

Ralph E. Waite Elementary December 2019 Newsletter



GIVING TREE BY BROWNIE TROOP 91212



Waite Brownie Troop 91212 partnered with Best Christmas Ever and set up a Giving Tree in our school lobby. Thank you to all of our families for helping spread kindness and joy!



TOYS FOR TOTS!



Donations of new, unwrapped toys were collected by the Waite Gives Back Leadership Team and over 100 toys were donated to Toys for Tots for the holiday season.

UPCOMING DATES!

WAITE HOLIDAY SPIRIT WEEK:

- 12-16: Dress Like a Snowman Day!
- 12-17: Red and Green Day!
- 12-17: 1st Grade Holiday Program at 2:45 p.m.
- 12-18: Holiday Festive Wear or Dress Like Your Favorite Holiday Character!
- 12-18: Holiday Parties!
- 12-18: Glee Club concert at 6:30 p.m.
- 12-19: Pajama Day!
- 12-19: 5th Grade Business Fair 12:00 p.m.
- 12-19: Early Release at 2:30pm
- 12-20 to 1-5: No School, Winter Break

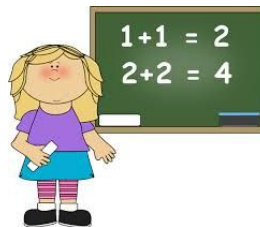


STUDENT LEADERSHIP! LEGO CLUB



Student Leader, **Sydney Beckett**, had the idea to lead a kindergarten Lego club with six students! They met on Tuesdays during recess in December. Sydney led the students in building three amazing Lego builds!

MATH CLUB



Student Leader, **Megan Niemantsverdriet**, had the idea to lead a third grade math club on Mondays during recess in December. Megan organized various math games for 6 third graders to play to sharpen their math skills!

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 10th**. 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 20th**



WAITE PTO UPDATES!

All Fired Up Ornament Night



Waite students and families had a wonderful time at our annual ornament night on December 3rd. Special thanks to our PTO and All Fired Up for this great family event!

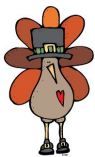


VETERANS DAY CELEBRATION!

The students and staff showed appreciation to our veterans for their service at our Veterans' Day lunch on Thursday, November 14th. We had over 50 veterans in attendance!



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!

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!



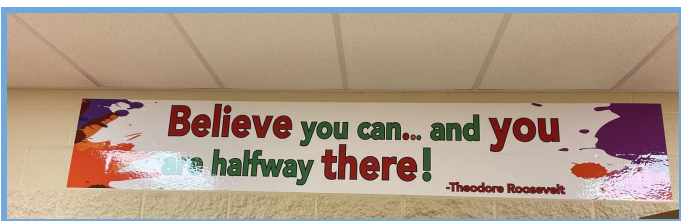
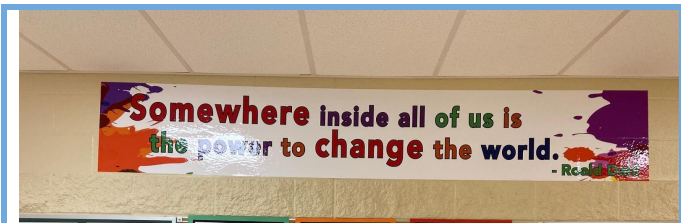
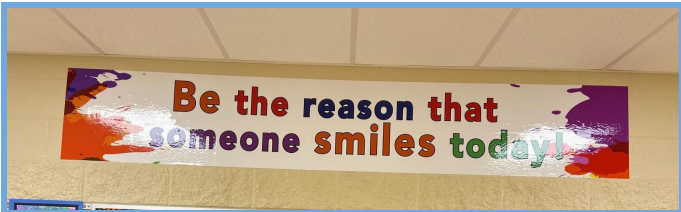
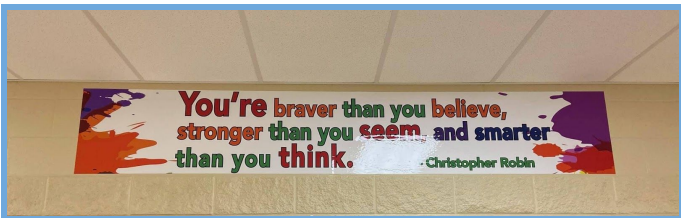
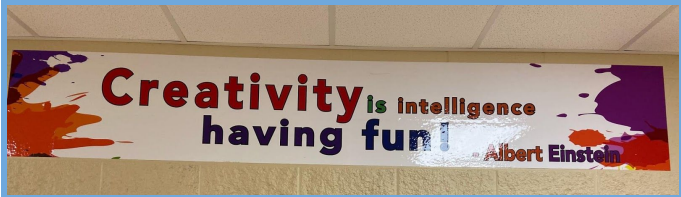
OFFICE REMINDERS!

- Please make sure that your child's school fees are paid. Thank you!
- Students that are ill should NOT return to school for 24 hours after they are symptom free from their illness.
- If your child will be late or unable to attend school, please call the Attendance Line at 330-636-4504 before 9am.
- Please have your child(ren) check the lost and found for lost items. 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.



THANK YOU PTO!

Thank you to our Wonderful Waite PTO for purchasing and installing six new motivational message signs throughout our building!



LEADERSHIP TEAMS!

Leadership teams are off to a great start!

Grades K-2 teams are focusing on how to identify and label personal emotions into the four color zones:



This week, the students had fun identifying these feelings in characters from famous Disney movie clips as well as playing Zones Bingo. In the upcoming lessons, students will be learning strategies to help regulate these emotions.

Grades 3-5 teams are focusing on collaborative discussions, projects and initiatives to help contribute to the well-being of our school and community! Students work together to identify a need/problem and work together to create a plan of action.

This year's leadership teams are:

- Health and Wellness Team
- Creative Play Team
- Makerspace Team
- Green Screen Announcements Team
- Welcome Team
- Advertising Team
- Event Planning Team
- Book Love Team
- Waite Gives Back Team
- Technology Team
- Creative Arts Team
- Music Team
- Kindness and Creativity Team
- Grades K-2 Student Assistant Team

