

Ralph E. Waite Elementary

March 2019 Newsletter



LEADERS OF THE MONTH:



Congratulations to our Leaders of the Month!
Kindergarteners: Lyla Clary, Blake Cook and Brooklyn Koskey

1st Graders: Deenjot Aujla, Mya Biggs, Evan Buckles, Hunter Gaydosh and Seth Long

2nd Graders: Jayden Crain, Jackson Warfe Jim Papakonstantopoulos, and James Wolf

3rd Graders: Connor Brink, Asher Camlin, Madison Fox, Sophia Lazar and Tayler Pidgeon

4th Graders: Brody Robison and Ashton Scheetz

5th Graders: Henry Albrecht, Evan Browne, Alexandria Klenk, Charlotte Nagel



- 3-7 The Great Waite Talent Show 6:30 p.m.
- 3-12 Waite PTO Chipotle Spirit Night!
- 3-13 Spring Picture Day!
- 3-14 Scene 75 PTO Mother Son Event 5:30-7:30pm
- 3-18-3-22 Right to Read Week!
- 3-25 to 3-29 Spring Break
- 4-5 Father Daughter Dance 7:00 p.m.
- 4-19 and 4-22 No School
- 5-2 Waite Art Show!
- 5-6-5-10 Bike to School Week!
- 5-9 5th Grade Musical!
- 5-17 Waite Family Community Fun Night!
- 5-24 Field Day!

MUSIC ENRICHMENT!



Thank you, PTO and Mrs. Hoffmann, for the opportunity to be inspired by a new type of music from The University of Akron Steel Drum Band! Students in Grades 3-5 participated in a morning workshop to learn more about the history of steel drums and how to play them! The entire school enjoyed an amazing performance in the afternoon!

WAITE GIVES BACK!



The Waite Gives Back Leadership Team carries on the important tradition modeled to us from Mr. Waite about the importance of giving back to our community. Thank you, Waite families, for your kindness and generosity to provide personal care items to local foster families.



This year, many classes focused on a day of caring in lieu of a traditional Valentine's party. Many classes showed kindness towards children at Akron Children's Hospital by tying fleece blankets for "Chelsea Cares" or assembling "Chemo Care" bags.



INTEREST BASED GROUPS!



A new round of interest based groups just started for students in some Grades 3 and 5 classes. Students meet once a week for six weeks in an interest group of their choice!

Soap Box Derby!

Our fifth grade Derby Team has been working hard to get our car assembled for race day in May! Special thanks to parents, Mr. and Mrs. Browne for volunteering their time to help with our Derby Team! Go Team Waite!



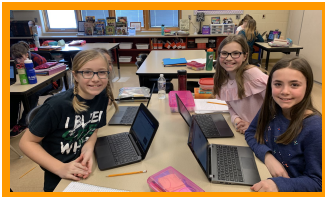
Robotics!



Students in Robotics are enjoying working with the Lego Mindstorms kits to design and program their own robot!

Genius Hour!

Genius Hour is a concept originated by Google to research a topic of their choice to for the betterment of a business, or in our case to help a need at our school, community, or beyond! Students are diving into various topics including ways to help the homeless, stray animals, the endangered salamander, and more!



Stop Motion Video!



Do you remember the old picture flip book movies? Now, students are being creative using Stop Motion video to create their own animated films!

Running/Fitness!

Mrs. Gangl, who has run over 30 marathons, is working with the students to discuss the importance of how goal setting, perseverance and a growth mindset leads to great accomplishments!

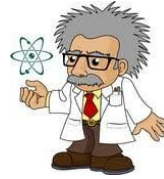


Yoga!

Mrs. Bennett, a certified yoga instructor, instructs the students on various yoga poses as well as breathing methods and how activities like yoga can help with your overall health and wellness.



Inventions!



Students are learning about various inventions throughout history, including Legos and Silly Puddy! . They are also working in groups to create their own invention! Stay tuned for what their creative minds invent!

Mindfulness!

Students are learning about their brain and how simple acts throughout the day of calming strategies can help in stressful situations (performing, test taking, etc.) and can lead to greater health.



First graders had a great celebration for the 100th day of school! Each student designed his/her own shirt that incorporated 100 items of their choice. The students had a "fashion show" for parents to celebrate!



Mrs. Brady's Class

Miss Frishgesell's Class



Mrs. Holliday's Class

Miss Pappano's Class



LEADERSHIP TEAM UPDATES!

- **Welcome Team** recognized and presented our **51 new students** that joined Waite this year with a special treat bag welcoming them to our school at our second trimester assembly!
- **Wellness Team** recognized many students who participated in the "Fruit and Veggie Try Something New Challenge" in February, as well as introduced our "March Madness 20 Day Fitness Challenge"!
- **The Waite Drum Circle** had their debut performance at the second trimester assembly and provided entertainment as the students entered! Bravo!



DISTRICT UPCOMING EVENTS:

CAMP INVENTION

Every February we celebrate Innovation Day! Innovation is everywhere you look! At Camp Invention®, your child can learn what it takes to be an innovation superhero by turning ideas into world-saving inventions. Join a week of fun, hands-on STEM activities where your child will think big and never give up!

Camp Invention 2019 will be held at A. I. Root Middle School June 10 - 14 from 8:45 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. For more information check out campinvention.org or email director Sue Scalia at scalias@medinabees.org

MEDINA HIGH SCHOOL

WINTER CHOIR CONCERT

Featuring outstanding music from the five traditional MHS Choirs and a special performance of Encore's competition show

TUESDAY, MARCH 12, 2019
7 PM

Medina Performing Arts Center Main Stage
Tickets available at Eventbrite.com or at the door

A Series of Community Chats

Join us as we continue the Community Chat series for the 2018-2019 school year. Join Superintendent Aaron Sable and other District administrators as we engage in discussion about a variety of topics.

All are welcome to attend or tune in live through YouTube.

The next Community Chat will be

DATE: Wednesday, March 13 DATE CHANGE

PLACE: Board of Education Office
739 Weymouth Rd

TIME: 6:00 p.m.

Topics of Discussion include:

- Plans & Timeline for Redistricting
- Bond Issue

Last Chat for 2018-2019 School Year:

Tuesday, June 11
Location and Time TBD

Please plan to join us for the discussion in person or by watching it live on YouTube.

Medina City Schools www.medinabees.org

Medina City Schools Student Art Show: A Celebration of Youth Art Month



March 2-31

View student artwork during the month of March in local businesses around the District

Opening Reception March 2
1:00PM-2:00PM

Huntington Bank Lobby, 39 Public Square

Medina Historic Square

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ONE MILE FUN RUN/WALK
HALF MILE KIDS RUN/WALK

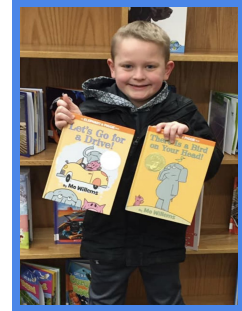
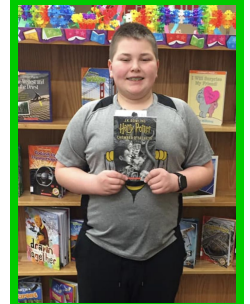
Friday, May 3, 2019
Registration: 5:30PM
Races begin at 7:00PM
Medina High School
777 E. Union Street
More information:
info@medinacityschoolsfoundation.org

OTHER HIGHLIGHTS:

We Books



Right to Read Week
March 18-22



1ST

FRIDAY

MEDINA

5-9 PM SHOP. DINE. UNWIND.

Kick off the month of March with the "Luck of the Irish!"

Shop, dine and enjoy an evening of fun activities!

Collect Shamrock tokens from participating locations for a chance to win a gift basket.

Find Medinasaurus for a hug and a special treat!

French Club

Bonjour! Our 4th and 5th grade students are enjoying learning French from Ms. Watt, former MHS French teacher, twice a week after school!



First Fridays in Medina are held every month on the first Friday of the month from 5-9 pm.

For a full list of events, visit us at mainstreetmedina.com, like us on Facebook or follow us on Twitter.

MARCH 1ST
"LUCKY YOU!"

Upcoming First Fridays:

April 5, May 3, June 7, July 5,
August 2, Sept. 6, Oct. 4, Nov. 1,
Dec. 6 and Jan. 3, 2020

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The Medina High School Orchestra Presents

STRINGS IN THE PARK

12:00 PM
MAY 17, 2019
MEDINA'S HISTORIC SQUARE
FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Bring your lunch and a chair to Medina's Historic Square as the Medina High School's orchestra presents a delightful afternoon of music.

Talent Show

The Great Waite Talent Show
Thursday, March 7th
6:30 p.m.

Good luck to all of our performers, announcers and stage crew! We look forward to seeing all the amazing Waite student talents!