



WAYNE TRACE LOCAL SCHOOLS - MARCH 2019 NEWSLETTER



SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE Mr. Benjamin A. Winans

The temperatures and precipitation over the last few weeks are certainly no indication that we are moving from the winter to spring season. Thus far 2019 has given us some very tough weather conditions to deal with in regard to attempting to get our school days in. While we have had several delays and cancellations caused by these conditions, as of this writing we are currently only at the point where four more days need to be made up at the end of the school year. Our hope is that we are beginning to reach the time of year where the weather seems to be a little more cooperative which will assist us as we attempt to get our school days in as scheduled. We will continue to keep parents and students updated with any changes and as always we are going to error on the side of being safe when it comes to getting students to and from school.

Above and beyond getting our students to school safely, we also want to be certain they are safe once they arrive in our buildings. As a district we continue to work with our local law enforcement agencies to maintain a safe environment and conduct the necessary training and drills to be prepared for any circumstance that might pop up. Speaking of drills we are working closely with our staff and first responders as we look to conduct safety drills this spring which will replicate an evacuation of the three campuses. We will be certain to let our staff, student and community members know when these drills are scheduled as to not insight panic. The State of Ohio requires such trainings and we also value the drills to allow us to learn where we can increase our efforts to keep our students and staff safe in emergency situations. Should you have any questions please contact your building principal.

At the January Wayne Trace Board of Education meeting our school calendar for the 2019-2020 school year was adopted. Important dates to note include the first day for students – Wednesday, August 21, Christmas break – December 23 to January 3, and Graduation – May 24. A complete calendar is available to the public on our school website.

As many of you may be aware the state mandated testing season is moving closer and closer as spring approaches. Our staff members continue to introduce, develop and assess students on academic content standards as outlined by the Ohio Department of Education to ensure the success of all our students. Parents can continue to assist in this process by encouraging students to continue to work hard and put forth their best effort through the end of the school year. While we know that no one is overly excited to take the state assessments, the results that come from them will allow us to determine student growth in the core academic subjects. A continued effort being put forth by all students will provide us with accurate data, so we can know in what areas improvement is necessary. As I have stated before success in school is a team effort between home and school. We all play a vital role in the education of our students.

There is still time for you to nominate a former staff member for the Wayne Trace Staff Hall of Fame Class of 2019. If you wish to obtain a nomination form, contact Sarah Sennebogen in the central office, or visit the link on our school website. The Hall of Fame event has become very popular in the community, and you can play a vital role by nominating one of more worthy former staff members.

Congratulations go out to several of our varsity athletic squads. For the third year in a row both our Boys and Girls Basketball teams captured the Green Meadows Conference title. Our wrestling team has enjoyed several successes this season as well, with 6 of our athletes earning individual GMC titles. With the OHSAA tournament seasons now under way, we wish our athletes the best of luck as they pursue success down the tournament trail.

Finally, please be aware of some 2018-2019 school calendar reminders. School will operate on a two-hour delay, district-wide, on Friday, March 8 and Friday April 26 for the purpose of a teacher in-service. Buses will run two hours late that day. Our 3rd Quarter will come to a close on March 22. Also, school will not be in session for students on April 19 due to the observance of Good Friday. Please note these dates on your calendars.

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.

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

So far 2019 has been a tumultuous year. The temperatures have been up and down, and the precipitation has been either in the form of snow or ice, causing Wayne Trace Local Schools to go beyond our allotted days and have to tack on some at the end of the school year. Let's hope Spring comes early and gives our District some consistency in our days in session.

Transitional and Traditional Kindergarten Screening

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.

Right to Read Week

Right to Read week will be held March 4-8. Please encourage your child to read as always, but especially this week. The staff have many wonderful things available for students to do, and there will be a theme each day that will allow students to dress up. Information will be coming soon.

Follow Payne Elementary on Twitter: @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 November, 2018

- March 4-8 – Right to Read Week
- March 8 – 2 hour delay
- March 18 – Spring Pictures
- March 22 – End of 3rd nine weeks

GROVER HILL ELEMENTARY Mr. Kevin Wilson, Principal

As we enter the month of March, we look forward to the end of Winter weather and the arrival of warm Spring days. We also look forward to many exciting activities in March. A few of these activities are highlighted in this newsletter.

Students at WTGH will celebrate Read Across America again this year. Read Across America is held in conjunction with Dr. Seuss' birthday. This year the Grover Hill students will celebrate Read

Across America beginning on Monday, March 4th thru Friday, March 8th. Dr. Seuss was born Theodor Seuss Geisel (March 2, 1904 – September 24, 1991). He was an American writer, poet, and cartoonist who is widely known for his children's books written and illustrated by Dr. Seuss. Mrs. Noffsinger has many activities planned for reading Across America week. Parents, if you would like to get involved with Read Across America, you can go to the school website, click on math and reading, then click on Dr. Seuss. On this site, you will find many different activities including games and books. Enjoy some fun with your child and reading.

Let the Battle Begin. These words can be heard around the school, as our students prepare for this year's Battle of the Books. On Tuesday, March 19th the Grover Hill students will participate in local Battle of the Books. This competition will determine which team represents Grover Hill on the Paulding County Battle of the Books on Wednesday, April 3rd. The Battle of the Books, organized by the Paulding County Carnegie Library, is done in conjunction with the local school librarians. We want to take this time to thank the Paulding County Carnegie Library staff and Mrs. Vicky Noffsinger, the Grover Hill librarian, for the time and effort they put into making reading fun and enjoyable for the Grover Hill students.

Kindergarten registration for the 2019-2020 school year is just around the corner. If you have a child of Kindergarten age, you can go to the school website or contact Grover Hill Elementary to request a materials packet. Parents, once you have your information filled out and returned to the Grover Hill office your child will be ready for this year's screening. Kindergarten screening is at Grover Hill Elementary on April 17th & 18th. Once again, we plan to offer the Young Five's Program. The young fives program does depend on the number of students enrolled. Parents, if you have a student who might not be ready for kindergarten and they have a spring or summer birthdate, this might be a good option for your child. Our goal is to have students start their school years successful, and we have designed our Y5 program for that purpose. If you should have a question concerning the Y5s program, please contact the elementary office.

In closing, the Grover Hill staff and I would like to thank Mrs. Noffsinger and the Grover Hill PTO for their efforts with this year's Book Fair. Next, we also want you to know how much community support means to our students. This year through the Book Fair our library was able to raise over \$3500. This money is used toward the purchase of new books and also to replace older worn-out books with new copies. Again, thank you to everyone who helped with and also purchased books through this year's Book Fair.

Kevin E. Wilson, Principal

JR./SR. HIGH SCHOOL Mr. Mike Myers, Principal

Academically, during the month of March our focus turns to the upcoming state end-of-course testing. Students in the Class of 2019 and beyond are taking end-of-course exams in seven tested areas (Algebra I, English I, Biology, American History, Geometry, English II, and American Government). These exams, along with seventh grade English and Math, and eighth grade English, Math, and Science will be administered the third week of April through the first full week of May at Wayne Trace Junior/Senior High School.

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.

We have several special events taking place in March. Our high school band and choir will perform at the OMEA district contest on March 8 and 9 at Parkway High School. This will be a terrific opportunity for our students to perform. Also, the FFA Pancake and Sausage Breakfast will be March 9 from 7-11am in the HS cafeteria. The FFA Banquet will be in the JH gym on March 29 at 6:30 pm.

Our high school students will perform the musical *Oklahoma* on March 15-17 at the Payne Elementary auditorium. We encourage everyone in the school community to come and see our students display their talents!

As always, if there are questions regarding your son/daughter's education, please contact us at the school. We are committed to provide the best possible education for the all students!

MUSIC DEPARTMENT NEWS

Congratulations to the following JH students who will be representing our school in the D3 Honors Band and Choir Festival on March 2nd in Wapakoneta. For choir: Brielle Sheets, Josh Shelton, and Lane Morehead. For band: Raelyn Schweinsberg, Melanie Dunham and Kyren Karhoff

On March 8th, we will travel to Parkway High School for district contest. The band will perform at 9:00pm in the performance hall and the choir performs on March 9th at 9:40am. This is a free event to attend and the public is welcome to come. Good Luck to all our HS Choir and Band students!

The Wayne Trace Performing Arts Association is pleased to announce the production of "Oklahoma!" Come out and support this great group of JH/HS students as they take us to back to 1906 and the wild west where farmers and ranchers worked hard and love was in the air! Performance dates are March 15 & 16 at 7:30pm and March 17 at 2:30pm in the Payne Elementary Auditorium. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$5 for children/students and are available at both elementary schools and the Jr/Sr High School. Tickets will also be available at each performance. Doors will open 45 minutes prior to show times. Elevator access is through the cafeteria entrance on the east side of the school.

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Wayne Trace Jr./Sr. High School teachers recently voted on the following Students of the Month for November: 7th Grade: Kailyn Dienstberger 8th Grade: Jake Downing, 9th Grade: Tatum Tigner, 10th Grade: Ethan Farmer, 11th Grade: Alexis Gibson, 12th Grade: Madi Brigner. As part of their award each student received a "Raider Pride - Pay Forward" t-shirt. Congratulations Raiders!

DISTRICT CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Mar. 1 GMC Scholastic Bowl
- Mar. 4-8 Right to Read Week
- Mar. 8 2HR Delay-Staff In-Service
- Mar. 9 FFA Pancake & Sausage Bkft. 7a-9a
- Mar. 15 OKLAHOMA @ PE Audit. 7:30p
- Mar. 16 OKLAHOMA @ PE Audit. 7:30p
- Mar. 17 OKLAHOMA @ PE Audit. 2:30p
- Mar. 18 WTPE Spring Pictures
- Mar. 22 End of 3rd 9 weeks
- Mar. 29 FFA Banquet 6:30p

ATHLETIC EVENTS

Scholastic Bowl Meets

- Mar. 1 GMC Meet

Varsity Baseball

- Mar. 25 Continental-A 5:00
- Mar. 26 Ft. Jennings-H 5:00
- Mar. 28 Lima Bath-H 5:00
- Mar. 30 Edon DH-H 11:00

Varsity Softball

- Mar. 26 Ottoville-A 5:00
- Mar. 28 Paulding-A 5:00
- Mar. 30 LCC-A 11:00

JV Baseball

- Mar. 28 Crewtview-A 5:00

JV Softball

- Mar. 30 Celina DH-H 11:00

HS Track

- Mar. 28 Tin./Ant. @ Antwerp 4:30

JH Track

No March Events

GO RAIDERS!