



WILDCAT NEWS

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October 13, 2008

What's Happening.....

- Oct. 14....Soccer (Girls) & Volleyball: Durant @ WMMS – 3:45pm
- Oct. 14....**PTA Meeting – Media Center – 7:00pm**
- Oct. 15....Football: WMMS @ Durant – 3:45pm
- Oct. 16....**Early Release Day**
- Oct. 21....Parent Education Workshop-HOMEWORK:
A Parent's Survival Guide (Media Center)-7pm
- Oct. 22....Football: WMMS @ Leesville – 3:45pm
- Oct. 23....**Deadline to join PTA for "Battle of the Brooks"**
- Oct. 23...Soccer (Girls) & Volleyball: Leesville @ WMMS – 3:45pm
- Oct. 24...School Dance – 3:15pm-5:00pm
- Oct. 27...Fall Make-Up Picture Day
- Oct. 28...Battle of the Brooks Football – East vs. West Millbrook at Millbrook High School Stadium 6:00pm
- Oct. 30...Soccer (Girls) & Volleyball: WMMS @ East Millbrook – 3:45pm
- Oct. 30...Beta Club Induction Ceremony – 7pm-8pm
- Nov. 3....**Teacher Workday**
- Nov. 4....**Teacher Workday**
- Nov. 10...Beta Club Officer Meeting, Media Center 7:40 am
- Nov. 10...Volleyball-location to be announced - 3:45pm
- Nov. 11....**School Holiday – Veteran's Day**

President's Notes

School spirit week is coming October 27th – 31st. This means that the Battle of the Brooks is around the corner! The entire week will be filled with West vs. East competition for our students. For those of you that are new to the school...this is a long standing tradition between the two middle schools. It typically brings staunch pride and high-spirited competitiveness to even our most timid students! Whether we win or lose the various athletic events that week...our Wildcats will play with all the strength and heart they can muster to stomp the Cougars! The highlight of the week is always the football game played at the stadium of Millbrook High School. Mark your calendars for Tuesday, October 28th at 6:00pm. The WMMS Booster Club will be selling a Spirit Combo Pass for that day of events. It will include admission to the after school party/dance from 3:30pm-5:30pm, a slice of pizza & soft drink, a bus ride to Millbrook High and the \$4 admission at the gate. All students that are transported by the

activity bus to Millbrook High for the game MUST provide their own transportation home from the game that evening. Permission slips will be distributed for this event and combo passes will be sold during all lunches! For parents and students attending the game, the Millbrook High Athletic Boosters will have their concession stand open for regular business that evening. Annual traditions like these are FUN for the family and help keep our West Millbrook family tightly knitted in school spirit...hope to see you there!

Fundraising Deadline Extended

The PTA has decided to extend our fall fundraising efforts until November 5th. We hope by extending the deadline, each family will take a moment and get involved with this fundraiser. The PTA chose to sell this discount card because **the hCard®** has huge discount value for our families. Once your card is purchased, you have the ability to dine and shop at over 100 area restaurants or retailers at discounted rates. There are many **other cities nationwide** that have **hCard®** value which makes selling the card to out of town relatives an option as well. The card gives members access to discounted movie tickets, 100's of great grocery coupons and free roadside assistance. There are many national retailers and restaurants that offer big savings for purchasing gift cards through your membership. Our goal was to sell 20 **hCards®** or sponsorships per homeroom class and raise \$6000 to cover half of our yearly budgeted expenses. We held assemblies last week to promote better sales and reiterate the GREAT PRIZE incentives for both students and teachers. A limousine ride and dinner certificate for the winning classroom teacher and a fun pizza party luncheon for the winning classroom students! There are great individual prizes too! How about an Apple iPod Nano to the top seller? **S**pread the word and encourage family and friends to support our efforts as well. Go to www.thehcard.com and click purchase then on our school link...it's easy to participate! Be sure to reference your student's **name** and **homeroom teacher** (section id) for great PRIZES! Hardcopy forms are available in the school office. Questions...email wmshcard@yahoo.com

NCSU CIC (Champions in the Community) Conference

On Monday, October 6th, NCSU hosted 76 students from 12 Wake County middle schools for the annual CIC Leadership Conference. 8th grade students Siera Brown, Marcus Bryan, Nicole Park, and Vaughan Perry proudly represented West Millbrook Middle School as they attended sessions geared towards values-based leadership. Different sessions dealt

with leadership traits such as integrity, good judgment, courage, and kindness. The conference ended with an awesome lunch and a motivating key note speech by Oronde Ashe, former NCSU soccer player and assistant coach. Students were challenged to take the lessons they learned back to the classroom and the playing field!

Booking with the Pack

'Booking with the Pack' is a 10-week program coordinated by NCSU. We have 351 students signed up this year, and the school wide goal is to support each student as they complete the program! Students are required to read for 10 weeks, and receive 10 or more book points. A book 50 to 399 pages counts as 1 book point, and any book 400 pages or above counts as 2 book points. Students are supposed to log their books as they complete them, and complete a book summary for each one. The program will officially end on November 28th, and any students that have 10 or more points at that time will be allowed to attend the NCSU Women's basketball game vs. FSU on Dec. 7th for FREE!!!! At the game, student athletes from ALL NCSU SPORTS will be present to meet the students and sign autographs! The team that has the highest program completion percentage will have a pizza party for it's participants. A special shout-out goes to the faculty members who are also completing the challenge with the students!

Attention Sixth Grade Dolphin Parents

Please donate any small prize items to our team treasure chest that we are using to reinforce positive behavior and the CATS matrix on our team. Make sure your donated items are valued at \$1 or less and they can include candy (no gum!), pencils, fast food coupons, etc.

Thanks from Ms. Hunt, Ms. Huber, Ms. Reik and Ms. Sabb!

2008 Elections and Kids Voting

With this being a big election year many of our WMMS Social Studies classes are studying the process and discussing the issues through the month of October. As we get closer to the election, classes will continue to follow the election process and current polls. With ballots provided by Kids Voting of Wake County, all West Millbrook students will be "voting" later in the month. Go to www.kidsvotingwake.org for some great links related to this year's election and the value of civic involvement. Also talk to your student about his or her views of this election and the privilege of voting.

Art News

West Millbrook has been fortunate this year to have Mrs. Amanda Cruz as a student teacher in the art classroom. Mrs. Cruz will graduate from Meredith College in December and is from Nashville, North Carolina. The students are enjoying the lessons that Mrs. Cruz has planned for them.

Vicki Dresser
Visual Arts Teacher

We need your mind...

West Millbrook would like to have an Odyssey of the mind team this year.

Odyssey of the Mind (O.M.) is an international educational program that provides creative problem-solving opportunities for students from kindergarten through college.

O.M. is a competitive program, but it's nothing like your typical sporting event. The competitive element encourages kids to be the best that they can be, but it's a friendly competition. O.M. is not a college bowl or a competition about knowledge. It's all about creativity. Kids are rewarded more for how they apply their knowledge, skills and talents, and not for coming up with the right answer.

Schools or community groups purchase a membership and form teams of up to seven students. Each team chooses one of five competitive problems to solve. The problems appeal to a wide range of interests; some are technical in nature, while others are artistic or performance-oriented.

Under the guidance of an adult coach, teams work on their solutions throughout the school year and, if they choose, present them in organized competitions in the spring. (info from www.odysseyofthemind.com)

This is why we want YOU! We need parents willing to coach our O.M. team. Ms. Niebauer (AG Coordinator) will be the school contact/sponsor; however we need parents willing to get involved on our school community to coach. If you are interested, please contact Stacy Symes at ssymes@wcpss.net, or Aimee Niebauer at aniebauer@wcpss.net.

(For more information on *Odyssey of the the Mind*, www.odysseyofthemind.com)

Math Tutoring Lab Update

We have had a great turnout at the after school math lab. Due to the large number of students attending, and in order to maximize the effectiveness for each student, we will be adjusting the days & hours as noted:

Monday & Wednesday 3:00-4:15 Sixth grade students
Tuesday & Thursday 3:00-4:15 Seventh & Eight grade Students

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

Visit the
West Millbrook MS
website at
www.wmms.net

West Millbrook Middle School PTA Membership Form

Return form and payment by mail to: WMMS PTA Membership, 8115 Strickland Rd., Raleigh, NC 27615
WMMS PTA Membership Levels (make checks payable to: WMMS PTA)

<u>Basic Levels</u>		<u>Premium Levels</u>	
Staff (1 adult)	\$6.00	Bronze (2 adults)	\$30.00
Individual (1 adult)	\$6.00	Silver (2 adults)	\$60.00
Family (2 adults)	\$10.00	Gold (2 adults)	\$125.00

Print Name(s) to appear on membership card: _____
 Print Street Address & zip code: _____
 Print Student Name(s) & grade level(s): _____

 Escriba su cheque a favor de WMMS PTA o pueda pagar en efectivo. Manda por correo a: **WMMS PTA Membership, 8115 Strickland Rd., Raleigh, NC 27615.**

Niveles de Membresía de la PTA. Por favor, complete y revuelvale y incluya su pago

<u>Niveles Básicas</u>		<u>Niveles Premium</u>	
Empleados (una adulto)	\$6.00	Bronce (dos adultos)	\$30.00
Individual (una adulto)	\$6.00	Plateada (dos adultos)	\$60.00
Familia (dos adultos)	\$10.00	Oro (dos adultos)	\$125.00

El Nombre de padre o familia: _____
 Dirreccion (Su calle y codigo postal): _____
 El Nombre de su hijo(s) y sus grados: _____



WEST MILLBROOK SPIRITWEAR ORDER FORM

STUDENT NAME _____ **HOMEROOM TEACHER** _____

PARENT NAME _____ **PHONE** _____ **GRADE** _____

<u>"Vintage design"(while supplies last)</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>XL</u>	<u>XXL</u>	<u>QTY</u>	<u>COLOR</u>	<u>PRICE</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
100% cotton t-shirt Adult S-XL, XXL Navy blue or heather gray								\$8.00/ 10.00	
Girls short-sleeve scoop-neck tee S-XL white, pink, or gray								\$10.00	
Hooded sweatshirt with muff pocket Adult S-XL, XXL Navy, pink, or gray								\$25.00/ 27.00	
Sweatpants, Navy blue Adult S-XL								\$20.00	
Embroidered toboggan, navy blue, one size fits all								\$10.00	
Large drawstring backpack, navy blue								\$12.00	
<u>"New design":</u>									
100% cotton t-shirt Adult S-XL, XXL White or navy blue								10.00/ 11.00	
Girls short-sleeve scoop neck tee S-XL, white or pink (runs small)								\$12.00	
Hooded sweatshirt with muff pocket Adult S-XL, XXL, white, pink, navy blue								25.00/ 27.00	
Oval auto magnet, white with navy blue printing (See design below) NEW!!!								\$2.00	

GRAND TOTAL

PLEASE RETURN ORDER FORM AND EXACT CASH, CHECK, OR MONEY ORDER MADE PAYABLE TO WEST MILLBROOK PTA.

Questions? Contact Julie Sauls at 676-9644 or fivesauls@earthlink.net
Dawn Clark 844-0415 or bentoddsam@nc.rr.com

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