



WAYNE TRACE LOCAL SCHOOLS - OCTOBER 2017 NEWSLETTER



SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE By BENJAMIN A. WINANS

Due to our weather having been very summer like for most of September, it is hard to believe we are working our way into October at this point. Despite the high temperatures and occasional fog delay, our staff and students seem to be settling into a routine as far as the school year is concerned. This routine coupled with a team effort between students, staff and parents are what it takes to be certain we see positive outcomes in the educational process. I want to thank all those involved for their continued teamwork as we are sure to see encouraging results from these efforts.

I am a firm believer that to reach these positive results communication from all parties is necessary. I encourage you to visit our district website (www.waynetrace.org) where we have posted many items related to the educational process within our district. Once at the website you will notice each campus has been provided a link to allow those visiting the site to be able to access more detailed information in regard to the specific campus. While the website provides you with up to date information, we also want our stakeholders to feel free to contact the respective building principal should questions arise in regard to the educational processes within the district.

In my last communication I briefly touched on the weather related issues that come with the fall season as far as driving hazards. As I am certain you are well aware, we have experienced a few days recently where fog has created safety concerns for our travel to school. I want to thank all those involved for their patience in dealing with the various weather situations that we encounter each day. While we cannot predict the weather, we can be sure to make proactive calls in response to the conditions that will allow our students to arrive to school safely.

We have added several new staff members to our staff over the course of the last few years. The Ohio Department of Education has outlined a "Teacher-Mentor Program" which many of these new staff members are a part of in their first few years in the classroom. The program allows our experienced educators to work directly with our educators who are new to the classroom which allows for a positive development as an educator. As a part of this program, those involved in the program may be videotaping the presentation of lessons. As has been our practice in the past, we ask that if you do not want your child to appear in any of these confidential videos, please simply contact your child (ren)'s building principal(s) in writing, stating that you do not want your child to appear in a video. Please understand these videos are completely confidential, with the sole purpose of the videos being to help our inexperienced teachers improve.

Students at the jr/sr high recently celebrated another Homecoming week with "Spirit Week" activities for all to enjoy. All who participated seemed to enjoy activities ranging from daily themed dress up, powder-puff football, he-man volleyball, cook-out, pep session and the bonfire. The week concluded with the crowing of Homecoming Queen Gracie Gudakunst and King Eli Sinn just prior to the football team capturing their fourth win of the season over Fairview. The semi-formal Homecoming dance wrapped up the weeks activities on Saturday evening. All the activities were arranged by our high school student council, with the assistance of their advisor Mrs. Annette Sinn.

As a reminder our school calendar includes several scheduled two-hour delays for teacher in-service. Please note that we will have our next scheduled two-hour delay on October 13, which will be followed by additional scheduled two-hour delays on December 1, January 19, February 9, March 9 and April 27. Our busses will run two hours late on each of these Fridays with school starting two hours later than normal. We have also scheduled one full day for teacher in-service this fall which will be on November 1. We appreciate your cooperation as we use this in-service time to conduct staff training which will allow us to better prepare our students for success.

In closing, I want to thank all of our students and parents for a great start to the school year. As I have conversations with our staff members I am hearing great things about the behavior,

efforts and overall attitudes of our students. When students display these characteristics it makes the educational process that much easier and much more productive.

If you have any questions or concerns do not hesitate to contact your building principal or superintendent. Go Raiders!

SUBSTITUTES NEEDED

Wayne Trace is in need of substitute cafeteria workers and bus drivers. If interested, please call the Central Office at 419-263-2415, ext. 1, for more details.

MESSAGES FROM THE PRINCIPALS

PAYNE ELEMENTARY— Jody Dunham, Principal Ohio English/Language Arts On-Line Assessment for Third Grade

Third grade students will be administered on-line English/Language Arts Assessments on October 24 and October 25. If possible, please schedule doctor's appointments and vacations around these dates. Feel free to contact your child's teacher to get ideas of things that you can do at home to support your child's success when taking these high stakes assessments.

Upcoming Events

The annual Halloween Parade is scheduled at 1:45 on Friday, October 27. Please line the streets downtown to wave at the children in their fun costumes.

Volunteers Needed!

We encourage you to contact us at 419-263-2512 to be a Volunteer at Payne Elementary. Volunteers are needed to work with all students ranging from Young Kindergarten to grade six. We look forward to hearing from you to partner in the education of all students!

Parent-Teacher Conferences

We look forward to our upcoming Parent Teacher Conferences. Registration forms will be sent home soon. Please mark your calendar for 5:30-8:30 p.m. on November 1 and 1:00-8:00 on November 2. (There is no school for students on November 1 and 2.) Here are some suggestions of ideas to make the most of the conference:

Before the conference:

- Talk with your child about school.
 - Ask: What do you like best about school?
 - Who do you like to play and work with at school?
 - What have you been learning at school?
 - Are you having a hard time with anything you are learning at school?
- What to bring to the conference:**
- Samples of your child's homework that you have questions about;
 - Any information you have about the curriculum in your child's classroom;
 - The Standards Guide for Families for your child's grade;
 - Paper and pen;
 - An open mind and a smile.

WTGH and WTPE News from Mr. Ogle

Elementary art students are finishing up the masterpieces they have been working on. I will continue to upload their work to Artsonia, the world's largest online museum. Slips will be sent home to all the kids who need granted permission. Please return them to me so their artwork can inspire millions of others who see it. Thank you for your support!

GROVER HILL ELEM. - Kevin Wilson, Principal

The month of October brings the first quarter to a close. Since the first quarter ends on October 20, it is fitting that we schedule a time for parents and teachers to sit down and discuss student progress. Parent/Teacher conferences begin on Wednesday, November 1 from 5:30 to 8:30 and again on Thursday, November 2 from 1:00 to 8:00. The WTGH goal for this year is for 100% of the parents to attend these essential conferences. The WTGH staff and I would like to encourage all parents to make time to schedule meetings with their child's teacher.

During October, our third-grade students will take the English Language Arts state assessment. We have set our assessment dates for October 24 and 25. It is our goal to help our students do

their best on this assessment. Parents, the best way for you to help your child is to make sure they get a good night's sleep as well as a good breakfast on test days.

Our first assembly, "Young Authors Day", will be on Friday, October 27. It is our goal to have the students understand that writing can and should be fun. The presenter has a unique way of getting the students involved in writing. Young Authors Day is an all-day writing workshop. The day will begin with a 45-minute assembly about the art of mime. Then our students will be sent on their way to create original stories with periodic visits and coaching by the presenter. At the end of the day a few of the students' stories will be presented during a second assembly. Young Author Day should be an unforgettable day of writing for our students.

The PTO fundraiser was once again very successful. The funds raised are used to pay for assemblies, field trips, and many other items that benefit the Grover Hill students. The staff and I would like to THANK the PTO for all they do for our students and teachers. Also, I would like to thank the WTGH community for their support.

During September we held VIP Day for the kindergarten classes. First-grade VIP day is on October 25th. We hope that when being asked by a first-grade student to be their VIP, you will take advantage of this great opportunity. More information on the first-grade VIP Day will be sent home later this month.

On October 31st the students at WTGH will have a chance to dress in costume. On this Tuesday, we will be having our fall parties along with the annual costume parade. The parade is always an exciting time for the students. We would like to invite all parents and grandparents to come to watch the parade.

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

We have had a fantastic start to the school year at Wayne Trace Junior/Senior High School. Academically, our students are working hard as the faculty continues to lay the groundwork for success in the classroom and beyond. Homecoming week concluded in September and was filled with plenty of activities for our students. Congratulations to Eli Sinn and Gracie Gudakunst who were named king and queen of the 2017 homecoming.

I want to continue to encourage our parents' involvement in their son/daughter's education. In order for all parents to be informed, again this year we will send interim report and quarterly grade reports by mail. It is our desire to keep parents informed so that students' grades may improve by the end of the quarter, if needed. As a reminder, parents are able to gain access to your son/daughter's grades through Progress-Book, an online version of the grades throughout the nine weeks. If there questions, always feel free to contact teachers or any of us in the office.

Also, I want to thank all parents who have completed the forms necessary for your sons and daughters to attend Wayne Trace Jr./Sr. High School. As a reminder, we must have emergency medical information on each student. Parents, if you have not yet filled out an emergency medical form, please do so as soon as possible. If it has been misplaced, please contact us and we will send another one home. Also, free or reduced lunch applications can be submitted anytime throughout the school year. Applications are available in our office and on the school website. If you feel your family may qualify, please complete the form and return it to our office.

It continues to be my pleasure to be involved in the education and lives of the students of Wayne Trace Jr./Sr. High School.

Guidance Department News

Vantage will host College Night on October 11th from 6:30-8:00 p.m. This is a great opportunity for students to get information from over 40 colleges.

Music Department News

The Wayne Trace Marching Band has had a busy month. September 16th they played at the Lima Bath Band Spectacular, and then put together a half time show with the JH Band at the Homecoming game on the 22nd. On the 30th they competed at the New Bremen Cardinal Invitational.

The band will be in the Payne Fall Festival Parade and opening ceremony at the Payne Park on October 14th. Later that day they will travel to Maumee for a competition. On October 28th they will march in the Payne and Grover Hill Halloween parades. We want to recognize our seniors: Jady Flint, Gilly Wiseman, Haley Schaffer and Joel Johnson. Thanks for your dedication to the marching band program!

Mark your calendars for Saturday, November 11th for our 5th annual Fine Arts Festival! We will offer a soup, appetizer and dessert buffet at 5:30 p.m. in the cafeteria. The art department will have projects on display for you to enjoy and the marching band and concert choir will perform as well as a group from the Cincinnati Conservatory of Music. New this year – we will not be charging for the meal. It will be donation only, **but you must have a ticket for the meal.** Tickets will be available starting October 9th and will be limited to the first 220 people for the meal. Tickets are available from the music department or from any high school choir student. The concert begins at 6:30 p.m. in the high school gym and is open to the public. Donations for the concert will be accepted at the door. Come and enjoy a great evening of music and art and learn more about the plans for our new Performing Arts Center!

Athletic Department News

Senior Night for all fall sports (except Volleyball) will be Friday, October 6, before the football game with Holgate. Athletes and parents are to be lined up along the fence across from the concession stand by 5:50 p.m. The ceremony will begin at approximately 6:00 p.m.

DISTRICT CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Oct. 6	HS-Picture Retakes
Oct. 7	Cheer Clinic in JH gym 8:30
Oct. 11	College Night at Vantage 6:30-8:00
Oct. 13	2-hr. DELAY—Teacher In-Service
Oct. 14	HS-Band at Payne Fall Festival
Oct. 14	HS-Maumee Band Competition
Oct. 17	"Coffee & Dessert" Parent Professional Training in HS Lecture Hall 6:00
Oct. 20	End of 1st Quarter
Oct. 24 & 25	Third Grade ELA State Assessment
Oct. 25	GH-1st grade VIP Day
Oct. 27	PE-Halloween Parade at 1:45
Oct. 28	Cheer Clinic in JH gym 8:30
Oct. 31	GH-Halloween Parade

ATHLETIC EVENTS

<u>Varsity Football</u>		
Oct. 6	Holgate-H (Senior Night)	7:00
Oct. 13	Edgerton-T	7:00
Oct. 20	Hicksville-H	7:00
Oct. 27	Tinora-T	7:00
<u>JV Football</u>		
Oct. 2	Ayersville-T	5:00
Oct. 9	LCC-H	5:00
Oct. 16	Edgerton-T	5:00
Oct. 23	Hicksville-H	5:00
<u>Jr. High Football</u>		
Oct. 3	Antwerp-H (8th)	5:00
Oct. 5	Stryker-H (7th)	4:30
Oct. 10	Hicksville-T (8th)	5:00
Oct. 12	Liberty Center-T (7th)	4:30
Oct. 24	Crestview-T (7th)	5:00
<u>Varsity & JV Volleyball</u>		
Oct. 3	Edgerton-H	5:30
Oct. 9	Delphos Jefferson-T	5:30
Oct. 10	Hicksville-T	5:30
Oct. 12	Tinora-H	5:30
<u>Freshman Volleyball</u>		
Oct. 2	Ottawa Glandorf-T	5:00
Oct. 3	Edgerton-H	4:30
Oct. 9	Edgerton-T	5:00
Oct. 10	Hicksville-T	4:30
Oct. 12	Tinora-H	4:30
<u>Jr. High Volleyball</u>		
Oct. 2	Ottoville-T	5:00
Oct. 3	Hicksville-H	5:00
Oct. 5	Miller City-H	5:00
Oct. 10	Fairview-T	4:30
Oct. 14	GMC at Antwerp	9:00
<u>Cross Country</u>		
Oct. 7	Antwerp Inv.	8:30
Oct. 10	County Meet at Antwerp	4:30
Oct. 14	GMC at Edgerton	9:30
Oct. 21	District at Spencerville	9:00