



The Wolf Call

A monthly communication from the Wakefield Middle School PTSA
October 2009

Calendar of Events

- October 5th:** All money due for Fundraiser
- October 6th:** Election Day
- October 6th:** Football AWAY vs. Leesville Road MS at Leesville Rd. HS (6:00 p.m.)
- October 7th:** Early Dismissal (students dismissed at 2:00 p.m.)
- October 8th:** Girls' Soccer and Girls' Volleyball HOME vs. Leesville Road MS (3:45)
- October 13th:** WMS Advanced and WHS Orchestra Fall Concert (7:00 p.m.)
- October 14th:** Football HOME vs. W. Millbrook at Wakefield HS (6:00)
- October 14th:** Early Dismissal (students dismissed at 2:00 p.m.)
- October 15th:** Girls' Soccer and Girls' Volleyball AWAY vs. W. Millbrook MS (3:45)
- October 15th:** PTSA Executive Board Meeting (6:30)
- October 17th:** Red Ribbon Week Begins
- October 19th:** Spirit Week Begins
- October 20th:** School Spirit Show
- October 20th:** Football HOME vs. Wake Forest-Rolesville MS at Wakefield HS (6:00)
- October 21st:** Early Release Day (students dismissed at 12:30 p.m.)
- October 21st:** First On-Demand Writing Task (8:30-11:00)
- October 22nd:** Girls' Soccer and Girls' Volleyball AWAY vs. Wake Forest-Rolesville MS (3:45)
- October 23rd:** School Pictures Make-Up
- October 28th:** Football HOME vs. E. Millbrook MS at Wakefield MS (3:45)
- October 28th:** Early Dismissal (students dismissed at 2:00 p.m.)
- October 29th:** End of Quarter
- October 29th:** Girls' Soccer and Girls' Volleyball AWAY vs. E. Millbrook MS (3:45)
- October 30th:** Teacher Workday

From the Principal's Desk...

With the school year in full swing, we begin to notice that students feel more comfortable with their surroundings. Of course, this can be both good and bad. Good in the sense that students have gotten into the routine of day-to-day operations and expectations at Wakefield Middle School; bad in the sense that we see an increase in the number of disciplinary infractions. Please remind your child to adhere to district and school-wide procedures and policies. Remember to review with your child our P.R.I.D.E. matrix which can be found on the back of your child's agenda along with the other pertinent guidelines provided at the beginning of the agenda as we continue to keep Wakefield Middle School a safe and respectful learning environment.

By the time you receive this newsletter, there will be approximately four weeks until the end of the quarter. Progress reports were distributed the week of September 25th and first quarter report cards will be distributed on Thursday, November 5, 2009. If your child is in sixth grade, this may be the first time your child has received a letter grade on his/her progress report or report card. Do not be alarmed if your child does not come home with straight As for this first quarter. Along with high expectations for our students, the transition from elementary to middle school may not be natural to some which may result in a grade lower than an A. Work with your child to determine ways your child can be more successful.

According to FamilyEducation.com, parental involvement is one of the determinants of how well all children—regardless of their background—do in school. The site gives ten ways you can help your child succeed in the classroom: (1) Create an environment in your home that encourages learning; (2) Provide your child with a well-balanced life; (3) Read to your child every day; (4) Encourage your child to read extensively; (5) Show your child how to be organized; (6) Teach him/her effective study skills; (7) Urge your child to listen and participate in class; (8) Help your child learn to tackle homework; (9) Talk to your child about school; (10) Develop a good relationship with your child's teachers (<http://school.familyeducation.com/parents-and-school/37624.html>).

I recommend that you continue showing support for your child, your child's teachers, and our school as we work together to meet the school's mission of providing an education which prepares all students for future challenges.

Go Wolves!

Tripp Crayton, Principal

<http://wakefieldms.wcpss.net/>

Visit our school's website and click on the Calendar of Events link on the right hand side for an up-to-date printable calendar of events throughout the year.

Special Thanks

A big THANK YOU!! to our school picture volunteers: Mary Ellen Agee, Amy Blawas, Laurel Davis, Carol Demers, Linda King, Beth Kordon, Will Morgan, Adele Nicks, and Lorraine Woodward. Your talents were very much appreciated.

Media Center

Do you have “gently used” books lying around the house or crowding your home bookshelves? Please consider donating them for use in our classroom libraries. Bring your books to the Media Center; we will sort and organize them for classroom use. Books that are not used in the classrooms will be donated to the public library. Thanks for your help with this effort! Mark your calendars... the WMS Scholastic Book Fair will be held Monday, Nov. 30th - Wednesday, Dec. 9th.

Student Council

Wakefield Middle School’s Student Council is excited for another great year of service to our school and community! We are in need of volunteers who are able to help collect money and organize activities during the school day. If you’re available to help during school, or are able to support the Student Council in any way, please email Mr. Misuraca at mmisuraca@wcpss.net.

The week of October 19-23rd is Spirit Week at Wakefield Middle School ! In addition to spirit activities, Student Council is sponsoring a contest to see which homerooms have the most students participating in daily spirit week dress up activities.

Art News

Wakefield Middle School students won 2 Honorable Mention awards at the Raleigh Street Painting Festival! We ended up with 21 students participating along with many parents watching. Congratulations to all!

Red Ribbon Week

We will be celebrate Red Ribbon Week Oct 17-25th. We encourage kids to wear red this week. On Friday the homeroom that is wearing the most red will win a doughnut breakfast. We will also have a jar of red licorice, and kids could submit their guesses on paper slips all week, and the kid that guessed the closest number win the licorice. There will be a announcement every morning on how to stay drug free. We will also have red ribbon in the front of the school for students to wear.

- Monday** – Multiplicity Day
- Tuesday** – Spirit Day
- Wednesday** – Hat Day
- Thursday** – Wacky Tacky Day
- Friday** – Class Color Day
 - Eighth** – Blue
 - Seventh** – White
 - Sixth** – Red

October 19-23rd is also the annual Student Council Clash of the Classrooms, where fourth period classes compete to see which class can bring in the most hand sanitizer, Kleenex, and disinfecting wipes. The fourth period classroom that brings in the most supplies per student wins an ice cream party. As we approach cold and flu season, the items are in great demand, and our teachers appreciate your support!

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Student Services

Homework Requests: Please call 562-3509 when your child has been absent for a period of three (3) days or more. Mrs. Anderson will request homework from your child’s teachers. Homework is sent to Student Services and placed in envelope for pick-up after 24 hours from notification to teachers.

Absences: Remember always send in a note when your child has been absent. If you have checked your child out early because they were ill, you still need to send in a note to have the absence excused. Your child should give the note to their homeroom teacher upon their return to school.

Withdrawals: If your family is planning a move from the area and your child will be relocating to another school, it is important that you notify Wakefield Middle School .

Please call Mrs. Anderson at 562-3509 at least two (2) days prior to your move. Mrs. Anderson will process the proper paperwork to be sent with your child for enrollment in their new school. Please know that all schools require certain documents to register. One of the documents is a withdrawal form from the current school. Wakefield Middle School wants to make your transition as easy as possible by assisting you before you leave for your new destination.

School Store

The school store is now open! Please come by for basic school supplies at bargain prices as well as Wakefield spirit items. We are open 7:45 until 8:03 most mornings and 3:20 until 4:30 during all home volleyball and basketball games.