



# WILDCAT NEWS

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## What's Happening.....

- Feb. 26...Sharks and Eagles Field Trip
- Feb. 27...Wakefield High Curriculum Fair  
6:00pm (for rising 9<sup>th</sup> graders)
- March 4..7<sup>th</sup> Grade Writing Assessment
- March 5..**MARCH MADNESS** – Faculty/  
Student Basketball Tournament  
3:30pm-7:30pm
- March 5...Soccer (Boys): WMMS @ Wakefield-  
3:45pm
- March 6..**Spring Picture Day**
- March 6...Wake Forest-Rolesville High  
Curriculum Fair – 6:00pm  
(for rising 9<sup>th</sup> graders)
- March 6...Leesville High Curriculum Fair –  
7:00pm (for rising 9<sup>th</sup> 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)
- March 18...Wildcat Family Night: Dinner at  
Gianni and Gaitano's, Towne  
North Shopping Center-  
8311 Creedmoor Road  
4:00pm-8:00pm
- March 18...Teen High Risk Behaviors – Costs  
And Consequences-Program for  
Parents, Sanderson High School  
Auditorium – 7:00pm-8:30pm
- March 19...Soccer (Boys) – WMMS @ Leesville  
3:45pm
- March 19...Hispanic/Latino Outreach Parent  
Training at WMMS–6:30pm-8:30pm
- March 20...Dolphins and Seals Team Field Trip
- March 20...Girls Softball Doubleheader  
WMMS @ East Wake – 3:45pm
- March 21....**SCHOOL HOLIDAY**

## THANK YOU !!!!!!!

The PTA would like to send a huge THANK YOU to those Parents and Business Owners who responded to our request for donations for MARCH MADNESS. We asked, and you responded! We have received a spectacular array of prizes for the MARCH MADNESS raffle drawing! The PTA is extremely grateful for all your generosity, and for all the support you have shown for West Millbrook. The PTA needs a supportive community to succeed, and your contributions have exceeded all expectations. We couldn't do it without you! We have one final request... please attend!

Please come to MARCH MADNESS and have fun! Being at the event is one of the strongest ways to show your support. It really is a great time.

Thank you again for your donations. See you March 5<sup>th</sup>!!

## Volunteers Needed for March Madness

The PTA's Spring Fundraiser, March Madness, is Wednesday, March 5<sup>th</sup> from 3:30-7:30, and we need lots of volunteers to make it a success. We need volunteers to sell raffle and admission tickets during lunch Thursday, February 28<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday, March 5<sup>th</sup> 10:15 am – 2:15 pm. We also need volunteers to help at the event selling tickets and helping with concessions, Wednesday, March 5<sup>th</sup> 2:30-7:30. If you can help during any of these time frames, please email or call Jill Balogh and let her know what date and time you are available – [jbalogh@nc.rr.com](mailto:jbalogh@nc.rr.com) or 847-5872. Information and raffle tickets were given to students to take home.



# Tuesday, March 18th

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West Millbrook Middle School  
Night At



847-8224

8311 Creedmoor Rd, Raleigh, NC 27615  
<http://www.gianniandgaitanos.com>

**MAKE SURE YOU MENTION WMMS**

Help support our school while eating out  
at the same time.

**HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!**

20% of food sales derived from our school from 4-8pm will  
be donated to West Millbrook Middle School.

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**MARK YOUR CALENDAR!!!**

**SHS PTSA INVITES YOU TO THE PARENT  
COMPONENT TO LAST YEAR'S ALIVE AT 25  
PROGRAM  
MARCH 18, FROM 7 - 8:30PM**

**The program, "Teen High Risk Behaviors - Costs and Consequences" will cover teen drug and alcohol use, and other challenges that parents face in today's world.** This program will also cover the costs - monetary, scholastic, emotional & legal - that parents and teens experience when facing the consequences of high risk behaviors.

Our panel participants include North Hills Security, Andrew Cioffi; Attorney and Sanderson parent, Jennifer Milak; Attorney and Sanderson Graduate, Ryan Johnson; Sanderson High School's SAP Counselor, and a representative from the insurance industry.

**SHS PTSA is pleased to be coordinating and hosting this event for the parents of Sanderson, Leesville and Millbrook High Schools.**

Please join us for this honest and frank parent only discussion. Bring your questions & concerns and join in the conversation, or just sit back & listen. Either way, it promises to be a real eye-opener of an evening.

**TEEN HIGH RISK BEHAVIORS - COSTS AND  
CONSEQUENCES  
TUESDAY, MARCH 18TH 7-8:30 PM  
SANDERSON HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM**

**IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO SHOW YOUR CHILDREN  
YOU CARE ABOUT EDUCATION! JOIN  
THE WMMS PARENT-TEACHER ASSOCIATION  
(PTA) BEFORE MARCH 10TH!**

WE ARE IN THE FINAL WEEKS OF OUR 2007-08 PTA MEMBERSHIP DRIVE. Here are just some of the benefits **you'll** receive:

**COMMUNICATION:** At the monthly PTA meetings, you can talk with WMMS teachers and administrators, hear what's going on at school, and give your input.

**VOLUNTEERS:** No matter if you work fulltime, have small children at home, or prefer to work alone .... there's a volunteer job for any circumstance!

**FINANCIAL SUPPORT:** Your membership dues give the PTA money for the extra enrichment programs at West Millbrook. Your contributions are tax-deductible

**DON'T WAIT -- JOIN TODAY!** Just complete the PTA form found on page 3 of the online version of the Wildcat News and return it in an envelope with your membership dues in cash, or checks made payable to "WMMS PTA" by mail: WMMS PTA Membership; 8115 Strickland Road; Raleigh, NC 27615; OR send it with your student to his/her homeroom teacher.

Please note: Each school's PTA is a separate organization, so your PTA membership at another school DOES NOT support West Millbrook. PTA Memberships last for one school year.

¡HAGASE UN MIEMBRO DE LA PARENT-TEACHER ASSOCIATION (PTA) DE WEST MILLBROOK!

Por membresía de la PTA de WMMS, podríamos financiar a los programas importantes para los estudiantes y los empleados de WMMS que incluir Tecnología, el Biblioteca, Actividades Académicas, los Programas de Culturales Artes y educación de Carácter, Agradecimiento de los Maestros y los Subvenciones para Instrucciones. Su membresía de la PTA de WMMS esta muy importante como trabajamos con los empleados y los estudiantes de la Escuela Media de West Millbrook para mejorar las experiencias y las oportunidades necesitadas para que nuestros estudiantes tengan éxito.

¿Cómo hacerse miembro? Pueda completar el sobre siguiente, incluir su cuota de membresía, y mandar por correo o revolverle a la escuela por su hijo. Manda por correo a: WMMS PTA Membership; 8115 Strickland Rd.; Raleigh, NC 27615. Los Datos de la PTA: Su membresía de una PTA de otra escuela no ayuda a West Millbrook Middle School. Los Niveles Premium de membresía financian mejor a los programas de la PTA. Las membresías de la PTA deben renovarse cada año.

# PTA MEMBERSHIP FORM

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Return form and payment by mail to: WMMS PTA Membership; 8115 Strickland Rd.; Raleigh, NC 27615  
WMMS PTA Membership Levels (make checks payable to: WMMS PTA)

## Basic Levels

Staff (1 adult) ..... \$6.00  
Individual (1 adult) ..... \$6.00  
Family (2 adults) ..... \$10.00

## Premium Levels

Bronze (2 adults) ..... \$25.00  
Silver (2 adults) ..... \$50.00  
Gold (2 adults) ..... \$100.00

Print Name(s) to appear on membership card: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Street Address & zip code: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Student Name(s) & grade level(s): \_\_\_\_\_

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Escriba su cheque a favor de WMMS PTA o pueda pagar en efectivo. Manda por correo a: WMMS PTA Membership; 8115 Strickland Rd.; Raleigh, NC 27615.

Niveles de Membresía de la PTA:

Por favor, complete y revuelvale y incluya su pago

<u>Niveles Básicas</u>		<u>Niveles Premium</u>	
Empleados (una adulto)	\$6.00	Bronce (dos adultos)	\$25.00
Individual (una adulto)	\$6.00	Plateada (dos adultos)	\$50.00
Familia (dos adultos)	\$10.00	Oro (dos adultos)	\$100.00

El Nombre de padre o familia: \_\_\_\_\_

Dirreccion (Su calle y codigo postal): \_\_\_\_\_

El Nombre de su hijo(s) y sus grados: \_\_\_\_\_

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## CTE Classes in Jeopardy Nationwide

Have you or your child ever benefited from a CTE class? What is CTE?

Career and Technical Education courses are federally funded classes which include: Business and Information classes (Keyboarding, Exploring Business Technologies, Business and Computer Technology 1 and BCT 2), Family and Consumer Science classes (Life Skills 1 and 2), Technology classes, and Career Exploration classes. CTE also funds a Career Development Coordinator at West Millbrook.

Each year the Carl D. Perkins Act, which is the grant which provides funding for these courses, is reviewed and the federal government has to decide whether or not to approve this funding. This year, as in recent years, the President has proposed cutting *all* PERKINS funding. We need your help if these courses are going to survive at West Millbrook, Wake County and in the US!

WCPSS CTE Director, David Rockefeller is a very strong CTE advocate and has made some really great connections within the political arena. He feels very strongly that Bob Etheridge and David Price will support renewal of the grant. Our efforts will be well spent by reaching out to the remaining elected officials from our area in asking for support of CTE classes and renewal of the PERKINS Act. We are asking you to contact any or all of your officials and give them your story, remind them you are one of their constituents and ask for their support.

**“Contact your Member of Congress to urge the rejection of the Bush Administration’s budget and to fully restore and increase the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act to \$1.7 billion.” advises Mr. Rockefeller.**

We thank you for your support and efforts. Additional information can be found in the CTE funding article on the [wmms.net](http://wmms.net) homepage.

### **Our federal legislative representatives:**

Senator Richard Burr: (800) 685-8916; (336) 631-5125; (202) 224-3154  
**BURR.Senate.gov**

Senator Elizabeth Dole: (866) 420-6083; (919) 856-4630; (202) 224-6342  
DOLE.senate.gov

Representative Bob Etheridge: (888) 262-6202; (919) 829-9122; (202) 225-4531  
**www.house.gov/etheridge**

Representative David Price: (919) 859-5999; (202) 225-1784  
**www.house.gov/price**

Representative Brad Miller: (877) 272-3435; (919) 836-1313; (202) 225-3032  
**www.house.gov/miller**

**February 4, 2008**

### **President Eliminates Funding for Perkins**

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Today President Bush released his proposed budget for Fiscal Year (FY) 2009. The budget includes \$52.9 billion in discretionary funding for the Department of Education, the same level appropriated by Congress for FY2008; it [eliminates](#) all funding for the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act (Perkins) and eliminates [44 other programs](#) at a total cost of \$3.2 billion. Numerous other education and workforce programs are reduced or level funded.

U.S. Department of Education officials rationalize that elimination of Perkins is due to “tough choices,” a continued focus on federal programs that support rigorous academics, and a federal [Program Assessments Ratings Tool \(PART\)](#) analysis which rates Perkins as ineffective.

This is unacceptable! The Perkins program plays a critical role in providing the skills and knowledge essential for a competitive workforce. Quality CTE programs are linked to rigorous academic instruction and are improving student engagement through “real world” application to prepare students for successful careers. The PART analysis is based on faulty research and was performed over five years ago.

The Bush Administration eliminated Perkins funding in FY 2006 and FY2007, and cut funding in half in FY2008. However, Congress has ignored this request and restored funding for the Perkins program each year.

It is extremely important that all members of the CTE community rally together to urge Members of Congress to reject the President’s blueprint for education, and increase Perkins funding to \$1.7 billion! The Perkins program is crucial to ensuring that student’s have the necessary skills to compete in a global economy and a \$1.7 billion investment will help address rising student enrollment and costs of implementation.

**Contact your Member of Congress to urge the rejection of the Bush Administration’s budget and to fully restore and increase the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act to \$1.7 billion.**

## TAKE ACTION

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- Call and email your Member of Congress to communicate that the threat to eliminate Perkins' funding by the Administration is unacceptable and that an increase of Perkins funding is needed!
- Rally parents, teachers, administrators, students, business leaders, and other advocates to help this campaign to save Perkins funding.
- Use data and research to support your case.
- Gather and collect student success stories to personalize the use of Perkins funds as you speak to your Representative and Senators.
- Be sure to stress how Perkins' funding is helping to ensure a successful workforce in your community.

Visit ACTE's [Budget and Appropriations Web page](#)