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What's Happening at West Millbrook...

- October 4 (Wed.).....Football: Heritage @WMMS – 3:45 pm
- October 5 (Thurs.).....Girls Soccer: Heritage @ WMMS – 3:45 pm
Girls Volleyball: WMMS @ Heritage – 3:45 pm
- October 10 (Tues.).....Beta Club Officer's Meeting – 7:30 am – 8:10 am
PTA Meeting – 7:00 pm
- October 11 (Wed.).....Beta Club General Meeting – 7:30 am – 8:10 am
Football: Durant @ WMMS – 3:45 pm
- October 12 (Thurs.).....Girls Soccer & Volleyball: WMMS @Durant – 3:45 pm
- October 20 (Friday).....Dance-A-Thon: 3:00 pm – 6:30 pm

Spotlight on Students.....

Each year West Millbrook chooses a student for Spotlight on Students. This student's accomplishments are celebrated in a ceremony at the County office where he/she receives a decorative plaque. The student is also featured in an article in the Raleigh News and Observer.

This year West Millbrook's Spotlight is on Christine Cormier. Christine Cormier is always prepared for class and willing to participate. She attempts to do everything for herself. An "A" Honor Roll student, a member of the Drama Club, Beta Club and the Yearbook Staff, she always has a positive attitude and a smile on her face, even when she's in pain. Christine has Achondroplasia Dwarfism. Even though she is only 13, she's had 16 surgeries. She exemplifies every character trait Wake County promotes, especially perseverance. When a new medical problem arises, she figures out a new way to do things instead of becoming discouraged. She is an outstanding role model for her peers and she inspires everyone she comes in contact with.

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.

At West Millbrook, good character is promoted and recognized through a Character Education Luncheon hosted by the PTA. Every month two students from each team are selected by their teachers to attend this luncheon. These students have demonstrated the particular trait for that month and are invited to the Character Education Luncheon in their honor. The students not only enjoy pizza, drinks, and dessert, they also receive a certificate and prizes to show our appreciation for their good choices.

The Character Education Trait for September is RESPONSIBILITY. On September 28th, the WMMS PTA held a pizza luncheon in honor of 18 students who were recognized by their teachers for demonstrating RESPONSIBILITY. Those students were:

Gems – Akshit Patel, Emily Machak
 Seals – Laurel Sykes, Desmond Johnson-Wright
 Dolphins – Anthony Frazier, Emily Watson-Cook
 Falcons – Andresia Williams, Keith Marshall
 Lions – Karla De La Cruz Rodriguez, Derrick Snipes
 Panthers – Elizabeth Bialkowski, Alhagie Njie
 Eagles – Peyton Boyce, Charlotte Molamba
 Sharks – Pamela Kass, Micah Pilley
 Tigers- Keraz Gandhi, Dominique Eason

Congratulations to our fine students! The Character Education Trait for October is RESPECT.

If you would like to volunteer at one of the luncheons, please contact Denise Kirkland at 431-0652. To find more information about the WCPSS Character Education Program, please visit the web site at www.wcpss.net/character-education

Girls Volleyball.....

The 2006 girls' volleyball team roster is as follows: 8th graders Catherine Cox, Emily Vaughan, Mary Harrell, Kelly Davis, Katherine Ellison, Hillary Higgins, and Pamela Kass. The 7th graders are Haley Pope, Sarah Anderson, Elizabeth Bialkowski, Erin Brown, Morgan Gowarty, Jamie Misencik, and Chanice Hunt-Foster. The team has 6th graders Jessica McAfee and Hailee Brinkley serving as managers. On Thursday, September 14th, the team suffered a tough loss at East Wake. The final match score was 3 games to 2. The girls fought back from a 2 to 1 game deficit. They fell just short of victory in the 5th and final game, losing 15-12. Great performances were turned in by captains Emily Vaughan and Catherine Cox. On Thursday, September 21, WMMS dropped their match to Leesville in their home opener. They were defeated 3 games to 1. Erin Brown and Mary Harrel led the team with some outstanding play.

Wake Education Partnership

During the next year, Wake Education Partnership is reorganizing its program of work in an effort to focus their resources in ways that will be more meaningful and bring about a greater impact in our community. The website is www.WakeEdPartnership.org. At the website you can learn more about the programs and the resources they offer, sign up for electronic newsletters, or find out how you can support their efforts. Please contact them with questions or comments at 821-7609.

Feelin' Groovy!

It's coming soon!! The stellar 2nd Annual West Millbrook Dance-A-Thon is scheduled for Friday, October 20, 3- 6:30 PM. An information packet will be coming home soon. This will be a slammin' 70s party-dress in cool 70s attire (platform shoes, bell bottoms, tie-dye, big hair, etc.) or come as you are! We'll be playing today's music with some hip 70s songs thrown in! Prizes! Food! Fun! Far out!! If you would like to help out, call Jeanna Reeves at 848-0237

Beta Club Invitations...

Beta Club invitations will be distributed on October 4 to seventh and eighth grade students who earned at least a 3.5 GPA last school year, and who demonstrate strong character and role model behavior. If your student is invited, please encourage him/her to join this organization that focuses on developing leadership skills through serving others.

PLEASE JOIN THE WMMS PTA

Your 2006-07 membership in the WMMS PTA is important to support the important programs for students and staff at West Millbrook Middle School.

Please complete and return with your payment

WMMS PTA Membership Levels: Basic Levels

- Staff (1 adult) \$6.00
- Individual (1 adult) \$6.00
- Family (2 adults) \$10.00

Premium Levels

- Bronze (2 adults) \$25.00
- Silver (2 adults) \$50.00
- Gold (2 adults) \$100.00

Name(s) as it (they) should appear on the card: _____

Street Address and Zip Code: _____

Student(s) Name(s) and Grade Level: _____