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Wakulla Middle School Wildcats are State Championship Bound!

What an outstanding season for the WMS Wildcats! Headed up by Coach Samantha Isaacs for the 4th year, along with Assistant Coach Stephen Attaway (2nd year), the Wildcats saw another season of triumphs.

A roster of 50 athletes kept the team in high standings over the course of 6 meets. The team brought home the Big Bend Conference Runner Up Champions for Boys. The girls' teams consistently placed in the Top 6 and the boys in the Top 5.

Following the final races, the Wildcats ended with a group of 10 athletes that qualified for the Florida Youth Runner Association (FLYRA) Middle School State Championship, which will take place on May 13 in Bradenton, Florida at the IMG Academy.

Special recognition goes out to the following athletes for their qualification for State:

Trace Callaghan – 7th grade – 4x100m Relay

Makiya Cash – 8th Grade – Shot put, Triple Jump. As a side note, Makiya is a 2nd year qualifier.

Danny Godbolt – 8th Grade – Long Jump, 4x100m

Brandon Hayes – 8th Grade – 400m, 4x100m, 4x400m

Jayden Jean – 8th Grade – Triple Jump, Long Jump, 4x400m

Jaylen (J J) Jones – 8th Grade – High Jump, Long Jump, Triple Jump, 4x400m, 4x100m

Aries Travis – 8th Grade – 4x100m

Madison Varnes – 8th Grade – Discus

Anthony Vargas – 8th Grade – 4x400m

David Whitaker – 8th Grade – Triple Jump. David is also a 2nd year qualifier.

6 New school records were set by the following athletes:

Boys 4x400m Relay Team: Hayes, Jean, Jones, Vargas – 3:59.53

Boys 400m Individ. : Hayes – 55.02sec

Boys 200m Individ.: Jones – 22.35sec

Boys Triple Jump: Jones – 38'2"

Girls Discus: Varnes – 85'5.5"

Girls 4x100m Relay Team: Avery, Cash, Manning, Waymon – 56.02sec

The team will need individual and corporate sponsorships to help them with the cost of a trip to the championships. If you or your business are interested in sponsoring an athlete, please contact Coach Isaacs at Wakulla Middle by phone or email.