

This is Tripp Crayton, Principal at Wakefield Middle School, with your weekly announcement.

I appreciate everyone's support with our school's fundraiser. Thank you to Mrs. Tracy Edwards for her work in heading the fundraiser and our parent volunteers who worked tirelessly this week collecting all of the paperwork. You can still have your child send in orders or donations next week as we are still collecting last minute orders.

This is a friendly reminder that students will be dismissed on Wednesday at 2:00 p.m. for early dismissal Wednesdays. I want to thank our school community for their support with the new Wake County initiative of early dismissal Wednesdays. Our teachers are working hard together each Wednesday afternoon in Professional Learning Teams to enhance our school's educational program. Discussions center around student performance, curriculum planning, and professional development. Our teachers maintain PLT notebooks detailing the topics discussed each week. On the early release days, our teachers will continue to focus on differentiation of instruction and reading strategies to help meet the needs of all students at Wakefield Middle School, from Academically Gifted to Special Education to ESL to At-Risk. It is our sincere hope that by our teachers having this time during the school day to have meaningful discussions the performance of all students will improve.

Thank you to Mr. Robinson and our Band Boosters for running an awesome dance last Friday evening. We had approximately 250 students and numerous chaperones to make for an enjoyable evening for all. We anticipate our next dance taking place in February. Remember that our school's website has a "real-time" printable calendar with up-to-date events/activities for the 2009-2010 school year.

The PTSA October newsletter will be provided to students today. Copies can also be found on our school's website as well as sent through our school-based email blast. Remember that if you wish to be added to the school-based email blast, you must send an email to annroberson@rocketmail.com. Keep in mind that this email blast is different from the team-based email blast.

Our PTSA Executive Board will meet on Thursday, October 15, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. in our school's media center.

Our advanced orchestra students will be involved in a fall concert at Wakefield High School on Tuesday, October 13, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

We have three athletic events this week. Our football team has a home game against West Millbrook MS on Wednesday, October 14, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. at Wakefield High School. Our girls' soccer and volleyball teams both have away games against West Millbrook MS on Thursday, October 15, 2009 at 3:45 p.m. Come out and support your Wolves!

Have a great and enjoyable weekend. Goodbye.