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Dear students and parents,

Welcome to the 08/09 school year at Wendell Middle School. We have been preparing all summer for our students return and are excited about the new school year. Our new school construction program is moving right along and you will be amazed at the progress that has been made since June.

Open house is scheduled for Thursday, August 21 from 4-6 pm. You are invited to pick up your child's schedule for first semester in the cafeteria. Seventh grade schedule pick up will be located near the serving line. Sixth grade schedule pick up will be located at the back of the cafeteria. There will be no schedule changes during open house. If you have questions about your child's schedule after open house, you may contact our counselors. Tonya Mitchell is our seventh grade counselor and her number is 365-1689. Nicole Shepard is our sixth grade counselor and her number is 365-1576. Our teachers will be in their classrooms and we encourage you to take time to go by and meet your student's teachers, pick up information about the class and get any additional supply lists.

Cafeteria staff will also be located in the cafeteria for parents to set up breakfast and lunch accounts. Meal prices can be accessed from the www.wcpss.net at the child nutrition website. Members of the transportation department will be in the cafeteria to help with bus routes. If you have questions or concerns about your child's bus route please contact the transportation office at Knightdale High School at 217-5377. All buses serving our school will be routed from Knightdale High this year. Wendell Middle School personnel do not make the bus routes nor are we authorized to change routes, add stops or make any other changes.

One of the goals of the Wendell Middle School PTA is to reach 100% family participation. Please plan to join us to our help students and our school. The PTA will be signing up members and asking you to complete a volunteer sheet so we know your interest and talents. You can also register to become a volunteer in the computer lab during open house.

Sixth grade students who have not met the immunization requirements for the Tdap booster will have a letter included in this mailing that outlines the requirement. Students must show proof of this immunization requirement by September 23, 2008. If your child has had the shot, please bring a copy of the immunization record with you to open house so our records can be updated.

Coach Howes and the athletic department will hold a session at 3:00 p.m. in the multipurpose room for seventh grade students interested in participating in fall sports. These sports include football, cheerleading, girls' soccer and girls' volleyball. Additional information about our sports program is included with this mailing. The phone number for the coach's office is 365-1681.

As mentioned earlier, our campus is in the midst of a huge construction project. When you enter and leave the campus please use extra caution as there is a lot of construction equipment located at the front of our campus. If the lot in front of our temporary school fills up, staff will direct you to additional parking during open house.

Wake County has designated the following dates as early release for all schools: September 25, October 16, February 12, and March 5. School will start at the normal time and students will be dismissed at 11:15 on those dates to allow our staff to participate in county-wide and school staff development trainings.

We hope you enjoy the rest of your summer and look forward to seeing you on Thursday, August 21, at our Open House.

Sincerely,

Mary Castleberry
Principal

Eric Fitts
Assistant Principal