

Wildcat NEWS

West Millbrook Middle School

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Mark your calendar...

February 2012

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- 1-Baseball Interest Meeting
 - 2-Basketball vs. Leesville @home
 - 3-Honor Roll Breakfast 8:25
 - 6- Battle of Brooks Basketball game 5:00
 - 7- BT Meeting rm-105
 - 7- PTA Meeting 7:00
 - 8- Beta Club 7:45
 - 9- Basketball – Boys playoff@ home
 - 9- Business alliance meeting
 - 13-Baseball tryouts 3:15-5:00
 - 13- Softball tryouts 3:15-5:15
 - 13-Track tryouts boys & girls 3:15-4:45
 - 13-Soccer tryouts boys 3:30-5:00
 - 14-Baseball, softball, track, boy's soccer tryouts
 - 15- Baseball, softball, track, boy's soccer tryouts
 - 16-Track, boy's soccer tryouts
 - 16- Beta Club Career Day amb. Meeting 7:45
 - 17-Career Day
 - 17- Early Release- 12:30pm
 - 20- Weather Make-up
 - 21- Weather Make-up
 - 24-School Dance 5:30-7:30
 - 27-Grade Level Meeting 3:30
 - 28- Character lunch (integrity) 11:30
 - 28- Family Fun Night

March 2012

- 1- Spring Sports Pictures
- 2-March Madness

8th Grade Dance

We are putting together a committee to work on the 8th Grade Dance and Picnic. If you are interested in helping, please let Anne Rogers know: 676-8881 or anne@jrr4.com. It will take a lot of parents to help make this event special for the students.



Valentine's Day Candy Gram

WMMS will begin selling Valentine's Candy Grams on Friday, February 3rd through Friday, February 10th. The candy grams will be delivered during E&R on Tuesday, February 14th. Order early, "We do sell out." Cost:

Individual Wrapped Candy w/ Heart Gram - \$1.00

Flower/Ring/Mad Lib w/ Wrapped Candy - \$2.00

Chocolate Candy - \$5.00Box

Any questions, please contact the Booster Club for more information.

Attention 7th Grade Parents/Guardians!

On Wednesday, February 8th from 6:30 to 7:30 in our Media Center, your entire 7th grade Team will host an evening entitled "What's Up with my 7th Grader?". Mrs. Roberts, Mrs. Clark, and all the 7th grade teachers will be on hand for this event. Don't miss the opportunity to learn a bit more about what is going on at WMMS in the 7th grade classrooms, as well as how our 7th graders are developing behaviorally and emotionally. Please RSVP to Mrs. Clark at 870-4059 or by email at dclark@wcpss.net. We look very forward to meeting with you.



Battle of the Brooks Basketball Game

Come Out & Cheer On Our Wildcats! The Annual Battle of the Brooks is just around the corner... We would like to invite all faculty, parents, students, and family to come out and cheer on our West Millbrook Basketball players while they take on the

East Millbrook Cougars. This battle is a 15 year Wildcat tradition and a great night for our team, students, and families. **Game Day is Monday, Feb 6th at 5pm.** The game is held at Millbrook High School. Gate Admissions is \$4.00.

The WMMS Booster Club will sponsor a **Battle of the Brooks Afterschool Pre-Game Bash** to be held before the game. Tickets for this fun event will be sold for \$10. This will include hot pizza, snack & a drink, a ride over to MHS and Gate Admissions to the game that evening. Students which plan to attend the BASH **must provide their own ride home from MHS** after the game. **There will be NO return transportation.**

The Booster Club will sell tickets for five days only. Tickets will go on sale this Monday, Jan 30th during lunches from 11:15 am until 12:45 pm. **NO tickets will be sold the day of the event. Students must have a signed authorization form to purchase a ticket.** Get your **BOB Permission Slip** from the Booster Club Website or the front office.

Please purchase your tickets as soon as possible so the Booster Club can secure the appropriate transportation to the game. Questions? Please contact a member of your WMMS Booster Club:
Karen Fiorini K.Fiorin@Bellsouth.net
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PTA Meeting: Please join us for our next PTA meeting at 7:00pm on Tues. Feb 7. We will meet in the media center. Please join us! Remember, our PTA meetings are open to everyone!

Good Luck Math Counts Team

Saturday, February 11th is a BIG day for the Math Counts team. West Millbrook will be sending Sid Jindal, Keri Tauberschmidt, Thomas Armstrong, Malik Banks, and Alex McKeveny to face both individual & team competitions at Athens Drive HS for the academic regional competition. We wish you all good luck and know you will represent West Millbrook well!



Congratulations Geography Bee Participants

who battled it out January 18th. This year's winner is 8th grader Cameron Hryb. Cameron will advance to the next level by submitting a written entry to determine state competitors. All school winners are eligible to win the *National championship* at the competition held May, in Washington, D.C. A most honorable recognition goes out to our other two finalists, 6th grader Matthew Falcinelli, and 7th grader Connor Mulligan who gave Cameron *strong* competition. Connor & Cameron had perfect, flawless scores going into the finals, and Matthew was close behind. West Millbrook is proud to congratulate *all* competitors for their hard work and participation. This was by far, the toughest, yet closest Bee we've had in the past few years!

Basketball Blowout-Family Fun Night

The WMMS Business Alliance held their Annual Basketball Blowout - Family Fun Night on January 25 at the home basketball game against Wakefield. The concession stand, run by Business Alliance members, served Chick-fil-A dinners as well as concession candies and drinks. The Kona Ice Cart served delicious icy desserts. The Chick-Fil-A Cow, the SECU Fat Cat, the Kona Penguin, and Wiley, the West Millbrook Wildcat was there to entertain everyone! Everyone who bought a Chick-Fil-A sandwich got a coupon for free milkshakes. Those who bought Kona Ice Cups or Chick-Fil-A sandwiches also received a door prize ticket. Among the great prizes were 52 Chick-fil-A Breakfast Biscuits, two free Healthtrax gym memberships for a month, a Health Trax gym bag, Health Trax water bottle, WMMS hoodies, and a Carolina Hurricanes Jersey. To top off the fun, Rockit Learning Science Camp gave away a free week of Science and Technology Camp this summer to one of our lucky students! Tee shirts, given by Kona Ice, Rockit Learning, Health Trax, and the WMMS PTA, were tossed to the crowd. Over \$450 was raised by the Business Alliance to benefit WMMS literacy projects. We thank all of the members of our Business Alliance! To learn more about the Alliance, go to WMMS.net and click on Business Alliance.

Special Education Open House

The 4th annual Special Education Open House will be on Thursday, March 1, 2012 at 7pm at Broughton High School. Dr. Grillo, Assistant Superintendent of Special Education will begin with an introduction at 7pm. Information sessions begin at 7:30pm. Information sessions include: transitions, types of classrooms and programs, and creative ways to bring inclusion to your school. There will also be a Resource Fair with information on support groups, recreation, and after-school/track-out programs. For more information, call 919-322-9254 or email: specialeducationadvCouncil@gmail.com.

March Madness

Friday, March 2nd 6:30-8:30 PM

All West Millbrook families are invited to this revamped event!

This year's March Madness will feature:

- ❖ Staff vs. WMMS Wildcat basketball Teams (male & female)
- ❖ Performances by other WMMS Groups (Cheerleaders, Chorus, Band, Dance Company, and Step Teams)
- ❖ Half-time Free Throw Contest
- ❖ Food, Snacks, and Drinks (Chick-fil-A & Kona Ice)
- ❖ Raffles, Raffles, Raffles

Tickets for the event are \$2.00 each and will be available the week prior to the event as well as at the door. Raffle tickets may be pre-ordered for convenience. Order forms will be sent via email as well as with students. Keep an eye out for it!

We are accepting donations (cash or items) for the raffle! Please consider making a contribution! Any questions? Please contact Beth Billman at bbillman@nc.rr.com or 676-1485.

Career Day Friday, February 17th

Over 30 speakers ranging from medicine to science to financial to retail to hospitality backgrounds (and everything in between) will be speaking to students from 8:30 - 11:00 am. Each student will hear from 3 different speakers. If you are interested in volunteering to help with this fun event, please contact Ruth Goodwin at rthgdwin@aol.com.

Family Fun Night

Milton's Pizza & Pasta
Tuesday, February 28th
4:00-10:00 PM
Six Forks Road Location Only



Support WMMS by dining at Milton's on the 28th! A percentage of your check will be donated to the PTA. Valid on eat in or carry out. Just mention that you are with West Millbrook!

Character Education

On Tuesday, January 24th, the following students were honored at a PTA sponsored Character Education Luncheon for consistently demonstrating "self discipline" all month long. Please join us in congratulating the following students for being nominated by their team teachers and for being leaders at West Millbrook.

6th grade Jaguars Team: Johan Molina-Hernandez, Jada Brinson, Ross Petersen, Rayshell Reynolds
Lynx Team: Bryan Ornelas, Christina Billman
7th grade Panthers: John Gaito, Nichole Mille, Jasmine Marshall, Christopher Branch
Lions: Imani Anderson
Alex Smith 8th grade: Crayton Saby, Katherine Navas, Jayla Lyons, Jeremy Petersen, Elizabeth Schwabe, Tasheed Winston. Principal Mutillo stopped by, congratulated the students and drew the winner of the character education T-shirt drawing. Way to go Jada Brinson! T-shirts are PE approved.

Each month we include a cultural theme to our luncheons. In January, we took students on a journey to China. Introducing students to foods and fun facts surrounding the Chinese culture. We also were very lucky to have a guest speaker. A foreign exchange student from China, currently a junior attending Millbrook High School, came and spoke to the students about China. As well as the differences she experiences as a student in the United States. She taught the students a few words in Chinese and prepared a delicious Chinese dumpling dish for everyone to sample using chopsticks! The luncheon was very educational and fun event for all. Next month the luncheon will be on February 28th at 11:30 in the media center. The Character Trait in February is Integrity.