

## Kim Clark

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**Subject:** FW: Wallace Elementary/Middle School's Sign.

**From:** Janice Henson

**Sent:** Friday, September 17, 2010 1:14 PM

**To:** Shelia

**Subject:** RE: Wallace Elementary/Middle School's Sign.

**WE LOVE our new sign. It is a wonderful addition to our Wallace family. I have gotten many positive comments from our parents and community. It is really helping us spread information to the community.**

**Here is a copy of the email I sent out . . . and the response I got from one of the team leaders . . . Thanks!!**

Last night our football team traveled to Chesterfield County and played Chesterfield-Ruby. We played at the high school stadium which added an extra component of "big". We arrived early and our 13 young men took the field. They did their warm-ups as usual. Then their team took the field. 37 members filled half of the field doing their stretches, chants, etc. I sat and felt so guilty for putting our little team out there.

Our cheerleaders began cheering telling the Bearcats that they could do it. When they lined up on the field – their line was a head taller than ours (and a few feet wider : - ) ). "Big" describes it well.

To make a long and very exciting story, short. At half-time it was 6 – 0, Chesterfield-Ruby. We were in the game. We then came out and scored, tying the game. In the fourth quarter we scored again and ran for 2 – now it was 14 – 6. Our players were cramping, injured, but stayed in the game because we were out of replacements. With a minute and 41 seconds left – Chesterfield-Ruby scored. They went for 2 . . . and with EVERYTHING our little team had left – they stopped them. It was unbelievable!!!!

The cheerleaders and fans were the 12<sup>th</sup> player on the field. The girls cheered their hearts out (and many had no voices in the end) – giving our boys extra energy when they needed it.

It was the best lesson in character that I have ever witnessed. It was truly a modern-day David and Goliath story.

We celebrated this morning at Wallace, giving them a "Bearcat Applawse" walk. Of course we celebrated the win, but we also celebrated the character of the team and girls. At 10:00 AM I realized how "big" of a moment I had the pleasure of witnessing when I received a call from the principal of Chesterfield-Ruby, Dr. Hampton. She does a character moment every morning to begin their day. She wanted me to know that our team taught their entire school some wonderful lessons of perseverance, teamwork, determination, and the list goes on and on. She used Wallace Bearcats and our school as their character lesson. I told her that I had described it as a modern-day David and Goliath – and she said she used the exact description in her moment.

I am so very proud of our team and our children. I know we often hear the "bad news" . . . I wanted to make sure you knew just one of the great things going on in Marlboro County!

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**\*\*\*\*\* After the game, the first question that was asked of one of the players . . . "Are you going to put it on the sign?"**

**This is what the sign reads . . .**

**Way to go WEMS football players and cheerleaders!**

**Winning in Teamwork and Character**

Janice Henson, Principal

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