



WAYNE TRACE LOCAL SCHOOLS - OCTOBER 2020 NEWSLETTER



SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE Mr. Benjamin A. Winans

It is hard to believe we are through the first full month of school and that with the change in seasons we are beginning to see the leaves turning and cooler temperatures. Our students and staff have begun to settle into their daily routine as far as school is concerned and I am pleased to report our school year is off to a great start. I want to thank our students, parents, and staff members for assisting in the start of school that was no doubt a much different beginning to the year than we are accustomed to here at Wayne Trace. Each year it takes a group effort to get the year started smoothly and this year was no different. We thank all involved for their flexibility and commitment to assisting our district.

I believe that to reach 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.

As I mentioned in the opening to this months' newsletter we are beginning to see the seasons change, which also brings with it a few weather related issues that come with the fall season which can create driving hazards. I am certain you are well aware that 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. With the size of our district we may have varying conditions throughout the district. 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 each day.

Academically, we continue to work toward the achievement goals that are set by the Ohio Department of Education. This year our District Report Card which was recently released did not contain much usable data due to the cancellation of testing last spring. However, our staff are working together to utilize data gathered from assessments conducted at the local level this school year to make certain our students continue to see improvement educationally. We have yet to hear if state testing will take place this school year, but are confident we have measures in place to make certain our students are meeting the standards set by the Ohio Department of Education.

As a reminder our school calendar includes several scheduled two-hour delays for teacher in-service, which allow our staff the opportunity to break down data and examine better ways to meet our student's needs. Please note that we will have our next scheduled two-hour delay on December 11, which will be followed by additional scheduled two-hour delays on February 12, March 12 and April 23. Our busses will run two hours late on each of these Fridays with school starting two hours later than normal. We appreciate your cooperation as we use this in-service time allow us to better prepare to be certain our students are successful.

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 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 Mrs. Laurie DeLong, Director

Welcome to October!

We would like to thank our Classroom Technology Specialist JoEllen Sisson and Speech Therapist Michelle Hanneman. They have been working to set up classroom amplification systems in several of our lower elementary classrooms, which will make a positive difference in making sure instruction is heard clearly by all students.

Also, as we settle into the school routine, we want to remind you to make sure your child's immunizations are up to date, and that two doses of meningococcal vaccine are required to be administered before entering 12th grade. We also check immunization records in Kindergarten and 7th grades. Families will be contacted if any immunizations need to be updated.

For additional information about school health topics, preschool, or any special education topic or related services, you may contact the student services office at 419-587-3414.

PAYNE ELEMENTARY Mr. Paul Jones, Principal

Payne Elementary has had a wonderful start to the school year. We have already reached the halfway point of our first nine weeks. Our first quarter will end on October 23rd, and we will begin to get into fall testing and the holiday season.

Our annual Halloween Parade is tentatively scheduled for October 30th at 1:45PM. The decision on this will be made sometime in October based on where we are at with Covid-19. Stay tuned for more information.

Masks at School

While we are still mandated to wear masks at school, I would like to emphasize that student's bring their own mask to school every day, and even have a spare in their book bag if possible. We have been able to supply students with a mask on the occasion that they forget theirs, and supplied all students with a Wayne Trace mask compliments of the Board of Education, but our supply of spare masks is beginning to get depleted. Please insure your child brings their own mask to school.

Calendar events:
October 20-21 – 3rd Grade Reading Test
October 23 – End of 1st Quarter
October 30 - Halloween Parade

GROVER HILL ELEMENTARY Mr. Mark Lange, Principal

It is hard to believe that fall is officially here and that we are over one-eighth of the way through the school year! We have gone from not being exactly sure what the 2020/2021 school year would look like to sailing right through the first half of the first grading period. Time surely flies when you are having fun!

All of our early testing has been completed, and teachers are busy using that data to determine which of our students need additional support in the area of reading. We used our 2-hour delay on September 25th to meet as grade-level teams, review the available data, and start using our reading specialist teachers and aides to provide intensive and need-specific support to those students who are struggling. Reading is the foundation of learning in all subject areas, and if a student is not a good reader or if he or she has difficulty comprehending what they have read, they will most likely struggle in all subject areas. The key to success is to catch reading deficiencies early and provide timely and adequate support.

Parents sometimes wonder what they can do to help their children in the area of reading, and the answer is quite simple – READ! If your child is in the primary grades, take fifteen minutes a night to sit down with your child and

read. Re-reading a book your child brings home from school is a great way for them to practice new words they are learning and it helps to build their fluency. Fluency is the speed at which a child reads and is often expressed in terms such as "words per minute" or "correct words per minute." If your child is older, have them read aloud to you. By reading aloud, students can often catch mistakes that they make because what they have just read does not sound right. There are times when our eyes may see "tired" but our mind sees "tried." When we have students read aloud, our ears can help to catch some of the mistakes that we make as we read a passage. Oral reading can help with both fluency and comprehension of what was read.

Parents also sometimes believe that helping their child requires a sizable time investment. Over the years, I have encouraged parents to find two 15-minute blocks of time to help their child. Spend fifteen minutes reading to your child or listening to your older child. Likewise, spend fifteen minutes working on math. Students at all levels of the elementary can benefit from working on number recognition, putting numbers in sequential order, or practicing their math facts. The key is to keep the time spent on the task limited. Don't spend too much time on the task or your child may feel like it is a punishment, and we don't want to discourage them. Throw a set of math flashcards or sight words in the car. Encourage your child to practice while you travel to the grocery store or grandma's house. As you make dinner, ask your child to read to you. These small investments of time now will pay big dividends in the future!

As always, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call the school. Be sure to mark November 4th and 5th on your calendar as our parent-teacher conferences are just around the corner! More information will be sent home in several weeks!

Respectfully,
Mark Lange Principal

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

It has been a fantastic start to the unique 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 is September 28-October 2 and will be filled with some of activities (Health Department's approval) for our students. We will be following the State and Local Health Department and Governor's guidelines, which is wearing masks, socially distanced, and limited attendance count to do these activities we are allowed to do. Please make sure students and parents/guardians follow the guidelines. We have worked very hard to be here at school and to have our extracurriculars. It is a team effort with the community and us at school to work together to accomplish this. Thank you!

I want to continue to encourage our parents' involvement in their son/daughter's education. In order for all parents to be informed, this year we will pass out interim reports (1st one passed out to students to take home on Sept. 18) to each student 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 grade through ProgressBook, an online version of the grades throughout the nine weeks. If you have questions or need assistance, always feel free to contact teachers or any of us in the office at 419-399-4100.

Also, I want to thank all parents who have completed the new online forms (OneView) 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, who have not filled an emergency medical form out, please do as soon as possible. If it has been misplaced, please contact us and

we will make sure a replacement is sent home. Also, free or reduced lunch forms can be filled out on our website. For students who qualify, please complete the form online and submit it.

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

Go Raiders!

Mike Myers, Principal

Athletic Department News

Senior Night for Volleyball, Golf, and Cross Country will be held October 12 when the Lady Raiders take on the Delphos Jefferson Wildcats. A special ceremony will be held before the start of the Varsity Volleyball game. There is free admission for parents of the senior athletes participating that evening.

Free & Reduced Meals

Wayne Trace Local Schools has moved our Free & Reduced Meal Program online! Anyone interested in the Free & Reduced meals program needs to go to www.lunchapplication.com and follow the prompts to fill out the application online. If you have any questions, please contact Sarah Sennebogen in the Central Office at 419-263-2415 or by email at sennebogens@waynetrace.org

DISTRICT CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Oct. 20-21 3rd Grade Testing @WTPE
Oct. 23 End of 1st quarter
Oct. 30 Halloween Parade @ WTPE

ATHLETIC EVENTS

Varsity Football

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| Oct. 2 | Antwerp –H | 7:00 |
| Oct. 9 | OHSAA Playoffs -TBD | 7:00 |
| Oct. 16 | Pat Henry -T | 7:00 |
| Oct. 23 | Paulding-Sen. Night -H | 7:00 |
| Oct. 30 | Edgerton-H | 7:00 |

JV Football

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| Oct. 5 | Antwerp– H | 4:30 |
| Oct. 12 | TBA Playoffs– T | 5:00 |
| Oct. 19 | Paulding–H | 5:00 |
| Oct. 26 | Edgerton–H | 5:00 |

Jr. High Football

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| Oct. 1 | Montpelier –H (7th gr.) | 5:00 |
| Oct. 6 | Antwerp –T (8th gr.) | 5:00 |
| Oct. 8 | LCC –T (7th gr.) | 5:00 |
| Oct. 13 | Hicksville –H (8th gr.) | 5:00 |
| Oct. 15 | Archbold –T (7th gr.) | 5:00 |
| Oct. 20 | LCC –H (8th gr.) | 5:00 |
| Oct. 27 | Crestview –H(7th gr.) | 5:00 |

Varsity & JV Volleyball

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| Oct. 3 | Linc/Hicks (JV&V) –H | 10:00 |
| Oct. 5 | Bath –T | 5:30 |
| Oct. 6 | Ayersville– T | 5:30 |
| Oct. 12 | Del. Jeff Sen Night-H | 5:30 |
| Oct. 13 | Holgate–H | 5:30 |
| Oct. 15 | Edgerton –T | 5:30 |

Freshman Volleyball

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| Oct. 3 | Lincolnviev-H | 10:00 |
| Oct. 5 | Bath-T | 4:30 |
| Oct. 6 | Ayersville-T | 4:30 |

Jr. High Volleyball

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| Oct. 1 | Edgerton –T | 4:30 |
| Oct. 5 | Ottoville –H | 5:00 |
| Oct. 6 | Hicksville –T | 5:00 |
| Oct. 8 | Miller City –T | 5:00 |
| Oct. 13 | Fairview –H | 4:30 |
| Oct. 17 | GMC @ Antwerp | 9:00 |

Cross Country

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| Oct. 3 | Edgerton Inv. –T | 9:00 |
| Oct. 6 | County Meet @ Ant | 4:30 |
| Oct. 17 | GMC @ Edgerton | 9:30 |
| Oct. 24 | District Meet @ OG | TBA |

GO RAIDERS!