



WAYNE TRACE LOCAL SCHOOLS - NOVEMBER 2018 NEWSLETTER



SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE Mr. Benjamin A. Winans

It is amazing how quickly the weather in Northwest Ohio can change. As I glanced back at my October newsletter I noticed I commented on how unseasonably warm the temperatures had been, but now it seems the fall season has certainly arrived. Just as quickly as the temperatures have dropped, we have also seen a quick first grading term come and go here at Wayne Trace. While the time has seemed to go by quickly, please know that the content being taught to the students has not been hurried. Our teaching staff continues to find new and exciting ways to convey the curriculum to our students. It is through their hard work in the classroom and the cooperation between our school and community members that we continue to strive to reach our goal of making our district the best it can be.

One of the traditional ways that we look to engage the community in the educational experience is through holding our annual parent-teacher conferences on October 31 and November 1. These conferences allow parents to have a conversation with those who work to educate their children each day. This is a very positive way for teachers and parents to work together toward the success of each child. If you have not yet scheduled a conference with your child's teacher I encourage you to contact the school to schedule a time to do so.

We also work to keep our stakeholders updated each day as information is added to our district website (www.waynetrace.org). Here you will find general information in regard to the whole district, as well as links to each of our individual buildings. Please take some time to visit the website as our staff works very hard to keep these pages updated to allow our stakeholders to have access to the most up to date information in regard to our district.

As we move further into the fall season safe travel to and from school continues to be a concern. Our district also continues to make student safety at all of our campuses a top priority. The principals will be working directly with the staff and students to organize and conduct safety drills that may be needed in case something unforeseen would happen during the school day. While these drills are necessary to plan ahead as situations may arise, statistics show that there is no safer place than a school building. We will continue to work to keep our students and staff members safe as we work through the year and complete safety drills to be proactive in the school safety process. The addition of our School Resource Officer, Deputy William Lyons also creates yet another avenue for us to assure our students and staff can operate in a safe environment within the schools.

In my previous update I mentioned that we had received our annual report card from the Ohio Department of Education. While our scores overall looked very favorable, we continue to examine the data for areas of improvement. The breaking down of this data and really digging into it allows our staff to better be able to service the needs of each student. We appreciate the cooperation of the community as you allow us the time to do this during our scheduled professional development days throughout the school year. As a reminder, we have scheduled two hour delays for in service on December 7, January 25, February 8, March 8, and April 26. These scheduled days allow our staff to collaborate and develop plans to increase the achievement across the district.

As you may already be aware we have been awarded the 21st Century Grant for each of our elementary schools to provide an after-school tutoring and mentoring program. This program allows students to have contact with our classroom teachers for additional assistance outside of the school day. The program is off and running, but will continue to enroll new members. Should you have questions in regard to this program feel free to contact Jessica Davis, Program Coordinator at Wayne Trace Grover Hill Elementary at (419) 587-3414 or Rachel Dettrow, Program Coordinator at Wayne Trace Payne Elementary at (419) 263-2512.

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

PAYNE ELEMENTARY Mr. Paul Jones, Principal

The end of the first nine weeks is upon us! Friday, October 19, will mark the end of our first quarter and we are moving into November. The weather has changed, and hopefully this will take care of our bee problem on the playground. Payne Elementary will be ending the month of October with the annual Halloween Parade on October 26th at 1:45 PM.

Parent/Teacher Conferences

Payne Elementary will have Parent/Teacher conferences beginning October 31st from 5:30 PM to 8:30 PM. There will be NO SCHOOL on November 1st so that we can have a full day of Parent/Teacher Conferences from 1:00PM through 8:00PM. If you are unable to attend during these days, please contact your child's teacher and set up a date and time to meet with them.

Veteran's Day Assembly

We will have our annual Veteran's Day Assembly on Friday, November 9th, in the school auditorium. All Veterans are welcome to attend and also we will be serving lunch from 11-1 pm to those Veterans who would like to attend. More information will be coming concerning this as everything is finalized in the coming days.

Literacy Night

Payne Elementary will be hosting a Literacy Night tentatively on Thursday, November 15th from 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM. The teachers have some wonderful activities planned for this event including games, popcorn, prizes, and other wonderful surprises. Information on this will also be coming home with students in the near future.

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GROVER HILL ELEMENTARY Mr. Kevin Wilson, Principal

The beginning of the year has flown by, and now we are entering the month of November. As we look at our calendar for November, we see how busy this month is going to be. During November, we hold Parent/Teacher conferences, Veterans Day and we cannot forget Thanksgiving Break.

Parent/Teacher conferences will take place on Wednesday, October 31 and Thursday, November 1. Parents, if you have not signed up for a meeting with your child's teacher you still have time. At WTGH we feel it is essential for the teachers and parents to work together for the benefit of the student. If you need assistance on signing-up or maybe you have questions about the conferences, feel free to contact the elementary office.

One such activity is Veteran's Day. On Monday, November 12, the Grover Hill staff and students will be taking time out of their busy day to honor our Veterans. The WTGH Student Council is working hard to put this program together. The Veteran's Day program will begin at 10:00 am. We, the staff and students, would like to invite all Veterans to join us for this unique program on November 12. After the program, we would want all Veteran's to stay and join us for lunch. All Veteran's and spouse's meals are free of charge. Providing this meal is a small way for us to say THANK YOU for your service to our country. We look forward to seeing you on November 12.

Also at this time, Mrs. Schmidt and her students in grades four, five, and six begin preparations for this year's Christmas program. Mrs. Schmidt and her students have selected the program, and at this time they are holding auditions. The date for this year's program is Thursday, December 13. On December 13, there will be two performances with the first performance at 2:00 and the second is at 7:00. We hope you can attend one of these two programs.

In closing, the staff and I would like to take this opportunity to wish you a safe and Happy Thanksgiving.

Sincerely,

Kevin E. Wilson, Principal

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

The first nine weeks concluded on October 19 for the 2018-2019 school year. Overall, the students have worked hard to keep up with the expectations of our teaching staff. Grade reports will be mailed on October 26 to parents/guardians of our students at Wayne Trace Junior/Senior High School.

Parent-teacher conferences are set up for Wednesday, October 31 from 5:30-8:30 p.m. and Thursday, November 1 from 1:00-8:00 p.m. We encourage parents to set up appointments with teachers if there are concerns after receiving the grade reports. Contact our office staff and we will try to schedule appointments where teachers may still have openings. Also, parents may call or email teachers directly if questions arise throughout the year. An important factor for student success is having parents who are involved and care about their child's education.

On Tuesday, November 6, the eighth grade students will tour Vantage Career Center. While students do not make the decision to attend Vantage until their sophomore year, this tour motivates students to begin thinking about future career options. This is an example of an exciting educational opportunity that our students have at WTJH/HS!

The annual Veteran's Day program will be held on Monday, November 12 at 8:00 a.m. in the high school gymnasium. The public is invited to attend this inspiring assembly.

Another special program that will take place in November is the National Honor Society induction ceremony on November 20 at 1:55 p.m. Junior and senior students who meet the criteria in scholarship, character, service, and leadership will be honored.

As always, I want to thank the community for its outstanding support of all the activities involving our students at Wayne Trace JR/SR High School.

Go Raiders!

Students of the Month

Wayne Trace Jr./Sr. High School teachers recently voted on the following Students of the Month for February: 7th Grade: Lynsey Pease, 8th Grade: Kyle Slade, 9th Grade: Therin Coyne, 10th Grade: Matthew Doan, 11th Grade: Nathan Wilhelm, 12th Grade: Alli Hefner. As part of their award each student received a "Raider Pride - Pay Forward" t-shirt. Congratulations Raiders!

DISTRICT CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Oct. 31	P/T Conferences 5:30-8:30 pm
Nov. 1	NO SCHOOL-P/T Conferences 1p-8p
Nov. 2	NO SCHOOL
Nov. 6	8th Grade tour of Vantage Career Ctr
Nov. 9	Veteran's Day Assembly @ PE 1:45p
Nov. 12	Veteran's Day Program @ HS 8:00a
Nov. 12	Veteran's Day Program @ GH 10:00a
Nov. 15	Literacy Night @ PE 6p-7:30p
Nov. 20	NHS Induction @ HS 1:55p
Nov. 21	NO SCHOOL—Thanksgiving Break
Nov. 22	NO SCHOOL—Thanksgiving Break
Nov. 23	NO SCHOOL—Thanksgiving Break
Nov. 30	PE 5th & 6th grade Fort Wayne trip

ATHLETIC EVENTS

HS Boys Basketball

Nov. 30 Columbus Grove-H 6:00

HS Girls Basketball

Nov. 27 Defiance-H 6:00

Nov. 29 Ottoville-H 6:00

Freshman Boys Basketball

Nov. 27 Tinora-H 4:30

JH Girls Basketball

Nov. 26 Lincolnview-T 5:00

Nov. 27 Edgerton-T 4:30

HS Wrestling

Nov. 24 Grahm Preview-T 7:00

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