



# WILDCAT NEWS

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## What's Happening.....

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**  
Oct. 14.....Soccer (Girls) & Volleyball: Durant @ WMMS – 3:45pm  
Oct. 14.....**PTA Meeting – Media Center – 7:00pm**  
Oct. 15.....Football: WMMS @ Durant – 3:45pm  
Oct. 16.....**Early Release Day**

## A Message from Principal Mutillo

The highlight of my week was spending time at lunch on Thursday with 19 students who were recognized for consistently acting responsibly throughout the month of September. Thanks to the PTA's character education committee, we were able to recognize these students by allowing them to eat an Italian lunch outside on a beautiful day. They also received certificates and a small prize bag. We also randomly pulled one name for a character education t-shirt. I know these 19 students were a good representation of the many students we have at West Millbrook who consistently act in accordance with all of our character traits. I look forward to recognizing 19 students each month of the school year. Next month's character trait focus is respect.

Next week is interim and SPAN week. Teachers will begin distributing interims and your child will have all of his or her interim reports by Friday, September 26<sup>th</sup>. You will also be able to see these interim reports via SPAN once your account is created. I will begin creating SPAN accounts early next week, so you should have an email message by Friday, September 26<sup>th</sup>. Once you receive your email, you may log into SPAN. The log-in page can be accessed through our school website. Remember, grades may not be updated on SPAN until Friday, September 26<sup>th</sup>.

Lifetouch will be on our campus next Friday, September 26<sup>th</sup> taking student portraits for our yearbook. If you would like to purchase picture packages, your child must bring his or her order and money to school on Friday, September 26<sup>th</sup>. These order envelopes will go home on Monday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>. Please ask your child for them. If this form gets lost in your child's backpack, you may print an order form from West Millbrook's website. Remember that Lifetouch offers a 100% money back guarantee.

We need your help being good neighbors to the families who live in the homes on Mourning Dove. For those of you that use that back entrance on Mourning Dove, please follow these rules to help us be good neighbors.

1. Arrive after 7:50 a.m.
2. Once you arrive, walk directly on to campus. Do not loiter at the top of the stairs.
3. Lock all bicycles on the bike rack outside the cafeteria. Do not lock bicycles to trees, signposts, or light poles on Mourning Dove.
4. One safety concern: When you are riding your bike or walking to school, please use the sidewalks. Drivers are not expecting you to be in the streets, and this time of year, they are driving directly into the sunlight.

To assist, we have posted a staff member at the top of the stairs from 7:50 to 8:10.

Thank you for being good neighbors to the families on Mourning Dove.

## CALLING ALL PARENTS!

We need you to help us reach our goal to sell 800 hCard's this school year! Each family received information on this PTA fundraiser last Monday. The company gives the winning classroom teacher a free 4 hour LIMOUSINE RIDE and dinner certificate! The winning classroom students will receive a free pizza party! There are great individual prizes too! How about an Apple iPod Nano to the top seller? We chose the **hCard®** because we wanted 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! You will have access to hundreds of grocery coupons, discount movies tickets, and free roadside assistance, discount prescriptions! We promise to make each dollar raised during this fundraiser work for the good of ALL children at our school. 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. Go to [www.schoolheart.com](http://www.schoolheart.com) and click on our school.link....it's easy to participate and your savings will start immediately!

## Yearbook Applications

On Monday, September 22, seventh and eighth grade students who are interested in applying for the 2008-2009 West Millbrook yearbook staff should stop by the media center to pick up an application. Interested eighth graders may also ask Mr. Wishon for an application. Applicants must be available for staff meetings after school. Working on the yearbook staff is a fun way for students to gain experience with photography, layout and design, journalistic writing, and marketing.

## 7<sup>th</sup> 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 for 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 7<sup>th</sup> 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, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Counselor at (919) 870-4059 or [jbarone@wcpss.net](mailto:jbarone@wcpss.net)**

## PBS – Positive Behavior Support

- Our school wide initiative has gotten off to a great start. This initiative focuses on and acknowledges 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-Tune, 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, 7<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:jlroberts@wcpss.net).

## HOW DOES PTA BENEFIT ITS MEMBERS?

You knew that WMMS Parent Teacher Association benefits our children, but did you know that the adult members benefit too? For instance, **Southwest Airlines** offers 5 % discounts on vacation packages; **Barnes & Noble** offers 5% discounts for on-line orders (even sale items); **Liberty Mutual** offers discounts on home, auto, and renters insurance; **T-Mobile** offers discounts on mobile phone service &

equipment and waives activation fees; and **Sharp Electronics** offers discounts on its audio & video products (including flat TV's) and home office products & appliances. To learn more about these and other terrific PTA deals, telephone 1-800-307-the back of your WMMS PTA membership card.

So, help WMMS students AND yourself -- join the PTA! Simply fill out a membership envelope available in the front office or print off a form from the school website. Send your application with your child to the homeroom teacher OR mail to: WMMS// 8115 Strickland Rd. // Raleigh, NC 27615. Include your dues in cash or check made payable to "WMMS PTA." Basic dues are \$6 for an individual and \$10 for a family. You can also join at a premium membership level: Bronze (\$30), Silver (\$60), or Gold (\$125). Everyone who joins WMMS PTA by Sept. 30, 2008 will get a coupon for a free **Chick-Fil-A** sandwich. And everyone who joins at a Premium Level will have a chance for some **great prizes**.

## Wildcat Math Tutorial Lab

We would like to remind you of our Math Tutorial Lab which is available for all students. The lab is free of charge and will run Monday – Thursday from 3 – 4:15. There is an activity bus available for students who stay for after school activities. Please contact Katie Bonner at 870-4050 or [kbonner@wcpss.net](mailto:kbonner@wcpss.net) if you have any questions.

## Support the WMMS Booster Club !!!!

Please support your WMMS Booster Club!! Our mission is to assist the Athletic/Health Dept. of WMMS by providing funds for athletic equipment for gym and school supported sports, pay officials and provide assistance in funding uniform purchases. There are four ways to help –

- 1) Purchase a Sports Pass-allowing entrance to all sporting events this year for free!
- 2) Sponsorship-All sponsorship includes tax deduction letter for tax purposes! Individual, family, or Corporate sponsorship available.
- 3) Provide/Purchase goods to be sold at the concession stands.
- 4) Volunteer!!!! We need concession workers for all sporting events, help organizing events, and lots more! Most of our work is needed in the evenings. All volunteers welcome day or night!

For questions, contact:

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Virginia McAfee - [v.mcafee@yahoo.com](mailto:v.mcafee@yahoo.com) 844-6955

Volunteers contact Kayla Perry at [kperry@wcpss.net](mailto:kperry@wcpss.net) or 870-4244.

## 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](http://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!