

## BUY A BBQ PLATE IN SUPPORT OF THE EAST WAKE EDUCATION FOUNDATION

## Meridian Waste is Pitmaster sponsor of 'BBQ for the Kids'

**WHO** Meridian Waste North Carolina, an integrated, non-hazardous solid waste services company is the Pitmaster sponsor of East Wake Education Foundation's (EWEF) third annual fundraiser 'BBQ for the Kids.'

**WHAT/WHY** The third annual 'BBQ for the Kids' is an event that supports the East Wake Education Foundation. GrillBillies is preparing the company's famous barbecue with signature sauces, seasonings, and rubs that makes the business a culinary destination.

"This is one of the tastiest ways to raise funds for our organization. GrillBillies BBQ experts are true pitmasters," said EWEF's Executive Director Shannon White. "To help fill some financial voids for our nonprofit organization, we are setting a goal of selling 250 plates of food this year. With so much support from the communities around us, we feel sure to reach our goal," said White.

The public is invited to enjoy the barbecue and support the EWEF by buying a plate that includes meat, two sides, a roll, and water. Plates can be purchased in advance via the ticketing website, <a href="http://bit.ly/EWEFBBQ">http://bit.ly/EWEFBBQ</a>, or at the event. The price per BBQ Plate is \$10.00.

The EWEF is a non-profit education program serving Eastern Wake County, N.C. The EWEF advocates for area schools and focuses on early childhood development with free services and activities that assist children, their parents, or guardians. The EWEF provides education and family engagement services for infants through age five, including parents, grandparents, and caretakers. Activities are designed to improve listening skills, learning to follow directions, socialize, and develop gross and fine motor skills. All activities and practices learned are encouraged to be carried out in the home. Services are free and supported by community donations and grants.

In addition to being the top sponsor, Meridian Waste is donating the cost of the meat and event boxes to help keep the event clean.

"Summertime, BBQ, and helping to raise much-needed funds for kids is a win-win for Meridian Waste," stated Meridian Waste Area President Josh Daher. "We have been working with Shannon White and the East Wake Education Foundation for many months now and I am so impressed with the non-profit and its work to enhance learning opportunities for those in need throughout East Wake County. As a father of four children, I know how difficult it may be to manage a busy family. So, I offer my tremendous thanks to the staff at East Wake Education Foundation for their tireless efforts to improve the lives of young students, their families, and guardians."

To learn more about the EWEF, visit <u>EastWakeEducationFoundation.org</u>. Learn more about services offered by Meridian Waste by visiting <u>MeridianWaste.com</u>.

**WHEN** Saturday, June 12 from 11 am until 3 pm.

WHERE GrillBillies BBQ, 36 North Pine Street, Wendell, NC 27591

**IMAGE:** East Wake Education Foundation 'BBQ for the Kids' event flyer



## **About Meridian Waste**

Headquartered in Charlotte, N.C., Meridian Waste is a company defined by its commitment to servicing its customers, caring for and engaging its employees, and generating financial value for its shareholders while delivering a clean and healthy

community. The company's core waste business is centered on residential, commercial, and industrial non-hazardous waste collection and disposal. Currently, the company operates in St. Louis, Mo., Richmond, Va., Blacksburg, Va., Augusta, Ga., Northeast Fla., Knoxville, Tenn., Raleigh, N.C., and Greenville, SC servicing more than 108,796 residential, commercial, industrial, and governmental customers. In addition to a fleet of commercial, residential, and roll-off trucks, the company operates seven transfer stations/materials recycling facilities (MRFs), three municipal solid waste landfills, and three C&D landfills in which 920,814 tons of waste are safely disposed of annually. For more information, visit MeridianWaste.com.