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Countdown to Kickoff Week Fan Festivities



As the players and coaches prepare for their Monday night season opener against the New York Jets, the Ravens organization will host several events throughout the week to help fans get fired up for the NFL season kickoff.

On Wednesday (9/8), the Ravens Cheerleaders will host their Swimsuit Calendar Signing Party at Hightopps Backstage Grille (Timonium, Md.). All 40 of the Ravens female cheerleaders appear in the 2010 calendar, and they will all be on hand to meet, mingle and sign for fans.



The Ravens Kickoff Party will held on Thursday (9/9) at Power Plant Live! (Baltimore, Md.). The Ravens will host a free concert for fans with musical performances by Buckcherry (left), Flyleaf, Sick Puppies and Charm City Devils. Fans will also have the opportunity to meet Ravens cheerleaders and mascots.

On Friday (9/10), the Ravens will engage fans in the Purple Friday Kickoff all day long. The organization will send out a rolling pep rally via caravan to over a dozen sites throughout the day, including Warren Elementary School, two M&T Bank branches, two Giant grocery stores and The

Bank branches, two Giant grocery stores and The Maryland Zoo in Baltimore, among others. The caravan will consist of the Ravens cheerleaders, mascots, marching band and staff who will be distributing giveaways to the fans they encounter throughout the day. Purple Friday will culminate with an evening "Purple Power Hour" at several downtown and Baltimore-area bars. Visit www.BaltimoreRavens.com/countdowntokickoff for more information.





McGahee Donates School Supplies



Ravens RB Willis McGahee partnered with the Howard County Association of Realtors to provide more than 350 underprivileged youth with backpacks and school supplies. The gift has been made possible through McGahee's charitable arm, the Willis McGahee Foundation and donations from realtors and affiliate members of the Howard County Association of Realtors.

Since establishing his foundation in 2009, McGahee has received much recognition for being an active member of the Howard County community. He was named the 2009 Humanitarian of the Year and received the John W. Holland Humanitarian Award in recognition of his foundation's efforts. Also, the Howard County Government honored his foundation's charitable work with the "Celebrating Successes for Children Award" for its support of county children.