



WILDCAT NEWS

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What's Happening.....

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**

Oct. 7.....Beta Club Officer Mtg., Media Center-7:40am

Oct. 8.....Beta Club General Mtg., Media Center-7:40am

Oct. 8.....Football: Wakefield @ WMMS – 3:45pm

Oct. 9.....Soccer (Girls) & Volleyball: WMMS @
Wakefield – 3:45pm

Oct. 10.....**Teacher Workday**

Due to the abundance of information in this week's newsletter, Dr. Muttillo's message can be found on the school website under Parent Phone Message from Dr. Muttillo.

Fundraising Made Simple STARTS TODAY!

LOOK FOR YOUR PACKET TODAY! 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. All students should have received their fundraising brochure today from their homeroom teacher. The incentives are great for our students and we hope you will take the time to purchase **The hCard®**. Spread the word and encourage family and friends to support our efforts as well.

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. Due to technical

difficulties in the WCPSS automated phone system, we are extending the deadline to **FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 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 the school office or you may contact Jody Gross with any questions at 846-0319 or email at jodypta@aol.com.

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!

SHOW YOUR CHILDREN YOU CARE ABOUT EDUCATION! JOIN THE 2008- 2009 WMMS PARENT-TEACHER ASSOCIATION (PTA)!

Study after study has shown that when parents are involved in their children's school, their children get better grades and have fewer behavior problems. Joining the Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) is an easy way to get involved at West Millbrook.

COMMUNICATION: At the monthly PTA meetings, you can talk with WMMS teachers and administrators, hear what's going on at school, and give your input. We meet the second Tuesday of the month, at 7 pm.

VOLUNTEER COORDINATION: No matter if you work fulltime, have small children at home, or prefer to work alone there's a volunteer job for any circumstance!

FINANCIAL SUPPORT: PTA funds many programs at West Millbrook to enrich your child's education. All your contributions are tax-deductible. Premium Level Memberships (\$30 to \$125) are an easy way to provide even more funding for WMMS programs

PLEASE JOIN! PTA forms are available on the WMMS website, or at the WMMS Front Office. Return the form in an envelope with your membership dues in cash, or checks made payable to "WMMS PTA," by mail: WMMS PTA Membership; 8115 Strickland Road; Raleigh, NC 27615; OR send it with your student to his/her homeroom teacher. Contact Anne Rajagopalan, tel. 855-8284, with any questions about membership in the WMMS PTA.

WHAT GOOD IS THIS LITTLE WHITE CARD?

When you received your PTA membership card and thank-you gift from Chick-Fil-A, you also received a small white card with numbers and a bar code. That card has "linking"

information to various merchants who generously donate a portion of their profits to Wake County schools. YOU, the consumer, decide which schools receive their money.

You can go to the store website, or simply ask the cashier to "link" your purchases to West Millbrook Middle School using the numbers provided on the card. Linking costs nothing and is easy to do, but you must re-new all links at the start of every school year.

BEST OF ALL, YOU DON'T HAVE TO HAVE A STUDENT AT WMMS TO LINK TO IT! So, ask your neighbors, co-workers, relatives, and friends if they would help our students by also linking to West Millbrook at these stores. Thank you!

PLEASE NOTE: The number for WMMS at **Office Depot** is 70662212. For **Food Lion's** Shop and Share program, you can also call 1-704-633-8250 X 3810 to link to "WMMS PTA." **Harris-Teeter** Together in Education program, you can also call 1-800-432-6111 to link to WMMS number 1986. **Kroger Corp.** is currently changing their school linking program; further details will be available soon.

Beta Club Interest Meetings

The National Junior Beta Club is an academic honor organization that recognizes outstanding scholastic achievement, promotes strong moral character and social responsibility, encourages service to others, fosters leadership skills, and provides settings for students to develop strong interpersonal skills.

Seventh and eighth grade students with a GPA of at least 3.5 (at least half A's and half B's) on last year's final report card are eligible to apply for membership. One component of the application process includes two teacher recommendations attesting to moral integrity, service orientation, industrious attitude, and leadership potential. The student must also complete another component of the application which includes contact information, activities and awards, etc.

If your 7th or 8th grade student is interested, please encourage him/her to attend an interest meeting in the media center at 8 a.m. on Friday, 9/19, Tuesday, 9/23, or Wednesday, 9/24. Students should only attend one meeting. Applications will be distributed at the interest meetings and will be accepted through 8:15 a.m., October 7.

If you have questions, please contact Mrs. Walters or Mrs. McGlynn, faculty co-advisors.

MATH TUTORIAL LAB

We would like to inform you of our Math Tutorial Lab, which will be available for all students beginning the first week of school. The lab is free of charge and will run Monday – Thursday from 3 – 4:15 in Room 128. There is an activity bus available for students who stay for after school activities. Please contact Katie Bonner if you have any questions. Contact: Katie Bonner @ 870-4050 or kbonner@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.

Raising a Reader

There is a huge difference between knowing how to read and being an avid reader. Schools do a good job teaching children how to read but need help from parents in getting children to derive pleasure from reading thus developing a life-long love of reading.

Below are 4 rules of thumb that experts agree are building blocks to raising enthusiastic readers:

1. **It all starts with reading aloud.** Reading aloud should start at birth and continue through middle school. The more words a child hears, the bigger his/her vocabulary becomes because listening comprehension precedes reading comprehension.

2. **Have plenty of books in the house.** Books need to be an integral part of your family's everyday life to reinforce the value of reading. Keep books in the bathroom, on side tables, by the bed, in the backpack. Make regular visits to the public library. Whenever possible, read with your child.

3. **Model reading for your child by being a reader yourself.** Make a point of reading the newspaper when your child is in the room. Look for areas of common interest with your child and read together – sports or fashion magazines, interesting novels, how-to books. Students emulate their parents so don't be caught only watching TV.

4. **Let your kids be in charge of what they read.** Allow your children to select their own reading material, even if it's too easy. We all like junk once in a while. Variety is the key. Reading for pleasure means YOU read what you want YOU want to read. If you have a reluctant reader, don't force him/her. Instead read to her.

WCPSS has purchased 2 tools to help parents in this process. First is a new library manager software program, *Destiny*. Students and parents can now access *Destiny* on-line, <http://Destiny.wcpss.net>, and search our collection from home. Also, a publication entitled, "Starting Points for Reading in Middle Schools," was purchased and distributed to every student. In this publication, there are fiction and non-fiction titles suitable for 6-8 students. Sit down with your child, review the titles and look up summaries in *Destiny*. Share with your child how you go about selecting a book to read.

We are looking forward to a wonderful year working with your children! Diane Walters, Stacy Symes, Susan Cole
WMMS Media Staff

VOLUNTEERS MUST REGISTER

Please be sure to register with the WCPSS Volunteer System if you plan to volunteer in the schools this year. This must be done on a Wake County school computer. All volunteers from last year were put inactive as of July 1, 2008. You must stop by a Wake County school to re-register. The process takes only about 5 minutes, so if you plan on volunteering at WMMS for dances, field trips, sporting events, classrooms, etc. you must be registered.

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)



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 _____

<u>"Vintage design"(while supplies last)</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>XL</u>	<u>XXL</u>	<u>QTY</u>	<u>COLOR</u>	<u>PRICE</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
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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