



# Ralph E. Waite Elementary November 2018 Newsletter



## MCKINLEY MUSEUM FIELD TRIP:



This year, each grade level will participate in three field trips thanks to our spring fundraiser! Thank you for your support! Our second grade students enjoyed a day of learning about history and science at the McKinley Presidential Monument and Museum in Canton, Ohio on October 23rd!

## OPERATION GRATITUDE



Waite Elementary hosted the service project: Operation Gratitude thanks to the great idea of first grade student, Aryanna Henson. Waite students collected over 7 boxes of leftover Halloween candy to contribute towards care packages as a way to thank our military troops serving overseas!

## OPPORTUNITIES TO SHINE!

Waite students have many opportunities to learn and shine before and after school!

### Chinese Club!

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Chinese Club starts this week after school for 5 weeks! This great opportunity is offered to 4th and 5th grade students by our MHS Chinese Club students! Students will learn letters, numbers, songs, colors, culture and more!

### Waite Yearbook Cover Contest

Calling all artists! Students in grades 3, 4 and 5 can pick up an application in the office for our yearbook cover! Our theme is respect and responsibility. Designs are due to the office by Friday, November 9th!



### Ski/Snowboard Club



Calling all skiers and snowboarders age 8 and over! It's not too late to sign up to join ski/snowboard club. Medina's ski team hits the slopes of Brandywine Ski Resort on Friday nights starting January 11th. It's a lot of fun and a great way to try something new! See the link on the Medina homepage. The first registration deadline is November 19th.

### AUTHOR/ILLUSTRATOR VISITS WAITE!



Author and illustrator, Danielle Rueger, visited Waite and spoke with students on October 17th!. Miss Rueger wrote and illustrated the book, [The Maskless Raccoon](#). Pictured with Miss Rueger is our district elementary media specialist, Julia Goll!

## WAITE HAPPENINGS! Halloween Parade & Parties



## WAITE PTO UPDATES:

On the afternoon of October 19th, our students had a blast participating in a variety of “pumpkin team challenges” in the Waite PTO Great Waite Pumpkin Challenge! This event is held each year to raise funds for our Waite PTO to provide various additional opportunities for our students throughout the year (Kidscripts writing theatre assembly, family events, classroom grants, books for summer readers, etc.). This year’s event raised over **\$10,000** to help provide **additional technology** for our students! **THANK YOU** all Waite families for your generosity and support! Thank you also to our wonderful volunteers who helped with the event!



## Medina City Schools Unity Day



Waite Students wore orange bracelets and signed the “Kindness Wall” on Wednesday, October 24th to Unite for Kindness!

## WAITE PTO FAMILY SKATING NIGHT



Join in the fun this **Thursday, November 8th from 5-7 at Medina Skateland** for our PTO sponsored Family Skating Night! Admission is covered by our PTO, and just bring your skates/rollerblades or you may rent skates for \$3. Hope to see you there!

## WAITE PTO NOVEMBER MEETING

You are invited to our November Waite PTO meeting on **Tuesday, November 13th from 6:30-7:30 p.m.** in the Waite media center. Mrs. Waugh, reading intervention teacher, will be providing information on how to best help your child in reading, including their “reading mindset”.



## 5th GRADE GOVERNMENT

The fifth grade students experienced true democracy in action as they learn about the election process and participate in student government. Students had the opportunity to run for government office, participate in a public speaking debate and officially vote on voting day to elect their 5th grade student leaders. Great job to all candidates!



## UPCOMING DATES:

### Veterans Day Celebration



We look forward to showing our thanks to all who served at our Veterans Day celebration/breakfast on **Monday, November 12th from 8:00-8:45 a.m.** Special thanks to our fifth grade student leaders and Glee Club for preparing for the celebration.

### Family First Night



Save the date: **Monday, November 12th** is Family First Night in Medina City Schools. This is an evening without practices and homework K-12 in an effort to celebrate and spend time as a family.

### Coats for Kids Express

The 2018 Coats for Kids Express is collecting gently used or new coats, hats, mittens, scarves, and other winter items for those in need. We will have a collection box in the school office. The express will stop at Waite on **Thursday, November 15 from 11:15 am - 12:15 pm.** Thank you!



## TOYS FOR TOTS:



New, unwrapped toys can be put in the Toys for Tots collection box in the Waite lobby now through **December 10th.** The Marines will donate these toys to children over the holiday season. Thank you!

## “BEE” IN THE KNOW:

**FACEBOOK:** Our school Facebook page is hopping with excitement!

See the daily updates, pictures, videos, and stories of the amazing learning taking place at our school each and every day.

**Like and follow our Facebook Pages below:**

- Ralph E. Waite Elementary School
- Ralph E. Waite Elementary Art Room

**WEBSITE:** Please be sure to check out our Waite Elementary webpage at: [www.medinabees.org/schools/ralph-e-waite-elementary](http://www.medinabees.org/schools/ralph-e-waite-elementary)

Our website includes important dates and information, events, updates, opportunities for students and families, and great links to support learning!

## OFFICE REMINDERS:

- Student fees were due September 30th. Checks can be made payable to Medina City Schools. Thank you!
- Students that are ill should NOT return to school for 24 hours after they are symptom free from their illness.
- The **tardy bell rings at 8:55am.** Students are expected to be in their seat, ready to learn at this time. If they are tardy, a parent must sign them in at the office and they will be given a pass to give to their teacher.

## Recess Reminder:

Weather permitting, students will have recess outside each day. A decision to have outside recess during cold weather depends upon the temperature and the wind chill factor. All students will be outside for recess when the temperature is 20 degrees and above. Please make sure your child is dressed appropriately. Boots, hats, scarves, gloves and warm coats are suggested..

