



WAYNE TRACE LOCAL SCHOOLS - FEBRUARY 2020 NEWSLETTER



SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE Mr. Benjamin A. Winans

It is certainly hard to believe we are fast approaching having one month of 2020 behind us. On behalf of the Wayne Trace Board of Education, faculty and staff we hope 2020 is turning out to be a great year for each of you. Our resolution for this year as a district remains the same as it has in the past, which is to see all students achieve academically at high levels and to graduate with knowledge, skills and attitudes which will assist them in being productive citizens with the critical thinking skill necessary in our changing global society. As we look to achieve this resolution we will continue to work very closely with our community to uphold the values you have and provide technology and education resources to the students in a safe and caring environment.

In working to achieve our goal as a district, I am reminded each day that a team effort is needed to continue moving forward. As I have mentioned in prior writings this takes a collaborative effort between school and home, and your cooperation is needed as we continue to put high demands on our students so that they are prepared to perform at high levels. Our teaching staff is working with our students at all levels to teach the standards set by the Ohio Department of Education. Each day our staff prepares lessons for students which will reinforce these standards and in the end better prepare our students as they move on in their educational endeavors. We certainly appreciate all the support that we get from parents and community as we work toward our goals as a district. We welcome your input to assist in the education process and welcome a personal contact when you or your student have questions in regard to this process.

Speaking of assessment, we are fast approaching the time of year when students will be engaging in a variety of assessments across the grade levels. Testing will be conducted in English/language arts, math, science, and social studies curriculums. The bar in each of these areas continues to be raised for our students, and to meet this bar our faculty and staff is committed to teaching to the content standards. Each building has also identified specific areas in which they are working to see improvement from our previous marks. Our hope is that in doing this we will continue to see continued growth on these assessments and lessen the potentially negative effect of much higher expectations from the state level.

Additionally, academically we are working as a district to continue to expand the manner in which we use technology to enhance the educational process. Our most recent purchase of a Glowforge, or 3D laser printer/cutter, will allow students to utilize technology to create and design varying projects in multiple subject areas. Our teaching staff also continue to utilize our 3D goggles to enhance classroom lessons. We are also beginning to explore the utilization of technology outside of the classroom in our extra curriculars as we continue to enhance our robotics club and are working toward creating a drone racing team. Our hope is that by continuing to expand our technology offerings to students that we can better prepare them with the skills for what they will encounter once they leave us here at Wayne Trace.

We are currently seeking nominations for the Wayne Trace Staff Hall of Fame Class of 2020. Please consider nominating a worthy former staff member who may have had an extraordinary impact on your life. You can find the nomination form on the district website or feel free to contact the central office and we will get one headed your way.

You may have noted from the minutes of our January Board meeting that the Ohio State Board of Education has designated January as "School Board Member Appreciation Month." The men and women who serve on local school board do so as they have a vested interest in their local schools. Please be sure as you see those that serve on the Wayne Trace Local Schools Board of Education that you thank them for all they do for our district. The Wayne Trace Board of Education meets each month and all are welcome to attend.

As I wrap up this edition of the newsletter I want remind anyone who is interested in gaining access to the Wayne Trace Community Fitness Center to contact the central school office to obtain the necessary paperwork to begin your membership. We simply ask that you fill out, return the forms and cover the cost of the key

fob to gain access to the building which will be five dollars. Our Board of Education extends this access to our community members as yet another way for us to thank each of you for the support you give to our schools.

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

Laurie DeLong, Student Services/Early Learning

Preparation for spring activities are in full swing! Early Childhood Screenings will be held 12 noon – 5 PM March 4, 2020 at St. James Lutheran Church 500 West Townline, Payne, and March 5, 2020 at Zion United Methodist Church 204 South Harrison Street Grover Hill. Appointments can be made by calling 419-587-3414 ext 309, or by sending an email to: anoggle@wbesc.org

"It's My Turn" training is coming to the JH/HS on March 17 and 18. The sessions for the cross-categorical students will emphasize employment, work skills, and career exploration. On March, 18, following the second day, the Western Buckeye Parent Mentor program will sponsor a Coffee and Dessert session especially for parents that will include topics such as guardianship, Social Security, Board of DD, Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities, PC Workshop, among others. More information is coming soon!

Kindergarten registration/screening will be April 6-7 at Payne Elementary, and April 8-9 at Grover Hill Elementary. Parents of age-eligible preschool special needs students will be receiving information about the transition from preschool to kindergarten. There will be an evaluation of each student's progress and a determination made to see if special services are needed for kindergarten.

Please feel free to call our special education office for questions regarding services or early learning (419-587-3414)

PAYNE ELEMENTARY Mr. Paul Jones, Principal

Winter has been unseasonably mild to say the least! Let's hope February is as accommodating as January has been.

Our new Guidance Counselor, Lydia Yenser, has been an outstanding addition to our team at Payne Elementary. She has been working with our students to insure that their experience here at Payne Elementary is a positive one. Lydia is available for Payne Elementary usually on Mondays and Wednesdays, and some Fridays. She is at Grover Hill on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Spelling Bee
Our annual building spelling bee was held January 6th. Our runner up was fifth grader Ella Crosby, and our champion was sixth grader Ryan Parker. Ryan will represent Payne Elementary in the Paulding County Spelling Bee on February 6th, 2020, at 7 pm at the Paulding Village Schools auditoria.

Kindergarten Registration
It's never too early to start thinking about Kindergarten registration. Kindergarten registration this year will be on April 6th and 7th in the gymnasium at Payne Elementary. Registration information has been sent. If you need more information, please contact Payne Elementary at 419-263-2512.

Dress and Appearance Code
A reminder to parents and students that colored hair is prohibited at Wayne Trace Payne Elementary. If a student comes to school with an unnatural hair color, parents will be notified via a phone call and could be required to pick the student up at school. Please refer to the Parent/Student Handbook.

Follow Payne Elementary on Twitter: [@trace_wayne](https://twitter.com/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 February 2020
Feb. 6th – Paulding County Spelling Bee @ Paulding Village Schools auditoria
Grades 4-6 Mad Ants Basketball Game
Feb. 14th – 2-Hour Delay
Feb. 14th – 3rd Quarter Interim Reports
Feb. 17th – No School (President's Day)

GROVER HILL ELEMENTARY Mr. Kevin Wilson, Principal

As we close out a successful first semester and prepare for the beginning of the second, we want to thank the students along with our parents for an outstanding first semester. Students efforts were strong, and as we look over the data, we see growth in each students' academic process. The month of February is a month full of activities. A few of the events taking place in February are the Paulding County Spelling Bee, STEAM Night, Valentine's Day, and preparations for kindergarten registration.

First, we would like to congratulate all students who participated in this year's local Spelling Bee. We especially want to recognize Riley Manz. Riley is this year's Spelling Bee champion for Grover Hill Elementary. Riley is the son of Greg and Julie Manz. We also want to recognize Colton Kimmel, who is this year's runner-up. Colton is the son of Josh and Carrie Kimmel. On February 6th Riley will compete in the county spelling bee to be held at Paulding Middle School. We would like to wish Riley the best of luck as he represents WTGH in this year's county competition.

WTGH teachers have scheduled STEAM Night for February 13th. This year, just as in years past the WTGH staff has worked for months putting together an evening full of great activities. With the addition of the Virtual Reality station along with many other stations, we know you will have an enjoyable experience.

Next, during February we will celebrate Valentine's Day. Valentine's Day is a special day, but for the students it has become more than just passing out Valentines. The students have taken this opportunity to demonstrate their artistic abilities. Each year the students' have a chance to display their artistic abilities as they create amazing Valentines boxes. This year we will celebrate Valentine's Day on Friday, February 14th by ending the day with classroom parties.

In closing, February is also a time to begin preparation for next school year. One major event we are preparing for is Kindergarten Screening. Even though Kindergarten Screening is not until April, we need to begin the process in February. So, at this time we are making preparations for kindergarten screening held in April. If you have a child who will be five before September 30, 2020, and plan for them to attend Kindergarten or the Transitional Kindergarten class next year, you need to contact the Grover Hill Elementary office for registration information. You may contact the Grover Hill Elementary office at 419-399-4100 to begin this registration process.

Kevin E. Wilson, Principal

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

The second semester of the 2019-2020 school year is under way. Our students continue to be in a mindset to learn. Our seniors once again have been challenged with an incentive program that could eliminate some or all of their spring final exams. Wayne Trace Jr/Sr High School staff will continue to examine our programming to challenge all students to work up to their capabilities and prepare them to be the best they can be.

All of our Wayne Trace sophomores are touring Vantage Career Center on January 31. Each student will visit two programs that are offered at Vantage. This is an excellent opportunity for our students to be exposed to the programs at our career school. Vantage Career Center also offers an evening Open House & Taste of Vantage on Monday, February 24 from 5:00-7:30 p.m. for students and parents. This time is made available for students to view additional programs and for parents to view the school and programs. This is also a great time to get answers to questions from the staff at Vantage.

I would encourage parents to go the Ohio Department of Education website if you have a chance to view example test questions. The ODE tries to answer as many questions or concerns that parents may have in regard to state testing.

As always, if there are concerns regarding your son/daughter's education, please contact us at the school. Together, we can make a difference in each student's life!

MUSIC DEPARTMENT NEWS

The Music Department is busy with pep band, concert band and concert choir! On February 15th, the band will travel to St. Marys HS for Solo and Ensemble Contest.

On Sunday, February 23rd, the High School Concert Band & Choir will hold a "Pre-Contest" Concert in the HS Gym at 2:30pm. The concert is free and open to the public to attend! This is in preparation for their OMEA Large Group Adjudicated Event on March 13th & 14th.

Mark your calendars for March 6-8th for the Spring Musical, "Tarzan"! You don't want to miss this fun and exciting show that will be enjoyed by everyone! Presale tickets will be available starting February 18th.

PERFORMING ARTS ASSOCIATION NEWS

Thanks go to all who came to the Christmas concerts in December and to the chili supper before the basketball game on December 6th. Your donations will help the band be able to participate in a Disney Music Workshop when they travel there in March. We appreciate the support of the community as we are always looking for ways to improve and help out all areas of the arts!

DISTRICT CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Feb. 6 County Spelling Bee @ Paulding
Feb. 13 WTGHE STEAM Night
Feb. 14 2 HR DELAY—STAFF IN-SERVICE
Feb. 14 3rd Qtr. Interim Reports
Feb. 15 HS Band Contest @ St. Marys
Feb. 17 NO SCHOOL-PRESIDENTS DAY
Feb. 18 "Tarzan" Musical tickets go on sale
Feb. 23 HS Band & Choir Concert 2:30p
Feb. 24 Vantage Open House 5-7:30p

ATHLETIC EVENTS

HS Boys Basketball

Feb. 1	Kalida-H	6:00
Feb. 7	Ayersville-A	6:00
Feb. 8	Crestview-A	6:00
Feb. 14	Hicksville-H	6:00
Feb. 21	Ottoville-A	6:00

HS Girls Basketball

Feb. 1	Miller City-A	1:00
Feb. 4	Continental-A	6:00
Feb. 6	Ayersville-H	6:00
Feb. 10	Crestview-H	6:00
Feb. 13	Hicksville-A	6:00

Freshman Boys Basketball

Feb. 3	Crestview-H	5:00
Feb. 6	Ayersville-A	5:00
Feb. 11	Lincolnview-A	4:30
Feb. 13	Hicksville-H	5:00
Feb. 15	GMC @ Tinora	TBA
Feb. 17	GMC @ Tinora	TBA
Feb. 22	GMC @ Tinora	TBA

JH Boys Basketball

Feb. 6	Lincolnview-H	5:00
Feb. 8	GMC @ Holgate	10:00
Feb. 10	GMC @ Holgate	5:00
Feb. 11	7th Tourney @ Hicksville	TBA
Feb. 13	7th Tourney @ Hicksville	TBA
Feb. 15	GMC @ Holgate	11:00

HS Wrestling

Feb. 1	GMC @ Fairview	9:30
Feb. 4	Antwerp/Paulding @ Ant	6:00
Feb. 18	Versailles-A	6:30

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Feb. 4	Antwerp/Paulding @ Ant	6:00

GO RAIDERS!!!