

Ralph E. Waite Elementary

October 2020 Newsletter



Welcome Back from Mrs. Grice

What an amazing first week back we are having at Waite Elementary! It is such a joy to have the students back in the building, and I'm so proud of the students for doing such a great job with the increased health and safety protocols in place. Arrival and dismissal is running so smoothly, and many of the students have reported to me that they love having lunch in their classrooms! :) So many silver linings are occurring, and our launch back to school couldn't have run smoother thanks to everyone's help and support. Thank you, parents, for your continued partnership to make this a great year of learning and new adventures together. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at gricec@medinabees.org or 330-636-4500.



Mrs. Cindy Grice
Waite Elementary Principal

Our Mission

At Waite, we are committed towards growing enthusiastic readers and writers, as well as critical thinkers and problem solvers in mathematics. In addition to strong academics, we value and help the students develop strong character values to become outstanding **LEARNERS** and **LEADERS**. As leaders, students will develop good habits of **kindness**, **respect** and **responsibility** as well as the 21st century skills of: **creativity**, **critical thinking**, **communication** and **collaboration**. Our staff is committed to helping our students develop a growth mindset and recognize that their unique gifts and talents can and will make positive contributions to the world around them.

THANK YOU



A special thank you to Girl Scout Troop 91212 for the amazing chalk art to welcome our students back to school this week!



Welcome from our Office Staff!

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Our school health aide, **Mrs. Michelle Ganda**, is in the Waite Clinic every day from 8:55 am to 3:30 pm. The phone number to the clinic is 330-636-4504.

SCHOOL FEES

All school fees were due by September 30th

Kindergarten: \$31 3rd Grade: \$44

1st Grade: \$31 4th Grade: \$44

2nd Grade: \$36 5th Grade: \$44

The optional Chromebook Insurance of \$30 for Grades 2-5 students is also due at this time. The preferred method of payment is online payment at www.payforit.net Checks payable to Medina City Schools or cash are also an option. Thank you!

DAILY SCHEDULE

8:40 Students permitted to exit cars or buses

8:55 Tardy bell

3:20 Dismissal of students

2020-2021 LUNCH SCHEDULE:

Grade K: Lunch 11:55 - 12:25

Grade 1: Lunch 11:25 - 11:55

Grade 2: Lunch 10:55 - 11:25

Grade 3: Lunch 12:25 - 12:55

Grade 4: Lunch 12:25 - 12:55

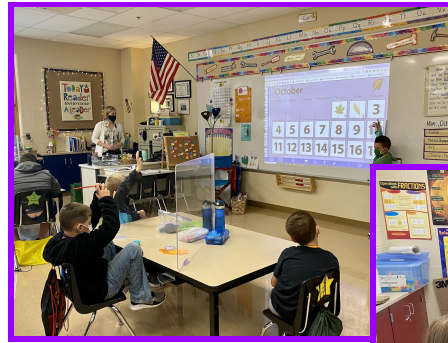
Grade 5: Lunch 12:55 - 1:25



First Week Highlights!



We love lunch!



We love our classrooms!



We are safe!

We love recess!



WE LOVE WAITE!



We love learning!



“Bee” in the Know!

Our school uses three main forms of communication to keep you informed:



- **EMAIL:** Mrs. Grice will email out a monthly newsletter each month as well as periodic email updates. Please make sure that you have your current email address updated in our system.

- **FACEBOOK:**



Our school Facebook page is hopping with excitement! See the 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 E. Waite PTO
- **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!

DISTRICT EMAIL

To contact a Medina City School staff member, their email address is the first seven letters of the person’s last name, followed by the first initial @medinabees.org.

DAILY SAFETY CHECKS

Each morning parents are asked to perform a daily health check. Please use [this checklist](#) as your guide:

- Parents need to have access to a thermometer in order to complete the assessment.
- If your child exhibits any symptoms on this checklist, the office must be notified immediately and your child must remain at home.
- The school nurse will work with families to determine next steps.
- Students will not be allowed to return to school until cleared by their physician with a signed note.

Staff members are also required to conduct a daily self assessment.



STUDENT MEDICATION

ALL medications must be delivered by an ADULT ONLY to the SCHOOL CLINIC. Only school health personnel are permitted to receive medication. Students must never possess any type of medication without documentation from a physician allowing him/her to do so. This includes cough drops. Prescription and non-prescription medication forms are available in our office and online..

ABSENCE PROCEDURE

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

TARDY PROCEDURE

If your child will be arriving after 8:55 (tardy bell), please call the attendance line before 9:00 a.m. When your child arrives to school after 8:55 a.m., you must park in the parking lot and walk your student to the vestibule and sign him/her in on the sign in/out sheet on the table. Students are not to sign themselves in or out.

LEAVING EARLY PROCEDURE

If a student needs to leave school early: The parent will enter and remain in the office vestibule. The parent must have a mask on when entering the vestibule. Then please 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 and wait in the vestibule for their student. Once the student arrives, the parent and student may leave.

VACATION PROCEDURE

Vacation request forms must be filled out for any absence other than illness, appointments, or funerals. The district allows up to 5 excused vacation days per year. If traveling out of state, parents need to self quarantine students for 14 days if traveling to states that the Governor has deemed high-covid risk. [This list](#) is updated according to the Governor’s orders. Such travel plans must be communicated to the office staff as soon as possible.

END OF THE DAY DISMISSAL PLAN

PLEASE HAVE A PLAN IN PLACE WITH YOUR CHILD FOR DISMISSAL. If an emergency arises and you need to change the dismissal plan, **please call the office before 3 p.m.** to ensure the message will get to your child. There are NO Bus Passes until further notice.

SCHOOL BREAKFAST AND LUNCH

Breakfast and lunch menus will be available monthly online at www.medinabees.org as well as our Facebook page and in the school office.