



WAYNE TRACE LOCAL SCHOOLS - APRIL 2019 NEWSLETTER



SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE Mr. Benjamin A. Winans

While our winter has seemed to drag on longer this year than in the past, we have begun to see glimpses of spring. With each passing day the weather appears to be changing to allow for our spring outside activities. This change in the season also brings with it our final quarter of the 2018-2019 school year. As hard as it may seem to believe the Wayne Trace Class of 2019 is drawing very near to ending their final year under our roof as a Raider. It has been my pleasure to watch this class work together to celebrate many successes over the past year. However, it is tough each year 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 the Class of 2019 will continue to achieve great things as they move on in their lives.

As we enter the spring season we also enter what has come to be one of the most dangerous part 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 were have come to our next round of assessments from the State. The Ohio Department of Education measures much of our academic success on how well our students perform on these annual assessment. Due to the 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. By extending our day for an hour we were able to gain back three days of instruction prior to the state testing which I mentioned above. We appreciate the flexibility of our students, parents and staff members to allow this make up time to be completed in a manner which made the most educational sense. Moving forward, we only need to extend the end of the year two days which means we will end our school year on May 28. As was mentioned in our updates we have measures put in place which will allow us to not have to make up any further missed days. With these changes in the calendar, please note we will not move our graduation date which is still scheduled for Sunday, May 26.

Congratulations to the cast and crew of this year's musical, *Oklahoma*, 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 large 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. 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
Superintendent

Student Services/Early Learning—Laurie Delong

A reminder that Spring Early Childhood Screenings for the Wayne Trace district will occur on two dates this year. The first screening will be April 17, 2019 at St. James Lutheran Church at 500 West Townline in Payne, Ohio from 12 noon until 5 pm. The second will be April 18 at the Zion United Methodist Church at 204 South Harrison in Grover Hill Ohio from 12 noon until 5 pm. There will be no preschool classes on these

two dates. The screening is for ages birth through 5, and will cover developmental skills, hearing, speech, and vision. The screening is for children from ages birth - 5. To schedule an appointment, parents may call Jan Smith at 419-399-4711 Monday through Friday.

Early childhood screenings are a pre-requisite for consideration for our preschool classrooms for the 2019-2020 school year. There are a limited number of spots available for typically developing students (i.e. those not referred for further evaluation for an IEP). We try to offer these spots to older typical students before younger typical students.

Two Coffee & Dessert Parent/Professional trainings are coming, they are free and open to all parents, and professional educational staff. The first is scheduled on April 25, 2019, from 4:30 pm - 6:30 pm. The topic will be related to the Community Health Improvement Plan that was conducted in Paulding County, which identified Trauma Informed Care (TIC) as a need in the county. This training will provide TIC training, awareness, and agency resources, and the session will take place in the lecture hall at Wayne Trace Jr/Sr High School. The presenter will be Ashlen Glenn, therapist and Certified TIC Therapist, Westwood Behavioral Health Center. The second session is on May 16 from 4:30 pm - 6:30 pm on the topic of "Human Trafficking and the ID/DD Population". It will be held at the Black Swamp Nature Center in Paulding. For additional information and to register, those interested may contact Cathy Ruiz, Parent Mentor, at 419-399-4711.

Preschool staff will be attending professional development Thursday, April 25, 2019. There will be no preschool classes that day.

Kindergarten Screening/Registration is also coming in April. Forms are available by calling the elementary offices (Grover Hill, 419-587-3414 or Payne, 419-263-2512).

If you have any questions about special education or early learning matters, you may contact me at 419-587-3414 option 3, or at delongl@wt.k12.oh.us.

PAYNE ELEMENTARY Mr. Paul Jones, Principal

We have made it to the fourth quarter! We are now on the home-stretch, and that mean our students get to show us what they have learned. We will begin our state assessments this month on April 17 & 18 with English Language Arts. Our Math assessment will be April 24 & 25, and we will end with our Science assessment on May 1 & 2.

Wayne Trace will have two Kindergarten age programs for the 2019-20 school year. These options include a Young 5's (Transitional Kindergarten) depending upon the numbers, and a regular Traditional Kindergarten. Students enrolled in Traditional Kindergarten will need to be 5 years old of age before August 1, 2019. Students enrolled in the Transitional Kindergarten must be 5 years of age on or before September 30, 2019.

All students interested in enrolling in either program are required to participate in the Kindergarten screening process. Screenings will take place at WTPE on April 11-12. To register your child, please fill out the form that was sent home with students, or call the school at 419-263-2512.

Follow Payne Elementary on Twitter: [@trace_wayne](https://twitter.com/trace_wayne)
Payne Elementary event cancellations will often be posted here, as well as recognition of students and staff, and the wonderful everyday things we do here at Wayne Trace Payne Elementary!

GROVER HILL ELEMENTARY Mr. Kevin Wilson, Principal

To begin, on behalf of the WTGH staff, I would like to thank you for your cooperation during the time of our extended day. The teachers and students are using this time making up the missed academic time from earlier this year. During April, we are not only working to finalize the many spring events including the state assessments. At the same time, we are beginning to prepare for the 2019-2020 school year.

The Battle is ready to begin. The Battle of the Books that is. Each year the Paulding County Carnegie Library staff organizes a reading competition between the county schools. This year each local school winner will compete for the county title on Wednesday, April 3rd.

This year we decided to hold the Spring Program on April 4th. On April 4th we will keep two performances. The first performance starts at 2:00 in the afternoon. Then the evening performance begins at 7:00. Mrs. Schmidt and her first, second and third-grade students have spent many hours preparing for this performance, and I am sure it will be an outstanding performance. Mark your calendars, and we hope to see you on April 4th.

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 15th. 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 Tuesday, April 16th and then part two on Wednesday, April 17th. Then after the ELA assessment, the students will complete the Math assessment on April 24th & 25th followed by the Science assessment on May 1st & 2nd.

If you have a child interested in pre-school for next year, the final screening is at the United Methodist Church in Grover Hill. The pre-school screening is scheduled for April 18th from 12:00 to 5:00. Parents, if you want your child to attend pre-school, they must have this screening. To set up an appointment call 419-399-4711.

Finally, it is kindergarten registration time. As we begin to prepare for the 2019-2020 school year, we start with kindergarten screening. This year the dates for kindergarten screening at WTGH are set for April 17 and April 18. 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 Mr. Mike Myers, Principal

The third nine weeks was completed on Friday, March 2. 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 band and choir competed at district competition this past weekend at Parkway. Our band scored 1s a crossed the board and qualified for state. Congrats to them! They will perform the last weekend in April we believe at Findlay HS. Our choir scored a 2 and did a great job. They were really close to a 1 but just fell short. We are very proud of both of them

The academic quiz team finished 4th place at the Green Meadows Conference tournament.

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

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

Laura Stoller, Wayne Trace 8th grader, placed first in this year's Van Wert Elk's essay contest. The Van Wert Elks Lodge sponsors this essay contest every year and challenges students to write on a topic chosen by them that relates America. Students from Mrs. Gudakunst's 7th and 8th grade classes were given the choice to participate. The topic this year was "Why are you proud of America?" There was a total of 494 essays submitted by area schools and Laura received first place in the 7th and 8th grade category. Her essay will now be sent to the district committee where she will compete with winners of other local lodges. Laura will be honored later this spring along with other winners at a brunch where she will receive her award.

Our state wrestler Hunter Long competed at state last Thursday. He competed with a broken foot and lost his first match 6-5 in a very close match. They decided then to forfeit his next match due to his injury. Congratulations to Hunter!

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:

7th & 8th grade ELA, ELA I, and ELA II - Tuesday, April 16 and Wednesday, April 17

7th & 8th grade Math, Algebra I, and Geometry - Monday, April 22 and Tuesday, April 23

8th grade Science and Biology - Monday, April 29 and Tuesday, April 30

American History and American Government - Wednesday, May 1 and Thursday, May 2

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

MUSIC DEPARTMENT NEWS

Congratulations to the HS Concert Band on receiving a superior rating at District Contest! They will be moving on to State in Findlay on April 27th. Our HS Concert Choir received an excellent rating at District Contest. We are very proud of both of these groups and the hard work they put into the program!

Thanks to all who came and supported our students as they gave us 3 great shows of Oklahoma! The students gave everyone a lot of good laughs and toe tappin' songs!

The HS Choir and Band will be performing at the Vantage All Boards Dinner on April 4th. We are excited to be asked to come and look forward to representing WT!

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Wayne Trace Jr./Sr. High School teachers recently voted on the following Students of the Month for April: 7th Grade: Whitney Hale 8th Grade: Jacob Robinson, 9th Grade: Jarrett Hornish & Jackson Newman, 10th Grade: Gabe Sutton, 11th Grade: Kelsey Guyton, 12th Grade: Bryan Hofmann. As part of their award each student received a "Raider Pride - Pay Forward" t-shirt. Congratulations Raiders!

DISTRICT CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Apr. 2 Last extended school day
- Apr. 4 GH Spring Program
- Apr. 5 COSI on Wheels @ WTPE
- Apr. 11-12 KG Screening @ WTPE
- Apr. 17-18 KG Screening @ WTGH
- Apr. 19 Good Friday-NO SCHOOL
- Apr. 25 No Preschool
- Apr. 26 2HR Delay-Teacher In-Service
- Apr. 27 State Band Competition in Findlay

ATHLETIC EVENTS

Varsity Baseball

Apr. 1	Antwerp-H	5:00
Apr. 4	Hicksville-A	5:00
Apr. 6	Lincolnview DH-H	12:00
Apr. 8	Ottawa Glandorf-A	5:00
Apr. 9	Ayersville-H	5:00
Apr. 11	Fairview-A	5:00
Apr. 12	Paulding-H	5:00
Apr. 15	Van Wert-A	4:30
Apr. 16	Edgerton-A	5:00
Apr. 18	Holgate-H	5:00
Apr. 20	N. Central DH-A	11:00
Apr. 23	Antwerp-A	5:00
Apr. 24	Ottoville-A	5:00
Apr. 25	Tinora-H	5:00
Apr. 26	Crestview-A	5:00
Apr. 29	St. Johns-H	5:00
Apr. 30	D. Jefferson-H	5:00

Varsity Softball

Apr. 2	Coldwater-H	5:00
Apr. 4	Hicksville-A	5:00
Apr. 6	VW county tri-VW	11:00
Apr. 8	Heritage Ind.-H	5:00
Apr. 9	Ayersville-H	5:00
Apr. 11	Fairview-A	5:00
Apr. 13	Ottawa Glandorf DH-A	11:00
Apr. 15	Miller City-A	5:00
Apr. 16	Edgerton-A	5:00
Apr. 17	Crestview-A	5:00
Apr. 18	Holgate-H	5:00
Apr. 20	D. Jefferson DH-H	11:00
Apr. 22	Woodlan-A	5:00
Apr. 23	Antwerp-A	5:00
Apr. 25	Tinora-H	5:00
Apr. 26	Parkway-H	5:00
Apr. 29	Elida-H	5:00
Apr. 30	Paulding-H	5:00

JV Baseball

Apr. 2	Edgerton-H	5:00
Apr. 4	Hicksville-H	5:00
Apr. 5	Miller City-H	5:00
Apr. 9	Ayersville-A	5:00
Apr. 11	Fairview-H	5:00
Apr. 12	Fort Recovery-A	5:00
Apr. 15	Crestview-H	5:00
Apr. 16	Edgerton-H	5:00
Apr. 17	Lincolnview-H	5:00
Apr. 22	St. Johns-A	5:00
Apr. 23	Paulding-H	5:00
Apr. 25	Tinora-A	5:00
Apr. 27	Liberty Center DH-H	10:00
Apr. 30	Paulding-A	5:00

JV Softball

Apr. 2	Antwerp-A	5:00
Apr. 4	Bluffton-H	5:00
Apr. 5	Crestview-H	5:00
Apr. 6	Miller City DH-A	11:00
Apr. 9	Ayersville-A	5:00
Apr. 11	Fairview-H	5:00
Apr. 13	Ottawa Glandorf DH-H	11:00
Apr. 15	Parkway-H	5:00
Apr. 16	Crestview-H	5:00
Apr. 18	Fairview-A	5:00
Apr. 20	Minster DH-A	12:00
Apr. 22	Hiltop-A	5:00
Apr. 23	Antwerp-H	5:00
Apr. 25	Tinora-A	5:00
Apr. 26	Ayersville-A	5:00
Apr. 29	Elida-A	5:00
Apr. 30	D. Jefferson-A	5:00

HS Track

Apr. 2	Hicks/Sty/Hill @Hicksville	5:00
Apr. 6	Tinora Inv-A	11:00
Apr. 9	Fairview -A	4:30
Apr. 12	WT Invite -H	4:00
Apr. 16	Edgerton/Fairview @Edg	4:30
Apr. 20	Ayersville Inv. -A	9:00
Apr. 23	Cont/Holg/ Ayers @Ayers.	4:30
Apr. 26	Edgerton Inv. -A	4:00
Apr. 30	Crest/St. J/Pldg. @St John	5:00

JH Track

Apr. 1	Crest./Parkway @WT	4:30
Apr. 4	Continental -H	4:30
Apr. 6	Parkway Invite @Pkyw.	9:00
Apr. 9	Pldg/WT/VW @WT	4:30
Apr. 18	WT Inv H	4:30
Apr. 22	Hicksville/Antwerp @Hicks	5:00
Apr. 26	Antwerp Invite @Ant.	4:30
Apr. 29	Crest/Ott./Pldg. @Ott.	5:00

Go Raiders!