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Mark your calendar...

January

11-7:55am Softball Meeting
14-Basketball @ East Millbrook
16-7:55am Track Interest Meeting
16-Family Night Out Fundraiser
17-Basketball @ Leesville
18-2nd Quarter Ends
21-Holiday- No School
22-Teacher Workday- No School
23-11:30 Character Ed Lunch
24-Basketball @ Wakefield
24-Talent Show Sign Ups
24-3:20 Beta Club Adopt a Troop Activity
25-Talent Show Sign Ups
28-Report Cards Issued
28-Basketball vs Durant at home
28-Talent Show Auditions
29-7p PTSA Meeting
29-Talent Show Auditions
31-7:55am Baseball Interest Meeting



February

8-Talent Show
15-Career Day
15 12:30 Early Release
18-Teacher Workday
22-School Dance

- We'll be practicing our 2nd lockdown drill for the school year. These drills are a key component in our school's Emergency Operation Plan.
- Our 2nd cohort of teachers will be trained in Learning Walks and will be visiting their colleagues' classrooms in January.
- On January 28, our school's Business Alliance will host WMMS Business Alliance Night in conjunction with the basketball games against Durant Road Middle School. If you'd like to meet the business men and women who support our school in a myriad of ways, come out to the basketball games. You'll find our Business Alliance members manning the concession stand and emceeding events throughout the afternoon/evening.
- Students in all grades will participate in the 2nd round of Case 21 Benchmark testing. These tests provide students, teachers and parents with a strong indication of how prepared students are for End-of-Grade tests. Teams will send home results once the benchmarks for all subject areas have been completed.

We are fully immersed in Common Core at West Millbrook, and parents have noticed the difference. I've heard from many of you that what students are expected to learn and complete looks very different from your own school experiences. The Wake County Public School System wants to ensure that parents are well informed about the new curricular standards. If you haven't yet visited the parent information site for Common Core, set aside some time in January to explore it. You'll find it at <http://www.wcpss.net/common-core/>.



**FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK:
GO WILDCATS!**

Happy 2013! The busyness of the holidays has subsided but January promises to be a very busy month at West Millbrook.

- Student assignment strips will be sent home in January. Please review your child's school assignment for the 2013-14 school year.

Kelly Aman
Principal



PTA President's Message

Happy New Year and welcome back from break! I'd like to say **THANK YOU** to **Karen Fiorini** and **Beth Billman** for their efforts in coordinating the PDQ Technology Fundraiser. We raised over \$1500 that will be used solely for the purpose of supporting our school's Technology Plan. Again, thank you to Karen, Beth and everyone that participated! The PTA has many activities planned for the remainder of the year. We will be hosting Poe Center's Drugs Uncovered Program in February, along with our 2nd Cultural Arts Event – Via Romen. March wouldn't be the same without March Madness and we'll have Spirit Nights every month. We will also be sponsoring the 8th Grade Picnic and Dance. There will be many opportunities for everyone to get involved!!

Our **next meeting is January 29th at 7:00 in the Media Center**; we'd love to see you there!!

Drugs Uncovered: What parents need to know!

The Poe Center's **Drugs Uncovered: What parents need to know!** is coming to **West Millbrook Middle School on Tuesday, February 5th, 2013** from **6:30 pm to 8:30 pm!**

The Poe Center for Health Education, West Millbrook Middle School, The City of Raleigh Substance Abuse Advisory Commission and West Millbrook Middle School PTA are challenging you – we want to see if you can identify any of the 70 references to drugs and alcohol hidden in a “life like” teenager's bedroom. The bedroom is part of the Poe Center's interactive program, **Drugs Uncovered: What parents need to know!** **Drugs Uncovered** will inform you of: current drug trends, teen culture, signs of substance use and abuse and much, much more. It will also give you the tools you need to effectively talk with your teens about drugs and alcohol. You may view this link for more information: <http://www.vimeo.com/13750280>

This program is **FREE** for parents and adults (students/children cannot attend). So please join us

at **West Millbrook Middle School on Tuesday, February 5th, 2013 from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm.** To pre-register for this program please contact **Kim Miller** at **919-606-6421** or **kmiller3133@nc.rr.com.**

Fundraising Update

Thank you to everyone who participated in our Technology Fundraiser with PDQ! This was the beginning of a wonderful relationship with this great new establishment. They are thrilled to be working with us and their “soft opening” was a huge success. We earned \$1485 for the technology fund and enjoyed some great food! If you didn't make it for their opening, give them a try. The food is fresh and delicious (I especially loved the apple pie milkshake!). Look for info that will be coming out soon about our next partnership with them. We're planning a Super Bowl Sunday event (catering and in-store sales) that may interest you.

MARCH MADNESS March 8, 2013

This annual event will be here before we know it. We're putting together a committee to begin the planning process. Please contact me at bbillman@nc.rr.com if you are interested in helping with the planning.

This event is a student favorite! It includes basketball (students vs. faculty), dance company, cheerleaders, pep band, etc., food, raffles, and more!

Books Needed!

Ring in the New Year cleaning out closets and book shelves? Donate your unwanted books to our school! We would love to add to our classroom libraries any gently used fiction or non-fiction books appropriate for middle school kids (11 – 15 years old). A collection bin for donated books is located in the main office. Please no manuals or text books. Thanks!



Character Education

Please join us in congratulating the following students, chosen unanimously by their team teachers, for demonstrating **courage** consistently throughout the month of December. Students shared holiday traditions while also learning about various holiday traditions from around the globe. The origin of the nutcracker was discussed and how these wooden figures made their way to America. Four handcrafted nut crackers from Germany were on display during the luncheon.

6th grade: Jaguars - Sierra Pollard William Strickland Maria Rivera Martinez, **Lynx** - Atifeh Haydari, Morgan Govan Alena Jarvis **7th grade: Panthers** - Tyreese Briggs, Abby Keeter, James Turner, Israel Divanga **Lions** - Ashley Steele, Ryan Homsher **8th grade: Jessica Ponder**, Victoria Argento, Jessica Barnes, Andres Medina, Diemen Duvermont, Jerry Andrews **Pumas: Toussaint Powell**

The winner of December's t-shirt drawing was Jessica Ponder! Way to go.

January's luncheon will be held on Wednesday the 23rd @ 11:30 in the media. Please feel free to join us as we honor students for demonstrating **self discipline**. Principal Aman attends each and every luncheon and addresses students on their achievement and talks briefly about the character trait of the month.

As we begin the new year we'd like to say thank you to **Chic Fil A, Six Forks** for donating sandwich coupons and to **Dominos Pizza, Six Forks**, for a substantial price reduction in pizzas. Both merchants have consistently supported our character education program for over 8 years! Thank you to **Moonlight swirl** for providing, buy one get one, coupons for each student in December.

DO YOU KNOW



- Sign up for **Parent Email** list - Address a new message to dwalters@wcpss.net. In the subject line type: SUBSCRIBE TO THE _____ TEAM E-MAIL LIST. Team names - Lynx, Jaguars, Panthers, Lions, 8th grade
- Sign up for the **Principal's Email** List - see instructions and link on WMMS Website
- Check out the WMMS Website - <http://www.wmms.net>
- Check out the PTA Website - <http://wmmspta.weebly.com/>
- Make sure you are receiving the weekly phone announcement from Ms. Aman



TWO GREAT FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITIES ON A DUAL
FAMILY FUN NIGHT!
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 16, 2013



Moe Knows Fundraisers!!

*Present this flyer on
Wednesday, January 16, 2013
from 5-8pm at our Moe's
Falls Village location, present this flyer, and we will
donate 15% of your total purchase to the
West Millbrook Middle School PTA!!*

**Don't Forget Every Tuesday Kids Eat FREE, w/
purchase of an adult Entrée.**

**6679 Falls of Neuse Rd.
PH. 846-9274**

Join us at Moonlight Swirl for a treat! Bring this flyer and the WMMS PTA will receive 20% of your sale amount. Deal valid **ALL** day!!

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