



WILDCAT NEWS

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What's Happening.....

May 25....**Memorial Day – School Holiday**

May 28....Character Ed Luncheon

May 28....Athletic Banquet

5:30pm - Dinner in Cafeteria

6:45pm - Awards in Gym

May 29....8th Grade Picnic

June 5.....8th Grade Dance – 7:00-9:30pm

June 9.....Eighth Grade Awards Assembly 8:45am - 9:45am

June 10...Sixth Grade Awards Assembly 8:45am-9:45am

Seventh Grade Awards Assembly 10:45am-11:45am



June 10th – Last Day of School !!!!

A Message from Principal Muttillo

As another reminder to parents, the majority of the EOG testing will take place this Monday, May 18th through Wednesday, May 20th. Please note that breakfast will be served to those students who typically eat breakfast every other week of the year. **Free breakfast will not be served for all students as it has in the past. Students should follow their normal morning routines on EOG testing day.** We do ask for your help in making sure students arrive at school with enough time to be ready to begin testing by 8:15 a.m. Late arrivals will not be tested that day. We also ask that you try to minimize scheduling any appointments prior to 12:30. If a student is picked up from school during an EOG testing session, he or she must retake the test. EOG testing is a stressful time for all, and we ask for your cooperation in making sure students arrive on time and stay until at least 12:30.

I want to remind you that all rising 8th grade students will take the Computer Skills Test in the 8th grade. Passing this test is an NC Graduation Requirement, and is given in high school to those who don't pass it in the 8th grade. Categories included on this state assessment include: Societal/ethical issues as related to technology, database management (sorting, searching, filtering), spreadsheet creation, manipulation, and use of functions and formulas, keyboard utilization/word processing/desktop publishing, multimedia/presentation software use, telecommunications (e-mail, chat rooms, instant messaging, discussion forums) and the use of the Internet for research and information literacy. While students receive practice in many of these applications as part of their core curriculum, all objectives are taught in the elective course, "Business Computer Technology." If your child is a rising 7th grader, you may wish to consider the BCT elective for next year. If your child is a rising 8th grader, I encourage you to review our website for testing and review tools that students may use at home. Go to wmms.net and click on "Computer Skills Test" in the STUDENT ZONE section of the blue

column. This link will take you to a Student Review Page that students may use independently or with your assistance. For information of interest to parents, click on the "Computer Skills Test Info for Parents" link in the PARENT PAGE section of the blue column of our homepage.

SPAN was updated and interim reports were distributed last week. The last required SPAN update for this school year will be Friday, May 29th.

8th Grade Dance is Coming Soon!

The 8th Grade Dance is Friday, June 5, from 7-9:30 PM. Parents of 8th graders should have received information in the mail about the dance, the 8th grade picnic, and the awards ceremony. Please be sure to return the "volunteer & contribution" form with your student to their homeroom teacher.

8th Grade Dance Volunteers Needed

We will need plenty of people to help decorate for the dance on Thursday, June 4 and Friday, June 5. Please consider helping out at this fun event for at least one hour. Any WMMS parent (6th, 7th, or 8th) is invited to help. **This is a great time for 7th grade parents to see what this event is all about for next year's planning!** If you have any questions, you can contact Jeanna Reeves at jeanna_reeves@hotmail.com.

CHARACTER EDUCATION LUNCHEON

The last character education luncheon in April was a fun filled event for twenty students who consistently demonstrated good judgment throughout the month. Students enjoyed a tropical themed luncheon while listening to the sounds of Jimmy Buffet! Along with the traditional pizza lunch, students were also introduced to foods one might experience in the islands, such as mango chicken wings, sliced pineapple and tropical fruit snacks. A big thanks to the Fresh Market for donating banana bread and coconut macaroons. The dining area in the media center was decorated with an island flare for the event. We even had two exotic talking birds take part. Thank you to Susan Bradshaw for sharing her two parrots.

Students learned something new as they watched a live demonstration on how to perfectly crack open a coconut. It is pretty amazing once you get the hang of it! Each student sampled the coconut after it was cracked and were offered a sample of the coconut water. Not many takers for that! Dr. Muttillo attended and held the drawing for one exclusive character education t-shirt. Students also received a gift bag with their Character Ed certificate, goodies and area coupons to

local eateries. Thank you again to Chick-fil-A, Six Forks, and The Great Harvest Bread Company for donating coupons each month!

Congratulation to the following students for going the extra mile last month and exercising good judgment

(See e-mail or paper copy of the WCN for the list.)

IN MAY WE WILL RECOGNIZE CITIZENSHIP! All traits will be celebrated with nineteen students at the luncheon on May 28th at noon. Weather permitting; we will have our final character education luncheon outside the cafeteria at the "Character Cafe". Our themed cultural experience this month will be a taste of good ole America! Hotdogs, ice cream and apple pie!

Art News

Artsplasure

The following students were invited to participate in the Artsplasure Student Art Exhibition that will be held on May 16th and 17th. This award winning juried event takes place at Marbles Kids Museum in downtown Raleigh and the artwork will be seen by thousands of people. Congratulations to each of these students.



Reminder to Parents

Please remember if you have any medication at the school for your child all medication must be picked up at the end of the school year. Any medication not picked up will be taken to the health department and destroyed. This includes over the counter medication, prescription, and emergency medications. Some of these medications are expensive so we highly encourage you to pick up the medication.

If your child will be receiving medication at school during the 2009/2010 school year you must bring the medication to the school at the beginning of next year. We do not hold medication from year to year. Do not forget you will need to provide a new physician's order signed by both you and the physician for any medication (including over the counter) you wish your child to receive during school hours. The medication must come in the original container if it is over the counter and prescription medication must come in a clearly labeled pharmacy bottle with the correct administration information on the bottle.

If you have any questions, feel free to call Gayle Starkey, RN your School Based Public Health Nurse at 870-4070.

Keep Those Books Coming

Thank You for Your Help Parents

All materials are due back to the media center by May 22nd! Statements will be going out this week for overdue accounts. We currently have **over 500 past due books** in the system. Some have been due since October. Please look around your homes and send or bring in any library books that you find. This will save your child lost due fines and will help us keep our books available for future Wildcats! Please call the library if you have questions (870-4067).

West Millbrook Middle School 2008 – 2009 Athletic Banquet

WHEN: Thursday, May 28th @ 5:30PM

WHERE: WMMS Cafeteria (Dinner) and
Gymnasium (Awards)

COST: **\$7.00** Athletes, Managers, and
School-aged Children
\$8.00 Adults

The deadline for reservations is Friday, May 22nd. If you do not make reservations by the deadline and plan on attending the dinner, the cost is \$10.00 at the door.

If you are not planning on having dinner, there is no cost to attend the awards ceremony.

****** See Page 3 online for full banquet information and reservation form**

Sports Camps at WMMS

Registration has begun for the Summer Sports Camps, sponsored by the WMMS Athletic Booster Club. Multiple camp and multiple children discounts are available. For more information and to access a downloadable registration form, see the school website at www.wmms.net or see page 4 online of the Wildcat News.

West Millbrook Middle School 2008 – 2009 Athletic Banquet

WHEN: THURSDAY, MAY 28th @ 5:30PM
WHERE: WMMS CAFETERIA (Dinner) & GYMNASIUM (Awards)
COST: \$7.00 ATHLETES, MANAGERS, AND SCHOOL-AGED CHILDREN
\$8.00 FOR ADULTS
DINNER: RAGAZZI'S ITALIAN – CHICKEN PARMESAN, PASTA, BREADSTICKS,
SALAD & BEVERAGE
ATTIRE: SEMI-FORMAL (NO SHORTS PLEASE)

DINNER WILL BE SERVED IN THE CAFETERIA STARTING AT 5:30 PM. AFTER DINNER WE WILL BE MOVING FROM THE CAFETERIA TO THE GYMNASIUM FOR THE AWARDS PRESENTATION. **ALL ATHLETES WILL SIT IN THE RESERVED SECTION OF THE BLEACHERS TO AWAIT THE DISTRIBUTION OF CERTIFICATES AND AWARDS. THIS WILL HELP SPEED UP THE PROCESS.**

PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN THE ATTACHED RESERVATION FORM AND YOUR PAYMENT TO COACH CALHOUN **BEFORE FRIDAY, MAY 22nd**. WHEN PAYMENT IS MADE, YOUR NAME WILL BE ADDED TO A RESERVATION LIST THAT WILL BE AT THE DOOR ON THE EVENING OF THE BANQUET. **THE DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS IS FRIDAY, MAY 22nd**. IF YOU DO NOT MAKE RESERVATIONS BY THE DEADLINE AND PLAN ON ATTENDING, THE COST IS \$10.00 PER PERSON AT THE DOOR.

ALL CHECKS SHOULD BE MADE PAYABLE TO: WMMS BOOSTER CLUB

* IF YOU ARE NOT PLANNING ON HAVING DINNER, THERE IS NO COST TO ATTEND THE AWARDS CEREMONY. PLEASE ARRIVE TO THE GYMNASIUM BY 6:40PM.

Please return with payment to: **COACH CALHOUN BY FRIDAY, MAY 22nd**

Athletes Name: _____

NUMBER OF RESERVATIONS:

_____ @ \$7.00 (ATHLETE, MANAGER, SCHOOL-AGED CHILD)... \$ _____
_____ @ \$8.00 (ADULT/RELATIVE)..... \$ _____
TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

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

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

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

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

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.

Coaches:

Dan Calhoun - Baseball, Football