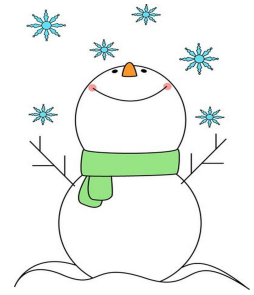


# Ralph E. Waite Elementary December 2018 Newsletter



## LEADERS OF THE MONTH!



**Congratulations to our Leaders of the Month!**

**Kindergarteners:** Lucy Armstrong, Kylee Crain, Reese Surso and James Williams

**1st Graders:** Landon Cooke, Maddie Dworzniak, Collyns Longa, Lauren McClafferty and Jordan Sliwinski

**2nd Graders:** Paige Armstrong, Hayden Caffee, Cody Cunningham, Sam Freeland, Ryan Grice and Maddie Tucker

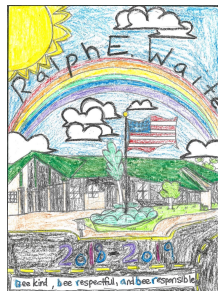
**3rd Graders:** Kate Cassidy, Giada Grimes, Jace Manke, Tyson Riffle and Blake Stepsis

**4th Graders:** Avery Gifford, Jack Piatak and Rylan Smykowski

**5th Graders:** Campbell Burns, Hailey Hofmann, Lilith Kufner, Charlene Nagel, Addison Shook and Owen Stepsis

## WAITE YEARBOOK COVER CONTEST

Congratulations to the 2018-2019 yearbook cover contest winner, **Saiyun Dork**, 5th grader!



## "TOP DOG" MEDINA COUNTY WRITING CONTEST WINNER!



Congratulations to the 2018-2019 Medina County "Top Dog" Writing Essay Contest Winner, **Chase Parker**, Waite 4th grader!

## 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!

## 5TH GRADE KINDNESS CLUB "Stuff the Stockings"



We would like to inform you that our school will be doing a stocking drive for the kids at Burgaw Elementary in North Carolina who were impacted by the hurricane Florence. Students can donate little items that are gender neutral, for just girls, or for just boys. Kids can donate toys for students in grades K-5. These toys can not be huge, as we want them to fit inside the stockings. Some examples include Barbie dolls, small Beanie Babies, toy cars, etc. We will also accept stockings. We hope that by **December 10th**, we will have enough toys and stockings for all the kids at Burgaw Elementary. We hope that by sending these kids toys it will make them happier! Donations can be dropped off to room 162 in the 5th grade hall!

Thank You,  
The Waite 5th Grade Kindness Club



## UPCOMING DATES!

December 10: Toys for Tots/ Kindness Club "Stuff the Stockings" donations due  
December 11: Waite Glee Club Holiday Concert 6:30 pm  
December 12: 1st Grade Holiday Program 2:45 pm  
December 14: Box Tops Contest Ends

## WAITE HOLIDAY SPIRIT WEEK:

**December 17: Dress Like a Snowman Day!**

**December 18: Red and Green Day!**

**December 19: Holiday Festive Wear or Dress Like Your Favorite Holiday Character!**

**December 20: Pajama Day!**

December 18: PTO Five Guys Spirit Night

December 20: Early Release at 2:30pm

December 21 to January 6: Winter Break/No School

## FIFTH GRADERS LEARN ABOUT LOCAL BUSINESSES!



Our fifth graders had the great opportunity to hear from many local business owners to prepare for their upcoming entrepreneur business fair project! Special thanks to Mrs. Kochmit, owner of Slim and Chubby's restaurant in Strongsville, Mr. Cherchian, owner of Capture XYZ, and Mrs. West, owner/artist of Genevieve West Designs in Medina. We appreciate you sharing your expertise and business journey with our students!

Speaking of new businesses.....a new Waite family just opened Purposeful Play Medina in the Yours Truly plaza. Check out [www.purposefulplaymedina.com](http://www.purposefulplaymedina.com) for more information!

## SIGN LANGUAGE CLUB

Fifth graders, Vivian Kelps and Jenna Wyatt, will be leading a sign language club for third graders on Wednesdays during recess in the months of January and February. More information will be sent home soon!

## 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 last day to register online is Wednesday, December 19th.

## WAITE PTO UPDATES!

### All Fired Up Ornament Night



Waite students and families are invited to participate in our annual ornament night on **Tuesday, December 4, 2018 from 5:45pm to 7:15pm** in the Waite Cafeteria.

Ornaments are \$5 each. We hope you can join in the holiday fun!

## 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
- Ralph Waite Elementary PTO

## GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR KIDS!

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8  
DANCING  
WITH ENCORE

Your chance to sing and dance with Medina High School's award-winning show choir  
The Encore Entertainment Company.

OPEN TO STUDENTS IN GRADES 4 THRU 8  
REGISTRATION BEGINS AT NOON  
OPEN HOUSE PERFORMANCE AT 3:15PM

• \$20 registration fee - includes t-shirt, snack, & Holiday music  
For more information and to register,  
please scan the QR code or visit  
[Medinachoir.com](http://Medinachoir.com)

## OFFICE REMINDERS!

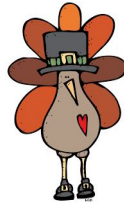
- Please make sure that your child's lunch charges are paid. Thank you!
- Students that are ill should NOT return to school for 24 hours after they are symptom free from their illness.
- Please have your child(ren) check the lost and found table in the lobby under the television monitor. There are MANY lost items that need to go home!!
- 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 daily.



## ❄️ THANKSGIVING PLAY



BRAVO to our second grade students for a great performance at their Thanksgiving play! They shared the story of Thanksgiving along with a great musical and dance performance. The students then showed thanks to their families by treating them to cider and homemade pumpkin cake they prepared at school!



## ❄️ ADDITIONAL HIGHLIGHTS



Mr. Waite joined us for our first trimester assembly!



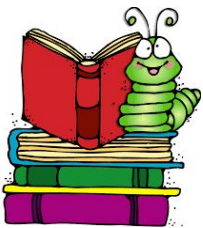
Students in Mrs. Gangl, Mrs. Wilbur, Mrs. Bishop and Mrs. Morgan's third and fourth grade classes donated 14 complete Thanksgiving meals to the Community Services Center!

## ❄️ VETERANS DAY CELEBRATION!



The students and staff showed appreciation to our veterans for their service at our Veterans' Day breakfast on Monday, November 12th. We had over 50 veterans in attendance!

## ❄️ BOOK FAIR



Thank you to all of our Waite students and their families for supporting our Book Fair during the first week of November! Special thanks to our media specialist, Mrs. Rankin, and our amazing parent volunteers who helped organize this great celebration of literacy!



Kindergarten Technology Club! Lead by 3rd grade students, Paige Pennington and Audrey Fuller!

Have a great winter break!



Waite's after school 4th and 5th grade Chinese Club, lead by MHS Chinese Club students!