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Mark your calendar...

December

- 3- Basketball vs Wake Forest Roles hm
Food Drive
Interim Reports
- 4- Cultural Arts Performances
Food Drive
Interim Reports
- 5- Winter Sports Pictures
Food Drive
Interim Reports
6th Grade Science Expo
- 6- Basketball @ Zebulon
Food Drive
Interim Reports
6th Grade Science Expo
- 7- Food Drive
Interim Reports
- 10-Basketball vs Heritage @ home
Food Drive
- 11-Food Drive
- 12-Food Drive
7:45am Beta Club Meeting
- 13-7:00p Band & Strings Concert
Basketball @ Wendell
Food Drive
- 14-Food Drive
- 17-Basketball vs Leesville @ home
Food Drive
- 18-Food Drive
- 19-11:30 Character Ed Lunch
- 20-Basketball vs Wakefield @ home
- 21-12:30-Early Release
- 24-Jan 1- No School



Winter Break. Our students and our staff are anticipating a week away from West Millbrook to recharge, spend time with family, sleep in a little and enjoy the cold weather a bit!

First quarter ended with our first A Honor Roll breakfast of the 2012-13 school year. We had a record number of recipients with 214 students earning all As for the first nine weeks. **Donna Schuster, Helen Pasca and Dona Kaplan** chair the PTA Honor Roll Committee and provided an excellent breakfast for our honorees. Paul Dinkenor, state championship soccer coach from Leesville High School, was a very engaging speaker.

Our students have completed the first round of benchmark tests and scores were sent home for parents to review. We'll send home a score report after each of the 3 benchmark testing periods so that parents have data-driven information about how well their students are prepared for End-of-Grade and End-of-Course tests.

We've had one addition to our faculty this semester. **Caroline Hartsell** is West Millbrook's Testing Coordinator and AIG coordinator. Caroline holds a Master of School Administration from North Carolina State University and taught at Broughton High School previously. If you have questions about testing or about AIG services, Caroline will be your contact person. Her professional demeanor and expertise are welcome additions to our faculty.

Common Core is no longer a new term, and students and teachers are fully engaged with new curricula in all subjects. One significant change, however, is the addition of year-end testing in social studies at all 3 grade levels and in science for grades 6 and 7 (8th graders have taken End-of-Grade tests in science previously and will continue to do so.)

Just before the Thanksgiving holiday, I was notified that West Millbrook earned the Middle School Sportsmanship Award for the fall athletic season. If you've seen me at any of our sporting



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

Happy Holidays! As you are reading this I hope your family has already enjoyed a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday and is getting ready for the

events, you know I thoroughly enjoy athletics and am very competitive – I'm thrilled when we win and my feelings are hurt when we don't. However, I am most proud of the recognition our coaches and athletes received for their exceptional display of sportsmanship throughout the fall season!

Winter Break begins at 12:30 on Friday, December 21. School resumes on Wednesday, January 2, 2013. I wish each of you peace and happiness during this holiday season.

Kelly Aman
Principal



Message from PTA President

As I reflect during Thanksgiving month, I have so much to be thankful for as PTA President. Our PTA has had a great start to the year and it wouldn't have been successful without all of the wonderful parents who have volunteered their time and talents to our school. They are motivated and dedicated to making every child's potential a reality. Our committee chairs do a phenomenal job of carrying out their tasks and because of them; we are able to offer exceptional programs to all of the students and staff in our school. I truly appreciate all of our volunteers! I'm also thankful that we had an outstanding fundraiser that will allow us to fund the many programs at WMMS. Without the support of the parents, students and Administration/Staff/Teachers, this wouldn't have been possible. And finally, I'm thankful for the excellent Administrators, Staff and Teachers at WMMS that are committed to our children and partner with the PTA. I hope everyone has a wonderful holiday season!!

Next PTA Meeting: January 29th!



A HONOR ROLL BREAKFAST

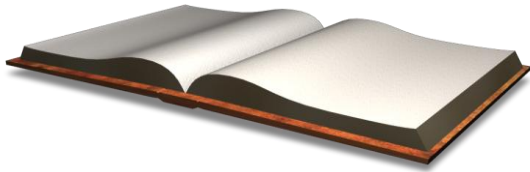
Our first A Honor Roll Breakfast of the year was held on Friday, November 16th. Congratulations to the 214 students who were honored at the breakfast!! We had the most number of attendees ever, breaking a school record!!

The speaker was Paul Dinkenor, a Social Studies teacher and the boys and girls varsity soccer coach at Leesville High School. He gave a powerful and inspirational speech, touching upon topics such as self confidence, leadership, seeking out challenges, and support teams.

He quoted a proverb: "For everybody who wishes to sing, there will be a song". He said to make your own impact, noting that all students in attendance are on the right road. He emphasized setting the "bar of expectations" even higher, and encouraged the students to take risks. He advised them to never fear failure, but if they do fail, not to place blame on anyone - just try again and move forward. He spoke of the importance of having a support team and being part of that team. The most important support team is your family. Friends, counselors, teachers, and clubs are other examples of support teams. He emphasized how their support team will allow them to be successful, and the importance of having someone in their corner to help motivate and guide them.

In closing, he reminded the students to become a leader, and to inspire others on their road to success! "Believe in yourself, and you can do great things." What a great message!!

Thanks so much to all the parents who sent in food and helped serve at the breakfast!! We couldn't have done it without you!! We are so proud of all of our hard working and bright WMMS students!!
**Dona Kaplan, Helen Pasca and Donna Schuster
Co-Chairs, A Honor Roll Breakfast**



2012-2013 YEARBOOK

Buy a full-color yearbook online for \$35 (www.jostens.com) - the price goes up to \$40 after December 10. The parents of 8th grade students may purchase a personal congratulatory ad for \$25. Your full-color ad and personal message will be featured in the back of the 2012-2013 yearbook.

Have great pictures you wish could appear in our yearbook? Create a **ReplayIt Account** (replayit.com) and start uploading pictures immediately! All submissions go directly to our online yearbook site. **Help the yearbook staff** collect a variety of memories - start uploading TODAY!!!

BETA CLUB NEWS

The WMMS National Junior Beta Club inducted 53 new members in late October. These students are high academic achievers, meeting a minimum of a 3.5 GPA, and are invited to join the club following an application process that includes strong recommendations from their teachers. The focus of the club is building leadership skills through service to others.

On November 16, new members celebrated with 30 returning members at a "Welcome to the Club" Pizza Party, followed by their November service project where they filled shoeboxes for children around the world. These shoeboxes will be distributed by the Samaritan's Purse organization in December and January.

During December, Beta members will focus on serving families in our West Millbrook community through the Holiday Hugs program. Betas will donate clean, new or gently used coats, jackets, and winter accessories collected from friends and family. If you have clean, new or gently used, winter outerwear that you would like to donate to this Beta project, please take it to Mrs. Walters' office in the library.

CHARACTER EDUCATION

December's Character trait is **Kindness**. The next Character Ed Luncheon will be Wednesday, Dec 19th



ATHLETICS

Basketball season is upon us. Make plans to support our teams by attending our girls & boys team games on Mondays & Thursdays. Purchasing a WMMS Athletic Pass is still a great bargain! The pass will get you into ALL season home games for ALL sports (excluding Battle of the Brooks games). Don't forget to bring extra cash for hot food & concessions.

SPIRITWEAR

The weather is turning cooler and what better way to keep your wildcat warm than with official West Millbrook spiritwear? We are fully stocked with hoodies and sweatpants. We offer pullover hoodies with the classic logo in both navy and pink, and a zip front version with WILDCATS spelled out across the front.

Of course we also have t-shirts, both the classic version in navy or gray, and the "West Millbrook Girls . . . Best in the World" shirt in pink (with white lettering) or navy (with pink lettering). Bonus: They can be worn for PE in the event your wildcat forgets their gym uniform.

We are currently previewing for Spring the Dri-Fit tees. They are white with short sleeves and our logo on them. These are excellent on their own as well as under sports uniforms. Quantities are currently limited so if you're interested get your order in now!

To order, print the attached order form and send it in an envelope with your payment to school with your student. [..\spiritwear orderform.pdf](#)
We will fill your order and send it home with your student within the week.
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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



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