



WMMS Wildcat News

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What's Happening.....

September 8, 5:30 – 7:00: "Cookies & Conversation"
Open House for parents of 6th graders
September 15, 5:30 - 7:30: Open House for parents
of 7th and 8th graders
October 5 - 9: Book Fair
October 9: Fall Frenzy (Family Fun Night)

A Message From Principal Muttillio

West Millbrook Wildcat Families: Thank you for a great start to the new school year. I have been impressed and thankful for the way many new West Millbrook families have contributed to the volunteer efforts initiated by our returning families. For over a year, I have said that I envision West Millbrook as the best school in Wake County. We took a step in that direction last year by revitalizing our school spirit, stabilizing our staff, and working together to ensure that our students were successful academically and enjoyed their total experience at West Millbrook. Those efforts were rewarded at the end of the year with improved EOG and EOC scores. As a school, we improved our EOG proficiency, met 96.6% of our No Child Left Behind goals, and increased the percentage of students who reached their growth targets. With your help this year, I know we can build on our success from last year and take another big step to becoming the best middle school in the district. We hope to see all 6th grade parents this Tuesday, September 8th at 5:30 for Cookies and Conversations. Next Tuesday, September 15th at 5:30, we will welcome all 7th and 8th grade families for Open House. Thank you again for a great start. I look forward to working with each of you to ensure the success of your individual children and all of West Millbrook.

Attention: All Parents of Sixth Grade Students

According to North Carolina state law, all sixth grade students must provide proof within the first 30 days of school of receiving the Tdap booster! As of September 25, 2009, all 6th grade students who have not provided the required documentation will be excluded from school until the law is met. If you have any questions feel free to contact Gayle Starkey, RN our School Based Public Health Nurse @ 870-4070.

Positive Behavior Support Team Needs Your Help!

We are seeking prizes of all types to reward students for demonstrating positive/appropriate behavior on campus. Examples include school supplies, small food items like ice pops or granola bars, inexpensive gift cards (e.g., \$1 coupon for McDonald's, movie rentals), or anything you

would like to donate. Please bring your donations to Lynn Midthun in the front office. If you have any questions, please contact Kim Getty (kgetty@wcpss.net) or Katie Bonner (kbonner@wcpss.net). PBS thanks you in advance and is greatly appreciative of your support!

ATTENTION PARENTS! We Need Your Minds....

We need YOU to support some of our best and brightest Wildcats! Get involved in our school community. We are looking for parents willing to help coach our Odyssey of the Mind & Math Counts teams. Both the Odyssey & MATH COUNTS programs are academic competitions that engage students in higher-level, rigorous thinking. MATH COUNTS is strictly math centered, while Odyssey leans more toward creative, collaborative problem solving.

Under the guidance of an adult coach, teams work throughout the school year and present in organized competitions in the spring. These two programs offer great experiences and opportunities for students to get involved and challenge themselves.

Ms. Niebauer (AG Coordinator/IRT) is the school contact/sponsor. If you are interested, contact me via aniebauer@wcpss.net or call 518-0111. For more information, visit www.mathcounts.org and www.odysseyofthemind.com.

Future Business Leaders of America

Our school is starting an FBLA (Future Business Leaders of America) chapter this year. FBLA is a career and technical student organization that serves students who are currently enrolled in Business Education courses - Keyboarding or Business Computer Technology - either first or second semester this school year.

FBLA is a national organization with approximately 8,700 middle and high school student members in NC. The mission of FBLA is to help build and sustain Business Education programs of excellence in order to serve our communities, our state, and our nation. It provides students with leadership opportunities as well as a means to compete with other students at regional, state, and national conferences.

An interest meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 10 at 3:30 in room 211. At this meeting we will discuss plans for this year and give you an opportunity to meet our chapter advisors Ms. Bullock and Mr. Sullivan. Additional information is also available at the following web site www.ncfbla.org and www.fbla.org. If you have any questions, please email William Sullivan at wsullivan@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 that 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 that is too small and are willing to donate, it can be given to your child's Healthful Living teacher.

Attention All Current and Future Spanish Students!

If you are going to be enrolled in Spanish for the 2009-2010 school year, you are eligible to join Sra. Luxford on a 12 day trip to Greece, Italy, and Spain. There is a General Interest Meeting on Thursday, September 10th from 6:30-7:30 p.m. See Sra. Luxford in trailer 5 for a flyer with more information and directions to our meeting.

If you have already enrolled in the trip we are having a mandatory meeting on Monday, September 21st from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Sra. Luxford also has flyers with directions to that meeting as well! Hope to see you there!

WMMS Beta Club Will Meet

Was your child a member of a Junior Beta Club chapter at another middle school last year? Students who went through the official induction process and completed the year as a member in good standing, regardless of school, are welcome to continue membership at WMMS. Our first general meeting for last years' WMMS Beta members, as well as those who are transferring, will be Wednesday morning, September 9, at 7:35 in the Media Center. Please drop students off in the carpool lane at 7:30 so they will arrive in time for the start of the meeting. We have a full agenda and also have a guest speaker. Prompt arrival is important. It's going to be a great year!

Fall Sports News

On Wednesday, September 9 at 5:30pm, there is a mandatory meeting for all parents/guardians of fall sports athletes. Football, Girls Soccer, and Volleyball coaches will be present to go over sport specific needs and expectations for the upcoming season. Please plan on arriving between 5:00-5:15 so we can begin at 5:30 promptly. Please enter the gym building through the lobby doors. Football will meet in the gym, Girls Soccer will meet in room 701, Volleyball will meet in room 702. If you

have any questions/concerns please contact Dan Calhoun at dcalhoun@wcpss.net or (919) 870-4072.

Get Your WMMS Spiritwear!

Spiritwear will be available for purchase prior to Tuesday evening's Conversation and Cookies (5:00 - 5:30). Please come early to browse through all of the new items that are available this year! New stock has just arrived, so if your size/style was not available during the "Meet the Teacher" Open House, we probably have it in stock now.

New items for this year are:

- Blue and white tie-dye 'Wildcat' T-shirts
- Wildcat bracelets (like the Live Strong bracelets)– offered in Navy and Tie-Dye versions
- Sweatpants (new design)
- Drawstring Backpack (new design)

Along with these new items, we are still offering the ever popular regular T-shirts, scoop-neck T-shirts, hooded sweatshirts, pennant, and WMMS car magnet & license plate. Go Wildcats!

Membership Has Its Privileges!

PTA membership is a two-way street. Not only does it give you a voice but it helps to fund many programs that help make our school great! Join today and help make a difference at WMMS!

Membership Options:

Teacher/Staff	\$7.00
Individual Member	\$7.00
Family (2 adults)	\$12.00

Premium Memberships

Bronze (2 adults)	\$30.00
Silver (2 adults)	\$60.00
Gold (2 adults)	\$125.00

Visit us at the upcoming Open House to fill out a membership form or go online to print the form and send to school with your child. Forms also available in the front office.

Premium Memberships are eligible for these AWESOME Raffle Prizes:

- Gold - Family Athletic Pass (includes 2 adult and 2 student passes to every home game for every sport of the 2009-2010 season)
- Silver - 1 Athletic Pass (good for admission to every home game for every sport of the 2009-2010 season)
- Bronze - WMMS Spirit Basket (includes 1 WMMS t-shirt, 2 WMMS license plates, 2 WMMS magnets, 2 WMMS pennants and 1 WMMS water bottle)

Memberships collected by September 15th will be eligible. Drawing to be held on September 16th.