



WAYNE TRACE LOCAL SCHOOLS - MAY 2018 NEWSLETTER



SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE By BENJAMIN A. WINANS

As I draft this month's edition of the newsletter it is hard to believe that we are starting the final month of the 2017-2018 school year. As we approach the end of the school year we again look to celebrate the many accomplishments of this year's seniors the Class of 2018. The next month will be a very exciting time for this group as they will finish up their high school career and shift into planning for the next step in their lives. For some this will mean working through the summer months to earn income to assist them as they begin the next step in their education, while other will begin a career or join the military where they will protect and serve our nation. No matter what path the current seniors plan to pursue, I am confident that they will use the skills they have gained in their education thus far to continue to find success. Seniors, please remember though your educational experience may be coming to an end here at Wayne Trace, you are prepared to be a lifelong learner and you will always be a member of our Wayne Trace community.

The culminating event for the seniors each year is our annual commencement ceremony. We will celebrate the accomplishments of the Wayne Trace Class of 2018 on May 27 at 2:30 in the high school gymnasium. Each year this event is something to look forward to as we have the opportunity to reflect back on the events that have shaped the lives of each member of the graduating class. We invite all those who wish to attend to do so and assist us in this celebration.

We have entered what schools across Ohio are calling the "testing season" for students at all levels. As I have mentioned in past updates from roughly the middle of April to the middle of May our students at all levels are engaged in various assessments. Most if not all of these assessments have shifted their format to an online format. Our technology department, principals, teachers, and students have worked hard to prepare for this time of year. As I have been out in the buildings during these testing times, I want to commend all involved as this process has ran very smooth thus far due to the teamwork and effort all involved have put in. Just a quick reminder to students with upcoming assessments, good attendance, attention and attitude will assist you in being successful both on the assessments and as you continue through your education. As the results of these assessments are released to our district personnel we will be certain to get this information out to students and parents in a timely manner.

This time of year is not only the "testing season" but also the spring sports season. The weather has been up and down thus far for our athletes as they hope to get outside and compete in their sporting events. If you have not had the chance to attend an event, I encourage you to take the opportunity to come and enjoy watching our spring sports athletes compete. A full schedule of events can be found on our website.

As we approach the end of the school calendar, over the course of the year the weather has cooperated as we are currently on track to end our school year with the students on May 25 as planned. We are currently right at our number of missed days, so barring any further full days missed we will be able to stay on track. As we all know, this could change in the coming month however we will keep you updated through the instant alert system and through communication from each building.

As I close this writing, I want to make you aware of various upcoming events that will be happening in the district. Please mark your calendar as May 10 will be a busy day in the district. Wayne Trace Grover Hill Elementary will have their spring program at 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m., while the Night at the Arts at the Wayne Trace Payne Elementary building will begin at 6:00 p.m., and finally the Wayne Trace High School Senior Awards evening which will start at 7:00 p.m. I encourage you to take advantage of these opportunities to attend events within our district which will showcase our student's talents.

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
Wayne Trace Local Schools
Superintendent

Student Services/Early Learning-Laurie Delong

We would like to share that there is an opportunity for parents to get assistance and specialized items for their children with disabilities. The Alfred Groves Children's Medical Trust Fund, administered through the Grover Hill Lions Club, has provided for Wayne Trace and Paulding County children since 1977. Alfred L. Groves was a Grover Hill resident, born in 1880. He left a generous trust after his death at age 94. This trust has benefited many children, and will continue to do so in the future. The fund can support children with vision needs, epilepsy needs, hearing needs, and breathing needs. For additional information, qualifications, or to apply, you may contact Reg Hinchcliff at 419-587-3288 or Pat Comer at 419-203-6672.

For questions regarding the Student Services department, which includes special needs programs, psychologists, therapists (speech, occupational, physical, vision), nursing, parent mentor, and preschool, among others, you may contact the Grover Hill Elementary building (419-587-3414) or email delongl@wt.k12.oh.us.

MESSAGES FROM THE PRINCIPALS

PAYNE ELEMENTARY- Jody Dunham, Principal

Isn't it hard to believe that the end of the school year is upon us? It's been an outstanding year of teaching and learning. The month of May is going to be filled with fun learning experiences to reward the students for their amazing accomplishments!

On May 2 and 3, students in the fifth grade will take the end of year Ohio Science Assessment. As always, please make sure that your child gets plenty of rest the night before and a nutritious breakfast each morning.

On Friday, May 4, the first and second grade students will present their spring program at 1:30. The theme for the program this year is "Just for Fun." Mr. O'Donnell and his students are very excited and hope that you will come to see their program.

"A Night at the Arts" is scheduled from 6:00-8:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 10th with the doors opening at 5:30. This evening will feature all Payne Elementary students in preschool through sixth grade. Families are encouraged to arrive and be present in the gym at 6:00 for an opening performance that you won't want to miss! After the opening event, families and their student will be dismissed to explore up to nine art stations. Don't forget to take a look at the student art work displayed throughout the first floor of the building. Hot dogs, chips, cookies and water will be available for dinner for the students and their families.

Next, the Payne Elementary band students will join their peers from Grover Hill Elementary at Wayne Trace High School to present their spring concert on May 15 at 6:30 p.m. We look forward to this special evening!

May 23 is going to be a very busy day. At 9:30, the Traditional Kindergarten classes will end their school year with a program for family and friends. The Young Kindergarten class will have their program at 12:30. In addition to these events, the annual Olympic Day for students will begin at 1:30.

Finally, the end of the Year Awards Assembly for grades 3-6 is planned for May 24 at 1:45 in the auditorium.

Families are always welcome to attend these events!

Safety Drill Unannounced

As you know, safety plans and drills are a routine part of the educational process. We try very hard to keep the students, staff, families and community informed of the hard work that goes into this planning and preparedness at WTPE. Please know that students will once again be evacuated to our primary evacuation location on an unannounced day during the month of May. Students will load their bus at that location and be transported home. The students that are typically picked up at school or walk home from school will be transported back to WTPE for their regular dismissal. It is very important to regularly practice these drills and your faithful support is much appreciated.

GROVER HILL ELEM. - Kevin Wilson, Principal

As the calendar flips to show the month of May, the students and staff realize another school year is coming to a close. As we look at the schedule, we notice many end-of-year activities and field trips are coming up. We would like for you take some time and read over the many different events below and mark your calendar for those you would like to attend.

Again this year we feel VIP Day has been successful. You may not realize how much it has meant to the students that you have to take time out of a busy schedule to share the school day with them. At this time, we have one grade level yet to hold VIP Day. The sixth-grade students have set May 16th as their VIP Day. We hope that if approached by a sixth-grade student, you will come and enjoy May 16th with them.

This year's first, second and third-grade students will be presenting their spring program on Tuesday, May 10. There will be two performances for this program with the first performance is at 2:00 with the second performance at 7:00. Mrs. Wieland and her students have put in many hours into preparing for this program, and so we can expect an outstanding k-3 music program. We want to encourage each of you to take time out of your busy schedules to come and see one or both performances. Also, we know that parking space is limited, but we ask that you not park in front of the houses on Perry Street.

Our fifth and sixth-grade band students will take part in the Spring Band Concert along with the high school band. The band and choir program is on Tuesday, May 15 at 6:30. We hope you can attend as the students have been practicing all year, and this will be their chance to show how good they have become.

This year's WTGH kindergarten program will be on Thursday, May 24th at 9:15 am. The kindergarten

teachers and Mrs. Wieland have put together this end of the year program. We hope you will join us as we celebrate the end of a successful year for our kindergarten students. The kindergarten teachers and I hope that you will join us for this exceptional day.

This year the PTO Carnival and Olympic Day will be held on Thursday, May 24. Carnival and Olympic Day is always an exciting time as the PTO will have a variety of activities planned for the students. At this time, we would like to thank the PTO for everything they do for the Grover Hill students.

On Friday, May 25th we will hold this year's 1 - 3 & 4 - 6 awards assemblies. The awards assembly for grades 1 - 3 will be at 9:00 am. The awards program for grades 4 - 6 will follow at 10:00 am. We would like you to know that you are welcome to attend these awards ceremonies.

Kevin E. Wilson, Principal

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

The 2017-2018 school year is quickly coming to a close with our final student day scheduled for Friday, May 25 and graduation set for Sunday, May 27 at 2:30 PM in the high school gymnasium. Graduation practice will be Tuesday, May 22 at 9:00 AM. Congratulations to all of our seniors and their parents for meeting the challenges and hard work required to succeed, while maintaining the perseverance necessary to make this day a reality. My hope is that our seniors have come to recognize the value of education and that learning is a life-long process!

Our students are finishing up their state testing the first week of May. We test the first thing in the morning for approximately 90 minutes. The periods are rearranged throughout the testing days so our students who are testing do not miss the same classes. Our students are working hard and appear to be giving their best effort.

Our juniors and seniors enjoyed a special time on Saturday, April 28 as the prom took place in the Wayne Trace junior high school gym. After-prom activities were held at the Crazy Pinz Entertainment Center in Fort Wayne, IN.

We have several opportunities to recognize academic success and enjoy the talents of our students. The annual senior awards will take place on Thursday, May 10 at 7:00 PM. The junior high band and choir will hold their spring concert at 7:00 PM on Monday, May 14 and the high school band and choir concert will be on Tuesday, May 15 at 6:30 PM followed by an awards ceremony. Both concerts will be in the high school gymnasium. Our seniors at Vantage will be recognized with their awards ceremony at the NPAC in Van Wert on Friday, May 18 at 9:30 AM.

Please come and support our students by attending the remaining concerts, ballgames, and track meets as we close an excellent year at Wayne Trace Junior/Senior High School.

Guidance News - Sarah Franz, Counselor

Wayne Trace graduation will be held on Sunday, May 27th at 2:30pm. We are excited to celebrate the accomplishments of the Class of 2018.

Students are able to register for the ACT on act.org. The next ACT dates are June 9 and July 14th. Registration is due by May 4 and June 15.

Scholarships for seniors can be found on waynetrace.org on the High School page. In the Quick Links section you will find Guidance.

Students of the Month

Wayne Trace Jr./Sr. High School teachers recently voted on the following Students of the Month for February: 7th Grade: Dqakota Merritt, 8th Grade: Abbie Stoller, 9th Grade: Greg Lammers, 10th Grade: Ashlynn Parrish, 11th Grade: Hannah Wilhelm, 12th Grade: Gabe Sinn. As part of their award each student received a "Raiders Pride - Pay Forward" t-shirt. Congratulations Raiders!

Music Department News

Congratulations to Lilli Anderson, Madison Farquhar, Haley Finrock & Brookelyn Lee as they have been selected to participate in BGSU's Honor Band on May 9th!

We are busy preparing for the upcoming Spring Concerts! Please come and enjoy some great music at one or both of our performances! The Junior High choir and band will have their concert on Monday, May 14th at 7pm in the HS Gym. The High School choir, band and 5th/6th grade band will have their concert on Tuesday, May 15th at 6:30pm in the HS Gym. Following the concert, the HS Choir, Band and Drama will have their Spring Awards Banquet.

The High School Band and Choir will perform at graduation on Sunday, May 27th and the Marching Band will be honoring our veterans at the Memorial Day parades in Payne and Grover Hill on Monday, May 28th.

We hope you all have a great summer break! It won't be long before you see the marching band out practicing for a new season as you drive down 127!

Athletic Department News

Dr. Kuhn will be doing Sports Physicals at Wayne Trace on Tuesday, June 5, 2018 at WT High School. The cost of physicals will be \$15. Checks should be made out to Paulding Co. Hospital. The schedule for physicals is:

High School Boys	8:00-9:30 a.m.
Jr. High Boys	9:30-11:00 a.m.
Break for Lunch	11:00-12:30 p.m.
High School Girls	12:30-1:30 p.m.
Jr. High Girls	1:30-3:00 p.m.

Physical forms can be picked up in the Athletic Dept. or the Central Office. These need to be signed by your parents and brought the day of physicals and turned back into the Athletic Dept. This is the preferred time to arrive; 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. on that date.

DISTRICT CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 2	Gr. 5 State Science Assessment @ WTPE
May 3	Gr. 5 State Science Assessment @ WTPE
May 4	Gr. 1 & 2 Spring Program @ WTPE 1:30
May 10	Spring Program @ WTGH 2p & 7p Night of the Arts @WTPE 6p HS Senior Awards @WTHS Gym 7p
May 14	JH Choir & Band Concert @WTHS Gym 7p WT Board of Education Meeting 6:30p
May 15	HS Choir & Band Concert @WTHS 6:30p 5th/6th Grade Band Concert @WTHS 6:30p
May 16	VIP Day @ WTGH
May 18	Vantage Senior Awards @ NPAC 9:30a
May 22	Graduation Practice @WTHS 9a
May 23	Kindergarten Program @ WTPE 9:30a YK Program @ WTPE 12:30p
May 24	Kindergarten Program @WTGH 9:15a PTO Carnival & Olympic Day @WTGH Gr. 3-6 Awards @WTPE 1:45p
May 25	LAST DAY OF CLASSES End of 4th Quarter Gr. 1-3 Awards @WTGH 9a Gr. 4-6 Awards @WTGH 10a
May 27	Graduation @WTHS Gym 2:30p
May 28	Marching Band Memorial Day Parades in Payne & Grover Hill

ATHLETIC EVENTS

Varsity Baseball

May 1	Delphos Jefferson-T	5:00
May 4	Lima Central Catholic-H	5:00
May 7	Parkway-H	5:00
May 11	Miller City-T	5:00

JV Baseball

May 1	Paulding-H	5:00
May 3	Lima Central Catholic-T	5:00
May 4	Van Wert-T	5:00
May 7	Antwerp-T	5:00
May 8	Hicksville-T	5:00
May 10	Ayersville-H	5:00

Varsity Softball

May 1	Paulding-T	5:00
May 3	Wauseon-H	5:00
May 4	Lincolnview-H	5:00
May 7	Celina-T	5:00

JV Softball

May 1	Delphos Jefferson-H	5:00
May 2	Crestview-H	5:00
May 3	Antwerp-T	5:00
May 8	Paulding-T	4:30
May 11	Coldwater-H	5:00

Varsity Track

May 1	Crest./St. J/Pldg. @ Crestview	5:00
May 4	Antwerp Inv. @ Antwerp	4:30
May 7	W.T. Relays-H	4:30
May 11	GMC @ Ayersville	4:00
May 14	County Meet @ Paulding	4:30

Junior High Track

May 3	Ayers/Hicks/FV/WT @ Hicks.	5:00
May 8	Paulding Relays @ Paulding	4:30
May 10	Edg/Hicks/Tinora @ Hicksville	4:30
May 15	GMC @ Hicksville	4:30

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