



The Wolf Call

A monthly communication from the Wakefield Middle School PTSA
September 2009

Calendar of Events

September 9: Early Dismissal (students dismissed at 2:00 p.m.)

September 10: "Meet-the-Teacher" Night (6:30 p.m.)

September 16: Early Dismissal (students dismissed at 2:00 p.m.)

September 17: Student Pictures

September 21: Fundraiser Kick-Off

September 22: Football AWAY vs. Heritage MS (at Heritage HS—6:00 p.m.)

September 23: Early Release Day (students dismissed at 12:30 p.m.)

September 24: Girls' Soccer HOME vs. Heritage MS (3:45)

September 24: Girls' Volleyball AWAY vs. West Millbrook MS (3:45)

September 24: Summit for Wakefield Area Schools at Wakefield High School (6:00 p.m.).

September 25: Progress Reports Distributed

September 28: Teacher Workday

September 30: Early Dismissal (students dismissed at 2:00 p.m.)

September 30: Football HOME vs. Salem MS (3:45)

October 1: Girls' Soccer AWAY vs. Salem MS (3:45)

October 1: Girls' Volleyball HOME vs. Heritage MS (3:45)

October 2: School-wide Dance sponsored by Band Boosters

From the Principal's Desk...

I officially wish to welcome you and your child(ren) to Wakefield Middle School! This past year, Wakefield Middle School met Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) for No Child Left Behind based on federal standards and obtained high growth with 85.2% of our students making a level III or IV on the various End-of-Grade tests based on the North Carolina standards. I am extremely proud of our continued tradition of being designated a School of Distinction. Our staff does an amazing job in getting our students prepared in working towards meeting our school's mission—to provide an education which prepares all students for future challenges.

On the last Friday each month (except for this first newsletter), we will provide a printed copy of the newsletter to your child to give to you. We also will send the newsletter out through the Wakefield MS News email blast. If you indicated on the PTSA flyer that went home in the opening day packet that you wanted an e-copy of the newsletter, you will be added to the database. If you did not indicate that you want an e-copy, but you now do, please email Ann Roberson at annroberson@rocketmail.com to be added to the school-wide email blast.

I send out a weekly phone message every Friday morning at 11:00 a.m. to make you aware of events coming up for the following week. If you have not been receiving this weekly phone message, please contact the school in order to ensure that we have the correct information. The weekly messages are also posted on our school's Web site.

If you have not reviewed your child's agenda and WCPSS Student/Parent Handbook, please do so. We expect our students to maintain their agenda at all times. Students should record information in the agenda including major projects and homework. Although we know that students will make mistakes in not following school rules or completing a project by the date due, we do hold high standards and expectations for our students which may result in unfortunate consequences. Nonetheless, our students will persevere and succeed with the support from all aspects of the school community. We encourage students to carry themselves with P.R.I.D.E. Review the matrix located on the back of the student agenda which centers on those procedures that we endure on our students each and every day.

Our faculty and staff look forward to working with you in creating a supportive triangle to meet the academic needs of your child. If you have questions regarding the school, feel free to contact either your child's counselor or administrator. The counselors and administration are here to support you and your child to make his/her middle school experience an important and exciting one.

Go Wolves!

Tripp Crayton, Principal

Volunteering

There are many volunteer opportunities at Wakefield Middle School. Please fill out the PTSA information form provided in the opening day packet. You will be contacted to discuss available opportunities. Thank you very much for your participation.

Special Thanks

Thank you to the volunteers who helped out with the Back-to-School Teacher's Breakfast. Our staff enjoyed the food and fellowship very much.

School Supply Drive

The PTSA is collecting school supplies for our students who need a little extra assistance. Bins are located outside the main office and the Student Services area. Your donations are very much appreciated.

PTSA Fundraiser

September 21st is the Kick-Off for our PTSA Fundraiser. Our students will have the opportunity to sell quality merchandise including gourmet edibles, flower bulbs, magazines and unique gift items.

Wakefield Area Schools Summit

September 24, 6:00 p.m. at Wakefield High School

The purpose of this event is to share with community members testing data of the five Wakefield area schools and the strides that have been made in recent years toward the Board of Education goal. The event will culminate with a discussion among participants on ways that we can help one another to see every child succeed and reach his full potential. All parents, school personnel, and community leaders are invited to attend this important event.

Odyssey of the Mind Battle of the Books

Do you like working with others to creatively solve problems, write and perform skits? If so, Odyssey of the Mind might be the club for you! Pick up the information handout in Student Services before or after school. Return the signed interest form to Ms. Worley in Student Services by Friday, September 11. There will be a meeting on Monday, September 21 in the Media Center from 3:10-4:00 to discuss problem choices and team selections. Please have your ride pick you up promptly at 4:00.

Academically Gifted

The nomination window for AG identification is open until September 18. Please contact Ms. Worley at aworley@wcpss.net for more information. Current AG students will receive Differentiated Course Plans and Differentiated Education Plans through their Language Arts or Math teacher during the week of October 12. During the week of September 28, current 7th grade AG students and those who scored at or above the 95th percentile on the Reading or Math EOG will receive Duke TIP invitations to take the SAT. Applicants must apply directly to Duke TIP by November 2.

Fall Dance

The Fall Dance will be Friday, October 2. Tickets will be on sale the week of the dance during lunch.

The WMS Battle of the Books Club consists of 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students. Those interested should attend the first meeting on Thursday, September 10 from 3:10 to 3:30 in the Media Center. Through out the fall, club members will read books from a BOB list. Titles will be discussed. Students will form "mock" teams to battle questions pertaining to the books from the list. Lists of titles are available in the Media Center. Books are also available for checkout.

In early January, club members will compete for 8 slots on the competitive team with 4 team members serving as alternates. The district wide competition is scheduled tentatively for late February or early March.

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