



# WAYNE TRACE LOCAL SCHOOLS - APRIL 2018 NEWSLETTER



## SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE By BENJAMIN A. WINANS

We have begun to see glimpses of spring, as with each day the weather seems to be more favorable for outside activities. With this we have also entered our final quarter of the 2017-2018 school year. I am certain it is hard for the Wayne Trace Class of 2018 to imagine that the end is drawing near to their final year of officially being considered a Raider. I have enjoyed watching this class work together to celebrate many successes over the past year. Each year it is tough for our faculty and staff to see another class exit our building for the last time as we will certainly miss them. However, I am confident there will be many more successes for the Class of 2018 outside of our four walls.

As we enter the spring season we also enter what has come to be one of the most dangerous parts of the school year. This time period includes spring break, prom and graduation. This time of year as much as any time, we continue to emphasize the importance of making good decisions to our students. Although our students might think differently, as parents and educators we still have the final say on many of the decisions that are to be made. As I have mentioned in many past updates we must work together to step up and make sure we are leading our young people down the right path toward positive outcomes. I want to thank each of you for all you do to assist our students in making good choices.

Spring time also means that we have come to our next round of assessments from the State. While many question the testing processes, the Ohio Department of Education measures much of our academic success on how well our students perform on these annual assessments. Due to this emphasis being placed on these assessments by the State, we also believe it is necessary to make sure our students perform at their best on these tests as well. The basis for good performance comes from good preparation. While we are coming into the last grading term as I have mentioned above, please note that our staff will continue to push our students until the end. As vital as these assessments are in determining the success of our students and school, we believe it is key to continue the educational processes throughout the year so that we may reach the bar that the State continues to raise for our students. Working together to do this is key as we all play a vital role in the education of our students.

With the spring season our hope is that we will not see many weather issues which will lead to us needing to adjust our daily school schedule. Currently we have missed right at the number of days we are allowed for the school year. While our cushion is not what it was last year at this time, our hope is that Mother Nature will be kind to us and not push us into a situation where we will need to examine options for makeup of school days. Please know we will keep our staff, students and stakeholders up to date if changes in the current school calendar become necessary. The utilization of the Honeywell Instant Alert system as well as documentation sent home with students will be our main methods of conveying any changes in the school calendar to you. At this point our last day for students is still scheduled for Friday, May 25 with our graduation ceremony taking place on Sunday, May 27.

Time is beginning to run short for those who wish to nominate a former staff member to be considered for the 2018 Wayne Trace Staff Hall of Fame, as the Hall of Fame committee hopes to announce this year's inductees at the May Board meeting. As has been the tradition in the past, we will host a formal ceremony prior to a varsity football game to induct our new members. A thank you to those who have nominated a former employee for this prestigious award, as this honor would not be possible without members of the community playing a key role in the process.

Congratulations to the cast and crew of this year's musical, *Fiddler on the Roof*, directed by Mr. Joel Dunham who was assisted by Kaleb O'Donnell. Attending this event again showed me the caliber of very talented young men and women we have here at Wayne Trace. The continued support that is given to our performing arts department is greatly appreciated and was evident in the near standing room only audiences which attended each of the three shows.

We have enjoyed another successful winter sports season which culminated with several team and individual honors. Both our boys and girls basketball teams enjoyed a conference title in the GMC and a sectional title. The girls' basketball team was then able to capture the first district title in school history. Several of our wrestlers also brought home conference honors and fared well down the tournament trail. Congratulations to all those who were part of this very successful winter sports season.

As always, if you have questions or concerns about your child's educational experience at Wayne Trace, feel free to contact your building principal or superintendent.

Go Raiders!  
Benjamin A. Winans  
Wayne Trace Local Schools  
Superintendent

## Student Services/Early Learning-Laurie Delong

Please note that the final county-wide Early Childhood Screening is April 12, 2018 at Parc Lane from 12 noon - 5:00 PM. An appointment may be scheduled by calling [1.877.473.8166](tel:18774738166). After hours, a message may be left at that number at extension 41.

Our next program in the Coffee & Dessert Parent/Professional Series will be Tuesday, April 17, 2018 from 4:30 PM - 6:30 PM at Antwerp School. Pam Cotrell, of OCECED will be presenting "The Bull Stops Here: Understanding Bullying and What You Can Do To Help". Participants will gain an understanding of the dynamics of bullying and common characteristics of children who are targeted and children who exhibit bullying behaviors will be explored. Cooperative approaches for parents and educators to address and prevent bullying will be discussed.

For additional information about preschool, Coffee & Dessert Trainings, or any special education topic or related services, you may contact us at [419.587.3414](tel:4195873414), or email at: [delongl@wt.k12.oh.us](mailto:delongl@wt.k12.oh.us)

## MESSAGES FROM THE PRINCIPALS

### PAYNE ELEMENTARY- Jody Dunham, Principal

#### Upcoming State Assessments

Can you believe that we have reached the fourth quarter of the school year? Now, it's time for the students to show what they have learned. Students in grades three through six are busy preparing for the End of Year State Assessments. Assessments will be administered on April 18, 19, 25, 26 and May 2 and 3. If at all possible, please do not plan vacations or doctor appointments on those dates.

#### Kindergarten Registration

Every year we look forward to Kindergarten registration days. It's such a fun time to meet the new students and their families. Kindergarten screening will be held April 16 and 17 at WTPE. All children who will be 5 by September 30, 2018 are invited to participate in this process. Please call us at 419-263-2512 to register your child for Kindergarten.

#### April Events

On Thursday, April 5, kindergarten through second grade students and their parents are invited to the second annual "Little Engineers Night" in the Payne Elementary gymnasium. The goal for the evening is to heighten awareness of the importance of STEM subjects at a young age.

On Friday, April 13, COSI on Wheels will be spending the day at Payne Elementary. They are bringing a program titled "It's Simply Chemistry" to the students. The day will begin with a building-wide assembly followed by break out groups all day. Students will have the opportunity to experiment with various learning stations. We wish to thank the local farmers who made this day possible by submitting our school to Monsanto for a grant that paid for this on site field trip and assembly.

### GROVER HILL ELEM. - Kevin Wilson, Principal

Spring has arrived, at least according to the calendar. Spring arrived on March 20<sup>th</sup>, and we hope that warm weather will soon follow. Now at this time, we are not only working to finalize the many spring events including the state assessments, but at the same time, we are beginning to prepare for the 2018-2019 school year.

As we begin the month of April, we realize it is time for the state assessments. This year's state test start the week of April 16<sup>th</sup>. During this first week, all students in grades 3 - 6 will take the ELA state assessment. Students will complete the ELA assessment in two sessions. The first session will begin on Wednesday, April 18<sup>th</sup> and then part two on Thursday, April 19<sup>th</sup>. Then after the ELA assessment, the students will complete the Math assessment on April 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> followed by the Science assessment on May 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>.

On March 14<sup>th</sup> COSI on Wheels was at WTGH for an assembly titled "Incredible Human Machine." The day began with a school-wide assembly followed by hands-on sessions for the remainder of the day. The students were introduced to topics from nutrition to the number of bones in their body. The hands-on sessions were positive educational experiences for all involved. We would like to thank the many volunteers who were able to take time out of their busy day to assist with the hands-on assemblies. Without your assistance this day would not have been possible.

The American Red Cross will be at WTGH on April 10<sup>th</sup> from 1:30 to 6:30 for the annual Blood Drive. If you are interested in helping by giving this year, you may contact the elementary office for more information.

If you have a child interested in pre-school for next year, the final screening will be held at the Parc Lane Training Center on April 12<sup>th</sup>. Parents, if you want your

child to attend pre-school, they must have this screening. For more information about this screening contact the Grover Hill Elementary office.

Finally, it is kindergarten registration time. As we begin to prepare for the 2018-2019 school year, we start with kindergarten screening. This year the dates for kindergarten screening at WTGH are set for April 18 and April 19. If you have a child eligible to attend kindergarten next year and would like to sign them up for kindergarten screening, you may do so by contacting the WTGH office.

Kevin E. Wilson, Principal

### JR./SR. HIGH SCHOOL - Phil Nofziger, Principal

The third nine weeks was completed on Friday, March 16. It was a successful nine weeks for our students at Wayne Trace Junior/Senior High School. I would like to commend and highlight some of the accomplishments:

- Our high school band and choir both received a superior rating (1) at the OMEA district contest in March and have qualified for the OMEA state contest.

- The academic quiz team was the Green Meadows Conference tournament and league runner-up this year.

- Faith Meraz, an eighth grader, won the Paulding County spelling bee and qualified for the regional competition at Fort Wayne where she placed second. Great job Faith!

- Chloe Beining, a seventh grader, received first place in the Van Wert Elk's essay contest for junior high students who participated in the contest. Congratulations Chloe!

- Our girls' and boys' varsity basketball teams both were GMC champions. The girls' team finished as district champions and the boys' team sectional champs.

- Lastly, many of our students were members of the cast and crew of the musical *Fiddler on the Roof*. Their performances were excellent and well received by many who packed the Payne Elementary School auditorium.

Congratulations to all the groups and individuals for their wonderful accomplishments!

Academically, the schedule for the upcoming state end-of-course testing has been set. The testing will take place on the following days in these areas:

- ⇒ 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade ELA, ELA I, and ELA II - Tuesday, April 10 and Wednesday, April 11
- ⇒ 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade Math, Algebra I, and Geometry - Tuesday, April 24 and Wednesday, April 25
- ⇒ 8<sup>th</sup> grade Science and Biology - Monday, April 30 and Tuesday, May 1
- ⇒ American History and American Government - Wednesday, May 2 and Thursday, May 3

I want to thank the Wayne Trace School community for the continued support of our students in all areas of involvement.

### Students of the Month

Wayne Trace Jr./Sr. High School teachers recently voted on the following Students of the Month for February: 7<sup>th</sup> Grade: Isaac Munger, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade: Jordan Williams, 9<sup>th</sup> Grade: Destiny Baumgartner, 10<sup>th</sup> Grade: Maddie Elston, 11<sup>th</sup> Grade: Austin Reed, 12<sup>th</sup> Grade: Jordan Saylor. As part of their award each student received a "Raider Pride - Pay Forward" t-shirt. Congratulations Raiders!

### Music Department News

Congratulations to the HS Concert Choir and Concert Band!! They each received superior ratings at District 3 OMEA Contest and will be moving on to State. Choir will perform in Gahanna on April 20<sup>th</sup> and the band in Findlay on April 28<sup>th</sup>. Best of luck as they prepare for this event!

Thanks to all who came and supported our students as they put on *Fiddler on the Roof*! The students produced 3 great shows and we appreciate all the hard work put in by them and parents to make the show a success!

## DISTRICT CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Apr. 2 No School-Spring Break
- Apr. 5 Little Engineer's Night @ WTPE 5:30-7:30
- Apr. 10 Blood Drive at WTGH 1:30-6:30
- Apr. 12 No Preschool Classes @ WTPE
- Apr. 12 Final Preschool Screening @ Parc Lane
- Apr. 13 COSI on Wheels @WTPE
- Apr. 16 Kindergarten Reg. @ WTPE  
No Class for YK or K
- Apr. 17 Kindergarten Reg. @ WTPE  
No Class for YK or K

- Apr. 18 Kindergarten Reg. @WTGH
- Apr. 18 Grades 3-6 ELA Assessments
- Apr. 19 Kindergarten Reg. @WTGH
- Apr. 19 Grades 3-6 ELA Assessments
- Apr. 20 HS Choir performs @ Gahanna
- Apr. 25 Grades 3-6 Math Assessments
- Apr. 26 Grades 3-6 Math Assessments
- Apr. 27 2 HR Delay- Staff In-Service
- Apr. 28 HS Band performs @ Findlay

## ATHLETIC EVENTS

### Varsity Baseball

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|---------|--------------------|-------|
| Apr. 2  | Antwerp-T          | 5:00  |
| Apr. 5  | Ayersville-T       | 5:00  |
| Apr. 7  | Lincolnview DH-T   | 12:00 |
| Apr. 9  | Ottawa Glandorf-H  | 5:00  |
| Apr. 10 | Fairview-H         | 5:00  |
| Apr. 12 | Edgerton-H         | 5:00  |
| Apr. 16 | Van Wert-H         | 4:30  |
| Apr. 17 | Holgate-T          | 5:00  |
| Apr. 19 | Antwerp-H          | 5:00  |
| Apr. 20 | Paulding-T         | 5:00  |
| Apr. 21 | North Central DH-H | 11:00 |
| Apr. 24 | Tinora-T           | 5:00  |
| Apr. 25 | Ottoville-H        | 5:00  |
| Apr. 26 | Hicksville-H       | 5:00  |
| Apr. 27 | Crestview-H        | 5:00  |
| Apr. 30 | St. John's-T       | 5:00  |

### JV Baseball

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|---------|---------------------|-------|
| Apr. 3  | Edgerton-T          | 5:00  |
| Apr. 5  | Spencerville-H      | 5:00  |
| Apr. 6  | Miller City-T       | 5:00  |
| Apr. 10 | Fairview-T          | 5:00  |
| Apr. 11 | Antwerp-T           | 4:00  |
| Apr. 12 | Edgerton-T          | 5:00  |
| Apr. 16 | Crestview-T         | 5:00  |
| Apr. 17 | Allen East-H        | 5:00  |
| Apr. 18 | Lincolnview-T       | 5:00  |
| Apr. 23 | St. John's-H        | 5:00  |
| Apr. 24 | Tinora-H            | 5:00  |
| Apr. 26 | Hicksville-T        | 5:00  |
| Apr. 28 | Liberty Center DH-T | 10:00 |

### Varsity Softball

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|---------|---------------------------|-------|
| Apr. 3  | Continental-T             | 5:00  |
| Apr. 5  | Ayersville-T              | 5:00  |
| Apr. 7  | VW county Tri @ Crestview | 12:00 |
| Apr. 9  | Heritage Ind.-T           | 5:00  |
| Apr. 10 | Fairview-H                | 5:00  |
| Apr. 12 | Edgerton-H                | 5:00  |
| Apr. 14 | Ottawa Glandorf DH-T      | 10:00 |
| Apr. 16 | Miller City-H             | 5:00  |
| Apr. 17 | Holgate-T                 | 5:00  |
| Apr. 18 | Crestview-H               | 5:00  |
| Apr. 19 | Antwerp-H                 | 5:00  |
| Apr. 21 | Delphos Jefferson DH-T    | 11:00 |
| Apr. 23 | Woodlan-H                 | 5:00  |
| Apr. 24 | Tinora-T                  | 5:00  |
| Apr. 26 | Hicksville-H              | 5:00  |
| Apr. 27 | Parkway-T                 | 5:00  |
| Apr. 30 | Elida-T                   | 5:00  |

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|---------|----------------------|-------|
| Apr. 3  | Paulding-H           | 5:00  |
| Apr. 5  | Ayersville-H         | 5:00  |
| Apr. 6  | Crestview-T          | 5:00  |
| Apr. 7  | Miller City DH-H     | 11:00 |
| Apr. 9  | Hiltop-T             | 5:00  |
| Apr. 10 | Fairview-T           | 5:00  |
| Apr. 12 | New Breman-T         | 5:00  |
| Apr. 14 | Ottawa Glandorf DH-T | 11:00 |
| Apr. 16 | Miller City-T        | 5:00  |
| Apr. 17 | Holgate-H            | 5:00  |
| Apr. 20 | Lincolnview-T        | 5:00  |
| Apr. 21 | St. Marys DH-H       | 11:00 |
| Apr. 24 | Tinora-H             | 5:00  |
| Apr. 27 | Ayersville-T         | 5:00  |
| Apr. 30 | Elida-H              | 5:00  |

### Varsity Track

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|---------|------------------------------|------|
| Apr. 2  | Hicks/Sty/Hill @ Hicksville  | 5:00 |
| Apr. 6  | Tinora Inv. @ Tinora         | 4:30 |
| Apr. 10 | Fairview @ Fairview          | 4:30 |
| Apr. 13 | Wayne Trace Inv. @ WT        | 4:00 |
| Apr. 17 | Edgerton/Fairview @ WT       | 4:30 |
| Apr. 19 | Tinora/Antwerp @ Tinora      | 4:30 |
| Apr. 21 | Ayersville Inv. @ Ayersville | 9:00 |
| Apr. 24 | Cont, Holg, Ayers @ Ayers    | 4:30 |
| Apr. 27 | Edgerton Inv. @ Edgerton     | 4:00 |

### Junior High Track

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|---------|------------------------------|------|
| Apr. 2  | Crestview/Parkway @ Parkway  | 5:00 |
| Apr. 5  | Continental-T                | 4:30 |
| Apr. 7  | Parkway Inv @ Parkway        | 9:00 |
| Apr. 10 | Pldg./WT/VW @ Paulding       | 4:30 |
| Apr. 12 | WT Inv. @ WT                 | 4:30 |
| Apr. 23 | Hicksville/Antwerp @ Hicks.  | 5:00 |
| Apr. 27 | Antwerp Inv. @ Antwerp       | 4:30 |
| Apr. 30 | Crest./Ott./Pldg @ Crestview | 5:00 |