



Ralph E. Waite Elementary School

August 2021 Newsletter

August, 2021

Welcome Back to School, Waite Families!



Welcome Back!

We are so excited to welcome our students back to school for the 2021-2022 school year at Waite Elementary! It was great seeing everyone at Meet the Teacher as we welcome students back from summer, our MODA students back to school after over a year, and our many new students and families that are new to join our Waite school community! We look forward to an exciting year of learning, fun and new adventures!

At Waite, we are committed towards growing enthusiastic readers and writers, as well as critical thinkers and problem solvers. In addition to strong academics, we value and help the students develop strong character values. Throughout this past year, our district worked with community members, parents, staff and students to identify what we value and want for our students K-12 in Medina City Schools. Our "Portrait of a Bee" identifies these key values of:

Character	Interactions with Others	Thinking and Learning
Respectful Citizen	Collaborator	Innovative Problem Solver
Responsible Decision Maker	Communicator	Resilient Lifelong Learner

Our staff is committed to helping our students develop a positive growth mindset and recognize that their unique gifts and talents can and will make positive contributions to the world around them.

I look forward to a great school year! If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at gricec@medinabees.org or 330-636-4500.

Mrs. Cindy Grice, Principal

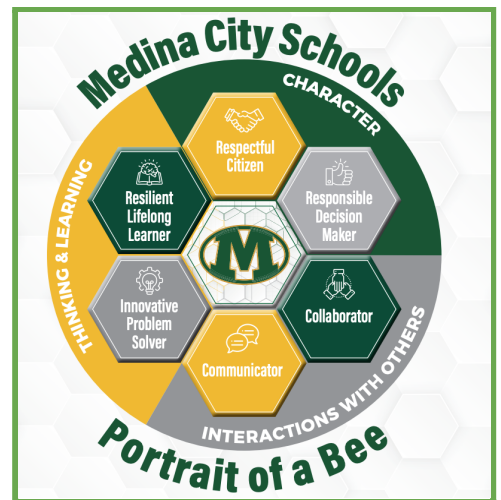
Mark Your Calendar:

Monday, August 16: Medication Drop off in Office 9:00 am-12:00 pm
Tuesday, August 17: First Day for Students- Grades 1-5

Kindergarten Staggered Start:

- Group A: (last names A-L) Tuesday and Wednesday only
- Group B: (last names M-Z) Thursday and Friday only
- All Kindergarten students attend Monday, August 23rd

[MCS 2021-2022 Calendar](#)



Medina City Schools Back to School Information

[District Back to School Information August 11, 2021](#)



Healthy Habits

We will continue to encourage regular daily healthy habits of handwashing, water bottle use, and distancing. Thank you for your help in performing a [daily health check](#) of your child.

Arrival (8:40 am, 8:55 tardy bell)

Staff will be present at all locations and in the halls to welcome our students and help them navigate to their classroom.

- **Walkers:** Students/parents please wait at the end of the walking path until safety patrol safely crosses you to the sidewalk at 8:40.
- **Car Riders:** Students will exit cars in the carline beginning at 8:40 am (when staff and safety patrol are present) and enter the side carline door and head straight to the classrooms. Kindergarten car riders will have a dot to stand on inside of the side entrance- and will be escorted to K rooms together. Parents please do not exit cars as we will have staff to assist students.
- **Bus Riders:** Students will have a staggered exit off of the bus and enter the building as follows:
 - Grade K will enter the main entrance doors and proceed **left down the K hall** to their classrooms.
 - Grades 1 and 2 will enter the main entrance doors and proceed **straight through the cafeteria** to their classroom.
 - Grades 3 and 4 will enter the main entrance doors and proceed **right down the main hall** (past the media center) to their classroom.
 - Grade 5 will enter the **5th grade door** (to the right of the main entrance door) and proceed to their classroom.

Dismissal

Students will have a staggered classroom dismissal between 3:20 and 3:23 and exit the door they arrived in at the start of the day.

- **Walkers:** Safety patrol will safely cross walkers to proceed to the walking path.
- **Car Riders:** Students will position themselves in distanced "zones" on the sidewalk as they wait for their car.
- **Car Line Reminders:** Please have your child's last name clearly posted in the passenger window of the car. Please pull all the way forward towards the flagpole (please do not park by the doors). For everyone's safety, please stay in the carline, stay in your car, and do not park in the side lot or exit your vehicle in the carline.

Student Sign In

If a student is returning to school from an appointment or arriving late to the building:

- The parent and student will enter the vestibule together.
- The parent signs the student in on the attendance log which will be located in the office vestibule.
- After signing the student in, ring the buzzer & the office staff will unlock the door for the student to enter the office.

Student Sign Out

If a student needs to leave school early:

- The parent will enter and remain in the office vestibule.
- The parent will call the office phone number (330-636-4500) and provide the name of the student they are picking up. The parent/guardian will be required to show ID through the office window.

- The office staff will call the student down to the office.
- The parent will sign the student out on the attendance log.
- The parent waits in the vestibule for their student.

Absence Procedure

If your child is going to be absent, please call the attendance line at 330-636-4504 before 9:00 am.

End of Day Dismissal Plans

Please make every effort to have an established end of the day dismissal plan with your child. In the event of an emergency where dismissal plans have changed, **please call the office prior to 3:00** to notify your child.

School Fees

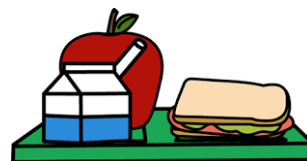
2021-2022 School Fees:

- Grades K-2: \$36.00
- Grade 3-5: \$44.00

School Fees are due Sept. 30 and can be paid using [Payforit.net](https://www.payforit.net)

School Breakfast and Lunch

The United States Department of Agriculture has once again extended free meal benefits to all students for the 2021-2022 school year. Milk only option is 0.50.



[Waite Breakfast and Lunch Menus](#)

Weekender Bags

Waite Elementary School is excited to participate in the 2021-2022 Weekenders program! The Weekenders for Children program is made possible through a partnership with Feeding Medina County. The purpose of this program is to support elementary children who qualify by providing a bag of food to eat over the weekend. Weekender Bags will be given to your child to take home every week during the school year, except during breaks.

If you are interested in your child/children participating in the Weekenders program, please fill out [this form](#) as soon as possible. Please call the office with any questions. Thank you!

Chromebook Insurance

All elementary families, grades 2 - 5, who will use a District Chromebook will be assigned a \$30 Chromebook insurance fee. This insurance is optional. If you do NOT want this insurance, [this form](#) **must be filled out before September 30, 2021**, in order to waive the fee.

