

The Millbrook High Letter

A Publication of the Millbrook High School Parent-Teacher –Student Association

From the Principal's Desk:

New Additions to the Millbrook Team

We are excited to introduce to you the newest additions to our administrative team. Two new interim assistant principals and an administrative intern began at Millbrook in late January.

James Hinton started in Wake County teaching and coaching at Carroll Middle School in 1971. He was a counselor at Fuquay-Varina High School and moved to Sanderson High School in 1986. He and I worked there together for four years. James retired from Sanderson in 2003 as an assistant principal and has served in several Wake County schools in interim administrative positions.

Dwight Womble started his career in Wake County in 1976 teaching social studies at Cary High School. In 1985, he became an assistant principal at Ligon Middle School and in 1991 he became an assistant principal at Athens Drive High School. He and I worked there together for three years before he moved to Durham to become principal at Rogers-Herr Middle School. Dwight retired from Durham Public Schools this past July. This is his first interim position.

Donna Wade is a former math teacher at Bunn High School. She is finishing up her MSA degree and will intern at Millbrook for nine weeks, beginning today. Donna began teaching math at Bunn High School in 1997. In 2004, she taught at Nash Central Middle School and currently she is teaching on-line courses with Cumberland County Schools Web Academy and is finishing up her masters degree in school administration. She will intern at Millbrook during the first nine weeks of second semester.

We have several other new teachers who hopefully you were able to meet at February's Open House.

The second interim report cards will be distributed the week of February 27. This same week (March 1) starts our spring athletic season – baseball, softball, women's soccer, track, men's tennis competitions begin and we hope to see you there. Parents of Juniors will want to plan to attend Junior Parent Night to learn of the myriad of things that should be done to help their students be successful seniors and get into the college or university they decide. Parents of Sophomores plan to help your student be prepared for the state-wide Tenth Grade Writing Test that will be given to all tenth graders Tuesday, March 13. A good night's sleep and a healthy breakfast combined with good preparation will ensure your students' success.

You have probably noticed we have gotten our Certificate of Occupancy for our final phase of construction. Our locker rooms are completed (and beautiful) and our P.E. classes no longer have to change in the PODS! We are so thankful for finally getting to the end point and inhabiting our new facility. Thank you for tolerating all the construction. Hoping second semester is successful for your student.

Dana King
Principal

**Step
Inside
and
Feel
the
Pride!**



Winter Track Season Success

As the only outdoor winter sport offered at Millbrook, the winter track and field team usually has to train in less than ideal conditions. However, well below average temperatures in late January and early February made this winter particularly difficult to train in. Despite this obstacle, Millbrook had seven entries in the Indoor State Championships, held February 10th at UNC.

Representing Millbrook was Daryl Solomon in the long jump, Eric Jones in the triple jump, Justin Baker in the 1000 meter run, Katherine Adams in the 300 meter dash and 500 meter dash, Madison Tessener in the 55 meter dash and the 4 by 400 meter relay team of Adams, Tessener, Tiffany Downing, and Jessica Jones. The meet was highlighted by three top five finishes- Adams placed 5th in the 500, Baker was 5th in the 1000, and Jones was 4th in the triple jump. Congratulations to all athletes who successfully completed the indoor season and good luck to them all in spring track and field. Way to tough it out!

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MHS Student Services Receives National Award

Millbrook High School's Student Services department has received national recognition from the *American School Counselor Association* for achieving *RAMP* status. This national award focuses on the implementation of a comprehensive counseling program based on the *ASCA National Model*. Millbrook's guidance department is one of only 30 schools nationwide to earn this recognition since its inception in 2004. Congratulations to Carla Allen, Gwen Gayyan, Cecil Coates, Jill Drabot, Glenn Flowers, Durenda Johnson-Ward, Nicole Noon, Sharon Manning, Katie Rhodes, and Kara Webb.

Kelly Aman, Assistant Principal

Gifts of Gold

Congratulations to Kristen Yakamovich and Andrew Vanover who won awards in the Gifts of Gold Fine arts competition which is open to all schools in Wake County.

Kristen won second place in the 2D competition. Mrs Stevenson is her teacher. Andrew won the 3D competition. Ms Turner is his teacher. After a reception and presentation of medals on March 6th, their work will be on display in the lobby of Memorial Auditorium on March 6th and 7th.

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PTSA President's Note

To mail or not to mail...that is the question. If you're reading this article right now, then you are somebody who has taken the time to go to the website for your news this month. So, what do you think of this method of newsletter distribution? We need your opinion to help our board decide on the distribution method next year. You can send us your opinion at MillbrookNewsletter@yahoo.com Next month's newsletter will be mailed to your home and posted on the web as usual. After that, we will publish two more newsletters this year, one of which will be posted on the web and mailed while the other will be just posted on the web. We will call your home to let you know when the "web only" newsletter is available on-line. Our board will make a final decision on how the newsletter will be distributed next year at our April 9th meeting, so please email us your thoughts, or talk to anyone on the board before April. Look for news on next year's distribution method in the final two newsletters of the year.

The month of March means spring activities and

sports. There's a great deal of exciting things going on at Millbrook right now. We encourage you to attend some of the many spring events to support our kids. On March 23 & March 30, two wonderful cultural arts events will be presented to students. We'd like to thank Lois Knauff and Melinda Cook, our Cultural Arts Co-Chairs for all of their hard work in bringing these programs to Millbrook.

Finally, our nominating committee is in the process of preparing a slate of officers for next year. They are seeking all those interested in serving next year as President-Elect, VP of Reflections & Scholarships, VP of Fund-raising, Secretary, or Treasurer. If you are interested in serving on next year's PTSA board in one of these positions, or if you would like to nominate someone to serve, please contact any of the members of our nominating committee. The nominating committee is comprised of Joy Emery, JEmery@aol.com, Tina Saleeby, tina@stlinsure.com, and Denise Kirkland, kirk1229@bellsouth.net.

Senior Reception Information for Parents

Every year since 1980, the PTSA has hosted a senior reception at MHS for graduates, their families, friends, and teachers. The class of 2007 will graduate on Thursday, June 7, 2007 at 8:00 p.m. Following tradition, the reception is held immediately following the graduation ceremony in our school cafeteria. At this time, the students are asked to pick up their actual diplomas.

The freshman, sophomore, and junior parents plan a beautiful reception, serve delicious refreshments and provide the "manpower" before and during the reception to allow senior parents to enjoy this special time with their families.

All senior parents should have received a letter last month asking them to contribute financially toward the reception. These contributions will cover the cost of flowers, food and beverages for 1,300 persons, invitations, postage, and rental items. A gift will be purchased for the school honoring the Class of 2007 graduates if there are any excess funds. If you have not yet responded, please take a moment to fill out the donation form and return it in the pre-addressed and stamped envelope provided with the letter.

The PTSA is looking forward to sharing this special occasion with the graduates and their families.

*Mary Helmink and Tina Saleeby
Junior Class Representatives for Senior Reception*

Sophomore Class Council

The Class of 2009 has been working hard this year to serve Millbrook and our community. In the Fall, we kicked the year off with Homecoming and the accompanying spirit halls. The sophomores' theme was "Clue," and we created a Millbrook version of the classic "Who Done It?" board game. We determined that the Millbrook Wildcats had killed the Sanderson Spartan in the stadium with a football. Next, we raised money for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF) and participated in their annual walk at Nortel. In December, the class council tried to spread a little holiday cheer with a candy cane and candy apple sale. Students were able to purchase candy canes to be delivered as gifts to their friends. We also participated in Millbrook's holiday family adoption. The council raised money and shopped at Target for clothes and presents for a grateful Millbrook family. This spring, the Sophomore Class Council has much more planned including a car wash, another walk (this time for cancer research), and the Senior Class Night reception.

Millbrook High School Honor Roll

Congratulations! The following students have earned a place on the first quarter "A" Honor Roll or the "A/B" Honor Roll. Your commitment to to your education is admirable. Keep up the good work!

— The Academic Advocate Committee

A Honor Roll

9th Grade

Michael Allan
Markita Alston
Sara Barringer
Emily Bower
Kaitlyn Braun
Jarrick Brown
David Brumbaugh
Alexander Clapsaddle
John Cortes
Gillian Cronin
David Egan
Derek Eidum
Mark Hoffman
Caroline Hostetler
Ciara Hylton
Bryce Johnson
Sarah Kim
Nicholas LaScala
Eric Mackie
Shane McBride
Matthew Milstead
Erin Mooneyham
Marley Mountcastle
Timothy Nienstedt
Nnamdi Ozuzu
Sara Perez
Keith Pickering
Kelli Preston
J Hunter Rabon
Mykea-Rain Rashad
Sahley Razai
Nathan Rinderer
Elizabeth
Schumacher
Katherine Sholtis
Claudia Stacks
Adam Sutton
William Swanek
Caroline Teachey
Marrion Vallido
Kasey Wagers
Stephanie Wakeford
Sean Weber

10th Grade

Kelly Blake
Marquinne Clark
Christopher Dorn
Catherine Ellis
Jordan Fagan
Amanda Gorman
Katherine Harrison
Aiesha High
Amy Jefferson

Quynh Nguyen
Cameron Rifkin
Mallory Robinson
Samuel Stroup
Eyerusalem Tessema

11th Grade

William Efird
Emma Fauser
Melissa McCollum
Ghafar Raza
Vy Tran
Sean-Michael
Verneret
Jonathan Witt
Alison Young

12th Grade

Lauren Blake
Christopher
Burroughs
Ruben Ceron
Cara Christiansen
Emily Dean
Christopher
Dimassimo
Eli Dingman
Claire Emery
Sean Filpi
Erin Gray
Erika Helms
Katherine Hemp
Amanda Higgins
Ryan Jones
Jordan Manickam
Hayden McNeill
Maurice Mercer
Sharlee Neubert
Jessica Nicholson
Ashley Pravlik
Nina Rajagopalan
Timothy Rodely
Colleen Roggensack
Jordan Sasser
Joseph Siler
Tyasia Simons
Shannon Taylor
David Thomson
Samantha Tyson
Anna Underwood
Whitney Venable
Taylor Ward
Amanda Warren
Kristen Yakamavich

A/B Honor Roll

9th Grade

Justin Abbott
Andrew Adcroft
Thomas Aguayo
Elizabeth Alfano
Amanda Allen
George Allen
Travis Allen
Ashley Baker
Andrew Balamoun
Nicolle Bateski
Michael Battaglia
Reid Baumann
Matthew Begley
Meg Bellesheim
Lauren Bellew
Lauren Black
Christopher Boehlert
Serena Bogaczyk
Kelli Bonner
Jessica Bradley
Matthew Brinkley
Lindsey Brunson
John Buchenberger
Jessica Buddenbaum
Molly Bunch
Lauren Calamari
Samuel Carter
Alan Chandler
Joshua Coburn
Jonathan Cody
Cary Cook
Colby Cook
Connor Cook
Savannah Cooper
Katherine Cuomo
Rebecca Currin
Amanda Dalton
Hunter Davis
Monica Dhulia
Michael Dickson
Victoria Dronzek
Parker Eden
Melissa Edwards
Mackenzie Eldridge
Meredith Elsea
Adam Elseoudi
Samantha Everling
Brittany Farrell
Alexaundrea
Fitzsimmons
Blake Folsom
Ryan Fordice
Bryn Gallagher

Quan Giap
Michelle Ginsburg
Cherie Giordano
Kayla Goodman
Scott Gray
Brittany Green
Daniel Hammack
Trent Harloe
Leslie Harrison
Courtney Hausfeld
Alexandra Haywood
Fernando Hernandez
Tracy Higgins
Ashley Hinson
Christian Holley
Joell Hopkins
Sarah Hounshell
Marcos Iglesias
Maleike James
Callie Jenkins
Alyssa Jennings
Jose Jimenez
Christina Johnson
Connor Karr
Denise Keyes
Megan Kiper
Deborah Kleitsch
Matthew Knudson
Kevin Kostello
Trevor Kovacs
Lugh Ksor
Peter Le
Marquis Lee
Rachel Lewis
Justin Lisk
Stephanie Macon
Philip Maness
Alec Mansfield
Ryan Margosian
Erica Masselle
Jenna McBrayer
Hannah McCleary
Lindsay McGovern
Garret McGrath
Austin Merritt
Nada Milkovich
Jelani Mitchell
Daniel Mizerk
Ashley Mobley
Cassie Moore
Erin Morton
Wanjiku Muraguri
Bradley Newman
Brian Nguyen
Thai-Duong Nguyen

Ashley Nicely
Thomas Nolan
Kejuan Peele
Hannah Pelletier
Bao Pham
Allison Pithers
Elizabeth Plummer
Marcus Plummer
Cody Probst
Aaron Proctor
Ashley Radke
Nikolay Rashev
Taylor Reeves
Corey Riner
Ricarlos Rochelle
Taylor Rodely
Miri RoyBrown
Daniel Serratos
Prudencio
Jacob Shaner
Caitlin Shaw
Hniem Siu
Matthew Smith
Stephon Smith
Sara Snarzyk
Amber Snyder
Jesus Sotelo
Joshua Steyn
Abigail Stoner
Jamillah Tawwab
Myriada Thompson
Christopher Vaughan
Jessica Vivaldo
Emerson Voss
Fatimah Waliyyuddin
McKenzie Wallace
Tessa Walters
Vincent Washington
Alexandra Watkins
David Weiss
Alyssa Wilhelmly
Dylan Williams
Cassandra Wilson
Zachary Youngblood
Henry Zaremba

10th Grade

Miguel Aguayo
DeLaNique Aguiard
Carlos Arellano Cruz
Nateesha Ballentine
Brittany Battle
Adam Beebe
Latisha Benefield
Cooper Boyce
Ashley Brand

Meagan Burns	Braden Pascoe	Margaret Emmett	Kineta Welsh	Brittany Macon
Brandon Ciereck	Hien Phung	Johana Espinoza	Allison Wheeler	Olga Makarenko
Cotter Collins	Nooria Razai	Ashley Everling	Anna Wheeler	Theo Manickam
Yessenia Cruz	Jordan Roberts	Carly Finck	Brittany Zoeller	Emily Mather
Joshua Dail	Barbara Roution	Shane Folsom	12th Grade	Kelley Mathys
Sarah Dameron	Marshanna Sadat	Michael Frucht	Casey Abbott	Jared Matlock
Robert Devay	Kayleigh Schnackel	Lauren Gamble	Joy Akinjole	Emily Mazur
James Duncan	Elijah Seha	Gabrielle Godin	Jessica Alfano	Steven McGarry
Emily Duncan	Kyle Smith	Casey Godwin	Rebecca Allen	Quinn McGarvey
Adrienne Duterte	Ann Snodgrass	Timothy Gunter	Nathan Anderson	Ernest Miller
Nada Elhertani	John Stevens	Azusa Haraguchi	Marc Ball	Samantha Molloy
Tyler Esqueda	Salazaku Sukidi	Kerri Harrington	Cheryl Beaudoin	Kelly Mooneyham
Steven Thomas Flake	Zachary Teachey	Eddie Harris	Sarah Bouchard	Chad Mukherjee
David Foltz	Christopher	Courtney Hickland	Antony Burton	Michael Neese
Alison Gamble	Touchberry	Jessica Highsmith	Vanessa Capucille	Anna Norris
Christine Gamble	Henry Touchberry	Alexandra Horner	Christina Carmichael	Sharon Nwaebube
Alving Garcia	Dillon Van Buren	Caitlin Janicki	Jessica Carrick	Ukachukwu Onuoha
Michelle Goldenberg	Kia Vaughn	Malcolm Kennedy	Eric Carstens	Kimberly Paxton
William Gouz	Melissa Venable	Katherine Kirk	Cindy Castellanos	Jordan Pearce
Matthew Gray	Reid Vey	Megan Knox	Michael Chiulli	Courtney Peters
Amanda Gross	David Walthall	Damon LaReau	Youn Chu	Lauren Pilley
David Harrison	Jackie White	Brandi LeVasseur	Alta Clark	Latasha Plummer
Pamela Harrison	Avery Williams	Rayman Liang	Joy Cobb	Melissa Poston
Chandler Hatchell	Whitney Winn	Shaunessa Lindsey	Zachary Cochran	Carolyn Pratt
Jonathan Hicks	Mark Zurawel	Simeon MacDonald	Charlene Colvin	Jordan Prudie
Ashley Honeycutt	11th Grade	Jamilla McDougal	Careem Corbett	Caitlynn Quarshie
Srinivas Iyengar	Katherine Adams	Jessica McKeithan	Alexis Credle	Jason Queen
Diana Johnson	Cory Adcroft	Victor Mendoza	James Daugherty	Matthew Queen
William Johnson	Kent Aguayo	Eboni Moore	Stephanie	Steven Radford
Jihoon Kim	Henry Allen	Chiru Muraguri	Davogusto	Elisabeth Reich
William King	Chinoso Amadi	Abegayle Neri	Mamadou Diallo	Patricia Riad
William Kingsbery	Chinwe Anumudu	Alison Newman	Gregory Dibenedetto	Kelcie Richburg
Suzanne Kirkland	Kathleen Arbogast	Ilia Norowzi	Leah Diestel	Matthew Riddick
Jason Knight	Timothy Armstrong	Crystal Okeke	Melinda Dixon	Lindsay Roach
Maya Land	Linda Battaglia	Spencer Olmsted	Philip Eidum	William Roberts
John Leahy	Marquel Becton	Shannon O'Neal	Nesren Elhertani	Kevin Rock
Alexander Lee	Chantal Bowman	Andrew Owens	Adam Festa	Justin Rodely
Alexander	Stephen Branch	Megan Petcavich	Mary Fey	Scott Rodgers
Leszczynski	Rebecca Brodney	Gloria Privette	Constance Floyd	Brittanie Rogers
Jane Liu	Gessica Brown	Nicole Radke	Peter Floyd	Harold Rogers
Andy Luciuic	Kendra Burnette	Heather Ragland	Andrew Frasc	Myles Rogers
Suzanne Maier	Charlotte Cassel	Nurah Rasheed	Michael Funderburk	Apollonia Rossicci
Chantelle Martin	David Castille	Kevin Ratliff	William Garner	Caitlin Rowe
Kristen Maynard	Eric Chamblee	Forrest Raynor	Heather Gouz	Lauren Royal
Nicole McAfee	Kelsey Cody	Stephanie Roseman	Wilbur Green	Megan Rumble
Whitney McMillan	Eric Cohen	Elizabeth Roution	Shawn Hampton	Kenyata Scott
Brinkley McNeill	Mario Colindres	Robin Saleeby	Lindsey Harrison	Vinicius Silva
Rachel Miller	Matthew Conti	Caitlin Sasser	Janeca Harvey	Letrell Sims
Erika Morales	Pilar Copney	Joshua Scaggs	Liesel Heinzelmann	Sydney Stoj
Daniel Morgan	London Core	Amanda Scott	Amanda Horne	Mark Tillman
Lesley Mukherjee	James Cronin	Ellet Shaner	Seth Johnson	Cameron Torgent
Melissa Murphy	Maria Cucurullo	Tracy Shuman	Joshua Kellar	Tan Tran
Kaleigh Myers	Ashley Dameron	Stephen Simms	Morgan Kemmeries	Matthew Wahula
Nguyet Nguyen	Brittany Davis	Natalie Sink	Sana Khan	Zachary Walker
Heather Nguyen-	Ryan Dhanraj	Michael Skelton	Vladimir Konovalov	Austin Walters
Huynh	Andrew Didsbury	Mark Skvara	Carolyn Le	Morgann Wilburn
Daniel Nobles	Julia Dolan	Dwayne Smith	Joseph Levin-	Cameron Williams
Benedicta Okunlola	John Dooley	Hillary Stewart	Manning	Drena Williams
Nicholas Orban	Emma Dunbar	Carrie Strickler	Keith Lindabery	Mauri Wilson
Thomas Orban	Franz Duterte	William Taylor	Jason Linzer	Anna Wingo
Makena Parker	Parker Edwards	Kathleen Toney	Consuelo Luna	Michael Zurawel

Attendance Reminders

As we enter into second semester it is important to remember that daily attendance is an integral part of success in school and students are expected to be in class every day. Please encourage students to report to school daily because missing ten days from school in a block course is excessive and having absences of ten or more places your child in jeopardy of failing a course for the semester.

Also, keep in mind that there will be times when students are late or have other appointments, so as a word of caution please adhere to the following procedures: (1) When a student returns to school from being absent, students must present a note to their second period teacher written by a parent explaining the reason for the absence. (2) Students arriving after the end of first period or leaving before 2:18 p.m. must sign in and out in the Attendance office and (3) Juniors and Seniors who have lunch permits and become sick while off campus during lunch must have a parent call the attendance office by 3:00 p.m. that day to verify that the student was unable to return to campus. Your continued support will be greatly appreciated.

*Carrie Jacobs, MBA, MSA
Assistant Principal*

AP Testing Information

It is time for students to order the AP test(s) for May 2007. Registration will be from February 5th –February 28th. Unlike many standardized tests, the AP Test are ordered specifically for each individual student. If you do not order a test for a class, then no test will be here for you to take in May. The AP Exam schedule is located on the back cover of the AP Bulletin. **Cost:** Each test is \$83. If you order a test you must pay for that test by Wednesday, February 28th. **There will be no refunds for AP tests 2007.** Checks or money orders should be made out to Millbrook High School. No cash will be accepted. **You can pay Mr. Coates in Student Services (1301) during lunch time only.** Read the AP Bulletin for Students and Parents. This will help you decide on whether or not to take the exam, along with your teacher's advice. AP Bulletins are available at www.collegeboard.com/apstudents or order free printed copies by calling 212-713-8066. AP Bulletins will be available through Student Services and order forms will be available in Student Services and our MHS website. (Mr. Coates 1304).

German Club News

The German Club met for the first time this semester and is off to a wonderful start. A design for our club T shirts has been agreed upon and several options for printing are being investigated. Also discussed was an interest in some type of service project for our school and means to raise money to support that project. The German Club would also like to promote some activities that would bring together all of the language clubs. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, Feb. 14th and plans are to welcome our German foreign exchange student Charlotte Cassel.

PTSA Silver, Gold, & Platinum

The following members of the PTSA have joined at the Silver, Gold, or Platinum levels. We greatly appreciate their commitment to the students of Millbrook High School.

Jim & Melanie Watkins
Doug & Katie Kingsbery
Mark S. Zurawel, DDS
Jeff & Kathryn Kobs
Rick & Kathy Chiulli
Rick & Marti Rowe
Rick & Dana King
Denis Gray & Jennifer Maryak
Doug & Jill Brown
Allan & Ellen Dickson
Ed & Liz Book
Andy & Karen Weber
Daryl & Joy Emery
Gary & Lynne Greene
Robin & Tina Saleeby
Brian & Susan Hurley
Doug & May Helmink
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Tyler & Julie Toney
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Mike & Julie Miller
Shrin & Ann Rajagopalan
Ralph & Cathy Funderburk
Wally & Jane Mills
Randy & LeeAnn Efir
Jim & Kim Burson
Jim & Denise Kirkland
Marshall & Barbi Cox
Charles & Melanie Abbott
Tom & Sarah McGovern
John & Wanda Cannady
Thomas & JoAnn Proctor
Edward & Diane Reass
Jerry & Margaret Frucht
William & Kathleen Egan
Norwood & Julie Teachey
Pete & Amy Adcroft
David & Donna Wells
Tom & Gina Young
Charles & Jody Gross
Paul & Jackie Hudson
Mark & Donna Falkner
Lin & Debbie Overby
Mark L. Helms, DDS
Stephen & Becky Jones
Bill & Jan Holt
Hillery & Nina Honeycutt
Scott & Jill Pollock
Carolina Silver Company

Thank you to everyone that has joined the PTSA at all levels. Extra membership forms are available in the office.

*Barbi Cox & JoAnn Proctor
PTSA Membership Committee*

Bridges/National History Club News

The MHS *Bridges* staff has been keeping busy with our online newsletter. With its Spring, 2007 issue completed and on the web: <http://mhs.wcpss.net/academics/poling/index.htm>, the staff continues to produce high quality articles and student artwork relating to the lessons of Vietnam and recent international issues. Spring, 2007 articles include updates on the crisis in Darfur, an analysis of the threat of Iran, point-counterpoint articles on President Bush's surge plan for Iraq, an article titled, "Women at War," and more!

The *Bridges* Newsletter Club, an offshoot of Millbrook High School's *Lessons of Vietnam (LOV)* Program, was established in 1999. *LOV* teacher/*Bridges* advisor, Ms. Lindy Poling discovered early on that, "Students respond enthusiastically to special activities like a newsletter, because they are encouraged to use a variety of resources, interpret their findings, and write about the **lessons** they have learned regarding the Vietnam experience." Through the *Community-in-the-Classroom* Speaker Program and the Pen Pal *Link* Program, students are truly impacted by the first person experience that history books cannot provide. This year our *Bridges* Newsletter Club has the largest staff ever! As a matter of

fact, 25 writers, artists, and graphic designers contributed to our Fall, 2006 publication—and our club membership continues to grow!

The *Bridges* Newsletter Club has been a charter member of the *National History Club (NHC)* since 2002. The *National History Club* encourages the reading, discussion, writing, and enjoyment of history. *Bridges* clearly meets all of these parameters through our publication, community speakers, and field trip to Washington D.C. every spring. Schools in 40 states now have *NHC* chapters, and there are over 6,200 students involved. We encourage you to check out the *NHC* website at <http://www.nationalhistoryclub.org/>. The MHS *Bridges* Newsletter Club is prominently featured on this national website.

Bridges staff members are currently brainstorming ideas for our *Special Color Edition, 2007* which will be published in early June. We are indebted to many for their continuing support of our publication, including the MHS PTSA, MHS Fine Arts teacher Mrs. Elizabeth Stevenson, MHS Webmaster Brian Murphy, and MHS Principal Mrs. Dana King.

Eric Carstens, Bridges Newsletter Editor

Shakespeare Club

Shakespeare club is devoted to furthering understanding of William Shakespeare's works. Furthermore, the club seeks to uncover the relationship of his works to modern culture—themes present in behavior of people around our world today.

The Millbrook Shakespeare Club is working diligently to redefine its mission statement and its goals for the upcoming semester. Since the departure of the club's former advisor, Mr. Lindsay is now helping to motivate a gifted group of new students in the Shakespeare class to spearhead the new Millbrook Shakespeare Club—the best one yet.

Upcoming events include viewing and discussing movies based on Shakespeare's plays and any available modern adaptations of those plays. In addition, the club will be attending community events relating to Shakespeare, especially dramatized plays performed locally.

The Shakespeare Club works in tandem with the Shakespeare and Honors Shakespeare class, two electives designed to stimulate students' love of the Bard and to uncover the insight his writings offer into the human condition.

Keith Lindsay
Shakespeare Club Advisor

9th Grade Poets from MHS

Congratulations to the following 9th grade students who had poems selected for publication in Creative Communication's anthology [A Celebration of Young Poets](#). Creative Communication has brought recognition to young poets for over ten years. Less than 50% of the poems submitted are selected for publication, so the list presented below represents talent, hard work, and dedication on the part of these students and their teachers.

Thank you to Ms. Carlie Bowman and Mrs. Carrie Fernandez for helping your students gain this great achievement and experience!

Here are the students and the name of the poem selected: Valery Acosta ~ My Life; Markita Aston ~ Lily; Drew Bass ~ The Play; Lindsey Brunson ~ I Come From; Maria Carino ~ The Secret Crush; Chris Clark ~ Mission Statement; Anna Cooper ~ Going Crazy; Corisha Darden ~ This Is Me; Jonise Doneghy ~ Love; Adam Dunston ~ Trials of Life; Parker Eden ~ My Girl; Cherie Giordano ~ Friends Until the End; Abby Grant ~ Ballin'!; Daniel Hunter ~ Reason for Everything; Danielle Jordan ~ Life; Matthew Knudson ~ This Place I See; Emily Lewis ~ My Little Shoes; Kadeedra McWhite ~ Grandma; Bj Orr ~ The Love of the Game; Jasmine Ramey ~ I See More Than a Reflection; Laine Sanchez ~ Time, Losing, Me; Yaneth Jahuey Velasco ~ I Am; Emerson Voss ~ On the Weekend; Raven Watson ~ Mom; Marshae Wilson ~ 2 You I Can't Be True.

Elaine Rogers and Kelly Aman

Testing and Accountability in North Carolina

On January 17 and 18, Millbrook students completed their fall semester final exams. Some of those exams were teacher made tests and others were state generated exams. State generated exams include End-of-Course tests, which are administered in: English I, Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II, Biology, U.S. History and Civics. Below you'll find some frequently asked questions about state exams and the responses generated by the North Carolina Department of Public Instructions.

- ✕ What types of questions are on End-Of-Course tests? The EOC tests contain multiple-choice questions that are based on the Standard Course of Study topics that teachers are expected to cover in class.
- ✕ Where do the test questions come from? The questions for each test are all written by North Carolina teachers who teach those specific subjects and grade levels. Each question is linked specifically to the goals and objectives in the state's official curriculum, which is called the North Carolina Standard Course of Study. The state then puts each test item written by those teachers through a very long and rigorous evaluation process. This process determines which items are good enough to be part of the state's official tests.
- ✕ Can I see the questions on these tests? No. The official test items are held secure by the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction to be sure that no student or teacher can see what's on the tests before they are given. However, sample items and other information about each test can be found at www.ncpublicschools.org/accountability/parents.
- ✕ What do the results tell me about my child? The number of questions a student answers correctly is converted to a number that is referred to as a "scale score". This scale score can then be converted to one of four Achievement Levels – I, II, III or IV. If a child obtains an Achievement Level III or IV score, he/she is considered proficient (i.e., the student has shown the ability to do what is expected at that grade level).
- ✕ What changes have been made for the 2006-2007 school year? EOC tests in Physics, Physical Science and Chemistry are being field tested this year. This means they will not be a part of the Accountability program.
- ✕ In the fall, students who took the EOC in English I, Algebra I, Geometry and Algebra II will not receive their scores until March. Students will receive an "I" (incomplete) on their grade cards until those scores are returned.
- ✕ Students who entered ninth grade for the first time in 2006 will have to demonstrate proficiency on five EOC's (English I, Biology, Algebra I, Civics and US History) to graduate from high school.
- ✕ Where can I go for more information?
www.dpi.state.nc.us/accountability
abcs.ncpublicschools.org
www.ncpublicschools.org/accountability/parents

MHS Swim Team News

The Millbrook Swim team has just wrapped up another successful year with ten swimmers qualifying for regionals and as well all three women's relays and all three men's relays.

The women's team was led by junior London Core and freshman Nada Milkovich. Each had several first place finishes during the season, finished in the top 10 at the CAP-7 conference meet in two events each and were strong members of the Millbrook relays.

The Men's team posted a strong season with two first and two second place finishes. Eight Millbrook men qualified for regionals led Zach Hunt, Andrew Neri, Alex Goertz and Jonathan Keltner, who won received CAP-7 All-Conference honors in the 100 butterfly. Adding strength to the men's team were several newcomers including senior Greg DiBenedetto, and freshmen Daniel Hammack, Matt Milstead, and Alex Clapsaddle.

Step Team Performs

Millbrook Step team was started 2005-06 school year under the direction of Mrs. Lynnea Hayes-Raynor, and Mrs. Renee Patterson. Currently there are 32 step team members ranging from 9th - 12 graders, they consist of young ladies and gentlemen.

The step team was developed to showcase young urban talent through the form of "STEPPING". Most African-American audience can relate to stepping because it goes back to our heritage as a form of CELEBRATION.

Stepping is mainly done with the feet, but the use of the other body parts create a unique sound and rhythm. Millbrook step usually perform during half-time at the home basketball games with a routine that runs from 1 1/2 minute-2 minutes.

The step has hosted a Citywide step show last year and are gearing up for another one this year. Millbrook step team attire consist of hooded sweatshirt, tee shirts, blue dickies pants, and timberland boots that give the effect of the BEAT.

Renee Patterson

Future Teachers Of America Club News

Future Teachers of America is a club designed to promote the value of education and the role of teachers. It considers its priorities to share the importance of education in society and stresses students' roles in education today and in the future. The club allows students to explore educational careers, become involved in leadership experiences, and develop community partnerships. Students engage in hands-on experience within a cooperating teacher's classroom.

Each member is paired with a Millbrook High School teacher as close as possible in their area of educational interest. Students assist in classroom duties, such as filing papers, grading, or creating bulletin boards. This spring, members will participate in a series of observations, deliver a mini-lesson within the teacher's classroom, and go through the reflection process, similar to the process of certified teachers. Additionally, FTA members support MHS teachers

throughout the school year by promoting American Education Week during the month of November and offering teachers a special breakfast during Teacher Appreciation Week in May. This past fall, club members hand-painted jars to serve as pencil holders for our school's teachers, and officers also assisted with Millbrook's family adoption project. Lauren Pilley currently serves as FTA president and Rebecca Allen as club secretary.

Healthful Living Department Update

The Healthful Living Department would like to welcome our newest staff member, Mrs. Simmons – Wright. She is a delightful addition to our staff. Her teaching responsibilities are in the required Healthful Living curriculum. We give her a very warm welcome.

We are very excited to be returning this month to our renovated area. The new dressing areas, teacher workspaces, athletic storage and a sports medicine room are apart of our facility that is second to none in the system. In addition, we have received a facelift in our classrooms above Gym II. We should be fully operational by March.

We are beginning the registration process and would like to remind all that we have a wide range of courses to continue to improve your fitness. As the process begins for registration we would like to mention our electives and possible choices for course selection. The following classes are available:

- Personal Fitness and Gymnastics taught by Mrs. Price – a past N.C. Healthful Living teacher of the Year with outstanding qualifications for these courses.
- Lifetime Sports – Mr. Saby has developed this curriculum along with Mr. Grimes and Mr. Inscore. This class teaches bowling, archery, golf, badminton, tennis and table tennis. This course goes off campus to bowl and also requires a fee.

- Sports Medicine – Taught by Miss Poole, our athletic training at Millbrook, is well known in the community for teaching our students to be highly skilled in emergency and prevention care to our students. Several levels of this class are available.

- Sports Management – This course is developed and taught by Mr. Grimes. It is a class that teaches students to implement skills for officiating a variety of sports, as well as, the understanding of managing large arena and sports programs.

- PEPI – This class is an application process class and takes students to the elementary schools to aide the physical educator in teaching elementary children physical education. They are in the elementary schools four days a week after their training and teach a class K-5.

Weight Training classes are in levels and taught by Miss Jones and Mr. Inscore. We are the only school with two complete fitness facilities for the benefit of student development in exercise. The fitness center is in Gym II and has our machines and cardio equipment. The weight room houses our free weights and cardio equipment. Both of these courses are sequential and have different curriculum requirements even though they are weight-training classes.

We hope you will have an interest in one or more of our offerings and join us in our new facility!!!!

MHS Students Save 222 Lives on 2/2/07

The American Red Cross Blood Drive was a Huge Success! 74 units of Blood were donated by 70 students and 4 teachers! Each Unit of blood will be divided and used to save 3 lives!

Undertaking a blood drive is not a little project – it's a major effort on the part of many people! There is currently a shortage of blood in Wake County and our efforts were greatly appreciated by the American Red Cross! HOSA and Ms. McLean would like to thank all who made it possible. Most importantly ...
THANK YOU TO ALL WHO DONATED BLOOD!

Ms. McLean, Health Occupation Teacher

Spotlight on Students Award

Millbrook High School has chosen Joseph Levin-Manning, a senior, for the WCPSS Spotlight on Students Award due to his high academic achievement, excellent character, and decision-making skills. On March 6, 2007, at the WCPSS Board of Education meeting Joseph along with other students selected from peer WCPSS schools will be recognized in front of his family with a plaque acknowledging his personal achievements. Within and outside of the classroom, Joseph consistently strives for excellence. In his choral class, he often goes the extra mile by taking music home for further study. He has recently received a \$7500 Merit Scholarship to UNC-CH's Carolina Scholars Program along with an invitation to UNC-CH's Honor's Program. Mr. Joseph Levin-Manning is a leader and role model within several organizations at MHS and in his community. His peers admire him and he gives them the same respect in return. In all of his endeavors, he shows a persistent approach to his tasks by carefully planning all of the details in order to meet his personal goals. His overall achievements are a direct result of his family support. Joseph is sincerely appreciative of the love of his mother, Ms. Charlene Belcher. He recognizes the sacrifices she has made in her life in order to provide him a wide array of opportunities. As a result, Joseph strives for excellence in all of his endeavors and is therefore, MHS's 2007 Recipient of the WCPSS Spotlight on Students Award for his personal achievements.

*Durenda Johnson Ward, MS
Millbrook High School Counselor*

Staff Spotlight - Coach Stef

Kathy Stefanou is from Jacksonville, N.C. She is an only child. She moved to Raleigh after graduating from Campbell University. Her husband was in the Food Business. He also coached and did some Student teaching and Coach Stef worked at a bank in town. Her husband decided that he wanted to teach full-time and was assigned to Millbrook High School. he came home from school one day and said, "the lady teaching Physical Education is going to leave and I think you should apply!" So she did and has been here at MHS ever since! That was 36 years ago. At MHS, Stef has coached Basketball, Cheerleading, Softball, Track and Volleyball and was even a part of Millbrook's 1st Swim team. She is best known as a Championship Volleyball Coach. She has been honored with a Lifetime Achievement Award by the State of North Carolina. She is the proud parent of a four-legged child named, "Oscar"--a sweet little dachshound. She loves to Scrapbook and travel. She collects "Gnomes" and "Christmas Coarolers".

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Wrestling

When taking on the job as wrestling manager at Millbrook High School I didn't know what I was getting myself into. Over the past four years, I have met four coaches who have become extra fathers and at least a hundred boys who have become older or younger brothers. With a record of 24-7 this year as well as being undefeated in our Cap VII conference, our team has become one big, happy family.

This year at the conference tournament eleven out of fourteen wrestlers placed, five of them finishing first. Each year we lose wrestlers like Justin Allen (275) who finished first and then third in back to back years in the state of North Carolina, and Thomas Dixson who placed fourth and second his Junior and his Senior year at States. However, we also gain wrestlers who have undefeated records like Cornelius Williams (42-0) and ones who try to beat their fastest pin time of eight seconds like Evan Rudisill (33-9). Fighting for the best program in our conference is challenging but Millbrook has been able to do it two out of the four years I have been involved, only finishing second once and fifth another time.

The things I have learned and the experiences I have had with Millbrook's wrestling team have been life-changing and probably the best thing that I have done in high school. Without wrestling in my life there would not be any getting up at 4 a.m. to be at school by 5 a.m. for a Saturday tournament, and if I didn't love it I wouldn't have spent my 18th birthday with a bunch of crazy wrestling boys.

This wrestling program at Millbrook High School has changed for the better since I have been involved. It will be sad to leave such a super coaching staff and all my annoying brothers but I leave it all to my little sister (who will continue my manager role.) I only hope that when returning home from college to watch my boys they still continue to do what they do best.

*Lauren Klimczyk
Wrestling Manager*

Spring Registration

Spring registration is here and Student Services wants the process to go smooth. The schedule for counselors to meet with their grade level students to present the student registration procedures is posted on the website. Listed below are the materials we will provide and the information we will cover.

- I. Materials Provided (MHS Curriculum Guide and Registration Form available on MHS Website)
 - a. WCPSS Planning Guide 2007-2008 (available on-line only at <http://www.wcpss.net> and click on Parents)
 - b. MHS Curriculum Guide 2007-2008
 - c. Transcript
 - d. Registration Form / SPAN On-line Instructions-March 5th-9th
- II. Registration Presentation
 - a. Student Services (Student Services Fact Sheet located in the Curriculum Guide)
 - b. Registration Overview (Introduction)
 - c. Teacher responsibilities / recommendations for students
 - d. Student and parent responsibilities
 - e. WCPSS Course of Studies and Arts/CTE Pathways (Review)
 - f. Understanding the new exit standards (current 9th graders / EOC's & The Graduation Project)
 - g. Diploma status, graduation plan, transcript
 - h. Teachers, parents, counselor input on course selection
 - i. Selection of courses (8)
 - j. Selection of alternates (3)
 - k. Staying on track
 - l. College / Career / Job
- III. SPAN / On-line Student Registration-At school through the computer labs / WHEN? March 5th-9th
 - a. Students will be given new SPAN passwords (students should list an email into SPAN-new passwords are sent to email accounts)
 - b. Students will register on-line at school Media Center/Computer Lab/Based on registration schedule (TBD)
 - c. Students should follow the SPAN On-line Registration instructions given out by Counselors (1301). Counselors will walk students through process in orientation and on day of registration in the computer lab.
 - d. As the instructions indicate-students choose 8 courses plus 3 alternate courses.
 - e. Selection of courses should indicate student's Course of Study and/or teacher recommendations
 - f. Students will print final course selections. Students can make changes to their course selections by writing them on the Course Verification Form. Students must return the Course Verification Forms signed by a parent to their second block teacher. Using class rolls-teachers will check off students when forms are returned. Teachers will turn in all forms to Mr. Coates (Room 1301) by March 16, 2007.
 - g. Students may pick up a Course Waiver Form from their teacher. Consult with teacher and parents and both must sign the form / return form to 2nd period teacher / teachers will turn waivers into Mr. Coates
 - h. Students will be given the opportunity to make course selection changes before June (more information to follow)
 - i. Remind students that this is course selections-**THIS IS NOT THEIR SCHEDULE. ALL COURSES ARE SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY AND COURSE OFFERINGS.**
- IV. Schedules
 - a. Schedules mailed August, 2007
 - b. Schedule changes by grade level-August (TBA)
 - c. First day of school: August 27, 2007