



WILDCAT NEWS

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November 21, 2008

What's Happening.....

Nov. 26-30.....**THANKSGIVING BREAK**
Dec. 8.....Basketball Home Games vs. East Wake - 3:45pm
Dec. 9.....Beta Club Officer Meeting -7:40am
Dec. 10...Beta Club General Meeting - 7:40am
Dec. 11...Basketball Away Games at Heritage - 3:45pm
Dec. 15...Basketball Away Games at Zebulon - 3:45pm
Dec. 16...Fine Arts Winter Concert: 7th & 8th Grade
Band/Orchestra in Gym at 7pm
Dec. 18...Basketball Home Games vs. Wakefield - 3:45pm
Dec. 22-Jan 4.....**WINTER BREAK**
Jan. 8.....Basketball Away Games at Durant - 3:45pm
Jan. 8.....Art and Spanish Celebration-Cafeteria and
Media Center - 6:30pm-7:30pm
Jan. 9.....7th Grade Dance - 5:30pm-7:00pm
Jan. 12...Basketball Away Games at Leesville - 3:45pm
Jan. 13...Beta Club Officer Meeting - 7:40am
Jan. 13....**PTA Meeting** - Media Center - 7:00pm

A Message from Principal Mutillo

Parents please be aware that we have accumulated a surplus of coats, jackets, shoes, etc. in our lost and found area. If your child has lost any of these items, please encourage them to check the racks in the main office. Any unclaimed items will be donated to Goodwill at the end of November 2008.

PTA Notes

Hats off to our many volunteers at West Millbrook Middle School! We have many many parent and student volunteers whose names could fill an entire page of this newsletter if we were to thank each of them individually. Yes, you know who you are and we can never tell you enough how much you ARE appreciated!

If your student was invited to attend either the honor roll breakfast or the character education luncheon last week, then you understand that special thanks is in order for both of those committees led by Jean Stacks, Mary Helmink, Courtney Florian and Patty Steinke. These ladies and their committees put together two *fabulous* meals to honor some very deserving students!

The PTA is aware that many of our families are affected by the recent reassignment proposal and we want each family to know that we are interested in your thoughts. We would love to hear your concerns so we can pass them on to WCPSS. Please see the article in this issue for additional contact information regarding the proposed reassignment plan.

We hope that you and your families have a safe and blessed Thanksgiving Holiday! *Jody Gross, PTA President*

Fundraising. "Plan B"

We have just wrapped up the fall fundraising efforts at WMMS. Unfortunately, the PTA did not have as successful an effort as we had hoped for this fall....sadly, we raised only \$1,025 of our \$8,000 budgeted income! The PTA's fundraising efforts have one simple goal: to raise enough money to fund the programs and events for the school year, support our students, teachers and staff with a few extras that WCPSS cannot fund, and keep our parents informed. We have a LOT of commitments for this school year that simply will not happen with the money that we have raised thus far. Therefore, we have adopted our "Plan B" for fundraising. It's simple and straightforward....our goal is to raise \$7,000 before December 21st and **we need your support now!** It's called "No Fuss Fundraising".....there is nothing to sell to neighbors, co-workers, friends and family....no doors to knock on, no tally sheets to keep, no wrapping paper, popcorn or fruit to deliver during the busy holidays. We are asking EVERY family to simply give what they can...**no amount is too small or too great**...we'll take it! Send in your TAX DEDUCTIBLE donation to WMMS PTA - Mark your envelope "Fundraising" and send it with your student or mail it to us at WMMS PTA, 8115 Strickland Road, Raleigh 27615. We will send tax deductible receipts for anyone who requests it, just in time for your year-end giving! Thanks in advance for your support.....and here's to gas below \$2.00 a gallon and to better times for 2009!

WCPSS Reassignment Plan

If you have not yet read the proposed school reassignments to take place over the next three years, go to www.wcpss.net to learn if you are affected. Many are!

Should you have concerns about this proposed plan, you are encouraged to submit your comments on the website. You have until December 10 to respond. Additionally, you can attend any one or more of the five Community Engagement Meetings. We would especially like to have a very strong WMMS representation **Dec 3 at Wake Forest-Rolesville High** (420 W Stadium Dr, WF) and again **Dec 8 at Broughton** (723 St Mary's St, Raleigh). Meetings are 6:30pm-9:00pm in the school auditorium. Wear WMMS or MHS spiritwear (if you have none, consider navy, white, or grey) to appear united. Look for us, and we can all sit together in a pack.

Beyond December 10, the Growth Planning Office reworks the plan that is then released as the "Final Growth Management Plan" to the Board of Education December 16. We then have "Public Hearings for the Board of Education." A final vote is expected in February.

If you have questions about the process, you can contact Leslie Koscielniak, WMMS parent representative to the WCPSS District 3 Board Advisory Council, at koscielniak@nc.rr.com.

'Booking with the Pack' Deadline!

Our deadline for 'Booking with the Pack' is approaching fast!!! Students have been reading for almost nine weeks and should be turning in their summaries after completing a book. If you are involved with the program, make sure that Mrs. Symes has all of your summaries and that you are working on finishing up at least nine book points (we didn't originally figure in the short week)! Students who have at least nine book points are eligible to attend the Dec. 7th NCSU Women's basketball game against FSU!

PANTHER 7th Grade Parents

On Thursday, December 4th, our Panthers will be going on their first Field Trip this year. The children will be going to the Pleasant Valley Bowling Lanes to work on their math skills. We will need 20 chaperones, a couple folks for set-up, serving, and clean up of an after the trip Pizza Party, some folks to send in sodas, and some \$ for Pizza. We do have a team of parents that have signed up to help with things that are needed for our Panthers, but I thought many of you may be able to involve yourselves in supporting this event. Sounds like GREAT fun for our kids. Please email me, Dawn Clark, at bentoddsam@nc.rr.com if you can help with any of the needs listed above. Thanks in advance for your support!

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!

Math Tutoring Lab Update

Due to the high number of students attending math lab, attendance at math lab will be limited to the first 15 students who sign up before 3:00 on the sign up sheet at Mrs. Bonner's door.

You must sign up each day that you want to attend. You must come prepared with math materials.

Monday/Wednesday - 6th grade

Tuesday/Thursday - 7th/8th grade

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

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♥ LOVE YOUR JOB? ♥

Then come share it with us! WMMS will host its annual **Career Day** on Thursday, February 12, 2009. We need people from ALL walks of life to share with our students how they arrived at their chosen career. The students need to hear that education is important for EVERY job, that today's hobby can be tomorrow's career, and that true success doesn't necessarily depend on the size of the paycheck. If you can donate one morning of your time to speak to three groups of students about your professional journey, please email the Career Day Committee at beebe7769@yahoo.com. We're looking forward to hearing from you!



"A" HONOR ROLL BREAKFAST

127 students were honored at a breakfast on Thursday, November 13th for making all A's in the first quarter. They were treated to a breakfast of muffins, Danish, fruit and hot egg and sausage casserole. The guest speaker for the morning was Mr. Phil Moses who happens to be the husband of West Millbrook 8th grade teacher Mrs. Moses. Mr. Moses works as the Director of Academic Services for Student Athletes at NC State University. He works with the athletes to help them achieve their academic goals and excel in their course of study in college. Mr. Moses spoke to the West Millbrook students about setting and achieving goals and encouraged them to dare to dream big. He also talked about the importance of balance in studies and extra curricular activities and also about service to the community and others. He inspired them to always do their best and to leave WMMS a better place than before. A big thank you to Mr. Moses for speaking and to the parent volunteers who helped at the breakfast or sent in food items. Also, thank you Mr. Wishon, 8th grade counselor, for helping coordinate this event. The next breakfast is scheduled for Friday, February 13th. Keep up the good work and we will see you then!

A list of all students who made the "A" Honor Roll the first quarter is listed in the version of the Wildcat News that was e-mailed to parents.

SPIRIT WEAR - Order Now!!!!!!

We have all your fall and winter covered with our Vintage and brand NEW WMMS Spirit Wear items. From pink, blue, and white sweatshirts to your classic blue sweatpants, we can keep all of our WMMS students, parents, and staff warm this season. We still have vintage sweatshirt styles with zippers, as well as our new "lightweight" sweatshirts with our new logo. We also have NEW pink t-shirts (regular cut) in stock. Whatever your need and comfort level, we are sure you will find something to keep you warm and more importantly show your "WMMS PRIDE".

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								\$10.00/ 11.00	
Girls short-sleeve scoop-neck tee S-XL white, pink, or gray								\$12.00	
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	
<u>"New Design"</u>									
100% cotton t-shirt Adult S-XL, XXL white, pink 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!!!								\$3.00	

GRAND TOTAL: _____

PLEASE RETURN ORDER FORM AND EXACT CASH, CHECK, OR MONEY ORDER MADE PAYABLE TO WEST MILLBROOK PTA.