



WAYNE TRACE LOCAL SCHOOLS - FEBRUARY 2018 NEWSLETTER



SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE By BENJAMIN A. WINANS

As of this writing we are fast approaching having one month of the New Year behind us. On behalf of the Wayne Trace Local School Board of Education, faculty and staff we hope 2018 is turning out to be all that you had expected it would. As a school district we continue to maintain the goal of being committed to educational excellence in 2018. In doing this we hope to see all students achieve academically at a high level and to graduate with knowledge, skills and attitudes which will assist them in being productive citizens with the critical thinking skills that are necessary in our changing global society. To reach our goal we plan to continue to work very closely with the community to uphold the values you have and provide technology and education resources to the students in a safe and caring environment.

In working to achieve our goal as a district, I am reminded each day that a team effort is needed to continue moving forward. As I have mentioned in prior writings this takes a collaborative effort between school and home, and your continued cooperation is needed as we continue to put high demands on our students so that they are prepared to perform at high levels. Our teaching staff is working with our students at all levels to teach the standards set by the Ohio Department of Education. Each day our staff prepares lessons for students which will reinforce these standards and in the end better prepare our students as they move on in their educational endeavors. We certainly appreciate all the support that we get from parents and community as we work toward our goals as a district.

Speaking of assessment, we are fast approaching the time of year when students will be engaging in a variety of assessments across the grade levels. Testing will be conducted in English/language arts, math, science, and social studies curriculums. The bar in each of these areas continues to be raised for our students, and to meet this bar our faculty and staff is committed to teaching to the content standards. Our hope is that in doing this we will continue to see continued growth on these assessments and lessen the potentially negative effect of much higher expectations from the state level.

Additionally, academically we are working as a district to continue to expand the manner in which we use technology to enhance the educational process. The JH/HS building is continuing our 1:1 initiative, with some minor changes implemented this year that have really focused the use of the technology. At each elementary we continue to expand the use of technology into the lower grades. One particular area we are looking to expand for our younger population of students is keyboarding. Districts are being encouraged to push keyboarding at lower levels to allow students to be able to prepare for assessments which will be conducted on the computers. We will continue to expand our keyboarding into the lower grades and provide our students with a variety of opportunities to expand these keyboarding skills.

We continue to seek nominations for the Wayne Trace Staff Hall of Fame Class of 2018. Please consider nominating a worthy former staff member who may have had an extraordinary impact on your life. Last month's newsletter contained instructions for how to make a nomination, but if you have any questions about this process, feel free to contact the central office.

You may have noted from the minutes of our January Board meeting that the Ohio State Board of Education has designated January as "School Board Member Appreciation Month." The men and women who serve on local school board do so as they have a vested interest in their local schools. Please be sure as you see those that serve on the Wayne Trace Local Schools Board of Education that you thank them for all they do for our district. Upcoming Board of Education meetings will be held on February 12 and March 12 both beginning at 6:30 p.m., as always all are welcome to attend.

Should 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

We will soon start planning the 2018 - 2019 rosters for our Little Raiders Preschools. Parents of typically developing preschoolers (who attended an Early Childhood Screening this school year) will receive an initial letter at the end of March. The next Early Childhood Screening will be April 12, 2018 at the Parlane Center on Fairground Drive in Paulding. The screening is for children from ages birth - 5. To schedule an appointment, parents may call 1-877-473-8166 (toll free) for registration information. After hours, a message can be left at extension 41.

Kindergarten Screening/Registration is coming in April! The Payne Elementary Screening/Registration will be April 16-17 and the Grover Hill Screening/Registration will be April 18-19. Forms are available by calling the elementary offices (Grover Hill, 419-587-3414 or Payne, 419-263-2512) or by printing it from the Wayne Trace website.

From the Ohio Department of Medicaid, Healthcheck is Ohio's Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic, and Treatment service package. These are comprehensive and preventative services for babies, kids, and young adults younger than age 21 who are covered by Ohio Medicaid. Healthcheck includes a comprehensive health and developmental history to assess physical and mental health, and covers necessary lab tests, vaccines, and blood lead screening. If a screening reveals a medical condition, Ohio Medicaid can be billed for any necessary follow-up services provided to treat the child's medical condition. For additional information, visit <http://medicaid.ohio.gov/Healthcheck>.

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.

MESSAGES FROM THE PRINCIPALS

PAYNE ELEMENTARY- Jody Dunham, Principal 2018-2019 Kindergarten Registration

It is time to begin to plan Kindergarten registration for the 2018-2019 school year. Options include a possible Young 5's (Transitional Kindergarten) and a regular Traditional Kindergarten. Both programs are all day, every day programs that provide students with a Kindergarten curriculum based on the Ohio Department of Education content standards. Students enrolled in Traditional Kindergarten will need to be 5 years of age prior to August 1, 2018. Students enrolled in the Young 5's (Transitional Kindergarten) must be 5 years of age on or before September 30, 2018. It is important to note that the Young 5's (Transitional Kindergarten) classroom will be contingent upon a minimum enrollment as determined by Wayne Trace administration.

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 16 and 17**. To register your child for Kindergarten, parents need to call Payne Elementary at 419-263-2512 or stop by the school office to pick up a Kindergarten registration packet.

Reminder

Please remember that it is vital for us to have current phone numbers and addresses for our students. It is important that we are able to contact parents during the school day when necessary. The Honeywell Instant Alert System makes it important that we have valid working numbers to let you know about school delays, cancellations and early dismissals. If you change your contact information or would like to add other family members to this service, please contact the school at 419-263-2512.

As always, thank you for your continued support of WTPE!

GROVER HILL ELEM. - Kevin Wilson, Principal

With January behind us and as we move into February, the students are back into the routine and working hard. At Grover Hill, February is a month full of activities. A few of the events taking place in February are Valentine's Day, third grade VIP Day, and preparations for the next school year are starting.

First, we would like to congratulate Libby Meraz. Libby is this year's spelling bee champion for Grover Hill Elementary. We also want to recognize Anna Meraz, who is this year's runner-up. Both Libby and Anna are the daughters of Saul and Lucinda Meraz. Libby will next compete in the county spelling bee on February

6th at Antwerp High School. We would like to wish Libby the best of luck in the county competition.

Next, Valentine's Day is one of these activities. Valentine's Day is a special day, but for the students, it has become an Art project. Each year the students' have a chance to display their creativity as they create some amazing Valentines boxes. This year Valentine's Day will be celebrated on Friday, February 16th by ending the day with classroom parties.

Next, we have VIP Day for third-grade students on Wednesday, February 21, 2018. VIP Day is when the students choose someone who they feel is a "Very Important Person" in their life and then invites the VIP to spend part of the school day with them. We hope that if a second-grade student determines you to be that VIP, you will be able to arrange your schedule and join them for an exciting school day.

Reading is vital in the education of today's student. For this reason, we want to encourage our students to read as much as possible. Many of you may be aware of the Accelerated Reader program offered by Grover Hill Elementary for several years now. The AR program is a reading incentive program in which students receive rewards for reading. As the students reach different levels, they win various prizes. For example, at the 100 point level, the students get a certificate along with a candy bar. Then as the student moves up each level, the prizes increase in value. Once a student reaches the 300 point level, they receive a ten dollar gift card and then at 400 points they get a \$25 gift card. As you can see, we have created a reward system which rewards the student for each level they reach. Parents, I want to ask that you with speak with your child about the AR program and encourage them to continue reading. Should you should have any questions concerning the AR program feel free to contact the elementary office.

In closing, February is a time to begin preparation for next school year. One major event we are preparing for is Kindergarten Screening. Even though Kindergarten Screening is not until April, we need to begin the process in February. So, at this time we are making preparations for this year's screening. If you have a child who will be five before September 30, 2018, and plan for them to attend Kindergarten or the Young 5s class next year, you need to contact the Grover Hill Elementary office for registration information. You may contact the Grover Hill Elementary office at 419-399-4100 to begin this registration process.

Kevin E. Wilson, Principal

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

The second semester of the 2017-2018 school year is under way. Our students continue to be in a mindset to learn. Our seniors once again have been challenged with an incentive program that could eliminate some or all of their spring final exams. Wayne Trace Jr/Sr High School staff will continue to examine our programming to challenge all students to work up to their capabilities and prepare them to be the best they can be.

All of our Wayne Trace sophomores are touring Vantage Career Center on February 2. Each student will visit two programs that are offered at Vantage. This is an excellent opportunity for our students to be exposed to the programs at our career school. Vantage Career Center also offers an evening Open House on Monday, February 26 from 5:00-7:30 p.m. for students and parents. This time is made available for students to view additional programs and for parents to view the school and programs. This is also a great time to get answers to questions from the staff at Vantage.

I would encourage parents to go the Ohio Department of Education website if you have a chance to view example test questions. The ODE tries to answer as many questions or concerns that parents may have in regard to state testing.

As always, if there are concerns regarding your son/daughter's education, please contact us at the school. Together, we can make a difference in each student's life!

Students of the Month

Wayne Trace Jr./Sr. High School teachers recently voted on the following Students of the Month for October: 7th Grade: Elizabeth Mohr; 8th Grade: Brookelyn Lee; 9th Grade: Allie Dyson; 10th Grade: Amanda Wharry; 11th Grade: Emily Williams; and 12th Grade: Brooke Sinn. As part of their award each student received a "Raider Pride - Pay Forward" t-shirt. Congratulations Raiders!

Music Department News

The Music Department is busy with pep band, concert band and concert choir. All band students participated in Solo & Ensemble at St. Marys High School on January 20th as well as 3 choral students. Congrats on a great job!

On March 1st, the High School Concert Band & Choir will hold a "Pre-Contest" Concert in the HS Gym at 7pm. This is in preparation for their Large Group Adjudicated Event on March 9th & 10th. This is open to the public and a free concert.

Mark your calendars for March 16-18 for the Spring Musical, "The Music Man"! This is a wonderful musical that will be enjoyed by everyone! Presale tickets will be available starting February 26th.

Wayne Trace Performing Arts Center News

Thank you to all who made a monetary gift last year towards the new Performing Arts Facility! The committee appreciates your generosity and would like to remind the community that gifts are still accepted this year as well. Please go to the school website where you can make your donation online or you may mail it in to the Paulding County Area Foundation. Your support is instrumental in getting this project started! If you have any questions, please email WayneTracePACC@gmail.com!

DISTRICT CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Feb. 9 2HR Delay—Staff In Service
- Feb. 10 FFA Pancake & Sausage Bkfst 7a-11a
- Feb. 12 BOE meeting 6:30
- Feb. 17 NHS Dodgeball Tourney 3:30
- Feb. 19 NO SCHOOL-President's Day
- Feb. 23 Blood Drive @ WTHS 9:00-2:00
- Feb. 26 Presale Tickets available for "Fiddler on the Roof"

ATHLETIC EVENTS

Scholastic Bowl Meets

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| Feb. 1 | Ayersville-T | 4:30 |
| Feb. 7 | Fort Jennings-T | 4:00 |
| Feb. 8 | Hicksville-H | 4:30 |
| Feb. 14 | Ottawa-Glandorf-T | 4:00 |
| Feb. 15 | Tinora-T | 4:30 |
| Feb. 21 | Continental-T | 4:00 |
| Feb. 23 | GMC Tournament | 9:00 |
| Feb. 28 | Miller City-T | 4:00 |

Varsity & JV Boys Basketball

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| Feb. 2 | Ayersville-T | 6:00 |
| Feb. 3 | Kalida-H | 6:00 |
| Feb. 9 | Hicksville-H | 6:00 |
| Feb. 10 | Crestview-T | 6:00 |
| Feb. 16 | Tinora-T | 6:00 |
| Feb. 23 | Ottoville-T | 6:00 |

Freshman Boys Basketball

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| Feb. 1 | Ayresville-T | 5:00 |
| Feb. 5 | Crestview-H | 5:00 |
| Feb. 8 | Hicksville-H | 5:00 |
| Feb. 13 | Lincolnvew-T | 5:00 |
| Feb. 15 | Tinora-T | 5:00 |
| Feb. 17 | GMC @ Tinora | TBA |
| Feb. 19 | GMC @ Tinora | TBA |
| Feb. 14 | GMC @ Tinora | TBA |

JH Boys Basketball

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| Feb. 1 | Kalida-T | 5:00 |
| Feb. 8 | Lincolnvew-H | 5:00 |
| Feb. 10 | GMC @ Holgate | 10:00 |
| Feb. 12 | GMC @ Holgate | 5:45 |
| Feb. 13, 15 | 7th Tourn @Hicksville | 5:00 |
| Feb. 17 | GMC @ Holgate | 10:30 |

Varsity & JV Girls Basketball

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| Feb. 1 | Ayersville-H | 6:00 |
| Feb. 3 | Miller City-T | 12:00 |
| Feb. 6 | Continental-T | 6:00 |
| Feb. 8 | Hicksville-T | 6:00 |
| Feb. 12 | Crestview-H | 6:00 |
| Feb. 15 | Tinora-H | 6:00 |

High School Wrestling

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| Feb. 3 | GMC @ Fairview | 9:30 |
| Feb. 5 | Quad Match @ Paulding | 6:00 |
| Feb. 13 | Versailles -T | 6:30 |
| Feb. 23 | Sectionals @ LCC | 2:15 |
| Feb. 24 | Sectionals @ LCC | 7:30 |

JH Wrestling

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| Feb. 3 | GMC @ Fairview | 9:30 |
| Feb. 6 | West Jay-T | 5:30 |