



WAYNE TRACE LOCAL SCHOOLS - APRIL 2021 NEWSLETTER



SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE Mr. Benjamin A. Winans

Each month as I draft my newsletter I reflect back on newsletters from the previous year to take note of what updates were shared in the year prior. As I attempted to do this for this edition of my newsletter I noticed that in 2020 we did not share a newsletter in April, May, June or July. As you all likely recall we were in the midst of attempting to finalize our school year during those months and then relying on daily updates to assist us as we made decisions in regard to how that would look. As I look back on this and examine how far we have come to be where we are today, I want to open this month's newsletter by simply saying thank you to all of our students, staff and community members for your patience and grace you have shown over the course of the last year. We are very excited to have been able to stay in session with our students this year and know we could not have done this without your understanding and assistance during this pandemic.

As hard as it may seem to believe the Wayne Trace Class of 2021 is drawing very near to ending their final year under our roof as a Raider. It has been my pleasure to watch this class work together to celebrate many successes over the past year. It is always tough each year for our faculty and staff to see another class exit our building for the last time as we will certainly miss them. However, I am confident the Class of 2021 will continue to achieve great things as they move on in their lives.

As we enter the spring season we also enter what has come to be one of the most dangerous part of the school year. This time period includes spring break, prom and graduation. While these events may look different this year due to restrictions that are currently in place we will work to make them feel as normal as possible. This time of year as much as any time, we continue to emphasize the importance of making good decisions to our students. Although our students might think differently, as parents and educators we still have the final say on many of the decisions that are to be made. As I have mentioned in many past updates we must work together to step up and make sure we are leading our young people down the right path toward positive outcomes. I want to thank each of you for all you do to assist our students in making good choices.

Spring time also means that we have come to our next round of assessments from the State. The Ohio Department of Education measures much of our academic success on how well our students perform on these annual assessment. Due to the emphasis being placed on these assessments by the State, we also believe it is necessary to make sure our students perform at their best on these tests as well. The basis for good performance comes from good preparation. While we are coming into the last grading term as I have mentioned above, please note that our staff will continue to push our students until the end. As vital as these assessments are in determining the success of our students and school, we believe it is key to continue the educational processes throughout the year so that we may reach the bar that the State continues to raise for our students. Working together to do this is key as we all play a vital role in the education of our students.

With the spring season our hope is that we will not see many weather issues which will lead to us needing to adjust our daily school schedule. Our calendar has been changed to allow us to make up two days at the end of the school year, meaning we will be in session May 27 and wrap up our school year on May 28. We appreciate the flexibility of our students, parents and staff members to allow this make up time to be completed. Even with these changes in the calendar, please note we will not move our graduation date which is still scheduled for Sunday, May 23.

Congratulations to the cast and crew of this year's musical, *Willy Wonka*, directed by Mr. Joel Dunham. Attending this event again showed me the caliber of very talented young men and women we have here at Wayne Trace. The continued support that is given to our performing arts department is greatly appreciated and was evident in the large audiences which attended each of the three shows.

We have enjoyed another successful winter sports season which culminated with several team and individual honors. Special congratulations to Jarret Hornish who captured the Division III State Wrestling Title in the 126-pound weight class. Congratulations to all those who were part of this very successful winter sports season.

Should 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 Mrs. Laurie DeLong, Director

We are pleased to announce that on April 22, 2021, from 4:30pm - 6:30pm, we will be holding a free virtual parent and professional session for special needs students with a focus on what happens after graduation. The training is called "Three to Get Ready!: Support Services and Agency Opportunities for Youth in Transition", and will feature three mini-sessions concerning 1) -STABLE accounts, 2)-Social Security, Opportunities of Ohioans with Disabilities, and 3)-Ohio Means Jobs, and the Board of Developmental Disabilities. Families have the choice of attending any or all of the sessions. **Families attending all three sessions have an opportunity for the door prize of a Nintendo Switch!** Registration fliers will be sent home with grades 9-12 IEP students soon, as well as emailed to parents. On the flier, there will be a link for the virtual training. Many thanks to our Parent Mentor Cathy Ruiz for coordinating this event! For any questions, you can contact her at cruiz@wbesc.org

Laurie DeLong

PAYNE ELEMENTARY Mr. Paul Jones, Principal

We have made it to the fourth quarter! We are now on the home-stretch, and that means our students get to show us what they have learned. We will begin our state assessments this month on April 21 & 22 with English Language Arts. Our Math assessment will be April 28 & 29, and we will end with our Science assessment on May 5 & 6.

BREAKFAST and LUNCH remain **free** for the remainder of the school year 2020-2021, thanks to a grant received from United States Department of Agriculture.

Our spring pictures are scheduled for Wednesday, April 7, with a make-up day of April 8. Gibby's Photography will be doing the pictures, and is located in Van Wert, OH.

Wayne Trace will have two Kindergarten age programs for the 2021-22 school year. These options include a 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 September 30, 2021. Students enrolled in the Transitional Kindergarten must be 5 years of age on or before September 30, 2021, as well.

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 5-6. To register your child, please fill out the form that was sent home with students, or call the school at 419-263-2512.

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 April, 2021

March 29-April 2 - Spring Break
April 5-6 - Kindergarten Screening
April 7 - Spring Pictures
April 23 - 2 hour delay

GROVER HILL ELEMENTARY Mr. Mark Lange, Principal

As you read my ramblings, the Grover Hill students and staff will be out of school on spring break. When we return to school on Monday, April 5, we will be starting our final grading period of the year. Once back, we will have a little over two weeks before we start state testing. Students in grades three through six will be taking their ELA assessments on April 20 and April 21. The following week, the same students will take their mathematics assessment on April 27 and April 28. Only select grades take the science assessment and those are administered on May 4 and May 5.

Students that were eligible for the good behavior reward party enjoyed delicious cookies and juice provided by the Wayne Trace Grover Hill PTO. This is a group of dedicated parents always willing to lend helping hands here at the school. If ever I need assistance with a project or need financial assistance, they are there with willing hands and the resources to get the project tackled. All of the WTGHE students and staff members are blessed to have the support of this fine group.

Our preschool and kindergarten screenings have been completed. The preschool screenings for Grover Hill were March 25 and future kindergartners were screened on March 25 and March

26. If your child will be ready for preschool, kindergarten or transitional kindergarten, please call 419-399-4100, option #3 immediately to register your child and schedule a make-up screening.

Speaking of transitional kindergarten, Wayne Trace parents have the option of enrolling their youngster in either kindergarten or transitional kindergarten. Over the years, we have found that not all students who are eligible for kindergarten are quite ready. The demands of kindergarten are for more rigorous than they were when parents were in school. For many students, transitional kindergarten is a beneficial bridge between home (or preschool) and traditional kindergarten. Students are exposed to the state curriculum for kindergartners but the pace is slower and provides additional remediation of lacking skills. This extra year of intensive support proves so beneficial to students who might not otherwise be fully ready for the expectations and rigor of kindergarten.

When I first became the principal, I heard about a fourth grade jump rope performance, but did not think too much more about it. The student body was divided into groups to go see this "performance," and I wanted to see what all the fuss was about. These students had an entire routine prepared to music, and they jumped rope like I have never seen before. It was amazing! Mrs. Mohr, Mrs. Schmidt, Miss Cavinder, Mrs. Baker, and the entire fourth grade class deserve a huge round of applause for their hard work on outstanding performance. You can watch portions of it on the building's Facebook page. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, never hesitate to call.

Your partner in education,
Mark Lange
WTGHE Principal

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

The third nine weeks was completed on Friday, March 26. It was a successful nine weeks for our students at Wayne Trace Junior/Senior High School. I would like to commend and highlight some of the accomplishments:

The academic quiz team finished 6th place at the Green Meadows Conference tournament. Our girls' and boys' varsity basketball teams both were sectional champions. The boys' team finished as district runners up.

We had three wrestlers qualify for the state tournament and one alternate. Jarrett Hornish finished as the STATE CHAMPION in his weight class. Hunter Long finished 4th place in his weight class. Gabe Sutton won his first match but then lost in the consolation round. Seth Meggison was the alternate but did not wrestle at state. Congratulations and great job to all of our wrestlers.

Congratulations go out to 8th grader Aiden Lee whose artwork was selected from the Northwest Ohio region of the Youth Art Month online exhibition as an honored artist for the 41st Annual Young People's State Art Exhibition. Aiden will be receiving an artist prize packet for his award, and his paper mache mask will be exhibited online beginning in March.

Lastly, many of our students were members of the cast and crew of the musical *Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory*. Their performances were excellent and well received by many who sold out with limited capacity each show at the Payne Elementary School auditorium.

Congratulations to all the groups and individuals for their wonderful accomplishments!

Academically, the schedule for the upcoming state end-of-course testing has been set. The testing will take place on the following days in these areas:

- 7th & 8th grade ELA, ELA I, and ELA II - Wednesday, April 21 and Thursday, April 22
- 7th & 8th grade Math, Algebra I, and Geometry - Wednesday, April 28 and Thursday, April 29
- 8th grade Science and Biology - Monday, May 3 and Tuesday, May 4
- American History and American Government - Wednesday, May 5 and Thursday, May 6

I want to thank the Wayne Trace School community for the continued support of our students in all areas of involvement. Go Raiders!!
Go Raiders!
Mike Myers, Principal

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Wayne Trace Jr./Sr. High School teachers recently voted on the following Students of the Month for February: 7th Grade: Estrella Martinez-Sandoval, 8th Grade: Trenton Thomas, 9th Grade: Briley Coffman, 10th Grade: Cadence Baker, 11th Grade: Nathan Sinn, 12th Grade: Katie Stoller. As part of their award each student received a "Raider Pride - Pay Forward" t-shirt. Congratulations Raiders!

ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT NEWS

Athletic Dept. is planning to have Physicals available at school this spring. Details will be announced at a later date.

DISTRICT CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Mar.29-Apr. 2 NO SCHOOL—SPRING BREAK
Apr. 5-6 Kindergarten Screening @ WTPE
Apr. 23 2 HR Delay- Staff In-Service

ATHLETIC EVENTS

Varsity Baseball

Apr. 1	Lima Bath - H	5:00
Apr. 3	Edon DH- H	11:00
Apr. 5	Antwerp - H	5:00
Apr. 8	Tinora - H	5:00
Apr. 10	Lincolnvew DH - H	12:00
Apr. 12	Ottawa Glandorf - A	5:00
Apr. 13	Hicksville - A	5:00
Apr. 15	Ayersville - H	5:00
Apr. 19	Van Wert - A	4:30
Apr. 20	Fairview - A	5:00
Apr. 22	Edgerton - A	5:00
Apr. 23	Paulding - H	5:00
Apr. 24	N. Central DH - A	11:00
Apr. 26	Ft. Jennings - H	5:00
Apr. 27	Holgate - H	5:00
Apr. 28	Ottoville - A	5:00
Apr. 29	Antwerp - A	5:00
Apr. 30	Crestview - A	5:00

Varsity Softball

Apr. 1	Paulding - A	5:00
Apr. 3	LCC DH - A	11:00
Apr. 6	Coldwater - H	5:00
Apr. 8	Tinora - H	5:00
Apr. 10	VW County Tri - H	11:00
Apr. 12	Heritage Ind. - H	5:00
Apr. 13	Hicksville - A	5:00
Apr. 15	Ayersville - H	5:00
Apr. 17	Tiffin Calvert DH - A	11:00
Apr. 19	Miller City - A	5:00
Apr. 20	Fairview - A	5:00
Apr. 21	Crestview - A	5:00
Apr. 22	Edgerton - A	5:00
Apr. 24	D. Jefferson DH- H	11:00
Apr. 26	Woodlan - A	5:00
Apr. 27	Holgate - H	5:00
Apr. 29	Antwerp - A	5:00
Apr. 30	Parkway - H	5:00

JV Baseball

Apr. 1	Crestview - A	5:00
Apr. 3	Antwerp - A	11:00
Apr. 5	Hicksville - A	5:00
Apr. 6	Edgerton - H	5:00
Apr. 8	Tinora - A	5:00
Apr. 9	Miller City - H	5:00
Apr. 12	Fort Recovery - A	5:00
Apr. 13	Hicksville - H	5:00
Apr. 15	Ayersville - A	5:00
Apr. 16	Allen East - H	5:00
Apr. 17	N. Central - A	11:00
Apr. 19	Crestview - H	5:00
Apr. 20	Fairview - H	5:00
Apr. 21	Lincolnvew - H	5:00
Apr. 22	Edgerton - H	5:00
Apr. 24	Paulding - H	10:00
Apr. 26	St. John's - A	5:00
Apr. 29	Leipsic - H	5:00

JV Softball

Apr. 2	Hicksville - A	5:00
Apr. 3	Celina DH - H	11:00
Apr. 6	Antwerp - A	5:00
Apr. 8	Tinora - A	5:00
Apr. 9	Crestview - H	5:00
Apr. 10	Miller City DH - A	11:00
Apr. 13	Parkway - H	5:00
Apr. 15	Ayersville - A	5:00
Apr. 16	Hicksville - A	5:00
Apr. 17	Ottawa Glandorf DH - H	11:00
Apr. 19	Miller City - H	5:00
Apr. 20	Fairview - H	5:00
Apr. 27	Holgate - A	5:00
Apr. 29	Antwerp - H	5:00
Apr. 30	Parkway - A	5:00

HS Track

Apr. 1	Tinora/Antwerp @ Tinora	4:30
Apr. 6	Hicks/Sty/Hill @ Hicksville	5:00
Apr. 10	Tinora Invitational	11:00
Apr. 13	Fairview - A	4:30
Apr. 16	WT Invite	4:00
Apr. 20	Edgerton/Fairview - H	4:30
Apr. 24	Ayersville Invitational	9:00
Apr. 27	Cont/Holg/Ayers @ Cont.	4:30
Apr. 30	Edgerton Invitational	4:00

JH Track

Apr. 1	Elida - A	5:00
Apr. 5	Crestview/Parkway @ Pkwy	4:30
Apr. 8	Continental/Pkwy @ Cont.	4:30
Apr. 13	Pldg/WT/VW @VW	4:30
Apr. 22	WT Invitational	4:30
Apr. 26	Hicksville/Antwerp @ Hicks	5:00
Apr. 30	Antwerp Invitational	4:30

GO RAIDERS!