



WAYNE TRACE LOCAL SCHOOLS - FEBRUARY 2019 NEWSLETTER



SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE Mr. Benjamin A. Winans

As we approach having one month behind us in 2019, winter has certainly arrived. It seems hard to remember those mild temperatures we saw back in December now that we have had snow on the ground and frigid temperatures. Despite the change in the weather, on behalf of the Wayne Trace Board of Education, faculty and staff we hope 2019 is turning out to be a great year for each of you. Our resolution for this year as a district remains the same as it has in the past, which is to see all students achieve academically at high levels and to graduate with knowledge, skills and attitudes which will assist them in being productive citizens with the critical thinking skill necessary in our changing global society. As we look to achieve this resolution we will continue to work very closely with our 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. We welcome your input to assist in the education process and welcome a personal contact when you or your student have questions in regard to this process.

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 continue to expand in 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 are currently seeking nominations for the Wayne Trace Staff Hall of Fame Class of 2019. Please consider nominating a worthy former staff member who may have had an extraordinary impact on your life. You can find the nomination form on the district website or feel free to contact the central office and we will get one headed your way.

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. The Wayne Trace Board of Education meets each month and all are welcome to attend.

As I wrap up this edition of the newsletter I want invite anyone who is interested in gaining access to the newly renovated Wayne Trace Community Fitness Center to contact the high school office to obtain the necessary paperwork to begin your membership. We simply ask that you fill out, return the forms and cover the cost of the key fob to gain access to the building which will be five dollars. Our Board of Education extends this access to our community members as yet another way for us to thank each of you for the support you give to our schools.

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
Superintendent

Student Services/Early Learning—Laurie DeLong

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. 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.

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

Winter is definitely back as we get ready for February! With snow in the forecast and extreme temperatures on the horizon, please make sure your students are dressing appropriately and that they have the proper attire before they leave the house.

We have a temporary Guidance Counselor in place at Payne Elementary. Barb Oyer will be visiting our school building 1 day a week to provide counseling and other services for our students. Having Mrs. Oyer here will be a tremendous asset to our school and students and insure that our students receive all the help they need to be successful in and out of the classroom.

Spelling Bee

Our annual building spelling bee was held January 11th. Our runner up was fifth grader Kaden Wilcox, and our champion was fifth grader Alicia Bahena. Alicia will represent Payne Elementary in the Paulding County Spelling Bee on February 5th, 2019, at 7 pm in the Payne Elementary Auditorium.

Kindergarten Registration

It's never too early to start thinking about Kindergarten registration. Kindergarten registration this year will be on April 11th-12th in the gymnasium at Payne Elementary. Registration information has been sent. If you need more information, please contact Payne Elementary 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!

Upcoming Events for February, 2019

- Feb. 5th – Paulding County Spelling Bee
- Feb. 7th – 5th and 6th Grade Field Trip
- Feb. 8th – 2-Hour Delay
- Feb. 15th – 3rd Quarter Interim Reports
- Feb. 18 – No School (President's Day)

GROVER HILL ELEMENTARY Mr. Kevin Wilson, Principal

As we close out a successful first semester and prepare for the beginning of the second, we want to thank the students along with our parents for an outstanding first semester. Student effort was strong, and as we look over the data, we see good growth in many students' academic process. The month of February is a month full of activities. A few of the events taking place in February are the Paulding County Spelling Bee, STEAM Night, Valentine's Day, and preparations for kindergarten registration.

First, we would like to congratulate all students who participated in this year's local Spelling Bee. We especially want to recognize Jarrett Jewell. Jarrett is this year's Spelling Bee champion for Grover Hill Elementary. Jarrett is the son of Rick and Amanda Jewell. We also want to recognize Anna Meraz, who is this year's runner-up. Anna is the daughter of Saul and Lucinda Meraz. On February 5th Jarrett will compete in the county spelling bee to be held at

Payne Elementary School. We would like to wish Jarrett the best of luck as he represents WTGH in this year's county competition.

WTGH teachers have scheduled STEAM Night for February 7th. This year, just as in years past the WTGH staff has worked for months putting together an evening full of great activities. One new station for this year is Virtual Reality. Yes, we will have one station in which you will be able to take a field trip without leaving the building with the use of Virtual Reality goggles. With the addition of the Virtual Reality station along with many other stations, we know you will have an enjoyable experience.

Next, during February we will celebrate Valentine's Day. Valentine's Day is a special day, but for the students, it has become more than just passing out Valentines. The students have taken this opportunity to demonstrate their artistic abilities. Each year the students' have a chance to display their artistic abilities as they create amazing Valentines boxes. This year we will celebrate Valentine's Day on Friday, February 15th by ending the day with classroom parties.

In closing, February is also 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 kindergarten screening held in April. If you have a child who will be five before September 30, 2019, 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 Mr. Mike Myers, Principal

The second semester of the 2018-2019 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 1. 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 & Taste of Vantage on Monday, February 25 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!

MUSIC DEPARTMENT NEWS

The Music Department is busy with pep band, concert band and concert choir! On February 9th, the band will travel to St. Marys HS for Solo and Ensemble Contest.

On February 28th, the High School Concert Band & Choir will hold a "Pre-Contest" Concert in the HS Gym at 7pm. The concert is free and open to the public to attend! This is in preparation for their OMEA Large Group Adjudicated Event on March 8th & 9th.

Mark your calendars for March 15-17 for the Spring Musical, "Oklahoma!". This is a wonderful musical that will be enjoyed by everyone! Presale tickets will be available starting February 25th.

WAYNE TRACE FFA NEWS

The Wayne Trace FFA is selling Florida Strawberries. ALL orders are due by Feb. 8 and the expected delivery will be the week of Feb. 25th. Contact any FFA Member or call 419-399-4100 x 223 to place your order. Prices are as follows:

- Full Flat (8 quarts)-\$25.00
- 1/2 Flat (4 quarts)-\$14.00
- 1/4 Flat (2 quarts)-\$8.00

WT PERFORMING ARTS ASSOC. NEWS

Thanks go to all who purchased gift cards during the Christmas season! We will be able to purchase spotlights that we are in great need of for the musical and some platforms for the stage! We appreciate the support of the community and we are always looking for ways to improve and help out all areas of the arts!

ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT NEWS

The Athletic Dept. will be honoring the 1988-89 Wayne Trace boys basketball team and cheerleaders on February 22 at the last home game with Ottoville. If you were on that team or cheered for that team, and plan to attend, please contact Jim Linder at linderj@wt.k12.oh.us.

Senior Night for the WT Wrestlers will be held Monday, February 4 at Wayne Trace when the Raiders host the Antwerp Archers and the Paulding Panthers.

Senior Night for WT girls' basketball will be held Tuesday, February 5 between the JV and Varsity games at Wayne Trace when the Raiders take on the Continental Pirates.

The WT Athletic Boosters are selling tickets to the Annual Reverse Draw to be held March 30th this year. Tickets are \$50. See any booster to purchase yours.

Wayne Trace Baseball Team will be having a fundraiser Chicken Dinner on Friday, February 22 from 4:30-6:30 in the cafeteria before the Ottoville vs Wayne Trace boys basketball game. Tickets are \$8.00 per meal and sold as presale only until February 13. The chicken for this meal is being prepared and purchased through the Van Wert Fire Dept. By purchasing a meal you will be supporting both organizations. For tickets contact any high school baseball player or Head Coach Ryne Jerome.

The Wayne Trace Athletic Boosters will be giving away 1 Ipad to a girl and 1 Ipad to a boy at halftime of the Varsity Boys Basketball game vs Ayersville on February 8.

*****Students must register at the WT Boosters table in the cafeteria the night of each game. ***This is for WT District Students ONLY. (Jr/Sr High School, Payne Elem., GH Elem., and WT students who attend Divine Mercy & Vantage).**

DISTRICT CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Feb. 5 Paulding Co. Spelling Bee
- Feb. 7 WTGHE STEAM Night
- Feb. 7 WTPE 5th & 6th grade Field Trip
- Feb. 8 2HR Delay-Staff In-Service
- Feb. 8 FFA Strawberry orders due
- Feb. 15 3rd Quarter Interim Reports
- Feb. 18 NO SCHOOL—PRESIDENT'S DAY
- Feb. 25 "OKLAHOMA!" Musical Tickets on Sale
- Feb. 28 HS Band & Choir Contest Concert 7p

ATHLETIC EVENTS

Scholastic Bowl Meets

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| Feb. 6 | Kalida-A | 4:15 |
| Feb. 7 | Ayersville-H | 4:15 |
| Feb. 13 | Ottoville-A | 4:15 |
| Feb. 14 | Hicksville-A | 4:15 |
| Feb. 20 | Fort Jennings-A | 4:15 |
| Feb. 27 | Ottawa Glandorf-A | 4:15 |
| Mar. 1 | GMC @ NWOESC Archbold | 9:00 |
| Mar. 6 | Continental-A | 4:00 |

HS Boys Basketball

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| Feb. 1 | Holgate-A | 6:00 |
| Feb. 2 | Kalida-A | 6:00 |
| Feb. 8 | Ayersville-H | 6:00 |
| Feb. 9 | Crestview-H | 6:00 |
| Feb. 15 | Hicksville-A | 6:00 |
| Feb. 22 | Ottoville-H | 6:00 |

HS Girls Basketball

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| Feb. 2 | Miller City-H | 12:00 |
| Feb. 5 | Continental-H | 6:00 |
| Feb. 7 | Ayersville-A | 6:00 |
| Feb. 11 | Crestview-A | 6:00 |
| Feb. 14 | Hicksville-H | 6:00 |

Freshman Boys Basketball

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| Feb. 4 | Crewtview-A | 5:00 |
| Feb. 7 | Ayersville-H | 5:00 |
| Feb. 12 | Lincolnvlew-H | 5:00 |
| Feb. 14 | Hicksville-A | 5:00 |
| Feb. 16 | GMC @ Tinora | TBA |
| Feb. 18 | GMC @ Tinora | TBA |
| Feb. 23 | GMC @ Tinora | TBA |

JH Boys Basketball

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| Feb. 7 | Lincolnvlew-A | 5:00 |
| Feb. 9 | GMC @ Holgate | 10:00 |
| Feb. 11 | GMC @ Holgate | 5:45 |
| Feb. 12 | 7th Tourney @ Hicksville | 5:00 |
| Feb. 14 | 7th Tourney @ Hicksville | 5:00 |
| Feb. 16 | GMC @ Holgate | 10:30 |

HS Wrestling

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| Feb. 4 | Antwerp/Paulding-H | 6:00 |
| Feb. 9 | GMC @ Fairview | 9:00 |
| Feb. 12 | Versailles-H | 6:00 |

JH Wrestling

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| Feb. 4 | Antwerp/Paulding-H | 6:00 |
| Feb. 9 | GMC @ Fairview | 9:00 |