



WAYNE TRACE LOCAL SCHOOLS - JUNE 2019 NEWSLETTER



SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE Mr. Benjamin A. Winans

I would like to begin this edition of my newsletter by extending another congratulations to each member of the Wayne Trace Class of 2019. On Sunday May 26, each member of the class crossed the stage and received their diplomas as a part of our annual commencement ceremony. While this ceremony is designed to conclude this chapter of their educational careers, we want all members of this class to know that we will be here for support in the next step in their young lives. We are proud they called Wayne Trace home for the past thirteen years and want them to know they will always be a RAIDER!

The close of the school year also brings with it the anxiety of the student body to be able to enjoy the coming summer months. However, I want to be sure to include how great it has been to also see these students show off what they have learned over the course of the 2018-2019 school year. I have been fortunate enough to attend several end of year programs where our student body was able to convey the knowledge they had gained to other students, staff, and stakeholders. I am a firm believer that in education we need to work to allow our students the opportunity to share what they have learned with others as this is one of the best ways to positively reinforce the learning.

As we begin to plan for the 2019-2020 school year, one of the first items we are working to prepare for the return of the students is our technology. Specifically we are moving into the sixth year of the 1:1 program at the junior/senior high. In order to keep the most up to date technology in the hands of our students the Board has graciously approved the purchase of several new technology items. Our technology staff, along with their summer helpers will be working with the new devices to make certain they are ready for the student body when they return. Many thanks to our Technology Coordinator Ashton Duer and our Classroom Technology Specialist JoEllen Sission for their continued work to keep our district technology at the level that is needed to assist in the education of our students.

In looking at curriculum for the coming school year, our staff has been working with their building principals and our curriculum coordinator to ensure that our coursework is up to date with the current Ohio Department of Education standards. As a district we are also pleased to continue to offer our students the opportunity to enroll in our on-line learning lab. Once enrolled the students have an alternate path for earning high school credits in a nontraditional format. A unique opportunity is also provided to the students as they can earn college credits without ever leaving the Wayne Trace campus. We continue to see our students being successful in both the high school level coursework and the college level coursework. Students may enroll for a portion of their day or for the entire day and are also able to retain eligibility for co-curricular and extra-curricular activities. Our curriculum/testing coordinator Tim Manz will oversee this program for our district with assistance from our junior/senior high administrative and guidance team. We encourage those who might have questions to reach out to these staff members by contacting the high school office.

Our performing arts department closed out their year with a bang. Our high school band achieved the highest marks possible at the Ohio Musical Education Association State Competition. To follow that our junior high band and choir also received the highest marks possible at their

competition. I am told this is the first time our junior high music programs have achieved this. Our community members were also fortunate enough to be entertained by these groups as we closed out the year with our annual evening concerts. A special thank you goes to Miss Sharon Spinner, Mr. Richard Sherrick, Mrs. Joni Wenninger, Mrs. Caitlyn Schmidt and Mr. Kaleb O'Donnell for all the hard work that they put in this year with our performing arts students at the varying levels.

In closing, I want to again extend my thanks to the Wayne Trace community for the support that you have shown of our students and staff over the school year. Several times over the course of this year I have witnessed our community come together to meet the needs of our students, staff and stakeholders. We are truly blessed to have the high quality staff members we do in our district, who make it their goal each day to provide all students with a quality education and assist them in becoming productive citizens.

If there are 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—Laurie Delong

As we are heading into summer, I'd like to recognize our Student Services and Early Learning staff for a successful 2018-2019 school year. These personnel have done a wonderful job supporting the education of our students at the WTGH, WTPE, and WTJH/HS buildings! These employees and support personnel include: Susan Backus, Anne Myers, Rosanah Foster, Tami AuFrance, Sherray Eickholt, Denise Shouse, Amie Ashworth, Nan Smith, Candi Brimmer, Sara Linder, Rachael Dettrow, Michelle Berry, Katie Alix, Jenn Moran, Carly Covarrubias, Stacy Thomas, Maddi Stewart, Brenda Zern, Lauri Thatcher, Melissa Moore, Kathy Habern, Valerie DeVelvis, Treg Lymanstall, Alayna Wannemacher, Maureen Sorensen, Zach Boyer, Cindy Crosby, Brenda Wurst, Joe Shouse, Jeanne Gribble, Chelsea Zeedyk, Jeanne Fisher, Heather Matthews, Jenna Sherry, Allison Bittner, Angie Bonifas, Kristin Martin, Michelle Hanneman, Jan Kohart, Pat Miller, Cathy Ruiz, Brian Rockhold, Rod Dudgeon, Karla Treece, and Sabrina Roth.

To read more about special education and Little Raiders Preschools over the summer, you can visit www.waynetrace.org website, and click the "Preschool/Special Education" tab under Quick Links. You may also enjoy our Little Raiders Preschool Facebook pages. These may be found under *Wayne Trace Grover Hill Little Raiders Preschool* and *Wayne Trace Payne Little Raiders Preschool*.

The special education office will be open the same summer hours as the elementary school offices. For information about special education, preschool, and student services, you may contact the special education office at: 419-587-3414, ext. 309.

PAYNE ELEMENTARY
Mr. Paul Jones, Principal

The end of the school year has finally arrived. Payne Elementary would like to thank all parents and students for another successful school year. Staff and students have worked very hard, and the results show that. I think I speak for everyone here at Payne Elementary in saying that we

hope everyone has a wonderful summer, and we look forward to seeing everyone back in August.

21st Century

Summer Camp for those students in the 21st Century afterschool program will begin June 3rd and run through June 14th. The camp will begin at 8 am and dismissal will be at 3:00.

Elementary Yearbooks

Unfortunately there is a delay in your yearbooks and we don't anticipate our yearbooks arriving before the last day of school.

Once the yearbooks arrive, they will be shipped to everyone who ordered one. Lifetouch has apologized for this.

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 2019

August 19 – Elementary Open House
August 21 – First Day of School

GROVER HILL ELEMENTARY
Mr. Kevin Wilson, Principal

It is hard to believe the school year is over. As we come to the end of the school year, we also celebrate a retirement. The current staff, as well as past staff members, would like to wish Mrs. Marcie Fielder the best of luck as she enters into a new stage in life. Thank you, Mrs. Marcie, for the many years you dedicated to the Grover Hill students and families.

Next, the GH staff and I would like to thank the PTO and parents who made Carnival/Olympic Day a huge success. The time and effort put into ensuring this day are full of fun and excitement for the GH students are much appreciated. The PTO does so much throughout the school year for the students and staff; we want you to say THANK YOU.

As this year ends, the WTGH staff is also preparing for next year. Watch for the August newsletter or WTGH website for any information concerning the 2019-2020 school year. To help as you get ready for next year, we have placed the school supply list on the site.

In closing, the GH staff, students, and I would like to congratulate Mrs. Marcie Fiedler. Three years ago, we felt a need to recognize a community member who is an outstanding role model and example for the students. The first recipient was Ruth Stoller, who received her award last year. The second year we honored Mrs. Claudia Elliott. This year, Mrs. Marcie Fiedler was our selection. Anyone who has ever walked into the WTGH building understands why Mrs. Marcie was our selection for this award.

I would like to wish the students, staff, and community an enjoyable and safe summer break.

Kevin E. Wilson, Principal

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

Another school year has quickly come to a close. There were 75 seniors who became Wayne Trace graduates following the ceremony on May 26. The Wayne Trace class of 2019 has left their mark and I want to wish every graduating senior the very best in their future endeavors.

With the close of this school year, we are very excited about the upcoming 2019-2020 school year. We welcome one new teacher join-

ing our teaching staff, as Mrs. Anne Myers will be an Intervention Specialist at the Junior High School level. I would like to thank Mr. Zach Boyer for serving as our Intervention Specialist at the Junior High level working with our seventh and eighth grade students. His hours of planning and teaching influenced our students' lives and we wish him the best as he moves on in his educational career.

Congratulations to the high school band for receiving a superior (I) rating at the state musical competition. The band gave tremendous performances and had an outstanding year. A huge thanks to Ms. Sharon Spinner, Mrs. Joni Wenninger, Mr. Richard Sherrick, and Mr. CJ Brincefield, who led these outstanding performers.

I would like to finish the 2018-2019 school year and my 20 years so far in education by recognizing and thanking the adults that play such an important part in the education of our young people at Wayne Trace Junior/Senior High School: faculty, secretaries, technology specialists, paraprofessionals, cooks, custodians, bus drivers, coaches, and aides. All of these people impact the lives of our youth and we can't thank them enough for their dedication and service.

I wish everyone a safe and enjoyable summer break. Also, I trust that the 2019-2020 school year will be the best ever for the students and staff of Wayne Trace Junior/Senior High School!

2019-2020 Junior High/High School Schedule/
Computer pick-up:

August 13- 9:00 am-3:00 pm

August 14- 8:00 am-3:00 pm

August 15- 10:00 am-6:00 pm

ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT NEWS

The WT Athletic Dept. will be offering "Parent Ads" again in the 2019-20 Fall Sports program. This is for parents of Wayne Trace Jr./Sr. High School students to recognize their student. The ad can be as simple as "Good Luck" or you can add recent photos, childhood photos, artwork, etc. You may purchase an ad regardless of whether or not your student is involved in sports. For more info or to request an ad form, please email your request to: kipferd@wt.k12.oh.us

Have a fun and safe summer!

**We look forward to seeing you
all next school year on the first
day of school: August 21, 2019**

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