



The Wolf Call

A monthly communication from the Wakefield Middle School PTSA



February 2012

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President's...Paws for a Minute

This school year is flying by so quickly. I can't believe that the first semester has already past. Although things are going by quickly we have a couple of things I want to mention.

We are having a General Membership Meeting on Friday, February 17 at 8:30am. Come have coffee and doughnuts, vote on the budget and have a Question and Answer session with Principal Jimmy Sposato about the new school choice system. We would love to see you there.

The nominating committee is also **looking for volunteers to fill positions on the PTSA board** next year. If you are interested at all, fill out a form found on the PTSA website. There are many levels of time. The school needs any one that can donate even a little bit of time, it is very needed and deeply appreciated.

We are in the process of looking for proctors. I know it is hard to think about right now but the end of the school year is just around the corner. This is something that is very important. The school can't administer the tests without your help.

Please if you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me.

PTSA General Membership Meeting & Question and Answer with Principal Spostato about the new choice system on Friday February 17 at 8:30 am.

Sincerely, Angie Keetch

WMS Club Events

Be sure to check the WMS website frequently for dates & times for each club.

ART
Feb 7

Battle of the Books
Feb. 2, 9, 16, 23

Chess
Drama

Odyssey of the Mind
Feb 2, 9, 16, 23,
Mar 1

Student Council

Yearbook
Feb. 7, 28

Upcoming WMS Athletic Events

Basketball (3:45 start)

February 2—Durant

February 6 —@ Leesville

February 8 — Girls Playoff
Away

February 9—Boys Playoff
Home

Track & Field

Will begin soon -
watch for details



Upcoming WMS Band Activities

Feb 2 - All District Band Clinic

Feb 22: 7-8 pm - Advanced Band Pre-MPA
Concert (WMS)

Feb 28: 7-8 pm - Advanced Orchestra Pre-MPA
Concert (WHS)

WMS Calendar of Events

- February 16 - Spirit Night- Chick-Fil-A WF
- February 17 - PTSA General Meeting 8:30 a.m.
- February 17 - EARLY RELEASE 12:30 pm
- February 20 - Teacher Workday -NO SCHOOL
- February 21 - Teacher Workday -NO SCHOOL
- February 24 - 8th Grade Cultural Arts
- February 29 - Blood Drive



A Worm In My Pocket



One rainy day on my way home from school,
I found a big worm and thought it was cool.

I picked up the worm with my bare hand,
held it up high thinking how grand!

The worm was so cute and wiggled a lot,
I put him in my pocket to show Mom what I'd caught.

What will she say when I show her my find?
Will she let me keep it? I hope she won't mind.

Mom was in the kitchen when I showed her what I'd
found.

She screamed, "No, way! Put it back in the ground!"

Now I'm so angry, she always says "No",
If she won't let me keep it, then I will just go!

So me and my worm packed a sandwich or two,
ran out the door and down the street we both flew.

We walked to the park and sat on a bench,
I pulled out my worm and noticed a stench.

He looked kind of floppy, but wiggled a bit,
I thought, "Oh my Gosh, my worm is not fit!"

I laid him in the dirt and let him go free.

I guess that my pocket was not the best place to be.

Source: [A Worm In My Pocket, Funny Poem for Kids http://www.familyfriendpoems.com/poem/a-worm-in-my-pocket#ixzz1100QxjhJ](http://www.familyfriendpoems.com/poem/a-worm-in-my-pocket#ixzz1100QxjhJ)
Family Friend Poems



"EYE" of the WOLF

These students have exemplified the following traits this month.

They have been chosen for a gift certificate. We are proud of these students that have shown such a great example.

December – Kindness

Chase Hunsaker
Dream Team

January – Self Discipline

Jenny Kim
Dire Wolves

Congratulations!
Remember the Eye is on You!



Want to make a difference??? We need volunteers to help run the PTSA 2012-2013

Please contact Karen Robinson if you would like to learn more about positions that are opening next year. Many are programs that run only a short time and others are year long commitments. Thank you!
kdrdp@hotmail.com

Wakefield Middle School Family Spirit Nights

Wakefield Middle School PTSA would like to invite all of our families to join us for a family night out at the following local restaurants. A percentage of all sales will be donated to our PTSA to help support our programs and events. Please mark your calendars now and help support our local restaurants & PTSA.

February 16th (Thurs.) Chick-fil-A (Wake Forest)
March 21st (Wed.) Moe's Southwest Grill (Wakefield Commons)
April 18th (Wed.) Texas Roadhouse (Capital Blvd)
May 15th & 16th (Tues./Wed) Sweet Spoons (Wakefield Commons)



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PROCTORS**
Contact:
astegner@wcpss.net





Yearbooks – Order Today!

It's not too early to order your 2012 WMS Yearbook. Orders are now being accepted on-line by going to www.jostensyearbooks.com.

Ordering Tips: 1. Please include your child's homeroom teacher's name on the order.
2. If ordering for more than 1 child on one order form, please email the Yearbook Staff at WakefieldMSYearbook@hotmail.com. Put "YB order info" in the subject area and in the message list the names of the students on the order.

Following these simple steps will help tremendously with distribution at the end of the year.



Let's hear it for the WAKEFIELD WOLVES!

News from Student Services

Millbrook High School - Magnet Curriculum Fair

Thursday, February 2, 2012 6:30-8:00pm

(Tours offered Feb. 7—8am, Feb. 17—10am)

Parent Night for High School Registration Information

Thursday, February 16, 2012 6:30 pm at Wakefield Middle School

Wakefield High School Curriculum Fair

Thursday, February 23, 2012 5-7 pm—Both campuses open!

Heritage High School Curriculum Fair

Thursday, February 23, 2012 6-8pm

Wake Forest Rolesville Curriculum Fair

Thursday, March 1, 2012 6:00-7:30pm

Check high school websites for open house dates for other WCPSS high schools.

REMEMBER!

Course information is obtained from the high school, but course selection/registration takes place at the middle school in SPAN.

Mid-March—All 8th graders will receive a packet of registration materials and instructions for making high school course selections.

Current teachers will make course level recommendations in early March.

Brenda Joyner

8th Grade Counselor

bjoyner@wcpss.net

Your PTSA dollars at work...educating our children through the ARTS!

The WMS 8th graders have been waiting for this "right of passage"... the year they get to rock out with performances by the a cappella group, Transit Vocal Band (formally Almost Recess/Aftershock). Transit will entertain our students with two performances at WMS on **Friday, 2/24/12**.



See transitvocalband.com for additional details or follow them on facebook.

Lynn Stuchel

RECRUITING TIME FOR PROCTORS!!!!!!



Hello everyone! It's that time of the year again!!!!

We are in need of proctors for field testing in April and EOGs/EOCs in May and June. At this point, specific dates have not been determined for the field tests in April but proctors for the EOGs / EOCs are needed on: May 17, 18, 21-24, May 30 – June 1st, June 4th-7th. We will need at least 80 proctors on May 17, 18, & 21. On the remaining days, we need about 15 volunteers.

You must be a registered volunteer at WMS. If you aren't, sign up to be a registered volunteer using the online system in our Media Center (**Mondays ONLY 8:00am – 3:30pm**).

If you are interested in being a proctor in April, May and/or June, fill out a brief survey at:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheet/viewform?formkey=dGJjODR1emF5UTMwZmRyRjhibGV1b2c6MQ>

or contact Annette Stegner, our testing coordinator, at 562-3500 or by email astegner@wcpss.net.

If you sign up to proctor in May or June, you will automatically be assigned a proctoring position and will not get a confirmation call or email (just show up on the day(s) you volunteered to proctor. If you sign up to help in April, you will get a confirmation call since the testing days have not been determined.

Your help is greatly appreciated!!!!!!!

Sincerely, Annette Stegner

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HOW TO SUPPORT WMS PTSA

Donate to the Fall No-Fuss Capital Campaign Fundraiser

Join the PTSA and become a member! \$7 for adults and \$4 for students

VOLUNTEER! Visit our website: www.wmsptsa.org

Attend Family Spirit Nights at Local Restaurants!

Link your Harris Teeter, Food Lion, and Target Red cards to our school!

Collect BoxTops, Coke Rewards Points, and Campbell's Labels

The Teacher Luncheon on December 16 was a huge success!

A Huge Thanks to Beth Beam and Susan Cokas for once again putting on a wonderful and delicious holiday lunch for our WMS teachers on December 16, 2011. The food selection was incredible and there was a separate table just for all the desserts! Thank you also to all who contributed a yummy dish to share with our deserving teachers! A few teachers were spotted not 2, but 3 times hitting the line again so it must have been pretty good.

Comments overheard at the luncheon:

- "Thank you all so much, we look forward to this day from Day 1 of school!"
- "WOW!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!"
- "This is our favorite day of the year!!"

"This is THE day everyone wants to be a SUB so they can enjoy this lunch."

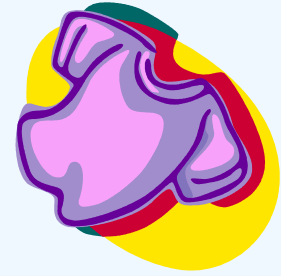
The next hospitality event is in April - The Teacher Appreciation Lunch. As always, we so appreciate folks who bring in some homemade specialties to share with our teachers or even supplying some drinks if cooking is not their thing. We would also love some help in setting up and/or cleaning up since it is a huge job, especially carrying all the donated foods and supplies from the main office down a few halls to the teacher lounge. We appreciate any and all help. Email Beth Beam at: bethbeam@gmail.com or Susan Cokas at scokas@nc.rr.com if you are interested in participating for our last lunch of the year.

Thanks!

8th GRADE T SHIRT PARTICIPANTS AND WINNERS Way to show your school spirit!

Thanks to the following student who submitted designs for the 8th grade t-shirt competition:

Taylor Joyner
Dominique Palmer
Gabby Morris
Laura Puyana
Alayna Karagiannis
Lauren Tevepaugh
Isiaiah Langston
Alexis Mclamb
Ngozia B (couldn't read last name)



Congratulations to the winners:

Taylor Joyner (front design) and Laura Puyana & Alayna Karagiannis (back design)

8th Grade T-shirt Sales!

8th Grade t-shirts are available for pre-order through the school store **through February 3rd**. Bring order form and cash/check for \$15. The store is open every morning from 8 a.m. until 8:15 a.m. T-shirts can also be paid for on-line or via regular mail. See

<http://www.wmspts.org/8th-grade-celebration-t-shirt-order-form.html>

for more details. Shirts will be delivered near the end of February. Please contact Karen Robinson at webmaster@wmspts.org with any questions.

Order Form on Page 6 of February 2012 Newsletter

Thanks to the following volunteers that helped with 8th Grade T-shirt Sales:

Crystal Elkerson	Amy Blawas
Kathryn Roberts	Lisa Burress
Sylvie Daigle	Carla Chestnutt
Karin Talik	Jamie Kerzner
Beth Murray	Michelle Begin
Karen Sheehan	Tonja Gage
Julia Wilson	Rebecca Duncan
Cindy Fox	Sue Talbot
Lynn Stuchel	Karen Robinson



Attendance Reminders

In order to make this school year as productive as possible, students must be in school and on time on a regular basis. Below are some attendance reminders that you may find helpful:

- * Every child between the ages of seven and 16 must attend school. This is NC law as well as Wake County's policy (NC Law 115C- 378 and Wake County policy 6000).
- * Every absence is considered either excused or unexcused.
- * A note written by the parent or guardian is required within two (2) school days explaining the nature of the absence with dates and the student's name. A note is required even if the parent contacts the school by phone or email. A note does not guarantee an absence will be excused but all absences without notes will be considered unexcused.
- * Excessive absences will require follow-up from teachers, school counselors or our school social worker.

If at any time you have questions or concerns about attendance, please contact our school social worker, Deana Bagley, at (919) 302-4783 or dbagley@wcpss.net.

Order your Class of 2012 Wakefield Middle School t-shirt today!

Name: _____

Team (circle one): Dire Patriotic Red

Price: \$15 cash or check (to WMS PTSA); drop off at school store 8 – 8:20 a.m. Jan 23 – Feb 3

OR \$16 credit card (see instructions on www.wmsptsa.org)

Size (Circle):

Youth Med Youth Large Adult Small Adult Med Adult Large Adult XL Adult XXL

T-shirt proceeds will be used to help cover the costs of the 8th grade end of year celebration, including Friday night school party (June 1st), and lunch/activities on the last day of school, June 7th. If you are interested in helping to organize these activities, chaperone, or donate supplies, please contact Karen Robinson at kdrdp@hotmail.com or Lynn Stuchel at lstuchel@nc.rr.com.

Team Tracks

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The
Dream
Team



ROYAL
WOLVES



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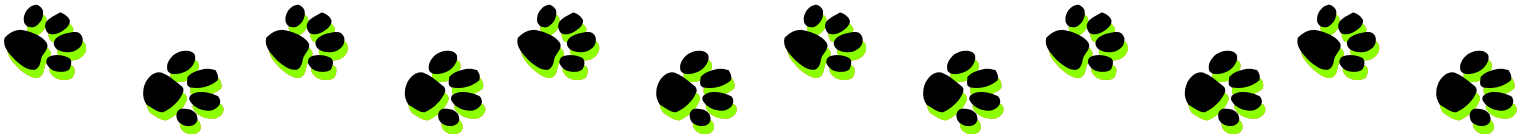
PACK TEAM

ALPHA WOLVES

SILVER WOLVES

The Timber Wolves

Ms. Melvin/Social Studies- In Social Studies we continue to review map skills and current events affecting Africa, Asia and world geography. We have studied Africa, its challenges, and its resources. In December students worked in groups to complete a project related to the ten poorest nations in Africa. The groups had to decide what would be the best use of \$100,000, 000 if they were relief workers helping these countries. They then studied South Africa, the influence of Nelson Mandela and Apartheid. They read the novel Journey to Jo'burg, which takes places during Apartheid. We will begin our study of Asia by focusing on the Middle East and the impact of "Arab Spring" on the Middle East. We will then move on to study the rest of Asia and compare and contrast Asia with Africa.



Save the Date!

June 1, 2012

8th Grade Celebration Party

Details to follow!



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WOLVES

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