



WAYNE TRACE LOCAL SCHOOLS - JUNE 2017 NEWSLETTER



SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE By BENJAMIN A. WINANS

I want to open this month's edition of the newsletter by congratulating each member of the Wayne Trace Class of 2017. On Sunday May 28, this class became the 45th class to cross the stage and receive their diplomas from Wayne Trace High School. While we celebrated the commencement ceremony and concluded this chapter of their educational careers we want all members of this class to know that we will be here for support in their next step in their young lives. We are proud that they called Wayne Trace home for the past thirteen years and want them to know they will always be a RAIDER!

The close of the school year also brings with it the anxiety of the student body to be able to enjoy the coming summer months. However, I want to be sure to include how great it has been to also see these students show off what they have learned over the course of the 2016-2017 school year. I have been fortunate enough to attend several end of year programs where our student body was able to convey the knowledge they had gained to other students, staff, and stakeholders. I am a firm believer that in education we need to work to allow our students the opportunity to share what they have learned with others as this is one of the best ways to positively reinforce the learning.

As we begin to plan for the 2017-2018 school year, one of the first items we are working on to prepare for the return of the students is our technology. Specifically we are moving into the fourth year of the 1:1 program at the junior/senior high. In order to keep the most up to date technology in the hands of our students the Board has graciously approved the purchase of new laptops for this initiative. Our technology staff will be working with the new devices through the summer months to ensure that they are ready to distribute to students upon their return. Many thanks to outgoing Technology Coordinator Jerry Hessel, incoming Technology Coordinator Ashton Duer, and our Classroom Technology Specialist JoEllen Sisson for their continued work to keep our district technology at the level that is needed to assist in the education of our students.

In looking at curriculum for the coming school year, our staff has been working with their building principals and our curriculum coordinator to ensure that our coursework is up to date with the current Ohio Department of Education standards. As a district we are also pleased to continue to offer our students the opportunity to enroll in our on-line learning lab. Once enrolled the students have an alternate path for earning high school credits in a nontraditional format. A unique opportunity is also provided to the students as they can earn college credits without ever leaving the Wayne Trace campus. We continue to see our students being successful in both the high school level coursework and the college level coursework. Students may enroll for a portion of their day or for the entire day and are also able to retain eligibility for co-curricular and extra-curricular activities. Mr. Dave Alt continues to oversee this program for our district and we encourage those who might have questions to reach out to him by contacting the high school office.

Our performing arts department closed out their year with a nice concert by both the junior high and high school students. A unique twist was added to the high school concert as the fifth and sixth grade students were incorporated into their performance. A special thank you goes to Miss Sharon Spinner, Mrs. Joni Wenninger, Mrs. Ann Weiland and Mr. Kaleb O'Donnell for all the hard work that they put in this year with our performing arts students at the varying levels.

Many of you may have noticed at the recent Board meeting the representative from Garmann Miller presented preliminary drawings for our district site planning project. The Board is now working toward setting public meetings at which feedback and discussion on the plans will be heard. Look for those public meeting dates to be set in the very near future. The Board is excited to hear the feedback from the public on these plans and hopes that these meetings will provide them with a gauge of what the public would like to see our district move toward in the future.

In closing, I want to again extend my thanks to the Wayne Trace community for the support that you have shown to our students and staff over the school year. Several times over the course of this year I have witnessed our community come together to meet the needs of our students, staff and stakeholders. We are truly blessed to have the high quality staff members we do in our district, who make it their goal each day to provide all students with a quality education and assist them in becoming productive citizens.

If there are questions or concerns about your child's educational experience at Wayne Trace, feel free to contact your building principal or superintendent. Go Raiders!

Laurie DeLong, Student Services/Early Learning

I'd like to recognize our Student Services and Early Learning staff for a successful school year. These personnel have done a wonderful job supporting the education of our students. Our employees include: Susan Backus, Taylor Baumle, Rosanah Foster, Tami AuFrance, Sherray Elliott, Denise Shouse, Amie Ashworth, Jill Weirick, Candi Brimmer, Sara Linder, Rachael Dettrow, Michelle Berry, Jenn Moran, Carly Covarrubias, Stacy Betzer, Maddi Moore, Brenda Zern, Kasey Showalter, Lauri Thatcher, Cathy Schoenauer, Kathy Habern, Valerie DeVelvis, Treg Lymanstall, Alayna Wannemacher, Maureen Sorensen, Zach Boyer, Cindy Crosby, Joe Shouse, Jeanne Gribble, Chelsea Zeedyk, Nikki Jefferson, Jeanne Fisher, Heather Matthews, Jenna Sherry, Angie Bonifas, Kate Wenninger, Michelle Haneman, Julie Manz, Jan Kohart, Pat Miller, Cathy Ruiz, Brian Rockholz, Rod Dudgeon, Karla Treece, and Sabrina Roth.

There are still openings for students available in our Little Raiders preschools. For parents still interested in sending students in the fall, preschool screening dates for the 2017-2018 school year will be announced in June.

For information about special education, preschool, and student services, you may contact me at 419-587-3414 ext. 330 or by email at delongl@wt.12.oh.us

MESSAGES FROM THE PRINCIPALS

PAYNE ELEMENTARY - Jody Dunham, Principal

What an amazing school year! The teachers and staff are very proud of what the students learned and accomplished throughout the 2016-2017 school year. We wish each of you a marvelous summer filled with great family memories!

Congratulations!

We wish to congratulate the students for an outstanding year of reading. Sixty-four students demonstrated their love of reading by earning more than 100 Accelerated Reader points this school year for a Payne Elementary record!

Congratulations to the sixth grade students who will be moving on to WTJH in August! We appreciate all of their leadership to the younger students. We are thankful for all of the help that they provided around the building such as helping with the flag each day, morning announcements, maintaining the outside announcement board and lunch room/custodial assistance. We will miss you!

Summer Ideas

All students are encouraged to visit their local library this summer to continue reading their favorite books. Reading is such an important life skill! Please keep in mind that the Payne Community Library has books that are part of our Accelerated Reader program. The hours of the Payne Community Library are:

Monday & Tuesday	12:00-7:30
Wednesday, Thursday, Friday	10:00-5:00
Saturday	9:00-1:00

For Your Planning

Applications for kindergarten students will continue to be accepted in June and August. Please call 419-263-2512 to register your child.

The Payne Elementary school office will be open for a few weeks in June and then again beginning the first of August. The first day of school for the 2017-2018 school year will be August 23.

GROVER HILL ELEM. - Kevin Wilson, Principal

The end of the year has arrived and didn't it make for an exciting year-end. I would like to begin by thanking Mr. Winans for his leadership and communications during the power outage. In a time of unusual circumstances, his leadership was vital in making sure the school year could end as close to normal as possible. I would like to thank the GH teachers, aides and cafeteria staff for their understanding and flexibility during this outage. Also, I don't want to forget the high school teachers and cafeteria staff for their willingness to accommodate the GH students for a day. Finally, and most of all I would like to thank the parents and students for their understanding. It is great to know that we live in a community where there is a willingness to lend assistance where and when needed. So, again THANK YOU to everyone for your help.

The staff and I would like to thank the PTO and parents who made Carnival/Olympic Day a huge success. The time and effort that you put into making sure this day is full of fun and excitement for the GH students is greatly appreciated. The PTO does so much throughout the school year for the students and staff. We want you to know that it is greatly appreciated.

The WTGH staff is also preparing for next year. Watch for the August newsletter or WTGH website for any information concerning the 2017-2018 school year. To assist in helping you prepare for a new year, we have placed the school supply list on the web-site.

In closing, the GH staff, students, and I would like to wish Mrs. Vicki Brown a very enjoyable retirement. Mrs. Brown spent 18 1/2 wonderful years serving the Grover Hill students in different capacities during her years. We want nothing but the best for Mrs. Brown as she enters a new stage in her life where she will have time to spend with her grandchildren and travel. We also want to thank Mrs. Angie Klopfenstein for her years of service. Mrs. Klopfenstein served as the GH Title I teacher. She was very instrumental in the many positive changes to our Reading program. When school begins next year, Mrs. Brown and Mrs. Klopfenstein will be missed.

In closing, I would like to wish the students, staff, and community a very fun and safe summer break.

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

Another school year has quickly come to a close. There were 67 young people who became Wayne Trace graduates following the ceremony on May 28. The Wayne Trace class of 2017 has left us with fond memories. I want to wish every graduating senior the very best in their future endeavors.

With the close of this school year, we are very excited about the upcoming 2017-2018 school year. There will be a familiar face returning to the teaching staff as Mrs. Heather Hatcher will be returning as our high school biology teacher. Miss Chapman will take over the teaching duties of Ms. Marilyn Fisher who is retiring after 35 years in education, with the last 15 years served in the Wayne Trace Jr./Sr. High School. We wish Ms. Fisher the very best in retirement and thank her for the years of service to our students and the lives she has impacted. We also welcome Mr. Aston Duer as district technology coordinator, replacing Mr. Jerry Hessel who is retiring. We thank Mr. Hessel for his devotion to WTJH/HS and the countless hours spent in keeping our technology functioning at a high level.

Congratulations to the high school choir for receiving a superior (I) rating and the band an excellent (II) rating at the OMEA state contest on Friday, April 28. Both groups gave tremendous performances and have had an outstanding year. A huge thanks to Ms. Sharon Spinner and Mrs. Joni Wenninger who lead these outstanding performers.

I would like to finish the 2016-2017 school year by recognizing the adults that play such an important part in the education of our young people at Wayne Trace Jr./Sr. High School: faculty, secretaries, technology specialists, paraprofessionals, cooks, custodians, bus drivers, aides, and coaches. All of these people impact the lives of our youth and we can't thank them enough for their dedication and service.

I wish everyone a safe and enjoyable summer break. I am excited for the 2017-2018 school year and the challenges that lie ahead. As always, we intend to provide the best education possible for the students of Wayne Trace Jr./Sr. High School!

Guidance Department News

Safe Start Driving School is offering classes as they transition to the new owner. Classes will be conducted at the Antwerp office and will be offered June 5-8 and June 12-15 from 8:00-11:15 a.m.; and July 5-7 and July 10-14 from 8:00-11:15 a.m. For more information, call 419-258-1069.

Scholarship information is available on the website (waynetrace.org) on the Guidance page via the High School. ACT information can be found at act.org. Students are able to find testing dates, sites, and register for the test online.

Athletic Department News

The WT Athletic Department is offering Parent Ads for the 2017-18 Fall Sports Program. This is for parents of Wayne Trace Jr./Sr. High School students. You may purchase an "ad" for your Jr./Sr. High student which can be as simple as "Good Luck" or you can add recent photos or childhood photos, artwork, etc.

Digital photos (such as those taken by Gibby's* for Sports Picture Day) work best. Other photos can be scanned, but the quality is not as high. 1/4 page, 1/2 page, and full page ads are available. The Athletic Department reserves the right to edit all ads. You may purchase an ad regardless of whether or not your student is involved in sports. For more information or if you are interested in an ad, please email kipferd@wt.k12.oh.us by August 17.

Sports Physicals

Sports physicals will be offered at Wayne Trace High School on Tuesday, June 20. Following is a preferred schedule; however, if a student cannot make it at their scheduled time, or would like to come with a sibling, they can come anytime from 8:00-11:00 a.m. or 12:30-3:00 p.m.

- 8:00 - 9:30 a.m. - High School boys
- 9:30 - 11:00 a.m. - Jr. High boys
- 11:00 - 12:30 p.m. - Lunch Break
- 12:30 - 1:30 p.m. - High School girls
- 1:30 - 3:00 p.m. - Jr. High girls

Dr. Kuhn will be doing the physicals again this year, and the cost is \$15. Checks should be made payable to **Paulding Co. Hospital**. Physical forms are available in the Athletic Department or in Central Office at WT High School. Physical forms need to be signed by the student's parent or guardian.

Raider Kids Football Camp

The football staff will again be offering a **FREE** football camp to "Raider kids".

- Session 1—July 10 from 6:00-8:00 p.m.- for students entering grades 1 through 4
- Session 2—July 11 from 6:00-8:30 p.m.- for students entering grades 5 through 8

Parents are encouraged to stay at camp and watch! Registration forms are available on the Wayne Trace website (www.waynetrace.org).

If you have any questions or would like additional information, please contact Mike Speice, Head Football Coach, at 419-399-2411.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June 7/8	Cheer Clinic in JH gym	5:00
June 9	Cheer tryouts in JH gym	4:00
June 20	Sports Physicals at HS	8:00-3:00
June 21/22	HS Boys Basketball Shootout at Findlay	TBA
July 10	Football Camp for gr. 1-4 at HS	6:00
July 11	Football Camp for gr. 5-8 at HS	6:00
Aug. 21	Open House for Elementaries	
Aug. 22	Open House/Orientation at JH/HS	
Aug. 23	FIRST DAY FOR STUDENTS	

HAVE AND SAFE AND ENJOYABLE SUMMER!