# WEEKLY WARRIOR ... YOUR SCHOOL NEWS



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## <u>Upcoming</u> **Events**

November 11: Veterans Day NO SCHOOL

November 11: Competitive Cheerleaders - Class AA State Qualifier at White Knoll High School

November 11-15: Yearbook and Newsletter staff attend Journalism Convention in Florida

November 13: WHS Career and College Fair 8:30am - 11:30am

November 16: Girls' & Boys' J.V. Basketball - Carvers Bay Jamboree at Carvers Bay High

**November 17:** Girls' & Boys' Varsity Basketball - Carvers Bay Jamboree at Carvers Bay High

November 19: Concert Band Fall Performance 6:00pm in the WHS auditorium

**November 20:** Boys' Varsity Basketball - Georgetown Steeltown Shootout at Georgetown High

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Article by Lyric Wigfall, group picture courtesy of Mrs. Tucker

Last week. Teens Against Drugs and Alcohol (TADA) hosted Red Ribbon Week and the theme was "Respect Yourself-Be Drug Free." The purpose of Red Ribbon Week was to spread awareness of the dangers of drug and alcohol use as well as the dangers of abuse of these substances. At school, students had the chance to engage in activities that promoted a drug and alcohol free lifestyle.

The week started off with our faculty and students "Teaming Up Against Drugs," by wearing their favorite sports team's jersey and members of TADA selling candy apples and marshmallow pops. Tuesday, camouflage was worn to "Join the Fight Against Drugs." Wednesday was "Red Out", where everyone was asked to wear red in support of Red Ribbon Week and to help stomp out bullying. At lunch, TADA encouraged people to sign a pledge to be drug-free; the pledges were hung up in the cafeteria and everyone who signed received a bracelet. Thursday was "Go Wild About Stopping Drugs" where students wore their animal print. Friday was "One School, One Goal, Drug Free-Lets Rock and Roll." In addition to wearing school spirit shirts, the students got to buy special treats, which were nachos with cheese and chili that was served during both lunches.

A special thank you to the TADA sponsors: Ms. Smalls, Ms. Simmons, Ms. Miller, Mrs. Stewart, and Mrs. Tucker, to the students leaders: President Kadijah

Smalls and Vice President Jazmyn Torrance, and to the faculty and student body for all the support in making Red Ribbon Week a success.



Front Row L to R: Ciara Parker Lyric Wigfall Anna Franklin Kadijah Smalls Mikayla Wright **Chantel Bromell** Jonequa Barr

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## Dr. Seuss Takes Over Trick or Trunk

Article by Maddie Giarratano
Pictures by E-P Vermont and Dr. Herndon

On Thursday, October 26<sup>th</sup>, Student Council sponsored Trick or Trunk, an event that provides

a safe and fun environment for kids from the community to come and trick or treat. Clubs and organizations dressed up and decorated their cars according to the "Dr. Seuss" theme. When the kids first arrived, they received a pumpkin card to give to the group that they thought was dressed the best.

Congratulations to the Band and National Honor Society (NHS) who tied for the best dress, each winning a pizza party! This year was a big success and the kids had a great time. Thank you to everyone who was a part of it and helped make it happen!



Yearbook: The Lorax
Newsletter: Fox in Socks
Student Council: Cat in the Hat
Key Club: Red Fish, Blue Fish
GSA Club: Horton Hear a Who
Film Club: Green Eggs and Ham
Band: Red Fish, Blue Fish

TADA: Hawaiian FCA: If I Ran a Zoo

NHS: How the Grinch Stole Christmas Elizabeth Tucker: All Dr. Seuss books Waccamaw Neck Library: Dr. Seuss LMAE: Gave out candy

































## WHS CHORUS HOST THE AREA FALL FESTIVAL



Article by Mrs. Warr Pictures courtesy of Mrs. Michele Giarratano

On Tuesday, October 27<sup>th</sup>, the Waccamaw High School Chorus hosted the annual Area Fall Festival along with Waccamaw Intermediate School, Waccamaw Middle School, and members of The Carolina Master Chorale. The Festival was conducted by guest clinician and director of The

Carolina Master Chorale, Dr. Tim Koch. Each school had the opportunity to sing their selected concert pieces for Dr. Koch and in return, receive instruction, ideas and helpful advice for performance.

WHS Chorus kicked off the evening concert with the National Anthem, directed by Mrs. Sylvia Warr, followed by a wonderful piece, prompting the joy of music, *A Jubilant Song*. Waccamaw ended with an exquisite piece of driving emotion, based on poetry by the Russian poet, Alexander Pushkin, entitled *I Loved You*. WHS Chorus is in a big turnover year with the loss of eleven seniors last year. However, this year's chorus has risen to high performance standards with many new singers along with the upperclassmen vocalists. Their phenomenal sound was

just a hint of the wonderful performances to come this school year. WHS was accompanied by a WHS alumni Zhongliang Chen and it was so great to have his talents, once again, on the Waccamaw stage. Chen was also the accompanist for the piece by Handel, sung by WHS and The Carolina Master Chorale, as well as the corporate finale.

Our chorus was proud as they donned the stage with their beautiful new dresses and attire. A big thank you to the Chorale Booster moms and seamstress for all their hard work.

Waccamaw Intermediate was next on the stage, directed by Mrs. Beth Miller and these young students demonstrated their excellent instruction and performance skill in their performance of *O Colored Earth*. Their second piece was *Peace On Earth.....and lots of little Crickets* which included four instrumentalists, giving voice to the "unwanted" guest in the house. This was certainly fun for WIS and their

audience. The Waccamaw Middle School took the stage with their director, Mr. Andrew Trautman, singing a profoundly beautiful piece, known around the world, John Rutter's For the Beauty of the Earth. Lastly, WMS enticed their audience to a sing-along with a popular favorite, The Best Day of My Life.

For the highlight of the evening, members of The Carolina Master Chorale performed the fourth movement from the *Brahms Requiem* which they recently performed in the WHS auditorium. The Requiem is the largest work, composed by Johannes Brahms and it was incredible to hear this portion of the work in German, translated as "How lovely are the feet of them that bring good news" which gave a more positive twist in the setting of this piece written to honor the dead. Following their performance, WHS Chorus joined them on the stage to unite in performing Handel's *Hallelujah*, *Praise the Lord* which is the 2015-16 audition piece for the South Carolina All State. All of the schools and ensembles then gathered on the stage and around the auditorium to close the evening with Linda-Spevacek Avery's rendition of an *Irish Blessing*. It was truly a successful evening and event for all involved and we appreciate The Carolina Master Chorale, our wonderful WHS Choral Boosters and all the teachers and participants for making Fall Festival another great memory in chorale music.







#### KEY CLUB WEEK AT WHS

Article by LeeAnn Ray-Martina, pictures courtesy of Dr. Herndon

Key Club is an international, student led organization that provides members with many opportunities to help provide service and leadership to their community and the world. The club is aligned with the Pawley's Island Kiwanis and sponsored by teachers Jody Herndon and Todd Rodenbeck. The current officers that lead the group are Summer Herrington, Paige Hutchinson, Maddy Middleton, LeeAnn Ray-Martina, Allayah Simmons, and Katie Ball. There are currently 180 participating members who uphold the Key Club motto "Caring...Our Way of Life." The club encourages new membership throughout the school year, so if you want to get involved, it's not too late!

The Key Club celebrated National Key Club Week, November 2-6, with awareness activities each day. Monday kicked off the awareness campaign—members wore their new club t-shirts, decorated the school with signs and flyers, and carried posters in the carpool line to get "Honks for Key Club." Tuesday was Kookie Day—students passed out free cookies to the entire school! Wednesday, Key Club members made and then gave Hook Packets to teachers to show their appreciation. Thursday was the Kake Walk—during both lunches, students got to play the game to win cupcakes!





Friday was the Koats for Kids Kulmination Day—coats and clothing were collected all week and then delivered to The Well at All Saints Church, a local nonprofit store that allows locals in need to shop for free clothing. Thanks to everyone that made this year's Key Club Week so much fun!

### **2nd Annual Veteran's Day Letter Writing Event**



The Key Club is sponsoring a special event again this year. Students, staff, and the community are invited to WHS on Wednesday, November 11, 2015 from 11:00 - 1:00. We will be writing letters to soldiers and veterans. All ages are welcome! There will even be coloring pages for the little ones. Snacks, drinks, and writing supplies will be provided.



#### **Veterans Day Observance**

By LeeAnn Ray-Martina

Initially begun by President Woodrow Wilson in 1919, this observance was first called Armistice Day. It was to remember the end of World War I on November 11, 1918. As time passed further into the 20<sup>th</sup> century, the event changed its complexion to remember and honor all veterans who had served our country in military service. In 1953, November 11<sup>th</sup> officially became known as Veterans Day and assumed National Holiday status. It is a way of life we all take for granted. Without our veterans, we perhaps would not enjoy the life and freedom of choices we have grown so accustomed to. Thank you to all the veterans!

#### **Catalyzing Enzymes**

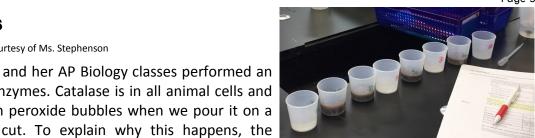
Article by Lora Gahagan Eddy, pictures courtesy of Ms. Stephenson

Last week, Ms. Stephenson and her AP Biology classes performed an experiment on catalyzing enzymes. Catalase is in all animal cells and is the reason why hydrogen peroxide bubbles when we pour it on a



classes did an experiment where they

filled a burette with potassium permanganate in order to measure the amount of hydrogen peroxide that was converted to water and oxygen gas. This was set up to measure the reaction catalyzed by the enzyme catalase. The students allowed catalase and hydrogen peroxide to react for specific amounts of time and stopped the reaction with sulfuric acid. Potassium permanganate was titrated drop by drop until the solution changed into a pinkish-brown permanently. The students were then assigned to design their own labs to test the effects of pH, temperature, or substrate concentration on the rate of the reaction.





















This contest is open to all college and high school students in the United States, Canada, and around the world. No limit to quantity of entries and subject matter is open.

You can find out more information about the contest at

http://pfmagazine.com/photography-contests/ #sthash.nK9n2oE4.dpuf.

If you are interested in entering this contest, please contact Mr. Bethea in Room 405.

Deadline for entries is Dec. 4th.

#### Celebración del día de los muertos!

Article by Zach Trzop and Karina Kostova

Día de Muertos, known as Day of the Dead in the United States, is a Mexican holiday celebrated for people to commemorate their deceased love ones. The holiday is split into two days, Día de los Inocentes ("Day of the Innocents"), where the deceased children are honored, and Día de Muertos, where deceased adults are respected. To celebrate this day, Señora Aguilar's Spanish classes created decorations for the classroom. Spanish III Honors designed Papel Picado ("cut paper") on November 2<sup>nd</sup>. Students took one of the models premade for use or created their own designs to be cut out on the thin paper. Once the students finished their designs, they turned them in for Señora Aguilar to hang them along the ceiling. Spanish IV Honors created



sugar skulls, an item commonly used in Mexican cultures to celebrate this day. On Friday, October 30<sup>th</sup>, the students were able to choose from a variety of designs for their items made of sugar, meringue powder, and water. After letting their sugar items dry over the weekend, the students continued to work on them the following Monday; they decorated their creations with glitter and stickers. After the students finished with their sugar items, they were able to take them home!









#### Welcome to the 6th Annual Space Foundation International Student Art Contest!

ART CONTEST DEADLINE: Friday, November 13.

Each year we invite students, ages 3-18, from around the world, to create their very best original artwork, based on a space-oriented theme, for the Space Foundation International Student Art Contest. This year's theme is: "What Space Means to Me."



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# **Sports Action**

# Cirls' Cross Country Team Wins AA State Title!

# Boys' Cross Country Team Finishes in Second Place

Article by Lora Gahagan Eddy, group picture courtesy of WHS Athletic Booster Club Facebook page

Last Saturday, November 7th, the Waccamaw Cross Country teams traveled to Columbia to compete in the State Finals. Schools from around the state gathered at the Sandhills course in hopes of bringing home state titles. Starting off

the day for the Warriors, the

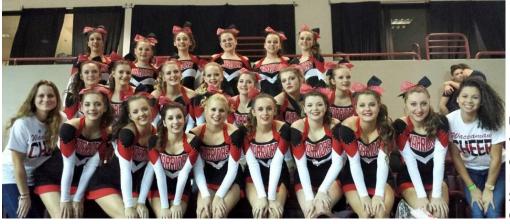


Back Row L to R: Madeline Franke, Mary Butler DeSpain, Jeremy Green, Matt MacLeod, Jack Moody, Amelia Jones, William Daniels, Berndt Anderson, Maddox Wilkinson. Perrin Jones

Front Row L to R: Coach White, Samantha Kelley, Ella Fata, Briley Arnold, Lillian Eddy, Rylee Allison, Abbey Brockman, Coach DelBagno, Coach Anderson



girls' team competed in the AA girls race, beginning at 9:30 a.m. Senior Amelia Jones finished first overall, earning herself her 3<sup>rd</sup> consecutive Cross Country State title! Congrats Amelia! She was followed by Mary Butler DeSpain in 9<sup>th</sup> place, Briley Arnold in 12<sup>th</sup>, Rylee Allison in 13<sup>th</sup>, Ella Fata in 19<sup>th</sup>, Madeline Franke in 20<sup>th</sup>, and Samantha Kelly in 28<sup>th</sup>. Their combined score was enough to earn them 1<sup>st</sup> place in AA schools, the first team victory ever for Waccamaw Girls Cross Country! Amelia Jones, Mary Butler DeSpain, Briley Arnold, and Rylee Allison also received a spot on the All-State team! Way to go ladies! Following this race, the boys ran at 10:30 a.m. Coming in first place for Waccamaw was freshman Perrin Jones, 8<sup>th</sup> overall. Perrin was followed by Jack Moody in 19<sup>th</sup> place, Matt Macleod in 20<sup>th</sup>, Maddox Wilkinson in 26<sup>th</sup>, Rob Buffington in 29<sup>th</sup>, Berndt Anderson in 42<sup>nd</sup>, and Jeremy Green in 43<sup>th</sup>. Perrin Jones received a spot on the All-State team and the boys team received a combined score that earned them second place overall! Congrats Warriors!



#### Competition Cheer Team Secures Spot at Lower State

Takes 2nd Place in Debbie Rogers Cheer Classic

By Rachel Bailey

Waccamaw varsity competition cheer team competed in the Debbie Rogers Cheer Classic on Saturday, November 7<sup>th</sup>. This competition was held in the

Colonial Life Arena in Columbia, South Carolina. The Warriors competed against nine strong teams from across the state and came in second place behind Mid-Carolina. This was very impressive given that Waccamaw had to re-choreograph their routine days before the competition due to an injured teammate. Freshman Ava Markham stated, "We were happy with second even though we had the potential to win, but Mid-Carolina did really good," and senior Julia DiMaggio claims, "It was our best performance yet this season!" Overall, our Warriors had a successful weekend at the Debbie Rogers Cheer Classic! Tomorrow, November 11<sup>th</sup>, the team will compete at lower state at White Knoll, in hopes of winning and becoming Region Champs for the second time in a row. Good luck Warriors!