



MagnetMatters

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Magnet Applications Acceptance Period February 9-28

The Wake County Magnet Programs are now accepting magnet applications, February 9 through February 28th. The applications are available online at www.wcpss.net during the February acceptance period. Magnet applicants may apply anytime between the 9th and 28th to be considered for a seat at one of Wake County's magnet schools.

If you are interested in learning more about magnet schools in Wake County, there is still time to explore your options. The Magnet Resource Center is conducting information sessions every Tuesday in February at 10:00 am. These sessions provide an overview of the K-12 magnet programs, an explanation of the application process, and an opportunity to collect information about individual magnet schools and determine which magnet schools serve your home address. The Magnet Resource Center is located on the campus of Millbrook Magnet Elementary School at 1600 E. Millbrook Road (501-7900). In addition, some magnet schools are still conducting school tours. Please contact the magnet school directly to find out if tours are still being offered. Magnet school information is available on the magnet webs page at www.wcpss.net/magnet

Wake County Magnet Schools Win National Awards

Eighteen Wake County Magnet Schools have been notified by the *Magnet Schools of America* of their selection as Magnet Schools of Excellence or Magnet Schools of Distinction. These schools will be honored with a plaque at the 27th Magnet Schools of America Conference in April in Charlotte, North Carolina. The schools were selected from a national field of over 2,000 magnet schools based on rigorous criteria that includes innovative instructional strategies, student achievement, diversity goals, and parent and community involvement in the magnet school.

2009 National Magnet Schools of Excellence

Farmington Woods International Baccalaureate PYP Magnet Elementary
Joyner Center for Spanish Language/International Baccalaureate PYP Magnet Elementary
East Garner International Baccalaureate MYP Magnet Middle
Ligon Gifted & Talented Magnet Middle
Enloe Gifted & Talented/ International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme Center for Humanities, Sciences & the Arts Magnet High

2009 National Magnet Schools of Distinction

Brooks Museums Magnet Elementary
Bugg Creative Arts and Science Magnet Elementary
Combs Leadership Magnet Elementary
Douglas Creative Arts and Science Magnet Elementary
Fuller Gifted & Talented Magnet Elementary
Hunter Gifted & Talented Magnet Elementary
Powell Gifted & Talented Magnet Elementary
Underwood Gifted & Talented Magnet Elementary
Wiley International Studies Magnet Elementary
Carnage Gifted & Talented Magnet Middle
Centennial Campus University Connections & Leadership Magnet Middle
East Millbrook International Baccalaureate MYP / Creative Arts Magnet Middle
Martin Gifted & Talented Magnet Middle

Magnet Elementary School Awards and Announcements

Congratulations Powell Magnet Elementary Teacher

WCPSS Teacher of the Year and Powell GT Magnet Elem Teacher, Ann Quarles was named the WRAL Teacher of the Week!

CONGRATULATIONS Ann!!!

Zebulon Gifted & Talented Magnet Elementary School Performing Arts Calendar

Please join Zebulon GT on February 11th at 12:30 (K-2) and 1:45 (3-5) for The Magic of African Rhythm "Djembe Fire!"

Congratulations Hunter Magnet Elementary Students

Fourteen students in Ms. Kaszycki's 3rd grade class and 38 students in Ms. Parham's 5th grade class were selected to have their poems published in the poetry anthology, A Celebration of Poets. Hunter Magnet Elementary school will receive the Poetic Achievement Award – which is given to only 10% of the schools who entered this national contest. Congratulations!

Magnet Middle School Awards

East Millbrook International Baccalaureate/Creative Arts & Science Magnet

Middle drawing and advanced art students received multiple awards at The Women's Club of Raleigh Art Contest. The awarded artwork will enter a district level contest followed by a state level contest. Congratulations to student winners Scott Drewitt, Chris Lockard, Syeda Khadri, and Christian Paez.

Congratulations to the students who placed in the Chinese New Year's Festival Essay and Visual Arts Competition. Student winners included Jacob Secor, Alexandria Gilmore, Hannah Trudeau, Natalie Villacis, Sorena Dadgar, Hannah Washington, Josie Sargent, Jennifer Haines, and Abbie Sargent.

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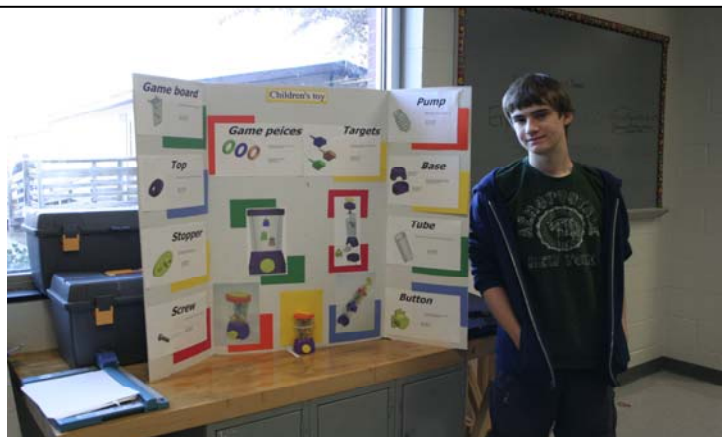
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Please contact us with any questions or suggestions!

UPCOMING EVENTS!

- Parent Information Sessions First and Third Tuesdays at the MRC
- School tours-please contact any coordinator listed to schedule a visit before application period ends!
- MSAP welcomes our new Evaluator, Jon Brasfield!
- Magnet application acceptance period Feb. 9'-28.
- **EGMMS:** received recognition as they were named "2009 National Magnet School of Excellence!"
- **GMHS:** Congratulates Amy Bennett, 2008 GMHS Teacher of the Year
- **SRMHS:** Civil Air Patrol has established Flight Bulldog, the first high school in the state to take flight!



We're on the web!!

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

↑ SRMHS
STUDENT-
Project Based
Learning!!

News from E. Garner Magnet Middle School

Students in Year Three Science classes are studying fossils and the layers of the earth. Students studied types and ages of different rocks. By using a geologic time line, they were able to find which layer of the earth it belonged to. Students portrayed their fossils and layers of the earth by drawing them on an inflatable bubble. The bubble was inflated by using a fan and all students fit into it. What an amazing piece of art!

On our way to Washington DC...Our Advanced Art students visited the Smithsonian Museum of African art. The purpose of the field trip to the Museum of African Art was to expose students to African Art, Heritage and Culture. In addition, the students will participate in a seven day residency with Chuck Davis and the African American Dance ensemble. The residency begins on February 9th and will end with a Black History Extravaganza taking place on March 10 at 7:00pm at East Garner's Performing Arts Center.

Go Team ...Our very own EGMMS cheerleaders participated in a cheerleading competition at Broughton High School. Our girls were full of school spirit as they performed cheers, flips and stunts. Even though they came in 2nd, they are #1 with us. Congratulations on a job well done!

East Garner Magnet Middle School's is leading the way with innovative educational opportunities!

News from Garner Magnet High School

Program Coordinators, administrators and students from Garner Magnet High School visited four middle schools throughout Wake County to recruit rising ninth grade students. In all, West Cary Middle School, Fuquay-Varina Middle School, Holly Spring Middle School and Reedy Creek Middle School were visited. The purpose of the visits was to expose students and faculty members to the vast opportunities available at Garner High School. Additionally, students at the visited middle schools were invited to the GMHS magnet open house on Wednesday, February 4, 2009. In all, over five hundred participants attended the event.

During the visits, students had an opportunity to ask questions about Garner of students and faculty alike. Many students questioned the GMHS athletic programs, the number of classes that students take daily and how they would get to the school. However, overwhelmingly the questions surrounded the International Baccalaureate Programme and the benefits thereof.

Any additional questions regarding Garner Magnet High School and its programme opportunities, don't hesitate to contact the school at 919.662.2379.

Garner Magnet High School's International Baccalaureate Programme is continuing to shine!

News from Southeast Raleigh Magnet HS

One of the most rewarding and overwhelming experiences we've been part of here at SRMHS is the new 180 Leadership Program. The students have jumped into the curriculum with both feet and are already deeply involved in some exciting projects Mr. Martin Rudd started a web site that invites students to join the wiki and add content. This list will one day make it into school publications like the student planner and future postings with endless possibilities.

Electronics/Aerospace Engineering received a Jet Stream 500 wind tunnel made by Interactive Instruments Inc. The Jet Stream 500 is a low cost desktop wind tunnel with a 5 1/4" square 18" long test area. Objects placed in the tunnel can be monitored for lift and drag while the actual wind speed is accurately controlled between 1.0 and 80.0 MPH using a pivot tube. Airfoils and cars can be easily compared for aerodynamic efficiency and stability. The Civil Air Patrol participants have continued to become more involved and were profiled at SRMHS's Magnet Open House! Additionally, they were highlighted by the National CAP organization for their first Bulldog Civil Air Flight and the first to take place in the state as well.

Southeast Raleigh Magnet High School is leading the way in Leadership and Technology!