



WMMS Wildcat News

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What's Happening...

December 11	School Food Drive ends
December 12	Holiday Marketplace
December 19	Winter Break begins
January 3	Winter Break ends

March Madness Is Coming!

The WMMS PTA is gearing up for its annual March Madness family fun event on March 4, 2010. March Madness is a long-time tradition at WMMS where all activities revolve around basketball fun, such as intramural games and shooting contests.

We need YOUR help to obtain basketball-themed items for the raffle. If you have any item you can donate, or have any connections to someone in the college or professional basketball world, please let me know: Anne Rajagopalan, PTA President, 855-8284 or email srajagopalan@nc.rr.com. Thank you!

Food Drive Continues Through Friday, Dec. 11

The Student Council Food Drive has gotten off to a great start. In its first two weeks, we have raised over 850 food items! The contest for the grade levels is tight and the winners will be declared at the end of the week.

Please continue to contribute what you can for this great cause. The food drive will continue through December 11.

Holiday Marketplace Is Saturday, Dec. 12!

Mark your calendars - the WMMS Holiday Marketplace & Snowflake Café will be held on Saturday, December 12 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

At the WMMS Cafeteria, more than 40 vendors will help you fulfill your holiday shopping desires, needs and, let's face it, "wants"! Everything from jewelry to pamper chef will be available for viewing and purchasing. Our Snowflake Café will be open all day

providing you with sustenance for your high-intensity shopping. We will begin the morning with donuts and coffee and move to hotdogs, nachos, chips, candy, sodas, and more throughout the afternoon.

For your pleasure, our very own WMMS Band will perform during the day, and our WMMS Builders Club members will be providing a variety of support throughout our event.

Please stop by to shop, eat AND support our WMMS Outreach Program. All proceeds will go directly to our Outreach Program, which in turn goes directly to our WMMS students.

Would you like to help? Contact Meg Lavoie at mlavoie@nc.rr.com or Christine Sadel at bellabeads@nc.rr.com. We look very forward to seeing you on Saturday, December 12 between 10 and 4!

WMMS "Holiday Hugs" Up and Running!

You can provide a special holiday gift to one or more of our WMMS students through our "Holiday Hugs" program! The WMMS Outreach Program has set up "Holiday Hugs" in the Main Office to allow you to bring extra joy to a WMMS child this holiday season.

Please drop by the school, select a snowflake on the Main Office window, and check it out with our office staff. No gift is over \$25. You and others can share in the giving of a gift to make this opportunity more affordable.

If you have questions, or would like a to participate and can't drop by WMMS, contact Dawn at bentoddsam@nc.rr.com. Thanks to Lynn Midthun, Milca Nieves, Valerie Ellington, Elizabeth Smith, and Gayle Murray for their help in making this program possible!

Students to Compete in National Geographic Bee

The 2010 West Millbrook National Geographic Geography Bee will be held on Wednesday, January 6, 2010 beginning at 8:35 a.m. in the WMMS Media Center!

For 21 years, the National Geographic Society has held a Geography Bee for students in the fourth through eighth grades in thousands of schools across the United States, in the five U.S. territories, and in the Department of Defense Dependent's Schools around the world.

All WMMS students are taking a qualifying test in December through their Social Studies classes. Based on the results, the top three scoring students from each team are eligible to compete in the school's competition on January 6.

The winner of the West Millbrook Bee will advance to the next level of competition: a written examination to determine state competitors. All school winners are eligible to win the national championship and its first prize, a \$25,000 college scholarship, at the national competition in Washington, D.C. May 2010.

For more information, or to brush up on your knowledge for the Bee, check out www.nationalgeographic.com/geobee or contact Ms. A. Niebauer at aniebauer@wcpss.net. Good luck to all of our students!

PBS Thanks You!

Student feedback indicates the PBS weekly prize drawings are a big motivator for students, and because of your generosity, PBS has been able to keep the drawings in operation! We welcome small prizes of any type to reward students for demonstrating positive/appropriate behavior on campus.

If you would like to make a contribution, please bring your donation to Lynn Midthun in the front office. If you have any questions, please contact Kim Getty (kgetty@wcpss.net) or Katie Bonner (kbonner@wcpss.net).

Winning "Fall Frenzy" Pie Recipe!

Here is the recipe for the winning entry in the Pie Contest held at last October's "Fall Frenzy"!

Thanks to "WMMS Mom" Courtney Florian, who learned this Strawberry Pie recipe from her mom.

Crust:

Start with 1 cup, and increase up to 1-1/2 cups, of Bisquick mix. Mix until consistency is dough-like and doesn't stick.

Add:

1/4 cup softened margarine
3 tablespoons sugar

Mix dough and spread out on to your greased pie plate. After dough is spread out in shape of your pie plate, score with fork before cooking.

Cook at 425 degrees for 10 to 12 minutes or until crust is golden. Let cool.

Set aside:

1/2 cup warm water
3 tablespoons corn starch

Glaze:

1-1/2 cups of fresh cut strawberries
2/3 cup water
1 cup sugar

Combine in pan and bring to a boil. When glaze is boiling, add cornstarch and water mix. Stir, reduce heat and continue to stir until glaze is not cloudy; it should thicken as well. Option: you can add a drop or two of red food coloring to make glaze a deeper red if you want. Remove from heat set aside until it cools.

Add 2 to 3 cups of cut fresh strawberries into crust, pour glaze over strawberries and refrigerate for at least an hour before serving. Add whip cream to top of pie before you serve.

Enjoy!

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