



WILDCAT NEWS

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What's Happening.....

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
April 15.....Beta Club General Meeting – 7:40am
April 15.....Boys Soccer Away Game at Durant-3:45pm
April 15....Girls Softball Doubleheader Home Game vs. Durant-3:45pm
April 15.....Baseball Home Game vs. Wake Forest-4:15pm
April 16.....Battle of the Rock Bands-Talent Show Sponsored by Beta Club

Notes from the PTA

This newsletter arrives with a scant number of days left in our third quarter of school. April 2nd will bring fresh new faces to our school hallways as the rising sixth graders will visit during the school day on Thursday and their parents are invited to join us that evening in the gymnasium. Help us spread the word to your friends and neighbors...the more the merrier! It will be an informative evening.

As you have heard, March Madness was a huge success for the PTA this year for many reasons. We had over 60 families that donated either food items to be sold at the event or raffle items that were used for the \$1.00 or \$2.00 raffle prizes. Our volunteers behind the scenes worked many hours both before the event and at the event, the PTA counted over 50 volunteers! That is a lot of people working together! There were over 500 admission tickets purchased by YOU! It is this kind of support that allows us to make well over \$6,500.00 in one evening. Thank you again for all your support! In closing, we would like to recognize the Mare's family as the winner of the "Night on the Town" grand prize. Their name was omitted in error from the original list of prize winners in a previous newsletter!

What Can I Do?

Don't let these words intimidate you! Serving on a PTA committee or as an officer of the PTA can be the highlight of your school year! WAIT...keep reading! Serving on the PTA board is fun...it does not need to be a huge commitment! Some jobs/committees do not take more than eight hours of your time for the entire school year. This is a plea for next school year. Please take a moment to review the different PTA committees that are listed on the school website and in the front of the PTA student directory too. If you are interested or would like more information about a particular position, contact any member of the nominating committee: Dawn Clark @ bentoddsam@nc.rr.com, Susan Bradshaw @ bradshaw_t@bellsouth.net, Stacy Symes @ ssymes@wcpss.net or our President-Elect, Anne Rajagopalan at srajagopalan@nc.rr.com. One thing is for sure, if you take one of these jobs, you will never be short of WMMS friends! What better place to volunteer your time?

Pennies Update

Many thanks to the parents who have supported their students' desire to "rid" their homes of extra change this week. We're half-way through our Pennies for Pasta (and Leukemia Patients) Classroom Competition and are thrilled with the level of enthusiasm of our students and teachers. So far, Mrs. Moses' homeroom from the Sharks team is leading with \$831.01 raised the first four days! The Sharks are in a competitive frenzy right now with Mrs. Ford's homeroom at \$611.06, Mr. Navin's at \$522.09, and Ms. Yager's at \$455.76! Five other homerooms have raised \$95 or more. They include: Nay at \$252.23, Hatten at \$112.78, Blackwell at \$186.07, Hunt at \$95.35, and Reik at \$196.89. The Stonehenge Branch of the State Employee's Credit Union has been very gracious in allowing us to use their counting machine to process at least a hundred pounds of coins each day. We're off to a great start and hope to finish our campaign with the success that the students of WMMS saw last year when we won the third place award in Leukemia and Lymphoma Support among all schools in Central and Eastern North Carolina. Feel free to send change or checks (written to LLS - Leukemia and Lymphoma Society) or contribute online. We have a link posted to our homepage. If you make an online donation, please be sure to note your child's homeroom teacher's name so that the proper homeroom will receive credit. Remember that the top fundraising homeroom wins a pasta lunch with all the trimmings from the Olive Garden. The top fundraising homerooms from the other two grade levels will win an ice cream treat on an upcoming warm spring day.

Yearbooks...

Yearbooks are \$38 and can be purchased at www.jostensyearbooks.com
There is a limited supply so buy yours today!

Greece, Italy, and Spain...

Travel with Senora Luxford to Greece, Italy, and Spain in June 2010!! Any student who intends to enroll in Intermediate or Advanced Spanish for the 2009-2010 school year is eligible! See Senora Luxford in trailer 5 for more information! Enrollment is capped at 30 students and the early enrollment discount ends March 31st!

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.

Math Tutoring Lab

Parents please remind your student(s) to take advantage of the math tutoring lab. EOGs will be here before you know it. Don't forget to sign up before 3:00 on the signup sheet at Mrs. Bonner's door. You must sign up each day that you want to attend. Come prepared with math materials.

Monday/Wednesday - 6th grade
Tuesday/Thursday - 7th/8th grade

If you have any questions or need more information, please contact Katie Bonner at kbonner@wcpss.net

Thank You from the Eagles !!!

The Eagles Team would like to thank all the parents who donated "goodies" for our team day on Friday, March 20th -- thanks for making our day more special! Eagles Teachers

Battle of the Rock Bands

Attention students and staff, in order to promote POSITIVE BEHAVIOR and zero discipline referrals, West Millbrook will be hosting the First Annual Battle of the Rock Bands!!! All students who have a "major-free" March, meaning you have no major discipline referrals for the month of March, may audition. In order to audition, you must create a band of you & of 3 of your buds who also have zero referrals. At least one of your band members must be able to play on "expert" in order to qualify.

Starting March 30th & 31st, you can sign up in the media center during HOMEROOM to audition. You will receive a pass for your band to audition on 4/1 in your homeroom. The actual battle will take place on the evening of April 16. For those of you who would like to be fans and groupies, ticket will go on sale during all lunches. \$3 in advance and \$4 at the door. The Beta Club will manage ticket sales. All door proceeds will go to the central and eastern NC school competition raising contributions for leukemia and lymphoma research.

KUDOS TO ALL!

It was stated earlier in this edition that March Madness takes a bunch of support to make it a success. The PTA would like to ask our parents to take a moment to look over the area businesses that contributed to March Madness in either goods or services. Your simple kind words of "thanks from WMMS" when you visit one of these establishments will go a LONG WAY in paving the road for us next year! Yes, they love to hear it! Economic times are tight right now for a lot of families and businesses. We want these local businesses to know how much we appreciate them!

Aladdin's Eatery
Baker's Dozen Bakery
Tara Bankley, Personal Trainer
Café Tiramisu
Club O2 Fitness
Chick-Fil-A (Falls of Neuse)

Duke Univ-Athletics Dept
Margaux's Restaurant
NCSU-State Athletics Dept
North Ridge Country Club
Sam's Wholesale
Wildwood Green Golf Club

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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Coaches:

Dan Calhoun - Baseball, Football

Matthew Hrbek - Basketball, Soccer

Ron Miterko - Baseball

Chad Navin – Football

Costs:

Baseball, Basketball \$180 / wk.

Football, Soccer \$120 / wk.

**Multiple camp discount—subtract \$40 for each Additional camp

**Multiple children discount—subtract \$20 for each child per camp

Questions? Contact Dan Calhoun 870-4072

Mission: To provide an opportunity for our youth to gain knowledge and experience in a variety of sports offered at the middle school level.

See the WMMS.net website and click on Summer Sports Camps for a downloadable brochure with registration form and fees.