



WILDCAT NEWS

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November 7, 2008

What's Happening.....

- Nov. 10...Beta Club Officer Meeting, Media Center
7:40am
- Nov. 10...Girls Volleyball: WMMS at East Wake – 3:45pm
- Nov. 11...**School Holiday – Veteran's Day**
- Nov. 12...Beta Club General Meeting, Multipurpose Room
7:40am
- Nov. 12...Football Home Game: WMMS vs. Wendell-3:45pm
- Nov. 13...."A" Honor Roll Breakfast – 8:30am-9:15am
- Nov. 13...Girls Soccer: WMMS at Heritage - 3:45pm
- Nov. 14...Beta Club "Welcome to the Club" Pizza Party
and Shoebox Project - 3:30pm-4:45pm
- Nov. 17-20...Basketball (Boys & Girls) –Tryouts After School
- Nov. 17-21....Book Fair
- Nov. 18...**PTA Meeting**
- Nov. 18...Beginning Band & Orchestra Concert – 7pm (Gym)
- Nov. 26, 27, 28.....**THANKSGIVING BREAK**
- Dec. 8.....Basketball Home Game: East Wake vs. WMMS
3:45pm
- Dec. 9.....Beta Club Officer Meeting, Media Center-7:40am
- Dec. 9.....**PTA Meeting**
- Dec. 10...Beta Club General Meeting – 7:40am
- Dec. 11...Basketball: WMMS at Heritage – 3:45pm

Notes from the PTA

The month of November may be short in actual school days due to holidays, but the PTA will be very busy nonetheless, thanks to our Honor Roll committee who are busy preparing to feed approximately 125 students during our first quarter "A" Honor Roll breakfast on November 13th. Eligible students should receive an invitation this week. In addition, the Character Education Committee continues to come up with exciting monthly luncheons to honor our students who exhibit good character. Everyone should mark their calendar to support our Media Center at the annual book fair from the 17th – 21st ... our Book Fair committee will be helping out with volunteers ALL week long. If any of these events peak your interest or you would like to help out, contact the committee chair. Our phone numbers and/or email addresses can be found on the school website or at the front office. Please make a note that due to Veteran's Day, our monthly PTA meeting will be held on the third Tuesday this month (November 18th) at 7:00 pm in the media center. Everyone is invited to attend and as always we LOVE new faces and fresh ideas! **FUN FACT**...tell your kids to keep up the hard work, because there are only 26 school days left before we kick off 2009!

Fall Book Fair

The annual book fair will be on Monday, November 17 - Friday, November 21. This will be a great opportunity to do some holiday shopping and encourage your students to keep reading! All proceeds from the book fair go directly toward purchasing new books for the media center. If you are interested in helping out at the book fair, email Martha at mradulo@aol.com. The fair will be set up in the media center and the shopping hours are below:

Monday, 11/17	noon - 3:30
Tuesday, 11/18	7:50 - 3:30 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM (during evening band concert)
Wednesday, 11/19	7:50 - 3:30
Thursday, 11/20	7:50 - 3:30
Friday, 11/21	7:50 - 3:30

Last Home Football Game

The last home football game of the season is Wednesday, November 12th, at 3:45pm against Wendell. Come show your Wildcat Pride and support our team. It really makes a difference to the team to see the student body come out and support them. Concessions including pizza, popcorn, drinks, and snacks are available for sale. See you at the game!!!!

Fall Portrait Retakes

Lifetouch Studios is offering a final opportunity to have your student's portrait taken or re-taken for the fall season. They will be opening their studio at 5108-B Oak Park Road in Raleigh from 5:00pm – 7:00pm on December 1st. No appointment will be necessary and students will be photographed on a first come basis. Go to the Lifetouch website for additional information.

Shoebox Project Friday, November 14

Please plan to do some early holiday shopping! Why? The Beta Club is continuing the West Millbrook Shoebox Project tradition. How can you help? Between now and Friday, November 14, please send standard-sized shoeboxes, wrapped in holiday wrapping with top and bottom wrapped separately, and small items that our students can pack into the shoeboxes. Items may be dropped off in the Front Office or Media Center. Please see the WMMS.NET article for a list of suggested items. Note that there is a list of things NOT to send, such as liquids, war toys, and things that melt. Each Beta Club member should bring adequate gift items to fill a shoebox, along with a wrapped shoebox - lid and box wrapped separately, as admission to the "party".

Basketball Tryouts

Basketball tryouts for boys and girls, grades 7th and 8th, will take place 11/17 – 11/20 after school in the gym. **Anyone interested in trying out must have a sports physical on file at the school or with you the day of tryouts.**

Fundraising for WMMS Doesn't Have to Cost You Anything!!

Various merchants will generously donate a portion of their profits to Wake County schools if you just "link" West Millbrook to your purchases. YOU, the consumer, decide which schools receive the donation. You can go to the store website, or simply ask the cashier to "link" your purchases to WMMS. Linking costs nothing and is easy to do, but you must renew 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: Target's Take Charge of Education program includes Target VISA credit card, Target credit card, and Target check card purchases. Aside from the store website, you can also sign up at the store kiosks or by calling 1-800-316-6142. The number for WMMS at **Office Depot** is 70062212. 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.** has discontinued its linking program for Kroger Plus cards.

Math Tutoring Lab Update

We have had a great turnout at the after school math lab! The days and times for the lab are as follows:

Monday & Wednesday 3:00-4:15 Sixth grade students
Tuesday & Thursday 3:00-4:15 Seventh & Eight grade students

If you have any questions or need more information, please contact Katie Bonner at kbonner@wcpss.net

Attention Sixth Grade Dolphin Parents

Ms. Reik will now be offering a "Dolphins" math tutoring lab after school from 3:00 - 4:15 every Monday and Wednesday afternoon following the school day. Because the math tutoring lab has become so popular, I have offered to specifically tutor my students on Mondays and Wednesdays. Students will come to my room and have time to work with me one on one and in small groups. Please encourage your student to take advantage of this service especially if you notice that their grades have been slipping in math lately or if they are having a hard time completing their homework assignments.

Also, we are still accepting donations of any small prize items to our team treasure chest that we are using to reinforce positive behavior and the CATS matrix on our team. Make

sure your donated items are valued at \$1 or less and they can include candy (no gum!), pencils, fast food coupons, etc.

Thanks from Ms. Hunt, Ms. Huber, Ms. Reik and Ms. Sabb!

THANK YOU, KROGER'S!

Thank you to the Kroger's grocery store across from West Millbrook for donating a delicious sheet cake for our staff luncheon this month. East Millbrook catered the luncheon which celebrated West Millbrook's win for greatest percentage of staff joining the PTA in one of the "Battle of the Brooks" contests. Kroger's, thank you again from WMMS' teachers, administrators, and staff who joined the PTA!

E-Newsletter and Emergency Notification Sign-up

There's a new generation of electronic communication tools provided by the Communications Department of WCPSS. The new system will streamline the ability to receive e-newsletters and emergency notification emails. **Note that this is NOT part of the WMMS parent e-mail lists.**

To receive e-newsletters and emergency notification service emails, you'll need to create an e-newsletter Subscription Manager account. It's quick and easy to create a password-protected account and sign up for the information you're interested in. Users can sign up with multiple email accounts and tailor the subscriptions to meet their needs. To access the E-Newsletter Subscription Manager account signup: <http://www.wcpss.net/signup/newsletters/signup/>

The Subscription Manager will allow you to sign-up for Emergency Notification e-mail alerts for events that relate to unexpected school closings, delayed openings or early dismissals. Other subscriptions are also available for you to consider.

As a reminder, if you wish to receive West Millbrook specific news, please send an e-mail to dwalters@wcpss.net with "Please add me to the _____ Team Mail List" in the subject line. (Insert your child's team name in the blank space.)

Student Directories on Sale

The 2008-2009 WMMS Student Directory is still on sale. The cost is \$2 each. This is a great way to keep in touch with other students. If you would like to purchase one, please contact Julie Sande at sandej@bellsouth.net.

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