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Magnet Applications Letters

The Wake County Magnet Programs completed the magnet application acceptance period on February 28th. All applicants will receive a letter, by mail, from the Office of Growth & Planning in mid March. Acceptance of the offer becomes the official school assignment for the 2009-10 school year. Please feel free to visit the Magnet Resource Center (MRC) at 1600 E. Millbrook Road on Millbrook Magnet Elementary's Campus or call the MRC at 501-7900 if you have any magnet program questions.

Magnet Elementary School Announcements

As an **International Baccalaureate Primary Years Programme, Farmington Woods Magnet Elementary** teachers encourage students to "Reflect, Choose, and Act" in response to their learning. The goal is that students will consistently be committed to using what they know and learn to make a difference in their own lives, in the lives of others, and in the world.

The IB Learner Profile attribute of "Caring" and the attitudes of "Empathy", "Appreciation" and "Respect" require that as citizens of our community and world we must value the needs of others and respond to those needs. With this in mind, the staff at Farmington Woods committed itself to supporting the Western Wake Crisis Center by providing food items each month of the school year to keep the center's pantry stocked for families in crisis. In September the staff donated over ninety pounds of macaroni and cheese to the center; in October over sixty pounds of canned tuna was delivered; in November ninety-seven pounds of cereal was delivered; pasta was delivered in December; soup in January; and canned fruit in February. Hamburger Helper, peanut butter and rice will be collected and delivered by the end of the school year.

This on-going effort helps to keep the focus on the needs of the community and enables the staff to live out the model that is the focus of the International Baccalaureate Primary Years Programme.

Brooks Museums Magnet Elementary presented the original opera "The Victory Garden" to parents and community on February 5. The opera uses integration tools to become one of the 5th grades Paideia-coached projects.

Through teacher mentoring, students are responsible for creating a script that addresses the Standard Course of Study; writing the play, score, and soundtrack; creating costumes, set designs, lighting, and musical accompaniments.

Congratulations Brooks' students!



Magnet Elementary School Announcements *Cont'*

The **Poe Montessori Magnet Elementary** philosophy places an emphasis on the development of the whole child including physical, emotional, social and academic. Celebrating this approach, the students and staff at Poe Montessori Magnet Elementary are "Reaching for the Stars" by making healthy choices. *The Healthy Choices Challenge* is a wellness program that offers families the opportunity to read, make healthy food choices and exercise every day. Families will receive a newsletter each week that includes exercise tips, book reviews and easy, nutritious recipes.

The eight week program encourages students to track their weekly progress on *Star Charts*. Students will have the opportunity to acquire incentives by attaining personal goals. Weekly participation points will also be tallied toward a school-wide goal. If Poe's goal of 10,000 points is reached, students and staff will participate in a Cinco de Mayo style celebration, on May 5.

Please join **Zebulon Gifted & Talented Magnet Elementary School** on March 12th at 12:30 (K-2) and 1:45 (3-5) for The Bacchanal Steel Band performance

Congratulations to **Fuller Gifted and Talented Magnet Elementary** 5th grade students Michael An, Rishi Sundaresan, Matthew Zheng, and Dorothy Szymkiewicz for winning awards in the American Mathematics Competition – grade 8. There were 25 8th grade level questions on the test and these students outranked some of the 8th grade students across the state who took the tests. These students are now preparing to take the American Mathematics Competition – grade 10. Congratulations and Good Luck!

Magnet Middle and High School Awards & Announcements

Carnage Science Olympiad Teams - Regional Champions!

On February 14, 2009, both the Varsity and JV Carnage Science Olympiad teams took part in the regional competition at Garner High School. This year's regional was the biggest ever with 16 Varsity and 9 JV teams participating in their respective tournaments. Competing in over 20 different events, both the Varsity and JV teams were proud to bring home their division **first place** team trophy. Every Varsity team member medaled in at least one of their events with first place winners in 4 events. JV team members medaled in 14 events with first place winners in 6 events. Coaches Beth Lucas and Pat Weber are very proud of their students.

The Varsity team qualified for the State Competition to be held on April 25 at NC State. They are working very hard to prepare for this rigorous competition. **GO TROJANS!!**

Moore Square Museums Magnet Middle School 6th grade students attended the Opera Company of North Carolina's Middle School Program – *An Introduction to Opera*. Two opera singers who performed in the production, Cinderella, sang Arias, talked about voice types and the different roles in an opera, discussed the importance of acting in an opera and the predominant languages used in operas (Italian and French).

Broughton International Baccalaureate Magnet High School was proud to host three students from Bolivia in the Youth Ambassadors Program, which is part of a US State Department initiative: *Partners of the Americas*. The Bolivian students, were in Raleigh from Feb. 26th to March 5th, attending classes with the host students and participating in various extracurricular activities. The goal of the program is to have young people serve as ambassadors of the home country and develop positive relationships with students in America. The three students have been a great joy to have at school and certainly presented a positive impression of their home countries!



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UPCOMING EVENTS!

- Magnet Notification period mid-March
- Magnet acceptance deadline is April 17th

Jon Caldwell directs the GMHS Brass Ensemble at Meymandi Concert Hall! The students were able to use several brand new instruments purchased through the MSAP grant. Great job!



We're on the web!!

<http://www.wcpss.net/Magnet/grant/>

↑GMHS
Brass Ensemble!

News from E. Garner Magnet Middle School

Year Three students visited Wake Tech Community College to see if a technical college is in their future plans. While there, they visited stations that consisted of Health Science, Applied Engineering and Computer Technologies. Students asked questions while looking at displays in each of these areas. Wake Tech was the second college in their visits this year. Appalachian State University was visited in the fall with NC State to follow in the spring.

PTA sponsors an Honor Roll breakfast each quarter for our students who make all A's and B's. So far, a grand total of 703 students have participated.

Fifth graders from Farmington Woods toured our school on Feb 11th. Our Global Ambassadors guided them into classrooms where they participated in lessons in Mathematics, Spanish, French and Language A. Our Global Ambassadors visited Wiley Elementary earlier in the month and are now making plans to visit Timber Drive and Turner Creek. The Ambassadors and their parents are invited to join us on March 10, 2009 for our diner theater.

A team of engineers from IBM spent the day at EGMMS visiting with our Year 1 and Year 2 students. Our students participated in experiments and learned about the engineering profession. The engineers and students had a great day!

Beginning and Continuing Orchestra students are concentrating on rhythmic exercises in preparation for our upcoming African Dance Company residency. Additionally, continuing Orchestra students are reading sheet music for the first time and loving it. Several of our classes attended "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory." This was a play produced and directed by the students at Wakefield High School.

Kudos EGMMS! East Garner has been selected for a Magnet Schools of America Merit Award as a Magnet School of Excellence. Way to go students and staff!

News from Garner Magnet High School

As an International Baccalaureate World School, Garner Magnet High School teachers frequently work together to create meaningful interdisciplinary units that span across each of the eight subject areas, but also illustrate the significance of cross-curricular interaction. Throughout the year, various Arts teachers have found amazing and illustrative ways to integrate their curricular objectives with other subject areas.

A GMHS dance teacher and a tenth grade English teacher crafted a dance choreography show illustrating how movements and poetic devices mimic one another in action as well as within literary texts. Likewise, the GMHS drama team worked with an English teacher to bring the works of William Shakespeare to life for our students. The North Carolina acting troupe, Shakespeare to Go, visited our campus in February and performed *Romeo and Juliet* and vignettes from other Shakespearean works. In addition to the performance, the actors worked with drama students and shared techniques and tangible applications to enhance their performances. Another example illustrates Arts through multiple subject areas. The GMHS band teacher, an English teacher and Social Studies teachers are creating a unit plan focusing on Elie Wiesel's *Night*. Teachers will expose students to the text, the historical references as well as to focus on the impact of the music of the era.

This year, GMHS will host its first Human Rights Week. The exceptional part of this week is that faculty members and students will participate through their subject areas and their extra-curricular activities. The "kick-off celebration" to the GMHS Human Rights Weeks will be the African-American Dance Ensemble, featuring Chuck Davis. The theme of the performance exhibition is Peace, Love and Respect for Everybody.

News from Southeast Raleigh Magnet HS

On Thursday, February 19th, SRMHS held their first "Spotlight on Southeast" evening. The Spotlight was designed to provide current parents with information about what is going on at our school in various departments. Information received helped parents and students make informed decisions about registration for the next school year. Focus areas are: Science, Foreign Languages, and Performing Arts. Over 30 parents were in attendance.

Celia Simms, Senator Burr's Legislative Assistant, came from Washington to visit SRMHS. She had a chance walk throughout SRMHS and visit classes related to the PBL, Digital Arts, and Broadcasting programs.

Dance Teacher Ms. Wilder took some Modern Dance students Atlanta, Georgia to represent SRMHS at "The Pulse" a choreography Conference. The students took master classes from some of America's famous choreographers and had the opportunity to showcase a student piece. SRMHS was the only public school dance program out of 23 groups to perform in the showcase and the judges were impressed.

Congrats once again to the Lady Bulldogs, they advanced to the District Championship round of the NCHSAA basketball playoffs. The Lady Bulldogs are the Conference Tournament champions. Coach Sampson's dedication and awesome coaching skills have paid off in a big way. Our women's basketball team completed a perfect (14-0) run through the conference-which was a goal that they set for themselves at the beginning of the season.

Congratulations the Boys and Girls Indoor Track Team. The Boys won the 4A Indoor State Championships @ UNC. Girls Track team placed 3rd overall at the 4A state championships. Go to www.ncpretrack.com to see results, pictures, or article from N&O (4A link)