



# WILDCAT NEWS

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## What's Happening.....

- March 27....**Baseball:** Holly Ridge @ WMMS  
Game starts at 4:15
- March 27....March Character Ed Luncheon  
Recognizing INTEGRITY
- March 27....**Softball** (Girls) Doubleheader  
Leesville @ WMMS – 3:45pm
- March 27....Dance Explosion Concert –  
Multipurpose Room – 7:00pm
- March 31-April 7.....SPRING BREAK**
- April 8.....**PTA Meeting** – Media Center  
7:00pm
- April 9.....**Baseball:** Zebulon @ WMMS-4:15pm
- April 9.....**Soccer** (Boys) – Heritage @ WMMS  
3:45pm
- April 9.....Hispanic/Latino Outreach Parent  
Training at WMMS – 6:30pm-8:30pm
- April 10...**Baseball:** East Millbrook @ WMMS  
4:15pm
- April 10...**Softball** – Bye
- April 10...Computer Skills After School  
Tutoring – 3:20pm-4:30pm
- April 11...**Report Card Day**
- April 11...Chorus Rehearsal – 8:35am-10:05am  
Multipurpose Room
- April 11..Spring Dance – 4:30pm-7:00pm
- April 14..Computer Skills After School  
Tutoring – 3:20pm-4:30pm
- April 14...**Baseball:** WMMS @ East Garner  
4:00pm
- April 15..All "A" Honor Roll Breakfast in  
Cafeteria – 9:00am-9:40am
- April 15...**Track Meet:** East Wake, WMMS at  
Leesville – 3:45pm
- April 16..Beta Club General Meeting  
Multipurpose Room – 7:45am
- April 16...**Soccer** (Boys) – Durant @ WMMS  
3:45pm
- April 16...**Softball** (Girls) Doubleheader  
WMMS @ Heritage – 3:45pm
- April 16..Hispanic/Latino Outreach Parent  
Training at WMMS – 6:30pm-8:30pm
- April 17...**Baseball:** Wake Forest @ WMMS  
4:15pm
- April 18..Chorus Rehearsal–10:45am-11:30am  
Multipurpose Room
- April 19...Operation Clean Sweep-Campus  
Beautification - 9am-11:00am

## 8th Grade Dance/Picnic Volunteers Needed

The 8th Grade Dance Chairs are looking for parents interested in helping to make this year's 8th grade dance and picnic events to remember! Any WMMS parent (6th, 7th or 8th) is invited to help. 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! **The date for the dance is Friday, June 6<sup>th</sup> from 6:30pm-9:30pm (volunteers are needed during the day on the 5<sup>th</sup> after 12:00 and all day on the 6<sup>th</sup> to help decorate). The picnic is May 30<sup>th</sup> from 1:00-3:00pm.**

There are many ways to help out both for working parents and stay-at-home parents. If you want to help, please contact Amy Adcroft at [adcro9@aol.com](mailto:adcro9@aol.com) or Melanie Abbott at [cmjc5@nc.rr.com](mailto:cmjc5@nc.rr.com).

## State Mathematics Contest

Mr. Navin accompanied seven of West Millbrook's best math students to test their skills against other students from around the state. They competed in the State Mathematics Contest held at Wake Tech Community College on March 25th. Our Algebra contestants were TK, ER, PM, KK, and JB. Our Geometry contestants were AT and HM. Congratulations to these students for a great performance!

## Rising 6th grade "Open House"

**When: April 23, 2008**

**Elementary Campus Tours: 9:15-10:30am  
(Multi-purpose room)**

**Parent Orientation & Tour: 6:00-7:30pm  
(Gym)**

## 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 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.

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

Information release sent by WCPSS Director of CTE, David Rockefeller:

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## **President Eliminates Funding for Perkins**

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 students 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**

- 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](#) for the latest news and resources.