



WILDCAT NEWS

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December 5, 2008

What's Happening.....

Dec. 8....Basketball Home Games vs. East Wake - 3:45pm
Dec. 9....Beta Club Officer Meeting -7:40am
Dec. 10...Beta Club General Meeting - 7:40am
Dec. 11...Basketball Away Games at Heritage - 3:45pm
Dec. 15...Basketball Away Games at Zebulon - 3:45pm
Dec. 16...Fine Arts Winter Concert: 7th & 8th Grade
Band/Orchestra in Gym at 7pm
Dec. 18...Basketball Home Games vs. Wakefield - 3:45pm
Dec. 22-Jan 4.....**WINTER BREAK**
Jan. 8.....Basketball Away Games at Durant - 3:45pm
Jan. 8.....Art and Spanish Celebration-Cafeteria and
Media Center - 6:30pm-7:30pm
Jan. 9.....7th Grade Dance - 5:30pm-7:00pm
Jan. 12....Basketball Away Games at Leesville - 3:45pm
Jan. 13....Beta Club Officer Meeting - 7:40am
Jan. 13....**PTA Meeting** - Media Center - 7:00pm

A Message from Principal Muttillo

We just received word that the 2007-2008 EOG Reading scores should be ready for distribution to students by the end of December.

Results from this year's 8th grade computer skills test have been distributed to all 8th graders. Please ask your child for these if you haven't seen them yet. Congratulations to Ms. Cole, the 8th grade teachers, and the students for a successful first administration of the test. 72% of our 8th graders passed. This was only 2 percentage points less than both the fall and the spring administrations combined last year. With a little intervention and a second administration of the test in the spring, we should be well above last year's mark.

Thank you to all parents for supporting our Book Fair this year. As a result of your support, \$1200 worth of books will be added to the library. That came out to be about 150 new books that the students will have the opportunity to check out. We were also able to add numerous books to classrooms, via the teachers' wish lists. Thanks to everyone for supporting the book fair.

2nd quarter interims will be distributed in all classes next week.

The next SPAN update will be Friday, December 12th. This will be the last required update until January 9th.

Events on Next Week's calendar include:

The Student Council Food Drive will continue through next week; thank you for all the non-perishable food you have already donated.

Monday, December 8th, is our first home basketball game beginning at 3:45 p.m. Please come out and support our boys and girls basketball teams.

*****IMPORTANT*****

FUNDRAISING PLAN "B"

Good news....the PTA's "Plan B" for fundraising seems to be much more popular than hCards! Thanks to all those that have stepped up and sent in cash or checks for our "No Fuss Fundraising" effort. We have raised \$500 in less than two weeks! For those that missed the last newsletter...the PTA fell very short of our fall fundraising goal. In fact, our goal was to raise \$8,000 and we raised only \$1,025. Therefore, we have implemented "Plan B". It's called "No Fuss Fundraising". It's simple and straightforward....and our goal is to raise \$7,000 before December 21st. Economic times are tough, but **we need your support now!** There is nothing to sell to neighbors, co-workers, friends and family....no doors to knock on, no tally sheets to keep, no wrapping paper, popcorn or fruit to deliver during the busy holidays. We are asking EVERY family to simply give what they can...**no amount is too small or too great**...we'll take it! Send in your TAX DEDUCTIBLE donation to WMMS PTA - Mark your envelope "Fundraising" and send it in with your student or mail it to us at WMMS PTA, 8115 Strickland Road, Raleigh 27615. We will send tax-deductible receipts for anyone who requests it, just in time for your year-end giving! Thanks in advance for your support!

Break a Leg Dancers!

The West Millbrook Dance Explosion team will be auditioning for Wake County's *Pieces of Gold* on Tuesday, December 9th at Daniels Middle School. The dancers have been practicing hard and deserve our school's support.

Dance Explosion will also be performing at Carolina Ballroom of Cary's Winter Dance Showcase at the Parish Center Gallery next Friday, December 12th at 7 pm. For more details including tickets to the performance, please call 919-659-1069.

Character Education Luncheon

On Thursday November 20th, 19 students were honored at the Character Education Luncheon for Demonstrating "**Courage**" during the Month of November. Miraculously, the weather cooperated and once again students were able to dine outside at the "**Character Cafe**". Dr. Muttillo stopped by the luncheon and passed out gift bags and award certificates while students enjoyed their lunch. He also conducted our 3rd drawing for an "**exclusive**" **Character Education T-shirt**. This month's winner was KT on the Dolphin's team. Congratulations! In the future, if you are invited to attend the luncheon keep in mind that we will hold the luncheon outside as long as the weather permits, which makes it extra special. With that said, bring your coats! Also ask your teacher why you were chosen or what you did to earn the Character Education award. It's nice to be able to share your story with everyone when you attend the luncheon! **FYI**... Any student who can tell us one of the quotes for the month will be given a special treat. This applies to all students, not just those being

honored!

Students were treated to the traditional Character Education Pizza luncheon, while they listened to native american flute music. They also got an opportunity to enjoy desserts, breads and drinks that Native American Indians may have eaten! Each month we try to incorporate a cultural theme in hopes of making the luncheon educational as well as fun! Most students demonstrated "Courage" once again and tried foods they'd never eaten before....

Way to go and Congratulations to all of our Character Ed Honorees!

These students were listed in the paper copy that went home in students' book bags, and was also listed in the parent e-mail issue.

December's trait is **KINDNESS**: Being considerate, courteous, helpful and understanding of others! Showing care, compassion, friendship and generosity. Most importantly, treating others like you would like to be treated!

C.A.T.S. AWARDS

At WMMS we use a PBS (Positive Behavior Support) approach to discipline. This includes awarding tickets to students who "do the right thing". Each week on Friday we draw out 3 names in each grade level and these students may choose from various awards. Small gifts, athletic pass, dance pass, sit with a friend at lunch, eat lunch outside, office assistant for 1/2 day, or a homework pass are among the choices.

The weekly Friday winners for our C.A.T.S. PBS reward drawing November 14th and December 5th were listed in the paper copy that went home in students' book bags, and was also listed in the parent e-mail issue.

We can always use more small prizes --if there are donations please drop them off at the front office.

♥ LOVE YOUR JOB? ♥

Then come share it with us! WMMS will host its annual Career Day on Thursday, February 12, 2009. We need people from ALL walks of life to share with our students how they arrived at their chosen career. The students need to hear that education is important for EVERY job, that today's hobby can be tomorrow's career, and that true success doesn't necessarily depend on the size of the paycheck. If you can donate one morning of your time to speak to three groups of students about your professional journey, please email the Career Day Committee at beebe7769@yahoo.com. We're looking forward to hearing from you!

First Home Basketball Game !!!!

Come support your Wildcat boys and girls basketball teams on Monday, December 8th, at 3:45 at home against East Wake!!!!

Concessions will be available - including hot dogs, nachos, candy and snacks.

Book Fair Update

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Box Tops for Education

Don't forget to continue clipping the Box Tops for Education coupons found on most General Mills products. Each coupon is worth 10 cents and you'd be surprised how quickly they add up! For our latest submission, WMMS will receive almost \$400. Please drop off the coupons in the jar in the front office. It's a quick and easy way to support WMMS. Thank you!!! Go to the Box Tops for Education website for printable coupons of your favorite General Mills products.
<http://www.boxtops4education.com>

Eagles Thank You !!!!

The Eagles' team would like to thank all of the parents for their awesome donations (snacks and bottled water) during our recent team day and for the donations of peanut butter, jelly, bread, plates, knives, and napkins when we ran our experiment on plate tectonics in science. Your contributions were greatly appreciated by all students and teachers.

Pictures for the Yearbook !!!

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

Thank You from the Hospitality Committee

A HUGE thank you for all of you that took the time to bake and supply items for the WMMS Teachers and Staff's Thanksgiving Extravaganza on Friday, 11-21. We know that you are all so busy in getting your holiday season started amongst other things that we wanted to extend our appreciation. Many thanks.

If you are currently not on the Hospitality list and would like to be, please let me know at: jeanna_reeves@hotmail.com
Happy Holidays! Jeanna Reeves and Sally Bowman

DON'T FORGET !!!!!

The PTA does not meet in the month of December. Have a great month off! See you next year on Tuesday, January 13th at 7:00pm.



SPIRIT WEAR MAKES GREAT HOLIDAY GIFTS



We have your winter covered with our Vintage and brand NEW WMMS Spirit Wear items. From pink, blue, and white sweatshirts to your classic blue sweatpants, we can keep all of our WMMS students, parents, and staff warm this season. We still have vintage sweatshirt styles with zippers, as well as our new "lightweight" sweatshirts with our new logo. We also have NEW pink t-shirts (regular cut) in stock. Whatever your need and comfort level, we are sure you will find something to keep you warm and more importantly show your "WMMS PRIDE".

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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