



# WILDCAT NEWS

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## What's Happening.....

- Nov. 3....**Teacher Workday**
- Nov. 4....**Teacher Workday**
- Nov. 10...Beta Club Officer Meeting, Media Center  
7:40am
- Nov. 10...Girls Volleyball-location to be announced - 3:45pm
- Nov. 11...**School Holiday – Veteran's Day**
- Nov. 12...Beta Club General Meeting, Multipurpose Room  
7:40am
- Nov. 12...Football Home Game-opponent and location  
to be determined – 3:45pm
- Nov. 13...Girls Soccer-opponent and location to be  
determined – 3:45pm
- Nov. 14...Beta Club "Welcome to the Club" Pizza Party  
and Shoebox Project - 3:30pm-4:45pm
- Nov. 17...**Winter Sports Season** - First tryout/practice day
- Nov. 17-21....Book Fair
- Nov. 18...Beginning Band & Orchestra Concert – 7pm (Gym)
- Nov. 26, 27, 28.....**THANKSGIVING BREAK**

## A Message from Principal Muttillo

Since coming to West Millbrook, I have been continually impressed by our students—these last two weeks have been no exception. For a week that included the State Fair, spirit week, a big football game at Millbrook High School, the first annual Battle of the Brooks Bash, and an approaching holiday, it had all the makings of an interesting time at a middle school. Although our students enjoyed all of these activities and seemed to have a great time, almost every one of them represented West Millbrook in a positive manner. It was great to see the students having fun outside of the traditional classroom setting. Thank you to all of the parents who volunteered to help make these activities a success.

## Final Results for PTA Membership Battle of Brooks Contests

As part of the Battle of the Brooks rivalry, the two schools were also in contests for (1) the greatest percentage of staff joining PTA, and (2) the highest overall percentage of PTA memberships. For the first portion of the contest, West Millbrook staff came through in a big way and won handily! Our teachers and staff will enjoy a delicious tailgate luncheon, compliments of East Millbrook PTA.

As for the overall number of PTA members, what an exciting finish! It came right down to the wire as East and West Millbrook were neck-and-neck for days. In the end, East Millbrook just barely edged out West Millbrook with **43.8 %** to our **43.7%** total PTA membership. Congratulations, East Millbrook -- enjoy the trophy while you can, because we're going to reclaim it next year!

## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR BATTLE OF THE BROOKS WINNERS!!

And The Winners Are..... Congratulations to the following winners of our West Millbrook Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) Premium Membership incentive drawings:

For joining at the Gold Level (\$125), Melinda and Lawrence Battaile won **FOUR FREE PASSES FOR ALL WMMS HOME GAMES THIS SCHOOL YEAR!**

For joining at the Silver Level (\$60), Courtney and John Florian won a **FREE PASS FOR ALL WMMS HOME GAMES THIS SCHOOL YEAR!**

For joining at the Bronze Level (\$30), Amy and Greg Garrett won a **WMMS SPIRIT PACK!**

Of course, the real winners are our children, the students of West Millbrook. The 35 Bronze, 14 Silver, and 12 Gold premium PTA memberships brought in nearly \$4,000 extra for our PTA to use for the educational goals of West Millbrook.

We even received a gift of \$500 from one family!

Although the Battle of the Brooks membership contest is over, it's not too late for YOU to join PTA! Just fill out a PTA form from the WMMS office or the school website. Send it, together with your membership dues, by mail (WMMS/ 8115 Strickland Rd/ Raleigh, NC/ 27615) or with your student to his/her homeroom teacher.

## 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!

## The Book Fair is Coming!

Mark your calendars for our annual book fair on Monday, November 17 - Friday, November 21. This is a great way to get some holiday gifts or add to your child's classroom library and help the media center! All proceeds from the book fair go directly toward purchasing new books for the media center. If you are interested in helping out at the book fair, email Martha at [mradulo@aol.com](mailto:mradulo@aol.com). The hours are below:

Monday, 11/17 noon - 3:30

Tuesday, 11/18 7:50 - 3:30

6:30 PM - 8:30 PM (during evening band concert)

Wednesday, 11/19 7:50 - 3:30

Thursday, 11/20 7:50 - 3:30

Friday, 11/21 7:50 - 3:30

We look forward to seeing you there!

## Thank You from the Hospitality Committee

Many thanks to those of you who have sent bags of candy and cases of water in for the October Halloween Treat for our teachers and staff. We gave each member of West Millbrook's teachers and staff a bag of treats and a bottle of water!

Coming in November.....Fried Turkeys for their Fall Feast!!!! Keep an eye open for the email. If you haven't volunteered to be a part of Hospitality for West Millbrook, feel free to send us an email: [jeannas@remax.net](mailto:jeannas@remax.net) or [bowmanrd@bellsouth.net](mailto:bowmanrd@bellsouth.net). Jeanna Reeves or Sally Bowman. ( 848-0237 Jeanna ) Many thanks!

## Thank You Stacy!

A BIG, Huge, Ginormous, thank you to Stacy Symes for leading the tremendous effort in putting together an AMAZING 1st ANNUAL Battle of the Brooks BASH event! We ALL look so forward to our 2nd Annual Battle of the Brooks event next year!!! What a great opportunity for the students to show their school spirit and pride in West Millbrook! The turnout was tremendous! Thanks to all the parents and faculty for your support!!!!

## Strings and Things

The West Millbrook Orchestra has been very busy during the First Quarter of this school year! WMMS Orchestra students hosted and participated in our 6<sup>th</sup> Annual String Clinic from 9:30-1:30 on Wednesday, October 15th. The Clinic took place in the WMMS Multi Purpose Room, and orchestra students from Leesville, Carroll, Daniels, Wakefield, East Millbrook and West Cary Middle Schools participated, with a total of nearly 150 students participating. The Clinic began with each orchestra performing music that they have been working on at their individual schools, and then moved to a full rehearsal with all 150 students playing the same 2 pieces of music. After a lunch break that included pizza, juice and many delicious desserts, the students returned to the full rehearsal and played 4 more pieces of music. The Clinic finished with an informal performance of all 6 pieces of music rehearsed with the 150 students. It was a great experience to work with students and directors from other middle schools as we learned this music!

At the end of the month on October 30<sup>th</sup>, the WMMS Orchestra performed for students and parents at the Beta Club Inductions. The Orchestra played several selections to entertain the audience and then performed Processional music for the Inductees. The Orchestra is honored to be invited to perform this service every year, and we have expanded our fun by meeting for dinner together beforehand! Thank you, Mrs. Walters, for inviting us!

The West Millbrook Orchestra students would also like to thank the parents who came in to help serve the Clinic luncheon, the parents who donated the drinks and desserts for the luncheon, and the Administration of WMMS for allowing us to host the String Clinic every year. We had a wonderful time and look forward to future activities and events this school year!  
Mrs. Ross, Orchestra Director

## Character Education Luncheon

This month 19 students were honored at the Character Education Luncheon on Thursday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>, for consistently demonstrating “RESPECT” the entire month. Students attended a luncheon sponsored by the PTA. They enjoyed a great lunch outside at the “Character Cafe”. The weather was perfect. In keeping with the “Octoberfest” theme, students were introduced to some foods they might find in Germany. They also received a gift bag with small prizes and a few coupons to be redeemed at area eateries. Please look for the coupons and be sure to use them so local merchants continue to support our program!

Dr. Muttillio attended the luncheon and congratulated each and every student for being respectful. While handing out their certificate, Dr. Muttillio told the students that he recognized that demonstrating character traits and making the right choices is not always easy and he thanked them! A drawing was held and Principal Muttillio drew the name of Coltin Grlj of the Sharks. Coltin is the second student to win an exclusive “character education” t-shirt! Although only 1 student per luncheon wins a T-shirt, any student who gets chosen to attend the character luncheon may purchase one for a special price of \$6.00. Students who would like to order a T-shirt need to speak to Principal Muttillio. A minimum of 10 shirts is needed to place an order.

*Congratulations* to the following students!

TS and HB - Sharks  
GM and RR - Lions  
LA and PN - Tigers  
CG and TT - Sharks  
JW and AS - Dolphins  
SA and AM- Gems  
JH and CL - Panthers  
EM and TW - Eagles  
RS and JG - Falcons  
CG- Bluefish

A big thank you to two parents from Leadmine Elementary who helped design and print our special Character Ed T-shirts. Mitch Mitchell with HD Tees, Inc @ 422-5641 and Deidri Ottesen, [deidri@integraldesigninc.net](mailto:deidri@integraldesigninc.net).

THE CHARACTER TRAIT FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER IS “COURAGE”.

## Student Directories on Sale

The 2008-2009 WMMS Student Directory is on sale in the cafeteria during all lunch periods. The cost is \$2 each. This is a great way to keep in touch with other students. If you have any questions, please contact Julie Sande at [sandej@bellsouth.net](mailto:sandej@bellsouth.net).

## Yearbook Pictures

Do you want to see you or your child's picture in the yearbook? Do you have pictures from WMMS sporting events, school dances, or concerts?

The WMMS yearbook now has an email account where you can send in the pictures you have taken. These pictures will be used for the Yearbook and for the end of the year slide shows.

Email your pictures to... [WMMSYearbook@ncteacher.org](mailto:WMMSYearbook@ncteacher.org)