

WILDCAT WEEKLY

WEST MILLBROOK MIDDLE SCHOOL

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December 10, 2010

December Events

- 13 – Basketball @ Wendell, 3:45pm
- 14 – National Geographic Bee, 8:30am, Media Center
- 14 – Winter Band concert, 7pm, gym
- 15 – Band/Orchestra/Dance performance, 1st period
- 15 – Character Education lunch, 11:30am
- 16 – Builders Club meeting, 3:30-4:30pm, room 325
- 16 – Basketball v. Wake Forest/Rolesville @ home 3:45
- 17 – Holiday Hugs gift bags are due
- 17 – Last day of the Food Drive
- 20 – Basketball v. Wakefield @ home, 3:45pm
- 20 – Outreach Holiday Celebration, trailer #8

Winter Break

No school December 22 – January 3



January Events

- 4 – Welcome back to school!
- 6 – Basketball at Durant, 3:45pm
- 10 – Talent Show Tryouts
- 10 – Basketball at East Wake, 3:45pm
- 11 – PTA meeting, 8:15am and 7:00pm, media center
- 11 – Talent Show Tryouts
- 12 – Boys track interest meeting
- 12 – Beta Club, general meeting, 7:45am, Media Center
- 13 – Girls track interest meeting
- 13 – Builders' Club meeting, 3:30-4:30pm, room 325
- 13 – Basketball v. Leesville @ home, 3:45pm

"Holiday Hugs"



We have MANY Snowflakes still on our Main Office window, that represent our own WMMS Students and their holiday wishes. Each student from our Backpack program, and others nominated by staff, gave us 3 holiday wishes which will be given to those who choose to participate in this program by making their wishes come true this season. This program is very simple, here are the steps to follow to bring a wish to one of our children:

1. **Come to the WMMS Main Office.**
2. **Choose a Snowflake from the window.**
3. **Sign out snowflake with Mrs. Symes.**
4. **Receive a Gift Bag with tissue paper, along with your child's wishes attached.**
5. **Return gift/s in given gift bag, with wishes still attached, to the Main office by FRIDAY DECEMBER 17th.**
6. **Enjoy your Holiday Season knowing that you put a big SMILE on the face of one of our very deserving and appreciative WMMS children.**

We will have a Holiday Celebration in Outreach Trailer #8, with the children and their families, on Monday December 20th. We will celebrate with Holiday Treats and allow children and their families to shop our clothing closet along with our hygiene products and school supplies.

Holiday Hugs additional requests: As part of this season's Holiday Hugs program, we would like to make available to our Holiday Hugs children and their families, books and board games. If you have gently used books and board games, appropriate for ALL ages, please send them to the front office by Friday December 17th. We will make these items available during our Holiday Hugs celebration and throughout the year for our WMMS children and their families.

We hope you enjoy your Holiday Season and many thanks, on behalf our students, for your kindness. *If you have any questions regarding this program, or any of our Outreach programs, please contact Dawn Clark at 870-4059.*



OUTREACH CORNER

With the cool weather changes, the needs of the outreach committee have changed also! We are in need of cool weather items for students at West Millbrook. We are in need of gently used items listed below:

gloves, hats, coats (adult sizes s-xl), ladies jeans sizes 9-16, men's jeans sizes 28-34, socks, long sleeve shirts (adult sizes s-xl), sweatpants (men's and ladies sizes s-xl).

We greatly appreciate your donations! Items can be dropped off in the front office in the bins marked "outreach dropoff." If you have questions or need further assistance, please call Stacy Symes at 870-4050.

Band Notes

Our intermediate and advanced band students will be performing along with the string students in their first concert soon. The date is Tuesday, December 14, at 7:00 PM. We hope you can come and hear the great music they've prepared.



Band students will meet in the band room at 6:30 PM to warm-up and tune. All performers are expected to dress uniformly and professionally at all concerts. Boys should wear black pants and a white collar shirt, tucked in. Girls should wear black on bottom, white on top or all black. Shoes should be appropriate to the outfit. No white or light colored sneakers, please. By Julie Oliver

Food Drive – Ends Friday, December 17

The food drive is about to enter its last week! The competition has been stiff, but the 6th grade currently remains in the lead by just over 100 food items. The winning grade level will kick off their winter break in style with a movie and popcorn party provided by the Student Council. Competition ends **Friday 12/17**. By Ms. Rachel Huber



ESL Afterschool Program Update

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! We appreciate your support in the form of snack donations we have received thus far. Please consider donating either your time or snacks when we come back from winter break. The program will last through June (Tuesdays and Thursdays- 3:30-5:00 PM). By Leah Harkness at Lharkness@wcpss.net

WMMS Students to Compete in National Geographic Bee



The 2010 West Millbrook National Geographic Geography Bee at the WMMS Media Center on Tuesday, December 14th, 8:35 am - 'til finish.

For 22 years, the National Geographic Society has held the National Geographic Bee for students in the fourth through eighth grades in thousands of schools across the United States, in the five U.S. territories, and in the Department of Defense Dependent's Schools around the world.

All WMMS students have taken a qualifying test through their Social Studies classes. Based on the results, the top three scoring students from each team are eligible to compete in the school's competition.

The winner of the West Millbrook Bee will advance to the next level of competition: a written examination to determine state competitors. All school winners are eligible to win the national championship and its first prize, a \$25,000 college scholarship, at the national competition in Washington, D.C. May 2011.

For more information or to brush up on your knowledge for the Bee, check out:

www.nationalgeographic.com/geobee or contact: Ms. A. Niebauer, aniebauer@wcpss.net

Friendly After-School Program

The Friendly Afterschool program through Raleigh Parks and Rec is for youth with developmental and/or physical impairments. Participants will enjoy activities such as arts and crafts, sports, games, field trips, and more! Program is held based on the Wake County Schools Traditional Calendar. The program is located the Millbrook Exchange Park. For more information, contact Jennifer Tabery at 807-5402.

Teen to Adulthood

A parent group dedicated to helping parents understand transition services and issues for teens and young adults with disabilities Meetings are scheduled every second Saturday of the month 9:30am to 11:00 am at Millbrook Exchange Community Center 1905 Spring Forest Road, Raleigh. Mark your calendars for February when the guest speaker will be discussion guardianship.

Social Activities for Teens with disabilities

Join the Teen to Adulthood email list and get a monthly calendar of events with info on social activities such as bowling, horse back riding, dances, and friendship cafes. To join the list, send an email to: Barbara Papanestor at Bpapan7@yahoo.com