all WMMS students. This ensures children are following good health practices by changing clothes for physical activity as well as ensuring the standards of the WCPSS dress code are met.

Uniform order forms are available from your child's Healthful Living teacher. We are in the process of putting in another order, so it is important orders are placed as soon as possible. We are filling orders as they come in, provided we have the correct size on hand. Until uniform orders are filled, students must still change clothes for Physical Education into appropriate clothing of elastic waisted shorts (no soffee), a regular length and regular cut t-shirt, and tennis shoes.

The Healthful Living Department would like to thank you for your patience as we work to fill orders in a timely manner. If any of you have WMMS apparel which is too small and are willing to donate, it can be given to your child's Healthful Living teacher.

WMMS Spirit Wear

Wowza, Wowza, Wowza! Do we have SPIRIT? Or What? Our new Spirit Wear items came in, and went right out! We sold over \$2000 in WMMS Spirit items at "Meet the Teacher" Day. Do you know what that means? Well, it means that we will have \$ to do some great things for our students, BUT, what it really means is that "YOU'VE GOT SPIRIT". We are so excited this year to have a new logo, along with the Vintage styles, and a NEW magnet for the car! Please continue to look for Spirit Wear sales on Open House, Sporting Events,

Concerts, Pep Rallies, etc. Look for order forms coming home and if you need some items or just want to show some WMMS Pride, remember that we've got you covered. LITERALLY! Thanks for your support of WMMS!

Box Tops for Education

Earn cash for our school every time you shop for groceries. Clip Box Tops coupons from hundreds of your favorite products found at your local grocery store. Each coupon is worth 10 cents when our school redeems them from General Mills. Visit www.boxtops4education.com for even more great ideas to earn cash for our school including shopping at the Box Tops Marketplace, which includes your favorite online stores. Box Tops can be dropped off in the jar in the front office. Thanks for your support!

Dance Explosion

Dance Explosion is West Millbrook's dance company. An informational meeting for all students interested in auditioning will be held on Thursday, Sept. 4th from 3:15-3:45pm in the Multipurpose Room. Auditions will be held the following Thursday, Sept. 11th from 3:30pm to 4:30pm in the Multipurpose Room. Students must have a current physical and should arrive early to sign in and warm up.

Thank you !!!!

Many thanks to those of you who got up at 5 am to start baking those scrumptious egg casseroles and wonderful sausage croissants for our teachers BACK TO SCHOOL KICKOFF on Mon Aug 18th. The bagels, juices and fruit were also enjoyed by all.

We gave out 15 door prizes and lots of note pads and pencils to our wonderful folks on staff here at WMMS. You guys are most generous!!! If you'd like to become a part of the WMMS Hospitality Bunch, please drop us an email at bowmanrd@bellsouth.net. Thanks!

Thank you Chick- Fil- A! The restaurant on Six Forks Road by K-Mart generously donated coupons for free chicken sandwiches. These coupons will be distributed to everyone who joins WMMS PTA by September 30th.

Character Education Program at WMMS

One of the objectives of our school system is to affirm and support the character goals of families who send their children to Wake County public schools by providing instruction on board supported traits of good character and affirming their practice. Wake County Public School System has adopted eight key character traits to summarize the principles for an effective character education program. Each month of the school year, a particular character trait is highlighted. WCPSS is committed to educating each student to be a responsible and productive citizen who can effectively manage future challenges. It is Wake County's goal to help students understand what their school and community expects of them in terms of good character.

At West Millbrook, good character is promoted and recognized throughout the year by highlighting a particular character trait for each month. A Character Education Luncheon hosted by the PTA will be held the 4th Thursday of each month to honor those students who have demonstrated the character trait for that month. If a holiday or an early release

falls on that Thursday, then the luncheon will be held the 3rd Thursday of that month. Two students from each team in grades 6th through 8th and one student from the Bluefish team are selected by their teachers. These students have demonstrated the particular trait for that month and are invited to the Character Education Luncheon in their honor. The students are treated to pizza, drinks a healthy snack and dessert. They also receive a certificate and prizes to show our appreciation for their good choices.

If you would like more information about the Character Education Program or you would like to help serve at the luncheon at West Millbrook, please contact Courtney Florian at 870-9577, Susan Bradshaw 866-1252 or Patty Steinke 878-3426.

The Character Trait for the Month of September is “Responsibility”. Students can find the definition of this months’ character trait on the schools TV. It will be posted each month as the traits change.

Raleigh/Wake County College Fair

Representatives from more than 100 colleges and universities will answer questions from parents and students at this year’s Raleigh/Wake County College Fair, to be held from 2 to 4:30 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 7, at the [McKimmon Center](#) on the campus of North Carolina State University. The event is free, and families from Wake County and surrounding areas are invited to attend. Middle-school and high-school students and their parents are encouraged to attend.

In addition to learning about the college admissions process, parents and students can attend workshops on financial aid and preparing for college. Representatives from all branches of the military will also be present to answer questions.

Special Request

Our special education class is in great need of a couch. If there is anyone who has one to donate that is in good condition, it would be most greatly appreciated. If you can help, please contact Mr. Handel at the school.



West Millbrook Middle School PTA Membership Form

Return form and payment by mail to: WMMS PTA Membership, 8115 Strickland Rd., Raleigh, NC 27615
WMMS PTA Membership Levels (make checks payable to: WMMS PTA)

<u>Basic Levels</u>		<u>Premium Levels</u>	
Staff (1 adult)	\$6.00	Bronze (2 adults)	\$30.00
Individual (1 adult)	\$6.00	Silver (2 adults)	\$60.00
Family (2 adults)	\$10.00	Gold (2 adults)	\$125.00

Print Name(s) to appear on membership card: _____

Print Street Address & zip code: _____

Print Student Name(s) & grade level(s): _____

Escriba su cheque a favor de WMMS PTA o pueda pagar en efectivo. Manda por correo a: **WMMS PTA Membership, 8115 Strickland Rd., Raleigh, NC 27615.**

Niveles de Membresía de la PTA. Por favor, complete y revuelvale y incluya su pago

<u>Niveles Básicas</u>		<u>Niveles Premium</u>	
Empleados (una adulto)	\$6.00	Bronce (dos adultos)	\$30.00
Individual (una adulto)	\$6.00	Plateada (dos adultos)	\$60.00
Familia (dos adultos)	\$10.00	Oro (dos adultos)	\$125.00

El Nombre de padre o familia: _____

Dirreccion (Su calle y codigo postal): _____

El Nombre de su hijo(s) y sus grados: _____

WEST MILLBROOK SPIRITWEAR ORDER FORM

STUDENT NAME _____ HOMEROOM TEACHER _____

PARENT NAME _____ PHONE _____ GRADE _____

<u>"Vintage design"(while supplies last)</u>	S	M	L	XL	XXL	QTY	COLOR	PRICE	TOTAL
100% cotton t-shirt Adult S-XL, XXL Navy blue or heather gray								\$8.00/ 10.00	
Girls short-sleeve scoop-neck tee S-XL white, pink, or gray								\$10.00	
Hooded sweatshirt with muff pocket Adult S-XL, XXL Navy, pink, or gray								\$25.00/ 27.00	
Sweatpants, Navy blue Adult S-XL								\$20.00	
Embroidered toboggan, navy blue, one size fits all								\$10.00	
Large drawstring backpack, navy blue								\$12.00	
"New design":									
100% cotton t-shirt Adult S-XL, XXL White or navy blue								10.00/ 11.00	
Girls short-sleeve scoop neck tee S-XL, white or pink (runs small)								\$12.00	
Hooded sweatshirt with muff pocket Adult S-XL, XXL, white, pink, navy blue								25.00/ 27.00	
Oval auto magnet, white with navy blue printing (See design below) NEW!!!								\$2.00	

GRAND TOTAL

PLEASE RETURN ORDER FORM AND EXACT CASH, CHECK, OR MONEY ORDER MADE PAYABLE TO WEST MILLBROOK PTA.

Questions? Contact Julie Sauls at 676-9644 or fivesauls@earthlink.net
Dawn Clark 844-0415 or bentoddsam@nc.rr.com

Vintage design

New Design

auto magnet



ATHLETIC PASS ORDER FORM

Don't miss a single moment of this year's exciting Wildcat sports season. Athletic passes are now on sale. The athletic pass will admit you to every home game at West Millbrook this year. Passes are \$40.00 for an individual pass or \$120.00 for a family of 4 (each additional family member \$20). Just fill out and return this form with payment to Coach Calhoun (Gym office 704). **Make checks payable to WMMS Booster Club.** Thank you for your support!

Name _____

Grade _____

P.E Teacher _____

Period _____

I would like to order:

_____ Student Athletic Pass **\$40.00**

_____ Family Athletic Pass (4 family members) **\$120.00** (each additional family member \$20)

\$ _____ **Total**