



WILDCAT NEWS

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September 5, 2008

What's Happening.....

- 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....8th Grade Dance Meeting - 9:00am
Media Center
- 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**
- Oct. 1.....Football: WMMS @ Zebulon – 3:45pm
- Oct. 2.....Soccer (Girls) & Volleyball: Zebulon @ WMMS – 3:45pm
- Oct. 3.....**Sixth Grade Dance – 5:30pm – 7:00pm**

A Message from Principal Muttillo

6th Grade parents, please join us for Cookies and Conversations this Tuesday September 9th from 5:30 to 7:15. The evening will begin with a welcome and PTA meeting at 5:30 in the gym. Following the PTA meeting, parents will have an opportunity to tour the 6th grade building before meeting the team teachers in designated locations. At 6:00, the Dolphins will meet in the multi-purpose room, the Gems will meet in the media center and the Seals will meet in the cafeteria. An agenda is posted on our website. I hope to see many of the 6th grade parents on Tuesday. 7th and 8th grade parents are invited to join us for Meet the Teacher night on September 16th from 5:30 to 7:00. This evening will also begin with a welcome and PTA meeting at 5:30 in the gym. After the meeting, parents will follow their student's schedule and hear from each teacher.

Remember that we will host East Wake Middle School for our first home football game on 9/17 at 3:45. On 9/23 at 3:45, 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 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.

All 6th grade students who began school on August 25, 2008 are expected to present proof of Tdap immunization on or before September 23, 2008. The only 6th grade students who are exempt are those who have had a Td shot within the last five years. If your child is not in compliance with this law, Wake County Human Services is offering a "Sixth Grade Saturday Clinic" from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. on September 13th. This clinic will be held at the Wake County Human Services Public Health Center.

PTA President's Notes

At the beginning of a school year, there is always a lot of business for the PTA to tend to on a daily basis. This week, my goal is to shorten my article and share some of my observations from around the campus.

The PTA would like to invite every parent to attend one of our upcoming PTA Open Houses. Dates and times are included in this newsletter and each of the evenings will start in the gym. The PTA will be prepared to "show you the money" with our proposed 2008-09 PTA budget, explain our goals for the year and go over our new fundraising information. Please plan to visit the PTA membership table, WMMS spirit wear table and fundraising table that evening before you leave. We want you to stop by and say "hello" and we will help you get CONNECTED to your school!

As parents, we could not have asked for a smoother transition from summertime to school time. Let's all embrace these first weeks of school routine and be thankful for an administration and staff that are dedicated to each of our children's success at WMMS! Jody Gross, PTA President

***** PTA Student Directory *****

The WMMS PTA publishes a Student Directory which lists each student's name, grade level, home address, parent/guardian name(s), and phone number as they appear in the student's official school record. ALL STUDENTS are INCLUDED in the directory unless this non-consent form is completed and returned to the school by FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2008. If you **DO NOT** want your student's name published, please fill out a non-consent form and return it to the school. Forms are available in school office or you may contact Jody Gross with any questions at 846-0319 or email at jodypta@aol.com.

Fundraising Made Simple

The PTA is very pleased to have partnered with **The hCard®** to offer you an easy hassle-free way to raise funds for our school. This card will pay for itself with the many discounts from both local and national retailers, access to hundreds of grocery coupons and free roadside assistance! We promise to make each dollar raised during this fundraiser work for the

good of ALL children at our school. Look for more information on the fundraiser at both Open House nights and a take home brochure in your child's backpack on Monday, September 15th. We hope you will purchase **The hCard®** and spread the word and encourage family and friends to support our efforts as well. More details to come!!!

BATTLE OF THE BROOKS & YOUR PTA: More Fun Coming!

Spirit Week and the big, bad Battle of the Brooks are coming! The Battle of the Brooks is a long-time tradition at WMMS. It is a football game pitting West Millbrook against rival East Millbrook on "neutral turf," Millbrook High School.

West Millbrook has challenged East Millbrook to another Battle: a contest of PTA membership numbers. The school with the greater number of families who join PTA will win a trophy! And the school with the most faculty and staff members who join PTA will win a tailgate lunch catered by the losing school!

As an incentive for families to join PTA at the Premium Level Memberships, we are having a drawing for prizes.

All members at the BRONZE level (\$30) will be in a drawing for a WMMS Spirit Pack. SILVER memberships (\$60) will have a drawing for an individual Annual Pass to every WMMS athletic event. Best of all, GOLD members (\$125) will be entered in a drawing for four Annual Passes for the whole family!

To join PTA, just fill out the green membership form available in the front office or WMMS website and return it with your tax-deductible payment by mail:

WMMS PTA Membership// 8115 Strickland Road//
Raleigh, NC// 27615.

OR send it with your student to his/her homeroom teacher. Please note: Each school's PTA is a separate organization, so your PTA membership at another school DOES NOT support West Millbrook.

PTA Memberships last for one school year.

8th Grade Dance Meeting

There will be a meeting on Thursday, September 18, at 9 AM in the media center to discuss plans for the 8th grade dance. Any parents that would be interested in helping form ideas, plan decorations and food, etc., please try to attend. If you would like to help but cannot make this meeting, please contact Kate Gerowitz at gerowit@attglobal.net. We have a great theme this year that should be lots of fun for the students!

7th Grade Video Adventure this summer

This summer, the HI FIVE project (Highly Interactive Fun Internet Virtual Environment in Science); out of NC State embarked on an exciting and fun exploration on the affect video games have on student learning and attitudes toward science and mathematics. Some of our seventh grade students, along with their science teacher, Ms. Koch, participated in a three day workshop where they learned how to create educational video games. This workshop was free and all the participants had a great time. The students were able to build their own video games and time was allotted for them to share what they learned. It was great to see our students explaining and providing demonstrations of their final product. We would like to thank NC State (specifically – Dr. Len Annetta and Phil Moses) for allowing WMMS the opportunity to be a part of this great adventure.

Did you know that you can earn high school credit for Spanish classes taken at WMMS!

It is true! How can WMMS students take advantage of this exciting opportunity? Students who complete both requirements will pass out of Spanish I and earn one credit towards high school graduation! Your grades earned here at WMMS do not transfer to your high school, it's only the credit!

1. Students must successfully complete 150 hours of Spanish instruction. For WMMS students, that means that you must complete and pass three semesters of Spanish. Classes that are available at WMMS are...
❖ Beginning, Intermediate, and Advanced Spanish
2. Students must successfully complete the End of Course Spanish Placement Exam given in the spring to 8th graders who are taking or have completed Advanced Spanish.

7th Grade – Peer Pressure Week

West Millbrook will be having peer pressure week in October. During this week, students will learn what peer pressure is and how to deal with it. Our theme for this program will be "The Construction Zone." We are looking for donations of orange t-shirts to hand out to students for the last day of the week so that they will be "in the zone." Our goal is to have one orange t-shirt for every 7th grader. If you know of any company that can either donate or give a tremendous deal on orange t-shirts, please contact Ms. Jana Barone, 7th Grade Counselor at (919) 870-4059 or jbarone@wcpss.net

PBS – Positive Behavior Support

Our school wide initiative has gotten off to a great start. This initiative focuses on acknowledging positive behavior and teaching desired behaviors. As incentives, students are rewarded tickets. At the end of the week, there is a school wide drawing (three per grade level). These students are entitled to a prize of their choice. **We are in desperate need of prizes.** If you could donate any small prizes we would greatly appreciate it. Prize suggestions are, but not limited to: gift certificates – to restaurants, Adventure Landing, Putt Putt Golf; movie passes, school supplies, candy, toys, kits, gift cards (I-Tunes, Best Buy, Target, and Walmart, etc.). These are suggestions that our students gave us; whatever you can donate will be greatly appreciated. Please send all donations to Ms. Roberts, 7th grade administrator.

We would also like to set up a school store for our students. They will earn tickets to redeem for prizes in the store. If someone is interested in setting this project up, please contact Ms. Roberts at 870-4055 or jlroberts@wcpss.net.

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.

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



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 _____

"Vintage design"(while supplies last)	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

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