



# Ralph E. Waite Elementary November 2019 Newsletter



## THANK YOU WAITE FAMILY:



On Wednesday, October 23, 2019, the students and staff, along with administrators and Medina City School Board President, Ron Ross, welcomed members of the Waite family to an outdoor celebration to thank them for their generous donation for landscaping outside of our school which included many beautiful trees, bushes and roses (favorites of the late Mrs. Helen Waite). A special thank you as well goes to JTS Landscaping for their help with this special project. Students performed and sang for the family before they were honored with a special photograph book, among other treasures, put together by the students with the help of their teachers. The Waite family will plant bulbs this fall to help beautify the space as spring begins to arrive in the coming year!

## LEADERS OF THE MONTH:



- Grade KDG: Grace Banner, Paxton Clellen-Minatsi, Juliana Shirak and Alina Frizman
- Grade 1: Lucy Armstrong, Yaya Song and Kian Fox
- Grade 2: Emma Guilkey, Damian Benz, Jordan Sliwinski and Lauren McClafferty
- Grade 3: Hope Bubnick, Camdyn Brown, Alexa Donze and Kinley Miller
- Grade 4: Avery Deeringer, Trent Horton, Makena Cobb and Ryan Pelz
- Grade 5: Megan Heck, Brayden Pidgeon, Rylan Smykowski, Ashton Scheetz and Owen Guilkey

## OPERATION GRATITUDE

Waite Elementary partnered with Waite and Sons Funeral Home to host the service project: Operation Gratitude. Waite students collected 7 large boxes of leftover Halloween candy to contribute towards care packages as a way to thank our military troops serving overseas!



## FIELD TRIPS:

This year, each grade level will participate in three field trips thanks to our spring fundraiser! Thank you for your support!



First grade attended a fun field trip to Ramseyer Farms on October 3, 2019.



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 8th!



Our third grade students enjoyed a field trip to the Harry London Candies Inc. in Canton on October 23, 2019!

## Canned Food Drive

Waite students collected **1,500** canned goods to benefit food banks in Medina County during the last week of October! Thanks to everyone for their support!



## OPPORTUNITIES TO SHINE!

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

### 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 first registration deadline is November 22nd.

### Art Club



5th grade leaders: Ali Meisterics-Hiner, Kellyn Miller and Megan Heck had the idea to lead an October third grade art club during their recess! They made 3 different crafts and

designed a bulletin board in our main lobby that is titled: Spread your wings and see how far you can fly!

### Kindness Club



4th grade leader, Giada Grimes, had the idea to lead an October Kindness Club during second grade recess time! The group made various cards and crafts and gave them to Waite staff members anonymously! They also made a bulletin board in our main lobby with a donut theme. The donuts have idea

cards next to them that say, "I can sprinkle kindness by..."

### Glee Club

Our 4th and 5th grade Glee Club meet every Tuesday and Thursday morning. We are excited for their upcoming performances at the Veterans Thanksgiving Luncheon as well as the Medina City Schools Foundation Fundraiser Event.





## WAITE HAPPENINGS!

### Medina City Schools Unity Day



Waite Students wore orange bracelets and signed the “Kindness Wall” on Wednesday, October 23rd to Unite for Kindness!

## WAITE PTO UPDATES:

On the afternoon of October 18th, 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, technology, etc.). This year’s event raised over \$10,000! **THANK YOU** all Waite families for your generosity and support! Thank you also to our wonderful volunteers who helped with the event!



## MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

November 14th: Leadership Teams!  
November 22nd: 2nd Grade Thanksgiving Play!  
November 25th: Trimester Assembly  
November 26th: Early Release  
November 27th-29th: Thanksgiving Break

## UPCOMING DATES:

### Thankful for Veterans Celebration



We look forward to showing our thanks to all who served at our Veterans Day luncheon on **Thursday, November 14th at 11:30 and 12:30.** Special thanks to our fifth grade student leaders and Glee Club for preparing for the celebration.

## Coats for Kids Express

The 2019 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 14 from 11:15 am - 12:15 pm.** 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!

## 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..