



WAYNE TRACE LOCAL SCHOOLS - MAY 2019 NEWSLETTER



SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE Mr. Benjamin A. Winans

We are beginning the final month of the 2018-2019 school year, which seems to have come and gone very quickly. As the school year wraps up we again look to celebrate the many accomplishments of the Class of 2019. Just as the past eight months have went by quickly, this final month will certainly fly by for our seniors. This is an exciting time for the seniors as well as they finish up their high school career and shift into planning for the next step in their lives. This next step may be finding work in the summer months to earn income and assist them as they begin the next step in their education, while others will begin a career, or join the military where they will protect and serve our nation. I am certain no matter what path this group determines to take that success will continue to follow them as they use the skills they have gained in education thus far. To the graduating Class of 2019, please remember though your educational experience may be coming to a close 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 2019 on May 26 at 2:30 in the high school gymnasium. Each year this ceremony is something to look forward too 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 early 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.

Speaking of sports, you will begin to notice a change coming to our football and track complex. The Board of Education has accepted a bid to construct new bleachers and a press box on our home side. The newly constructed bleachers will allow seating for roughly one-thousand fans and provide a state of the art press box with storage area located below. We will be able to transfer two bleachers to the opposing side as well to increase seating for our visitors to the complex. We look forward to seeing this project run through the summer and finish up in time to be utilized for our fall football season.

Over the course of the year the weather has created some issues for us which has caused us to move the end date for the school year to May 28. While this does add two additional days to the school calendar, we were also able to gain back three instructional days prior to our testing with the extended hours added to the day in late March and early April. Once again, we appreciate the flexibility of all involved to make this schedule work.

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 9 will be a busy day in the district. Wayne Trace Payne Elementary will have their Night at the Arts which will begin at 6:00 p.m. Also on May 9 we will have our senior awards ceremony in the high school gym 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 visit our school website to find out what events are upcoming at the various campuses.

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

Our Parent Mentor program will be holding two free COFFEE& DESSERT parent/professional trainings in April and May. On April 25, 2019 from 4:30 pm – 6:30 pm at the Wayne Trace JH/HS Lecture Hall 4915 US 127 Haviland, Ashlen Glenn, LPC, CTP from Westwood Behavioral Health Center will be presenting "Trauma-Informed Care: Exploring the Effects of Trauma and How to Promote Resiliency". This training will cover trauma's effect on the brain, symptoms of trauma, and how to support the child in the home and school environments. The second training is May 16, 2019 from 4:30 pm – 6:30 pm and will present "Human Trafficking 101" focusing on recognizing, responding, and the intellectually/developmentally disabled at-risk population. The location is Black Swamp Nature Center at 753 Fairground Drive, Paulding. Presenters will be Steve Mentrek, Bittersweet Farms, Pat Stephens, Lucas County Board of DD, and Cathy Ruiz, Certified Human Trafficking Trainer. A Certificate of Attendance is available upon request. To pre-register, please call Cathy Ruiz at 419-399-4711 or email cruiz@wbesc.org.

For any questions regarding Preschool, or other special education issues, you may contact the special education office (419.587.3414 ext. 330) or via email at delongl@wt.k12.oh.us.

PAYNE ELEMENTARY Mr. Paul Jones, Principal

Testing is wrapping up and we are at the beginning of the end. Our students have worked very hard and done an awesome job completing the state assessments. The students and staff have done an amazing job this year and I have to say, it has been my best year as a principal. This is truly a wonderful community and the staff and students are a reflection of that!

Thursday May 9th Payne Elementary will be having its third annual Night of the Arts!! All students grades preschool through 6th grade will be presenting a short program in the gym followed by several STEAM activities for the whole family and a visit with Johnny Tincap!! Also a light meal will be provided for all that attend.

Time: 6:00 to 8:00 with doors opening at 5:30.

Our 6th graders are about to close a chapter in their academic careers here at Payne Elementary. On May 6th they will be visiting the Jr. High and seeing their new academic setting for next year. In 19 days (as of May 1st) they will be Wayne Trace Junior High School students. Good Luck!!!

The month of May is always the best time for field trips, and we have a few lined up for our students this month. Our Kindergarten students will be visiting the Fort Wayne Zoo and our grades 3-6 students who achieved their AR Goals will be visiting the YMCA in Van Wert. We also have a few local trips to the library lined up, so it will be an exciting and busy month for Wayne Trace Payne Elementary!!

Our last day for Pre-school will be May 23rd, and our last day for Kindergarten will be May 24th. The last day for grades 1-6 will be May 28th.

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!

GROVER HILL ELEMENTARY Mr. Kevin Wilson, Principal

Turning the calendar to May, we notice the end-of-year activities and field trips are near. First, our fifth and sixth-grade band students will take part in the Spring Band Concert along with the high school band. The band program is on Tuesday, May 21 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.

Second, this year's WTGH kindergarten program is on Thursday, May 23 at 9:15 am. The kindergarten teachers along with Mrs. Schmidt have worked together on this year's program. Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Walls, Miss Cavender, Mrs. Schmidt and I hope you will join us as we celebrate the end of another successful school year.

Next, for the past six years, we have rewarded the students at the end of each quarter. During these six years, we have often talked about adding a fifth reward. This year we found a fifth reward to offer to those students who meet all four quarterly awards. Parents, this special reward will be on Thursday, May 23rd. If you have questions concerning this reward, contact the office and ask for Mr. Wilson.

Then, we have the annual Carnival/Olympic Day. This year the PTO Carnival and Olympic Day will be held on Friday, May 24. Carnival and Olympic Day is always an exciting time for the students, but a lot of work for the PTO members. Each year the PTO provides a variety of activities for the students. At this time, we would like to thank the PTO for everything they do for the Grover Hill students and teachers.

On Tuesday, May 28th we will hold this year's awards assemblies. The awards assembly for grades 1 – 3 will be at 9:10 am. The awards program for grades 4 – 6 will follow at 10:15 am. We want to invite you to come and be a part of these awards ceremonies.

In closing, we would like to recognize someone who has decided to retire at the end of the year. This person has been with WTGH for 30 years but has been the face and voice of WTGH for the past 27 years. Anytime you walked into the building; this person made you feel welcome no matter who you were. During a conversation with a group of parents, the words used to describe this person were: compassionate, friendly, multitasker, and heart of gold. Yes, these words are very fitting to describe Mrs. Marcie Fiedler. Marcie has decided that this will be her last year at WTGH. Marcie, THANK YOU for the care you demonstrated towards every student, every parent, for caring for the WTHG staff and setting a warm and favorable climate at WTGH. Marcie, we hate to see you leave, and since we can't talk you into staying, we wish you and Mike the very best as you move on to the next stage of your lives.

Kevin E. Wilson, Principal

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

The 2018-2019 school year is quickly coming to a close with our final student day scheduled for Tuesday, May 28 and graduation set for Sunday, May 26 at 2:30 PM in the high school gymnasium. Graduation practice will be Wednesday, 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 will enjoy a special time on Saturday, May 4 as the prom takes place in the Wayne Trace junior high school gym. After -prom activities will be held at the Crazy Pinz Entertainment Center in Fort Wayne, IN.

We will be doing a state mandated full Safety Evacuation Drill here at the high school on Thursday, May 9 from 9-11 am. 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 9 at 7:00 PM. The junior high band and choir will hold their spring concert at 7:00 PM on Monday, May 20 and the high school band and choir concert will be on Tuesday, May 21 at 6:30 PM. 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 Tuesday, May 21 at 7 pm.

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.

MUSIC DEPARTMENT NEWS

A big shout out to the HS Band & Choir as they provided entertainment for the Vantage All Boards Dinner on April 4th. On April 18th, the choir sang for the Paulding County Hospital Volunteer Luncheon. We appreciate these groups inviting us and our students for their willingness to share their talents!

The Junior High Band, 7th grade boys and girls choirs & 8th grade choir will be going to OMEA Adjudicated Contest on May 17 & 18 at Parkway. Best of luck to these groups!

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 choirs and band will have their concert on Monday, May 20th at 7pm in the HS Gym. The High School choir, band and 5th/6th grade band will have their concert on Tuesday, May 21st 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 26th and the Marching Band will be honoring our veterans at the Memorial Day parades in Payne and Grover Hill on Monday, May 27th.

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!

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Wayne Trace Jr./Sr. High School teachers recently voted on the following Students of the Month for March: 7th Grade: Kaitlin Slade 8th Grade: Zerika Burkley, 9th Grade: Haylee Finrock 10th Grade: Carter Baksa, 11th Grade: Taylor

Long, 12th Grade: Anne Eklund. As part of their award each student received a "Raider Pride – Pay Forward" t-shirt. Congratulations Raiders!

ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT NEWS

Wayne Trace will be implementing an online program for all of our forms, such as the Emergency Medical Form beginning for the 19-20 school year. Parents/Guardians will be able to electronically submit information for their children for all grade levels- PreK through 12th grade.

We are currently at the beginning stage of implementing this program so that it is available for our 19-20 school year. This system will allow us to collect the information for the School office and for athletics.

The school office will be able to collect forms such as the Emergency Medical Form, Computer Agreements and so forth.

The Athletic office will have forms online that are needed by student athletes to participate in sports. These include: Physical Evaluation, Emergency Medical, a Release and Authorization/Waiver, Parkview Sports Medicine Consent to Treat, Sudden Cardiac Arrest and Lindsay's Law, Concussion Info Form, and Wayne Trace Consent form for Student Athlete Drug Testing. The Physical Evaluation form is the only form that will need printed from the website once it is up and running. This will need filled out by the parent and taken to their doctor to complete and sign. We plan to mail out a letter to parents by the end of the school year with information on how to access this program and directions on how to use it.

In the past, parents had to fill out these forms every year for each child for both the office and the Athletic Department. This system will require filling out the forms one time and then updating/approving each following year. We are hoping this saves everyone time and gives us the most accurate up-to-date information. You will have the opportunity to update information at any time if you have a change.

Most likely there will be a few kinks to be worked out the first year, but we are excited to begin using this new program.

The families of students participating in sports will be the first to utilize this system as they prepare for physicals and the following year of athletics.

Sports physicals will be offered by Dr. Kuhn at Wayne Trace on Tuesday, June 4 according to the following schedule:

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

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 1:00-11:00 or 12:30-3:00 on that date. The cost is \$15. Checks should be made out to: Paulding Co. Hospital.

DISTRICT CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 4	Prom
May 9	Senior Awards 7p.m.
May 9	Night of the Arts @ WTPE 6-8 p.m.
May 20	JH Band & Choir Concert 7 p.m.
May 21	HS Band & Choir Concert 6:30 p.m.
May 21	Vantage Senior Awards @ NPAC 7 p.m.
May 23	WTGHE KG Program 9:15 a.m.
May 24	WTGHE Carnival/Olympic Day
May 26	Graduation 2:30 p.m.
May 27	NO SCHOOL—MEMORIAL DAY
May 28	LAST DAY OF CLASSES
May 28	WTGH Award Ceremonies
	Gr. 1-3 9:10 a.m.
	Gr. 4-6 10:15 a.m.

ATHLETIC EVENTS

Varsity Baseball		
May 3	LCC—A	5:00
May 6	Parkway—A	5:00
May 7	Antwerp @ Tin Caps	4:30
May 10	Miller City—H	5:00
Varsity Softball		
May 2	Wauseon-A	5:00
May 3	Lincolnview-A	5:00
May 6	Celina-H	5:00
JV Baseball		
May 2	LCC-H	5:00
May 3	Van Wert—H	5:00
May 6	Crestview—H	5:00
May 9	Ayersville—A	5:00
JV Softball		
May 1	Crestview—A	5:00
May 3	Lincolnview—H	5:00
May 7	Paulding—H	4:30
May 9	Defiance-H	4:30
May 10	Coldwater—A	5:00
HS Track		
May 3	Antwerp Invitational	4:30
May 6	WT Relays	4:30
May 10	GMC @ Ayersville	4:00
May 13	County Meet @WT	4:30
JH Track		
May 2	Ayers/Hicks/FV/WT @ FV	5:00
May 9	Edg/Hicks/Tinora @ Tinora	4:30
May 14	GMC @ Hicksville	4:00

Go Raiders!