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What's Happening at West Millbrook...

- October 11 (Wed.).....Beta Club General Meeting – 7:30 am – 8:10 am
Football: Durant @ WMMS – 3:45 pm
- October 12 (Thurs.).....Girls Soccer & Volleyball: WMMS @Durant – 3:45 pm
- October 18 (Wed.).....Football: WMMS @ Zebulon – 3:45 pm
- October 19 (Thurs.).....Girls Soccer & Volleyball: Zebulon @ WMMS – 3:45 pm
- October 20 (Friday).....Dance-A-Thon: 3:00 pm – 6:30 pm
- October 25 (Wed.).....Football: Wake Forest @ WMMS – 3:45 pm
- October 26 (Thurs.).....Girls Soccer & Volleyball: WMMS @ Wake Forest – 3:45 pm
- October 30 (Monday).....Teacher Workday

Wake County Schools Grow More Than Anticipated!

The District 3 Advisory Board is a group comprised of principals and parent representatives from each school in our school board district that meet with our School Board Representative Carol Parker to share information about our schools. The first meeting this year was held September 25th at Wakefield High School. Chuck Delaney, the Assistant Superintendent for Growth and Planning presented some facts about the current status of the Wake County Public School System (WCPSS).

WCPSS was expected to gain 7,000 students this year, after the first couple of weeks of school. That number is now looking like it will be more like 8,000 students. We must continue to build new schools, renovate our current schools & keep our schools technologically competitive while exploring ways to cut costs and run the system more efficiently.

Wake County has been included on 27 "Best Of" lists including #1 Best Public Education System (Expansion Magazine), #2 highest graduation rate among 50 largest school districts (Education Week) and Forbes Magazine, May 2005 #2 Best Place for Business and Careers. Wake County is thriving and a good community with great public schools benefits all of us.

On November 7th Wake County voters will be asked to vote on a \$970 million school bond to provide additional schools and ease crowding in our classrooms. Bonds are the least expensive way to finance the cost of building new schools since they carry the lowest interest rates for local governments. The state mandates that a seat MUST be provided for every child so new schools must be built and seats must be found, hence the mandatory year round issue that has been forced on some families since the current growth has exceeded available seats.

The bond will cover 17 new schools, 13 renovation projects, technology replacements and upgrades, along with repairs at almost 100 other schools. The tax increase to pay for the bonds will be based on the assessed value of your house. A \$200,000 house will pay \$94.00 a year increase or \$1.81 a week.

Anyone who is not registered to vote in Wake County must do so by October 13th. For information visit www.wakegov.com/elections or call 856-6240. To learn more about the status of WCPSS go to www.wcpss.net. Please feel free to call me with any questions or concerns.

Elizabeth Voiers
WMMS District 3 Parent Representative

The Character Education Trait for October is RESPECT.

Totally Awesome Fundraiser – October 20

All students received a packet of information for our major fundraiser for the year. It is the 2nd Annual Dance-A-Thon, 3 – 6:30 PM on Friday, October 20. To add to the fun, we will have a 70s theme with prizes for the best-dressed 70s students and teachers! Come as you are or get into the groove! Pizza dinner will be available at the dance as well as snacks and drinks. We will play today's music with some hip 70s music thrown in.

This is our major fundraiser for the year, so please send in your checks and support the school! Students can ask family & friends to sponsor them for the dance-a-thon & return all money in the envelope included in their packet by 10/20. Students sending in donations of the following amounts will be put in a drawing for these prizes:

\$10 – \$25: \$5 gift cards to Goodberry's
\$26 – \$50: \$10 gift cards to CiCi's
\$51 – \$75: 2 movie passes (including popcorn and drinks!)
\$76 – \$99: \$30 gift card to Battlezone
\$100 & over: \$50 gift card to Triangle Town Center

** Highest total donation amount: CHOICE of Apple Ipod Nano w/ video
OR Favorite Mall equivalent gift card

It's so easy! Just write out a tax-deductible donation check to West Millbrook Middle School PTA and let your child dance the afternoon away!
For more information or to help out, call Jeanna Reeves at 848-0237.

The West Millbrook Parent-Teacher Association needs you!

To maintain the successful programs that have become a school tradition, please consider joining the PTA and becoming a WMMS volunteer.

The Book Fair is Coming!

West Millbrook will be holding its annual book fair Thursday, 11/2, to Thursday, 11/9. We will have evening hours on Thursday, 11/2, during the Beta Club Induction Ceremony and on Monday, 11/6, during parent conferences. We will be using the Bedford Falls book company again this year which offers a fabulous selection of books at great prices. Please plan to stop in the media center during this time and check out the books! If you would like to help out, please contact Kate Gerowitz (846-2030) or Beth Brody (870-0776).

Printer Cartridge Rebates for WMMS

Did you know that, stacked end to end, the amount of ink cartridges thrown away in one year would cover a distance of over 24,000 miles – enough to circle the Earth? Please save your empty ink jet cartridges for our school as we are participating in a recycling program through the Energy Savers Program of WCPSS. Students should bring the empty cartridges to school and put them in the collection box in the front office. This project will continue through the school year and you may continue to save cartridges throughout the summer to turn in at the beginning of next school year. By participating, we benefit by earning extra cash for our school and by keeping these cartridges out of our landfills! Thanks for your help.

Box Tops for Education

Earn cash for our school every time you shop for groceries. Clip Box Tops coupons from hundreds of your favorite products found at your local grocery store. Each coupon is worth 10 cents when our school redeems them from General Mills. Visit www.boxtops4education.com for even more great ideas to earn cash for our school including shopping at the Box Tops Marketplace, which includes your favorite online stores. Box Tops can be dropped off at the front office. Thanks for your support!