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Upcoming Magnet School Events

Parents with preschool age children are invited to attend the Magnet Elementary Schools "Moms Morning Out" Event. Families with rising kindergartners are welcome to drop by **The Magnet Resource Center** (1600 E. Millbrook Rd. Raleigh 27609) this **Thursday, October 15** anytime between **10:00 – 12:00** to talk with parents who have children currently attending magnet elementary schools. Also coming next month is the **Magnet Schools Fair** at Southeast Raleigh Magnet HS on **Saturday, November 7**. Drop by anytime between **10:00 and 1:00** to explore the elementary, middle and high school magnet options!

Magnet Elementary School Announcements

Conn Active Learning & Technology Magnet Elementary School welcomed Governor Bev Perdue on the first day of school. Governor Perdue rode the school bus with Conn students and spent time in CFN (Conn's First News) station. She spoke briefly to the school on the live broadcast and then visited various classrooms. Conn was delighted to have the Governor visit and they welcome her back soon.



Governor Perdue and Asst. Principal Dermetta Stevens talk with students waiting for the bus in Historic Oakwood

Millbrook Elementary International Baccalaureate (IB) Primary Years Programme (PYP) Magnet School was selected by IB Cardiff, UK as an example of best IB Primary Years practice for an upcoming web resource for teachers. The IB videographer, Jessica Arnold, and the Cardiff PYP curriculum administrator, Sandy Paton, were at Millbrook ES on October 8th and 9th videotaping PYP best practices with the Millbrook ES first grade team.

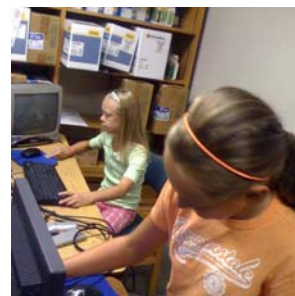
Millbrook IB Elementary Magnet School was selected after submitting PYP unit planners from their 1st, 3rd and 5th grade teams. The segment will be featured on the IB website and will give upcoming PYP schools an opportunity to see a successful inquiry-based elementary program at work. Congratulations to Terri Walker, PYP coordinator at Millbrook ES and Paula Trantham, Millbrook ES Principal, for their excellent IB leadership. Congratulations, as well, to the entire staff at Millbrook for the hard work and dedication to implementing an outstanding IB Primary Years Programme!

Magnet Elementary School Announcements

Students from **A.B. Combs Leadership Magnet Elementary School** presented the *7 Habits of Highly Effective People* for a crowd of more than eight hundred in downtown Raleigh! Ten of Combs' student leaders took the stage with Dr. Stephen Covey as he addressed the Chamber of Commerce members at their national convention held at the Raleigh Convention Center in late July. Rylie Martin, Combs' student body president, gave an opening address about the importance of educating our children as 21st Century learners and leaders. Nine more students gave speeches about each of the Covey Habits and how they use them in their daily lives, as well as the importance of setting and achieving personal and academic goals. <http://abclocal.go.com/wtvd/video?id=6941060>



Every morning at **Wendell Creative Arts and Science Magnet Elementary School**, students present, "The Morning Show," a daily news program that shares upcoming events and important information, student work and current events. Students not only write their own scripts, but also run the equipment behind the scenes. Students have the opportunity to create special segments where they record interviews and events, edit them and air them during the show.



The students at **Underwood Gifted & Talented Magnet Elementary** school are piloting an electronic online system for elective registration. The magnet coordinator, Alexandria Judge, has worked with an NCSU student and Technology Services to implement a system that will significantly reduce time spent registering students for electives. With this new system, students take ownership of the elective registration process. All Underwood students in grades Kindergarten through Five successfully completed the process and the school reports that all went smoothly. This new system can also generate classroom rosters and perform other tasks for teachers and administrators. The Magnet Office anticipates rolling this highly efficient, time-saving system out to all GT elementary magnet schools next year.

Magnet Middle and High School Announcements

Carnage Gifted & Talented / AG Basics Magnet Middle School received a \$2,500 grant from PEJ (Partners for Environmental Justice). This grant was given to Carnage Principal, David Schwenker, and the Botany teacher, Jody Knapp, following a Big Sweep event held at the Walnut Creek Wetland Center. This grant award shows the community's support for Carnage Botany classes, which will install rain-barrels and expand the gardens, as well as the greenhouse classes and activities. The grant award preceded the grand opening of the Wetland Center which is located adjacent to the Carnage Magnet Middle School Campus.

Enloe Gifted & Talented / IBDP Magnet High School choral department has been invited to perform with the world-renowned King Singers from Cambridge, England. The King Singers will be on tour in the US in November and asked that Enloe Magnet High School choir perform with them on a U.S. premiere commissioned choral work by composer Bob Chilcott (also from England). That concert will take place at the Stevens Center in Winston-Salem, NC on Monday evening, November 9 at 7:30 pm. The Enloe HS Chamber Choir will also take part in a workshop and rehearsal with the King Singers on that same day.