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Mark your calendar...

October

- 1 PTA Fundraiser ends
- 11 Fall Individual Makeup Pictures
- 11 Club Pictures
- 12 School Dance
- 19 Early Release Day- 12:30pm
- 22-26 Scholastic Book Fair
- 24 Character Ed. Lunch - 11:30
- 24-30 Spirit Week
- 26 Fall Frenzy
- 30 Battle of the Brooks @ MHS
- 31 Teacher Workday

November

- 1 PTA Fundraiser Delivery
- 6 School Out- Teacher Workday
- 12 School Out- Holiday



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

It's hard to believe that October has arrived, and with it cooler temperatures, interim reports, football, soccer and volleyball and our first school dance. It's an exciting time to be a West Millbrook Wildcat.

As we complete our 5th week of school, there are several things parents will want to know. On October 19, 8th graders will take the *Explore* test. This test is new for North Carolina and is part of the national ACT testing program. Case 21 Benchmark testing begins in October. Sixth and seventh graders will take benchmarks in reading and math, while eighth graders will take benchmarks in reading, math and science. These benchmark tests will provide teachers, students and parents with information about how well students

are mastering the curricular objectives in the new Common Core.

Spirit Week begins the week of October 22 and culminates with the Battle of the Brooks football game, an annual tradition played at Millbrook High School under the lights! Our Student Council is busy planning for both the October 12 School Dance and our Spirit Week activities.

Ticket To Reading Rewards is a national program that promotes literacy and reading sponsored by the National Association of Basketball Coaches. General Parts International supports this initiative locally and West Millbrook is participating for the 2nd year. Last year our 6th graders earned rewards for reading and this year we've expanded the program to include all grade levels. Ask your child what he/she is reading and consider reading with them!

Finally, I'd like to ask every parent to continue to be involved in his/her student's school community. Join our PTA. Volunteer in a classroom. Chaperone a field trip, or come to one of our athletic or arts events with your child. Middle school is an exceptionally special time and our middle schoolers need their parents to be active participants in their learning. Enjoy these 3 years with your middle schooler – I know I will.

Kelly Aman
Principal



YEARBOOK SALE!!!!

8th grade parents: Want to make your child's eighth grade yearbook extra special? Want to congratulate your middle schooler for a job well done? For \$25, you can recognize your child with a full-color, 1/10 of a page ad that will appear in the 2012-2013 yearbook! Please pick up a form in the front office and return to Ms. Jett. Questions? Please send to wjett@wcpss.net.

PTA NEWS!!!!!!

FALL FRENZY!

October 26, 5:30-8:00pm

Fall is officially here and you know what that means! Time for our Annual FALL FRENZY!!! We are weeks away from our 4th Annual Fall Frenzy! If you would like to volunteer to help make this a great event, please contact Kim Miller (kmiller3133@nc.rr.com).

PTA Meeting

October 23th @ 7:00pm in the Media Center

All are welcome. Please join us! The PTA is the #1 voice for our children.

Thanks!!

Kim



Coming Soon!!

WMMS BOOK FAIR

OCTOBER 22-26th will be our annual **BOOK FAIR WEEK!** Mark your calendars and make it a priority to come by the media center! **Scholastic Books** always provides a vast selection of wonderful books to choose from... you won't be disappointed! The profits of the book fair will go towards purchasing books for our Language Arts classrooms. **We will be open Monday through Friday, 7:45am-3:15pm and Friday night, 5:30-8pm during the Fall Frenzy.**

To make shopping convenient and at your fingertips, WMMS also has an **ONLINE book fair page!** Visit:

<http://bookfairs.scholastic.com/homepage/westmillbrookmiddleschool> for book fair info and begin your book shopping! **Online shopping will be available on October 17th until November 6th.** This is a great way to browse book categories for all ages, get a head start on shopping, and all online orders are shipped **FREE** to the school!

If you are interested in volunteering at the book fair, we welcome your help! Please email Amy Nagle at amynagle@hotmail.com.



Character Education Program

Character Education Luncheon

On September 19th, the WMMS PTA sponsored a Character Education Luncheon honoring 19 students who consistently demonstrated responsibility all month long.

The cultural theme for the luncheon was Italy. A cooking demonstration took place and students tasted and learned about the origin of a pizzelle, an Italian waffle cookie.

Students received an award certificate, a goody bag and area coupons. A big thank you to Chik-Fil-A, on Six Forks and Moonlight Swirl for providing coupons toward the Character Education program at West. Ms. Aman stopped by and addressed the students about the importance of good character.

Tanner from the Jaguars team was the winner of an exclusive Character Education T-shirt (PE approved apparel). Congratulations to all the **"RESPONSIBLE"** students.

6th grade,

Jaguars: Tanner, Tanzania, Luz

Lynx: Catherine, Aaron, David

7th grade,

Panthers: Will, Carson, Jordan, Kyleigh

Lions: Izzy Akers, Bjosh Fife

8h Grade:

Nicole, Jamie, Chance, Cole, Gavin, Leah

Pumas: Anubis Islaam

October's Trait is **Respect** and the Luncheon will be held at **11:30 on October 24th**. Parents please feel free to join us either in the media center or outside in front of the cafeteria at the "Character Cafe!"

WMMS Family Fun Spirit Nights
Monday & Tuesday, October 8 & 9



9630 Falls of Neuse Road
or 421 Fayetteville Street locations

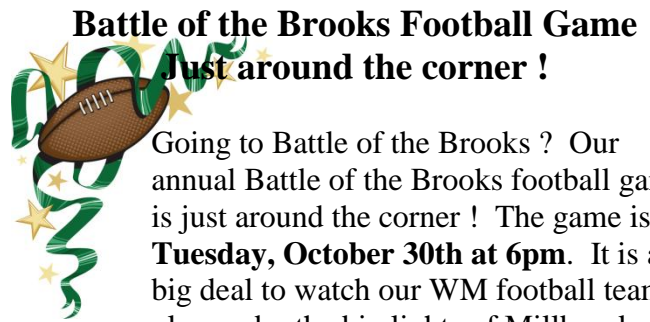
Join the WMMS family at one of ZPizza's locations and 20% of the sales will be donated back to our PTA. Flyers will be distributed to students prior to the event. A portion of all Catering orders for the entire month of October will be donated also!

WMMS Athletic Game Passes & Our Football, Volleyball & Soccer Games
Have you purchased your Athletic Game Pass yet? Purchasing the Athletic Game Pass allows 100% of the proceeds to our Athletic Department and provides more discretion over expenditures. **Passes offer advance ticket purchase for ALL Athletic Team home games (except Battle of the Brooks).**

Student Athletic Pass \$ 40.
Family Athletic Pass \$ 120. (family of 4)
Checks Payable to: WMMS Booster Club.

We are also looking for committee members and volunteers to assist with concession sales & pre-game preparation.
If interested, contact
Karen Fiorini 919.796.7060 or
K_Fiorin@Bellsouth.net

Student Name: _____ Grade _____
Homeroom Teacher _____
Volunteer : Contact Name: _____
Email: _____ NBR: _____



Battle of the Brooks Football Game
Just around the corner !

Going to Battle of the Brooks ? Our annual Battle of the Brooks football game is just around the corner ! The game is **Tuesday, October 30th at 6pm**. It is a big deal to watch our WM football team play under the big lights of Millbrook High School against the East Millbrook Cougars. This has been a Wildcat tradition for over 16 years and a great night for our families.

Our Wildcats are the defending **CHAMPIONS** and they are looking to bring down the Cougars and take the trophy again this year. This is a rivalry game ... and anything can happen ! **The gate admission is \$4.**

The WMMS Booster Club will sponsor a **“Battle of the Brooks Afterschool Pre-Game Bash”** to be held before the game. Tickets for this fun event will be sold for **\$10**. This will include

- hot pizza, snack & a drink
- Transportation to MHS and
- Gate Admissions to the game that evening.

The Booster Club will sell tickets for three days only. Tickets will go on sale Thursday, Oct 25th during lunches from 11am until 12:30 pm. We will also sell tickets Friday, Oct 26th and Monday, October 29th. **NO tickets will be sold the day of the event.**

Permission slips are required to purchase a ticket to the bash and all students must have their own ride home from Millbrook High School after the game. Get your from your Gym Coach or the front office. Please purchase your tickets as soon as possible so the Booster Club can secure the appropriate transportation to the game.

Questions ? Please contact a member of your WMMS Booster Club:

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