



Ralph E. Waite Elementary October 2018 Newsletter



CAMP CHRISTOPHER FIELD TRIP:



Waite 5th Graders, Mrs. Grice, Mrs. Caleris, Mr. Metzner, Ms. Thomas, Mrs. Stiles and Ms. Copley along with select MHS students enjoyed an overnight, two-day educational camp at Camp Christopher in Bath, Ohio on September 17 and 18!! High school students interviewed and were selected to attend the camp to help Waite students learn leadership, teamwork, communication and science fun in an outdoor, nature setting! It was a spectacular experience that ALL cherish for years to come!



LEADERS OF THE MONTH:

Congratulations to the following Waite students that were selected to be the September Students for being responsible and respectful leaders. The students celebrated their accomplishments and received a special buckeye from Mr. Waite.



Grade K: Lucy Armstrong, Kylee Crain, Reese Surso, and James Williams **Grade 1:** Landon Cooke, Maddie Dworzniak, Collyns Longa, Lauren McClafferty, and Jordan Sliwinski **Grade 2:** Paige Armstrong, Hayden Caffee, Cody Cunningham, Sam Freeland, Ryan Grice, and Maddie Tucker **Grade 3:** Kate Cassidy, Giada Grimes, Jace Manke, Tyson Riffle, and Blake Stepsis **Grade 4:** Avery Gifford, Jack Piatak, and Rylan Smykowski **Grade 5:** Campbell Burns, Hailey Hofmann, Lilith Kufner, Charlene Nagel, Addison Shook, and Owen Stepsis

UPCOMING DATES:

- 10-3: Grade 1 Field Trip to Ramseyer Farms
- 10-11: Parent-Teacher Conferences 4-8pm
- 10-12: No School/Teacher Inservice Day
- 10-18: Parent-Teacher Conferences 4-7pm
- 10-19: Great Waite Pumpkin Challenge:
PTO Fundraiser 2-3:15- Volunteers needed!
- 10-23: Grade 2 Field Trip to The McKinley Museum
- 10-24: Fall Picture Day and Unity Day
- 10-24: Parent-Teacher Conferences 4-7pm
- 10-26: Halloween Parade 2:30pm with party to follow



OPPORTUNITIES TO SHINE!

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

Glee Club

We are excited to announce that we have our biggest Glee Club ever with over 40 4th and 5th grade students!! Glee Club meets before school on Tuesdays and Thursdays to learn and grow musically under the direction of Waite's music teacher, Mrs. Hoffmann. Glee Club will be performing throughout the year at various district and school events!



Running Club



Mrs. Gangl, 3rd grade teacher who has completed over 30 marathons! shares her

passion of running with our 3rd, 4th and 5th grade students at our fall running club! Running club meets Mondays after school as they enjoy running through the beautiful trails of Cobblestone Park.

MCPAL (Medina County Police Activities League)



Waite is fortunate to offer MCPAL to our 3rd, 4th and 5th grade students after school on Mondays and Wednesdays. MCPAL is an after school program provided by our local law enforcement in an effort to build positive trusting relationships between law enforcement and youth. MCPAL also provides opportunities to take students to Cleveland sporting events and most recently took kids fishing on Lake Erie! Special thanks to Montville Police Officers: Officer Eckstine and Officer Pinkas who will be our MCPAL officers this year.

Coming soon...Chinese Club!

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Look for more information coming soon regarding our Chinese Club offered to 4th and 5th grade students after school by our MHS chinese club students!

PTO UPDATES:

- Thank you for your support of our Marcos Pizza Night!
- Waite PTO Spirit Wear online orders are **due October 11th**.
- Join the fun and show your Waite/Medina spirit to walk in the Medina Homecoming Parade on Friday, October 12th!



The Great Waite Pumpkin Challenge

our main PTO fundraiser of the year is coming soon on **Friday, October 19th!** This is an afternoon of outdoor "fall-themed" fun to combine

physical fitness, teamwork, and fundraising all in one. Look for a sign up link coming out soon for volunteers to help that afternoon. Funds raised from this fundraiser will fund PTO events throughout the year as well as additional technology for our classrooms. Look for family pledge packets coming home on October 1st. Thank you for your support!

"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

Our website includes important dates and information, events, updates, opportunities for students and families, and great links to support learning!

OFFICE REMINDERS:

- Student fees were due September 30th. Checks can be made payable to Waite Elementary School. Thank you!
- Students that are ill should NOT return to school for 24 hours after they are symptom free from their illness.
- The tardy bell rings at 8:55am. Students are expected to be in their seat, ready to learn at this time. If they are tardy, a parent must sign them in at the office and they will be given a pass to give to their teacher.

WAITE COMMUNITY UPDATES:

Montville Township Spooky Walk



The Montville Township Cares Volunteer Organization invites you to the 4th annual Montville Spooky Walk on **Saturday, October 20th from 6-8:30 p.m.** This is a great event for the whole family! Enjoy hay mazes, yummy food, trunk or treat and a spooky walk through the trails of Cobblestone Park.

Canned Food Drive

Waite Gives Back

Leadership Team will be hosting our annual Canned Food Drive to help local

families in need the **week of October 22nd-26th.**

Students are welcome to bring in canned food items to the cafeteria at arrival each morning.

Thank you for your support!



Waite Halloween Parade

Waite Elementary will hold its Halloween parade on **Friday, October 26th** outdoors in the front circle of the school at **2:30 p.m.** Parents/guests are welcome to line the front circle of the school to see our students dressed in their Halloween best.



Operation Gratitude



Waite Elementary will be hosting the service project, Operation Gratitude, where students are able to donate their leftover Halloween candy **the week of October**

28th in the front lobby of our school, and it will be shipped to those serving overseas. Thank you!

MEDINA CITY SCHOOLS EVENTS:



Homecoming Parade

Show your Medina/Waite spirit by joining us to walk in the Medina Homecoming Parade on **Friday, October 12th.** Due to construction

around the square, there will not be trucks (walking parade) and the parade route has changed this year (parade will start and end in MHS parking lot B.) The parade route will be: Union St., Spring Grove, Friendship St., Broadway, Union, MHS. If you are planning to view the parade, please be along this route as we will not be going through the square. Kickoff for the MHS Homecoming game will be 7:30 p.m. at Ken Dukes Stadium.

If you would like to join Waite in the parade, meet in parking lot B at 5:45 (look for Waite signs!) Hope to see you there!

Unity Day

Wednesday, October 24th is Medina City Schools Unity Day. Our students will be able to wear an orange bracelet as a reminder of the importance to unite and spread kindness.



Family First Night

Save the date: **Monday, November 12th** is Family First Night in Medina City Schools. This is an evening without practices and homework K-12 in an effort to celebrate and spend time as a family.



Waite Yearbook Cover Contest

Students in grades 3, 4 and 5 can pick up an application in the office for our yearbook cover! Our theme is respect and responsibility. Designs are due to the office by Friday, November 9, 2018.