



The Wildcat News

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What's Happening at West Millbrook...

- November 21 (Mon.).....Basketball Tryouts
- November 23-25.....Thanksgiving Holiday
- December 2-9.....Builder's Club "Gifts for the Troops" Project
- December 2.....Holiday Dance: 7- 9:30 p.m.
- December 5 - 9.....Interim Reports
- December 6 (Tues.)Winter Choral, Band, & Orchestra Concert: 7- 8:00 p.m.
- December 8 (Thurs.)Basketball vs. Leesville: 3:45 p.m.

From the Principal...

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our parents for making the effort to attend our student-led conferences this week. We met with parents and students at Poe Elementary and at West Millbrook Middle School this past Monday and Wednesday evenings. It was a great opportunity to allow student to fulfill a leadership role in the area of assessment, and they did a wonderful job.

I would also like to say a special thank-you to our PTA parents and to those parents who contributed to the teacher dinner during our student-led conference evening. Our parents do so much for our students, our staff, and our school. Please know that your help and support are vital to our success and are much appreciated.

Dr. Cindy J. Hall, Principal

West Millbrook Teacher Earns National Honor...

Aimee Niebaur was surprised when state Superintendent of Education June Atkinson called her to come forward at a West Millbrook school assembly this morning. To the cheers and applause of teachers and students, Dr. Atkinson announced that Niebaur was a 2005 Milken National Educator. The award includes a cash prize of \$25,000. The award honors teachers with exceptional educational talent, exemplary educational accomplishments, strong leadership skills and a motivating presence. Niebaur is the only NC teacher to receive the honor this year. She is a leader of the school's Eagle team and has been teaching at West Millbrook for seven years.

Band Notes From Ms. Oliver...

Congratulations to William Coe, 8th grade, alto saxophone, Brandon Fernandez, 8th grade, percussion, Will Swanek, 8th grade, oboe and Chloe Oliver, 7th grade, trumpet for participating in the Wake County Honor Band Auditions! These four students had to perform scales, solo excerpts and sight reading (a piece of music they had never seen before), in front of judges. They all worked very hard and did extremely well at the auditions.

William, Brandon and Will were selected to participate in the clinic, which will be held at Ligon Middle School on November 17th and 18th with a concert that evening.

UNICEF winners...

The Builders Club would like to thank all of the students and staff that worked to make this year's UNICEF drive such a success. Together, our school raised almost \$900 to help kick AIDS out of Kenya. The Builders Club member who raised the most individually was Tori Lowry with \$55.43. Tori will receive a gift card to the Triangle Town Center. The winning core 1 classes at each grade level will be celebrating over ice cream sundaes. They were, in the 6th grade raising \$49.49, Ms. Koch's class. In the 7th grade, raising \$122.25, the winner was Mrs. Koennecke's class. And finally, in the 8th grade, raising \$93.08, Mr. Murray's class won. Thank you to everyone that supported our drive!

Stephanie Blocher ~ Foreign Language Teacher

Thank you walkers...

Huge thanks go to all of the students and staff who came out to walk in the Walk for Diabetes at Nortel. After the 5K walk, the day was full of entertainment and festivities of all sorts. West Millbrook was well represented by members of the Builders Club, Beta Club, Frannie's Fanatics and some energetic staff members, Mrs. Zachary, Mr. Sumner and Mrs. Blocher. Thanks to everyone who gave their time for this important cause.



Volleyball Wraps Up...

Congratulations to the entire 2005 girls' volleyball team on an amazing season. Their final record was an outstanding 6 wins and 2 losses. Their final victory came against the Cougars of East Millbrook. Even though WMMS triumphed 3 games to zero, all games were extremely close. The Ladycats won by scores of 25-20, 26-24, and 27-25. Outstanding play was turned in by Allison Gross and Ashley Davis. A 4-star effort was put forth by Sara Barringer, who came off the bench and sparked an awesome West Millbrook comeback in game 2. A special thanks to team captains Melanie Sawyer and Amber Frick for their on-court leadership throughout the season. Also a special thanks to all the parents who came out to the games to support the team. Way to go, Ladycats!!!

Finally, Mr. LoSasso would like to acknowledge the fantastic job 6th grade managers Cassie Stewart and Hannah Lincoln did this year. Thanks a bunch!

Teacher of the Year...

Congratulations to Stephanie Blocher, 2005-2006 Teacher of the Year. Dr. Hall presented the award to Mrs. Blocher on November 2, 2005. Mrs. Blocher is the Builder's Club Advisor and Foreign Language teacher.

Rocky's Random Acts of Kindness

All students at West Millbrook were recently warned that they are being watched. Yes, that's right. Behind every corner lurks a teacher, administrator and even fellow mystery students that are looking for you to do the RIGHT thing. Our new board, *Rocky's Random Acts of Kindness*, is up and running in the cafeteria window. We are looking for students who are picking up books that have fallen out of someone's bag, inviting a new student to eat lunch with them, helping a student catch up on missed work, and any other act of kindness to another student or staff member. Remember... you may not see the Good Deed Detectives around, but they are out there. If you are caught doing the right thing, a few pleasant surprises may follow your kind act. Stay tuned to the Wildcat News next week for several students who have been "caught" already. We hope to see many more faces on Rocky's board soon.

Sports News...



The Ladycat soccer team ended their season on a high note with a win over East Millbrook by a score of 2-0.

The first goal was scored by Lauren Bellew assisted by Lizz Alfano; the second goal was scored by Anna Thirakul assisted by Amy Kreis. Great job by rookie Ladycat goalie, Terri Bluebird! Way to go ladies!



Congratulations to the Wildcat football team for its 12-6 overtime win over East Millbrook in the "Battle of the Brooks" game. The team played a spectacular game. The coaches are very proud of the team and their efforts. The football team ended the season with a record of 6 and 2 and in third place in the Northern Conference.

Football Coaching Staff

Step Team Tryouts...

For all grades ~ 6th, 7th, and 8th graders
December 5th - December 7th 3:15 - 5:00 in the cafeteria
MUST HAVE: A valid physical, teacher evaluations, and a 2.5 grade point average (no F's).

For more information see Mrs. Baptist, Mrs. Cross, or Mrs. Ethridge.

Are you the next editor of the Wildcat News?

As some of you may know, I have been putting together the Wildcat News for the last four years. My older daughter is now a Junior at Millbrook H.S. and my younger daughter, Lizz, is an 8th grader at WMMS. I hoping I can pass along this great tradition to one of you. Please give me a call (870-5743) or e-mail me at wcvcontent@aol.com. It's a great way to get involved at WMMS.

Denise Alfano
Editor

Best wishes to all for a
Happy Thanksgiving!

