



WILDCAT NEWS

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What's Happening.....

- Feb. 12...Career Day in morning, then **EARLY RELEASE** for students at noon (12:00)
- Feb. 12...**PTA Meeting** – 7:00pm (Media Center)
- Feb. 13...**Basketball: "Battle of the Brooks" East Millbrook @ WMMS – 3:45pm**
- Feb. 13...Sanderson High Curriculum Fair (for rising 9th graders assigned to the school and their parents)
- Feb. 16...7th Grade Saturday Writing Academy 9am-11am
- Feb. 18...President's Day - **School Holiday**
- Feb. 19...**Teacher Workday – No School**
- Feb. 23...7th Grade Saturday Writing Academy 9am-11am
- Feb. 27...Wakefield High Curriculum Fair 6:00pm (for rising 9th graders)
- March 5...March Madness-Faculty/Student Basketball Tournament – 3:30pm-7:00pm - MORE INFO. TO COME
- March 5...Soccer (Boys): WMMS @ Wakefield
- March 6...Spring Picture Day
- March 6...Wake Forest-Rolesville High Curriculum Fair – 6:00pm (for rising 9th graders)
- March 6...Leesville High Curriculum Fair – 7:00pm (for rising 9th graders)
- March 11...**PTA Meeting** – 7:00pm(Media Center)
- March 12...Beta Club General Meeting – 7:45am (Multipurpose Room)
- March 12...Soccer (Boys) – East Wake @ WMMS – 3:45pm
- March 12...Hispanic/Latino Outreach Parent Training at WMMS 6:30pm-8:30pm
- March 13...Softball (Girls) Doubleheader Wakefield @ WMMS – 3:45pm
- March 14...**Early Release for Students** – Noon (12:00)

Battle of the Brooks Battle of the Brooks

February 13th

Come Support Your Basketball Team West vs. East
Food will be on sale (pizza, hotdogs). Special events at halftime! Activity bus will be running. Girl's game starts at 3:45pm.

Spring Sports Tryout Schedule

- Baseball (Coach Calhoun) 2/20
 - Boys Soccer (Coach Hrbek) 2/20
 - Softball (Coach Blackwell) 2/20
 - Girls/Boys Track (Coach Brodnick or Coach Schnars) 2/25 - 3/6
- *Please see track coach for specific dates of certain events**

If you have not seen or spoken to the coach of the sport you are interested in, please do so immediately. You will need a current physical (within 365 days), proof of insurance, and be grade/attendance eligible to be able to tryout.

From the Career Corner...

Your eighth grade students have been busy beginning the process of course selection for high school. All eighth grade teams have had the opportunity to establish an account on both Futures for Kids (www.f4k.org) and College Foundation of North Carolina (www.cfnc.org) web sites. Both of these programs are free and accessible from any computer with internet access. Each student completed the Matchmaker Quiz on Futures for Kids which matches their interests to the careers that they may be successful in. The students have had an opportunity to research various careers, the education required and the anticipated demands for this job. They built on this information when they established their CFNC accounts and began course selection for a four-year plan for high school. This may be a good time to talk with your

children about their anticipated four-year plan and guide their selections. There is an additional career interest inventory on the CFNC website which you may wish to encourage your students to complete. The students enjoyed the online college tours and the comparison of colleges in NC on CFNC. Shortly the students will be registering on the Wake County System (SPAN) for high school courses.

Character Education Luncheon

On January 31st, the WMMS PTA sponsored a Character Education Luncheon for nineteen students who demonstrated SELF-DISCIPLINE, the January Character Trait. Two students from each team and one student from our Bluefish team were chosen by their teachers to be invited to the PTA pizza luncheon recognizing them for showing courage. These students not only enjoyed pizza, drinks and cookies, they also received a certificate, prizes and treats.

Congratulations to our fine students who demonstrate hard work and commitment and are in control of their words, actions and impulses and do their best in all situations!!

Stingrays – EB, NM
Seals – MR, EM
Dolphins – AS, TE
Falcons – BL, KJ
Lions – SH, DR
Panthers – CW, JC
Eagles – SM, MU
Sharks – SE, EN
Tigers – JN, MM
Bluefish – AS

The Character Trait for February is PERSEVERANCE.

CONGRATULATIONS “A” HONOR ROLL STUDENTS

142 students were honored at a breakfast on Thursday, January 31, 2008 for making all A's in the second quarter. The guest speaker for the morning was Ms. Dana Youst from the City of Raleigh Parks and Recreation Department. Ms. Youst serves as the Teen Program Coordinator for the Raleigh Youth Council. The Youth Council is run by middle and HS teens for teens and focuses on civic engagement, leadership opportunities, community service and recreation. Through their events they develop leadership qualities in young people. Ms. Youst congratulated the students on their achievements and challenged them to seek out opportunities to “lead by example” in their daily lives. She shared the story of a teen that came to her program without skills for success. Another teen member took an interest in her and

“mentored” her along the way. This is an example of reaching out to those around us to share our skills. Ms. Youst said that High School may seem far away but it is right around the corner and she charged our honor roll students with the goal of maintaining a high level of academic achievement, while never forgetting to use their gifts and talents to help others. Thank you to Ms. Youst for speaking, to the parent PTA volunteers and breakfast donors. Also thanks go to the Strickland Papa John Pizza manager, Robert Jones, for his donation of pizza certificates, and to Mr. Wishon, 7th grade counselor serving as staff coordinator for the event. Keep up the hard work! The final breakfast will be at the end of the 3rd quarter in April. A list of the “A” Honor Roll students can be found on page 3-4 of the online version of the Wildcat News.

8th Grade Dance

The 8th Grade Dance Chairs are looking for any parents interested in helping to make this year's 8th grade dance an event to remember! Any WMMS parent (6th, 7th or 8th) is invited to our committee meeting for more information on ways you can help. We will meet on **Friday, February 22nd, in the conference room off the main office at 9:15am.** You do not have to be present at the dance to help. This is a great time for 7th grade parents to see what this event is all about for next year's planning! If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Amy Adcroft at adcro9@aol.com or Melanie Abbott at cmcjc5@nc.rr.com.

ATTENTION BUSINESS OWNERS: THE WMMS PTA NEEDS YOUR HELP!!

We are seeking donations from business owners for March Madness!! March Madness is our big spring fundraiser, and it happens on March 4, 2008. If you own a business, please consider donating merchandise or a gift certificate for goods or services. If you know someone who owns a business, ask him or her to help WMMS! No item is too large or too small. It's a great way to advertise to the local community. These items will be used for the raffle during March Madness, and make up a significant portion of the funds we raise. If you cannot donate an item or service, please consider a financial contribution. Any donation is tax deductible, and would be greatly appreciated. Any questions, please call Stacy Symes at 919-848-2246 or email ssymes@nc.rr.com. Thanks for your support! Stacy Symes - cell: 919-610-0496