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Magnet Application Results Available Online

Families who submitted an application to a magnet and/or calendar school may access their application results online at <http://www.wgis2.wcpss.net/selections>. Families whose applications were accepted do not need to take further action. Families who choose to decline their magnet offer need to select "decline" on the website by midnight on April 5th. If you decline your offer, you will be removed from the applicant pool. Families whose applications were not selected will remain in the application pool and may be selected if vacancies become available between now and the start of the 2011-12 school year. If a family's application is selected during this time period, they will be notified by mail.

Wake County Magnet Schools Receive National Awards

Magnet Schools of America (MSA) recognized 15 of Wake County's magnet schools, from more than 2,000 magnet schools nationwide, as top magnet schools in the country. Magnet schools receiving the *Magnet Schools of Excellence* award will be considered for the Ronald P. Simpson award as the top magnet school in the country. This award has been received by four WCPSS magnet schools in previous years: Enloe (2000), Washington (2003), Bugg (2004), and Combs (2006). The winner of the 2011 Ronald P. Simpson Award will be announced at the MSA's national conference in May.

The WCPSS recipients of this year's *Magnet Schools of Excellence* Award goes to the following magnet schools:

Combs Leadership Magnet ES
Bugg Creative Arts & Science Magnet ES
Farmington Woods International Baccalaureate PYP Magnet ES
Joyner Center for Spanish/International Baccalaureate PYP Magnet ES
Millbrook International Baccalaureate PYP Magnet ES
Ligon Gifted & Talented / AG Basics Magnet MS

The WCPSS recipients of this year's *Magnet Schools of Distinction* Award goes to the following magnet schools:

Brooks Museums Magnet ES
Underwood Gifted & Talented Magnet ES
Washington Gifted & Talented Magnet ES
Martin Gifted & Talented Magnet MS
Garner International Baccalaureate MYP/DP Magnet HS
Southeast Raleigh Leadership & Technology Magnet HS
Wake Early College of Health & Science HS

WCPSS Magnet Schools that received Honorable Mention this year are East Garner International Baccalaureate Magnet MS and Wiley International Studies Magnet ES.

News from the Leadership & Technology Pathway

The **Centennial Campus Magnet Middle School** Ambassadors, along with Ms. Linton, Ms. Willis, Ms. Sager, 7th-grader Min Cao, and Meredith students, Brittany Frieson and Renee Perry welcomed twenty-three Chinese high school students from the Beijing Royal School. The Centennial Ambassadors led active learning activities to introduce themselves, Centennial's school and the University Connections / Leadership magnet theme. The Ambassadors taught the Chinese visitors how to create Wordles so that students could get to know each other by sharing important information about themselves. The visitors from China toured Centennial, participated in a scavenger hunt, and collaborated with Centennial students on a new music video for the Wolf News.



On March 11th, 15 **Centennial Magnet Middle School** students participated in the Helping Hands program at **Brentwood Magnet Elementary School of Engineering**. The 6th-8th graders read to kindergarten through 3rd grade students and the students loved it!



News from the International Pathway

As part of the journey to become an active participant in the global community, **East Garner Magnet Middle School (EGMMS)** invites the students and staff at EGMMS every year to read a school-wide novel that highlights a different area of the world. This year, students are learning about the Chinese Cultural Revolution as they read the *Red Scarf Girl, A Memoir of the Cultural Revolution* by Ji'Li Jiang. In preparation to read the novel, students watched a documentary about the Cultural Revolution. In addition, EGMMS hosted guests from the NCSU Confucius Center. The Confucius Center guests taught the advanced arts students, Chanteurs (advanced chorus), the weaving class, and Intermediate Mandarin Chinese classes calligraphy, paper-cutting, cooking, and Chinese songs. On March 8, Ji-li Jiang, the author of the *Red Scarf Girl*, visited EGMMS to meet with a group of students. With these cultural experiences, EGMMS continues its commitment to its students to develop 21st century learning skills.



News from the International Pathway *Continued*

As part of the International Baccalaureate (IB), **Millbrook Magnet High School** strives to build intercultural awareness within the school and in the Millbrook community. Millbrook put the IB principles to practice by hosting a group of Youth Ambassadors (YA) from Bolivia for two weeks. The students were traveling as part of *Partners of the Americas*, an organization founded in 1964 as part of the



“people-to-people” component of the John F. Kennedy Alliance for Progress.

The Bolivian student ambassadors lived with Millbrook students and their families and were treated to some down-home cooking as well as some local sports: both Millbrook girls and boys varsity teams played in the State Championship in the Dean Dome. Looking up in the stands, you could see Millbrook students and Bolivian students alike cheering hard for the Wildcats! In fact, one Bolivian student commented that this was just like *High School Musical*. The Bolivian student ambassadors will certainly take back with them stories and experiences that they will share with their home towns and remember for a lifetime.

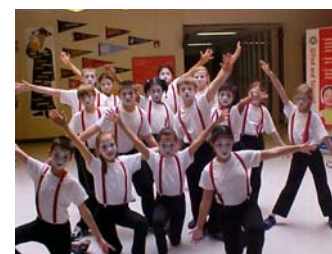
Millbrook Magnet High School is pleased to announce that they have joined Wake County’s family of authorized International Baccalaureate World Schools! After approximately 18 months of preparing and educating students, parents, and faculty in the Millbrook community about the opportunities and demands of the IB Diploma Programme, Millbrook received notification from the International Baccalaureate Organization on Friday, March 11, that their hard work has paid off. Next year Millbrook will welcome its inaugural class, the Class of 2013, as the first group of Diploma candidates.



News from the Gifted & Talented Pathway

Miss Emilie Fairman, a third-grader at **Hunter Gifted & Talented Magnet Elementary School**, is featured in the North Raleigh News article: “Kids Help Educate about the Need for Recycling.” Emilie is taking a Nature and Ecology elective offered by the school’s academically gifted teacher, Sally Chamberlain. The elective is open to third-, fourth- and fifth-grade students and covers environmental changes that have occurred because of technology and pollution. Emphasis is placed on the need for ecological balance in nature. Emilie, 8, tells North Raleigh News writer, Janice Marchok, that she has found the discussions about pollution the most interesting. You can view the article at: <http://www.northraleighnews.com/2011/03/22/7181/kids-help-educate-about-the-need.html>

Can you hear me now? Can you hear me now? You may not be able to hear these **Zebulon Gifted & Talented Magnet Elementary** students, but you can sure see them! These mime students were part of a 3-5 elective class integrating the language arts curriculum, the ability to communicate in a variety of ways. During this elective, the students learned how to put on their make-up as well as choreograph their own routine. We are so proud of this mime class that was featured in this year’s Pieces of Gold Showcase.



Congratulations to **Carnage Gifted & Talented / AG Basics Magnet Middle School** Mathcounts’ team for earning 2nd place out of 42 schools in the state mathcounts tournament. In the individual competition involving 168 students, Matt Zheng placed 8th, Rishi Sundarasan and Rajesh Polavaram placed 12th, and Angela Deng earned 15th place. Way to go, Carnage!