



WMMS Wildcat News

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What's Happening....

October 21	Early Release Day, 12:30 p.m.
October 23	School Dance (all grades)
October 28	Spirit Week begins
October 30	Teacher Workday
November 4	"Battle of the Brooks" football game, 6 p.m.
November 5	Report Cards issued
November 9	Parent Education - Cyber Safety, 7 p.m.

"Battle of the Brooks" PTA Sign-Up Ends Oct. 28!

The Battle of the Brooks is a long-time tradition at WMMS. West Millbrook plays rival East Millbrook on "neutral turf," Millbrook High School. This year it'll be 6:00 pm on Wednesday, November 4.

Again this year, West Millbrook has challenged East Millbrook to a contest of PTA membership numbers. West Millbrook will win back the trophy at half-time if our school has the greater proportion of PTA members this year! And the school with the greater proportion of faculty members who join PTA will win a wonderful BREAKFAST for the teachers, catered by the losing school!

Let's keep the tradition going here too -- West Millbrook has never yet had to provide the teacher meal!

DON'T DELAY! The deadline to join PTA for the contest is **WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28th!**

Parent Education Workshop Will Teach Cyber Safety

The Internet is a great resource for students and can be used for school assignments, to communicate with family and friends and to even play age-appropriate interactive games. But that access can also pose hazards. That's why it's important for parents to be aware of what websites their children are "visiting" and who they "talk" to online.

Join us for a workshop on "Cyber Safety" on Monday, November 9th at 7:00 in the Media Center. Parents will

how to foster online safety, privacy and security in support of learning in a technology-enhanced environment. Topics will include social networking, identify theft, cyber bullying and more. For more information, contact Mrs. Rae Kelly at 870-4057.

Volunteer Help Needed!

Do you have one or two mornings a month that you could volunteer your time to WMMS? Do you want a chance to help out the administrative office at WMMS? Here's your chance! If you have not yet been able to get connected or feel connected...we need you!

Because of budget cuts this summer, the front office is a little short-handed with the task of making classroom copies for teachers and staff. The PTA has decided to form a new committee called Copy Center Volunteers. If you can commit to at least one day every month from now until the end of the school year, we would love to have you help us out! Your time commitment will be from 9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. each day.

Contact Jody Gross at jodypta@aol.com or at 846-0319 with the day you are available (ex: 1st Monday, 2nd & 4th Friday, 3rd Thursday, etc.). We will provide two training sessions for our volunteers to get you started. It is a great way to get to know all the faculty and staff!

"Family Night Out" is on November 2!

Save the date and take the night off in the kitchen! The West Millbrook PTA has brought back Family Night Out. We are going to partner with area restaurants the first week of every month to get our families out into the community together and raise a little money for our school. The BEST part of the evening will be that all you need to do is show up! You will not have to shop for food, prepare or cook the food or even clean up the dishes!

We are setting you up for a relaxing night with your family. Mark you calendar now for Monday, November 2nd from 5:00 p.m. to closing at Milton's Pizza, located at 8853 Six Forks Road (corner of Strickland Road). You and your family can dine in or take out (if you don't like crowds). BE SURE TO TELL THE WAITSTAFF that you are with WMMS.

Your kids will see friends, teachers and staff from school and get a great dinner with you! Milton's Pizza will give us 20% percent of all sales receipts for that evening. Spread the word...tells all your friends and neighbors to support us too!

Support JDRF!

Sneaker sales continue this week in support of the 2009 Walk To Cure Diabetes. The Builders Club will sell JDRF sneakers during all lunches for \$1 (6th grade-blue, 7th grade-yellow, 8th grade-red and faculty/staff-green). Let's walk together to find a cure for our fellow WMMS students and millions more like them who live with this disease!

Book Fair Was Big Success!

Thank you, WMMS Students, Parents and Teachers for making the 2009 Annual Book Fair a success! We exceeded our goal for sales, and the Media Center will now enjoy purchasing new books with the profits! A BIG "thank you" to all who helped by volunteering at the Book Fair through the week and during the Fall Frenzy. It was much appreciated! The Book Fair Committee

First Annual WMMS "Fall Frenzy" Was Great!

Well, it certainly lived up to its name! This past Friday, October 9th was certainly a Frenzy of FUN! We can't be 100% sure, but from our Officer's calculations, we had somewhere near 600 folks at this event.

You know what is even more amazing than the number of you all the showed up to make this event so GREAT? The fact that there was NOT one incident that night. Not one time was there any problem with any of our wonderful WMMS students! You WMMS Students should be VERY PROUD of yourselves. I know that we are!!!

Well, some more interesting facts to take from this exciting event are:

- Over 250 folks tasted Chili at our Chili Tasting and Contest.
- Over 275 folks tasted Pies at our Pie Tasting and Contest.
- We raised around \$278 dollars through the Pies that the staff made and donated for our Staff Pie Auction.
- We went through over 250 "FREE" Caramel Apples.
- Our concession stand was never without a line and wonderful items.
- The JDRF folks were there getting the word out about our JDRF Fundraising efforts and Walk.
- There were WMMS young people and their families just hanging out enjoying our wonderful community.
- Our powder-puff girls got "REALLY" into their Football Game.
- Our powder-puff cheerleaders, our football team, were in great spirit as they beautifully cheered on the 7th and 8th grade WMMS Fall Female Athletes.
- Over 40 staff members were in attendance, with our very own new father and leader of our school Dr. Muttillio with his wife and new baby girl.

The list could go on and on. All because, ALL OF YOU, either participated in the Chili or Pie tasting, the Staff Pie

Auction, the powder-puff game, through your volunteering ahead, during, or after the event, or by coming out and enjoying this evening.

You know what would be a perfect ending to a special event? If as many of you that could signed up to walk in the upcoming JDRF Walk! This could turn out to be yet another great WMMS Community Event. We can take the spirit and enthusiasm we showed at our Fall Frenzy out into the community, not only in support of our many of our own students at WMMS with Diabetes, but also in support of a cause that affects far too many children ,by no fault of their own, with Diabetes.

We as a PTA and Booster Club serving WMMS wish to thank you so much for supporting this, our 1st Annual WMMS Fall Frenzy!!!

Character Education Luncheon Highlights Respect

On September 24th, the WMMS PTA sponsored a Character Education Luncheon for 17 students who demonstrated Responsibility. Two students from each team and one student from our Bluefish team were chosen unanimously by their teachers to take part in a PTA pizza luncheon for consistently making responsible choices all month long. As an added treat, the luncheon was "theme" based. This month students were introduced to various foods, interesting facts and desserts one might find in Italy. The Character Ed luncheon was held outside at the "Character Cafe," or in this case the character piazza.

Each student received a signed certificate, prizes, treats and area coupons. A big "thank you" to Chik-Fil-A on Six Forks Road and Great Harvest Bread Company for donating coupons. Thank you to Dominos Pizza at Celebration at Six Forks for providing extra large pizzas at a discounted price! Congratulations to Yousra Bouzaghar of the Eagles team, who was the winner of the September drawing for a specially designed Character Education T-shirt!

Congratulations to the "RESPONSIBLE" students named in the paper version sent home by students, and also in the parent e-mail version, who set priorities, thought through consequences and based decisions on good sense! Your choices did not go unnoticed. Keep up the good work, character counts!

The next Character Education Luncheon will be held Thursday, October 22.

PBS Needs Your Help!

The PBS (Positive Behavior Support) team *really, really* needs your support! We are seeking prizes of any type to reward students for demonstrating positive/appropriate behavior on campus. Things like school supplies, candy, small food items, cans of soda, \$1 coupons/free fries for

fast food chains, or anything you can think of would be welcomed and greatly appreciated.

The weekly prize drawings are a big motivator for students, and your help is what makes it possible for PBS to keep the drawings in operation. Please bring your donations to Lynn Midthun in the front office. If you have any questions, please contact either Kim Getty at kgetty@wcpss.net or Katie Bonner at kbonner@wcpss.net.

PBS thanks you in advance and is grateful for your support!

Falcons Lead Box Tops Contest!

The Box Tops Contest is in full swing. In first place are the Falcons with 825, the Panthers have 648, the Seals have 490 and the Gems have 473. Please get your box tops in by next Friday, Oct 23rd. This month's bonus box tops retailer is Food Lion! Buy any 5 box tops items and receive a certificate for 20 bonus box tops!! Contact Julie Sande at 676-7362 or sandej@bellsouth.net for any questions.

8th Grade Parents: Yearbook Ad Deadline is Oct. 30

It's hard to believe, but in a few short months you child will be ending their middle school experience here at WMMS. This will surely be a year not to be forgotten. A great way for you to commemorate their time here is to include an ad for them in their yearbook!

Ad order forms are available from Ms. Symes in the Media Center or go to www.wmms.net and there is a link there where you can print an order form. Each ad is 1/10 of a page (a little smaller than a business card) and the price is only \$25! Within your ad you can include a picture and 2-3 short sentences. All ad orders must be completed, paid for, and turned into Ms. Symes by October 30th. Please make checks out to "WMMS" and indicate in the memo line that it is for a yearbook ad. Don't miss your chance!

European Tour Is Filling Up!

The European Tour 2010 still has a couple spots available! You don't want to miss out on your chance to visit Greece, Italy, and Spain!

Space is limited so email Ms. Luxford to find out more information! (nluxford@wcpss.net) You can also go to www.eftours.com and enter tour number 760807 to find see pictures and a detailed itinerary!

"No Fuss" Fundraising Update

"No fuss" fundraising is an easy way to help raise money for our school. The PTA calls this "no fuss fundraising" because there is nothing for us to do except sit back and wait for a check from businesses that support education.

Here's how it works: You can link your Harris Teeter, Food Lion, Kroger or Target Card with West Millbrook's school number and then shop. We get up to 1% of your total purchase! Everyone should RELINK their Harris Teeter and Food Lion card each school year.

If you love to shop at Target, consider getting a Target Visa or a Target check card and linking it to WMMS. Because Target has everything a family needs, our school wide purchases could lead to thousands of no fuss dollars (\$\$) for our school. If you have questions, call Jody Gross at 846-0319. Please sign up today!

NOTE: We have had some minor changes and a Kroger update since the last edition of the newsletter. If you had problems linking your Food Lion card, there is an updated link below.

TIP: Clip out the box below and put it in your purse or wallet with your store cards. You'll have the sign-up information with you the next time you go shopping. If you have not yet had a chance to enroll, then do it this week!

WMMS "No Fuss" Fundraising Registration

- **Food Lion:** Visit www.lionshopandshare.com or call (800) 352-4658
- **Kroger:** Stickers available at front office to attach to your card
- **Harris Teeter:** ID# 1986
- **Office Depot:** ID# 70062212
- **Target Stores:** ID# 81107

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