



WILDCAT NEWS

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What's Happening.....

March 25...Boys Soccer Away Game at Heritage-3:45pm
March 25...Builder's Club Informational Meeting-3:30pm
March 26...Character Ed Luncheon
March 26...Girls Softball Doubleheader Home Game vs. Heritage-3:45pm
March 26...Baseball Home Game vs. Zebulon-4:15pm
March 27...School Dance – 3:15pm-5:00pm
March 30...Boys Soccer Away Game at Zebulon-3:45pm
March 30...Girls Softball Doubleheader Home Game vs. Zebulon-3:45pm
March 30...Baseball Away Game at Davis Drive-4:15pm
April 1.....Boys Soccer Home Game vs. Wakefield-3:45pm
April 2.....Rising 6th Grader Orientation – 9:30am
April 2.....Rising 6th Grade Parent Open House
April 2.....Girls Softball Doubleheader at Wakefield-3:45
April 2.....Baseball Home Game vs. Holly Ridge-4:15pm
April 6....Snow Make-Up Day for January 21
April 7....Snow Make-up Day for March 1 Absence
April 8-12....Spring Break
April 13.....Teacher Workday
April 14.....Beta Club Officer Meeting – 7:40am
April 14.....Track Meet at Home vs. East Wake, Leesville and WMMS – 3:45 pm
April 14.....PTA Board Meeting – 7:00pm

A Message from Principal Muttillo

Throughout this year, we have made efforts to involve students in after-school activities. Some of these activities have included academic labs, Odyssey of the Mind, Builders Club, as well as others. These activities benefit students by providing additional opportunities for them to connect with their peers and become more of a part of West Millbrook. Our next effort will be to add intramural activities for students during the months of April and May. We need your help. If you are interested in helping organize and coach intramural activities, please email me at amuttillo@wcpss.net with the day(s) you are willing to help. Our initial thoughts are to begin with soccer, basketball, and possibly running for two days a week from 3:00-5:15. Ideally, we would like the same group of parents each day of the week. For example, we could have one teacher and a small group of parents organize and supervise basketball on Tuesdays, and we could have another teacher and a different group of parents organize and supervise soccer and running on Thursdays. Thank you for considering this opportunity to support the West Millbrook Middle School community.

Last School Wide Dance !!!!

Don't miss the last school wide dance for the year! The dance will be on Friday, March 27th from 3:15-5:00. Tickets will be on sale during lunches Wednesday, March 25 – Friday, March 27.

Mason Park Day !!!!!

March 20 is "Mason Park Day"! Join us in our 3rd annual celebration of this prestigious day. Mason Park is our WMMS 8th grade student who had this honor bestowed upon him in the city of Raleigh by Mayor Charles Meeker on March 20, 2007 for his outstanding volunteer services. To date Mason has raised over \$70,000 and volunteered thousands of hours for various charities with hopes of inspiring others along the way to help make a difference. Happy "Mason Park Day"

Builder's Club

The Builder's Club will hold an informational meeting for interested students and potential members on Wednesday, March 25 at 3:30 in the Media Center.

Travel with Ms. Luxford to Greece, Italy and Spain!

This fantastic opportunity is available to any Spanish student who intends to enroll in Intermediate or Advanced Spanish for the 2009-2010 school year. We are having a parent "Meet and Eat" at CiCi's Pizza across from WMMS on Tuesday, March 24th from 6-7 p.m. Please RSVP to Ms. Luxford at n_luxford@hotmail.com if you are interested in attending the meeting!

ATTENTION 8TH GRADE BAND MEMBERS AND PARENTS

Now is the time to get involved with the Millbrook High School Band Program! We are very excited to have the class of 2013 joining us next year! We are holding our Marching Band Interest Meeting on Tuesday, April 21st at Millbrook High School in the band room. Come out and join us at 6:00 p.m. for a hot dog dinner and at 7:00 p.m. for our meeting. You will get an opportunity to meet Mrs. Kerr (our band director), current band and color guard students, as well as the Marching Band staff that works with us throughout the marching band season. We will also have representatives available at the Wildcat Academy Open House on May 21st, so please feel free to stop by the band table in the media center to learn more about our entire band program. Our website, www.mhsbands.org, has a lot of information that can help answer any questions you may have about our band and color guard program here at MHS. You can also join our email list by emailing millbrookbandboosters@yahoo.com. Emails go out regularly about performances, rehearsals, and upcoming

events. We look forward to meeting you and having you as a member of our band program next year! Please RSVP to Jeanna Reeves, who is a West Millbrook parent and a Millbrook High School Marching Band parent, at jeannas@remax.net.

Pennies for Pasta

Last year WMMS was the number 3 top fundraiser for leukemia research among all schools in Central and Eastern NC. We raised \$7777.77! This year's classroom competition, sponsored by the Beta Club, is gearing up now. While pennies, nickels, dimes, and quarters take us a long way toward the goal, larger contributions are certainly welcome. Feel free to use the secure online contribution form, linked from the WMMS homepage, to make donations, and print an extra receipt from your online contribution and send to school with your child so that his/her homeroom will receive credit! You can also send a check written to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society with your child to school between March 23rd and April 3rd. If your company participates in matching grants, then please submit the company's matching form along with the receipt and your child's room will receive credit for your contribution and the matching contribution! If you are willing to place a collection box in your place of business, please contact dwalters@wcpss.net or pmcglynn@wcpss.net. The online site will be open through April 13. The top fundraising classroom will earn a pasta luncheon from the Olive Garden!

WEST MILLBROOK'S BOYS' 2008-2009 TRACK TEAM

The full track team is listed in the WCN sent to the parent e-mail list and in the paper copy distributed to students.

Congratulations!

Sports Camps are Coming

Sports camps, sponsored by the WMMS Athletic Booster Club, have been organized and registration has begun. Baseball (June 22 - 26), Co-ed Basketball (June 29 - July 3), Football (August 10-14), and Co-ed Soccer (August 10 - 14) will be run by West Millbrook coaches. Multiple camp and multiple children discounts are available.

Baseball ~ Basketball ~ Football ~ Soccer Summer Sports Camp Info

BASEBALL

What: Northern Wake Baseball Camp

Who: Ages 9 - 14

When: June 22 – 26 (Mon.—Thurs. 9 - 4 Fri. 9 – Noon)

Equipment: Bring a glove, bat, helmet, catching gear or any other equipment you feel you may need. Bats, helmets, and catching gear are available for use. It is preferred that campers wear baseball attire but not required. (i.e. Baseball pants, cleats, hat)

Session Topics: Hitting, Fielding, Throwing, Base Running/Sliding, Positional Play, Agility Test

*Each athlete will receive a t-shirt and have opportunities to earn extra awards

BASKETBALL

What: Wildcat Basketball Camp

Who: Rising 6th gr. - Rising 8th gr. (Co-ed)

When: June 26 – July 3 (Mon.—Thurs. 9 - 4 Fri. 9 – Noon)

Equipment: T-shirt, shorts, court shoes

Session Topics: Individual ball handling drills, passing, shooting, offense/defense team play

*Each athlete will receive a t-shirt and have opportunities to earn extra awards.

FOOTBALL

What: Wildcat Football Camp

Who: Rising 6th gr. - Rising 8th gr.

When: August 10 –14 (Mon. - Fri. 8 - 11:30 am)

Equipment: T-shirt, shorts, cleats (not mandatory), indoor shoes, thermos

Session Topics: Stance, blocking, passing, catching, kicking/punting, agility tests, conditioning drills and positional play

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SOCCER

What: Wildcat Soccer Camp

Who: Rising 6th gr. - Rising 8th gr. (Co-ed)

When: August 10 – 14 (Mon. - Fri. 8 - 11:30 am)

Equipment: T-shirt, shorts, cleats, indoor shoes, shin guards
Session Topics: Ball handling, dribbling, passing, shooting, offense / defense concept

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From the Healthful Living Department

During March, your child's Physical Education class will be participating in a gymnastics unit. Because of the amount and type of equipment involved, strict safety guidelines will be enforced.

1. No horseplay will be tolerated.
2. Students are not to enter the Gymnasium without first being instructed to enter by a teacher.
3. Students are not to touch any equipment without first being instructed to do so.
4. Students are to use caution in practicing new skills.
5. Students are not to attempt any skills in which they have not had instruction.
6. Students should not work out alone. A spotter should always be present.
7. Spotting is an important responsibility and should not be taken lightly.
8. Students are to be sure mats are both under and around the equipment they are using.

For safety reasons, failure to dress out in appropriate athletic apparel will result in your child being unable to participate for that day and a loss of points, both for participation and for dressing out.