



# Ralph E. Waite Elementary School

## September 2021 Newsletter

September, 2021



Happy September, Waite Families!

As we continue to navigate through this pandemic, we all continue to be amazed at our students' resilience as we all celebrate the joys of learning and being together each day. The health and safety of our students is of utmost importance, and our staff is committed to do everything we can to keep our students HEALTHY and IN SCHOOL this year. Some of these procedures include:

- Continuing to encourage hand washing/hand sanitizing
- Continuing to encourage distancing. Classroom table distances have been maximized as well as lunch seating has moved to every other seat at the tables.
- Continuing to encourage mask wearing indoors. As you saw from Mr. Sable's email, Waite is not currently in a mask mandate. Individual building positive cases and quarantine numbers will be evaluated weekly. If our building reaches 3%, a two-week mask mandate will go into effect.
- [Here](#) is the protocol list that the district follows when a student comes in contact with a positive case. As you can see from the protocol, students who come in contact yet are wearing a mask consistently at school can remain at school. Students who are unmasked and within 6 feet will quarantine at home for 10 days.

Thank you for your support and partnership in keeping our students healthy and learning. I am so proud of our Waite Community as everyone continues to adjust as needed and do what is best for our students. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to your child's teacher or me.

Sincerely,  
Mrs. Cindy Grice, Waite Elementary Principal

### Upcoming Dates:

- Friday, September 17: Cleveland Browns Spirit Day!
- September 20-24: Homecoming Spirit Week!
- Wednesday, September 29: Flu Clinic offered at school
- Tuesday, October 5: School Picture Day!
- Thursday, October 7 and 14: Parent Teacher Virtual Conferences (sign ups coming soon)
- Friday, October 8: No School- Staff Inservice Day
- Friday, October 29: Halloween Dress Up Day! (more info coming soon!)



### [MCS 2021-2022 Calendar](#)



## Final Forms

This year parents need to complete Final Forms (replacing Registration Gateway) to update your child's emergency contact information, photo and technology release information, etc. **There has been an addition in Final Forms that needs your "signature". They have added the School Handbook just a few days ago. If you have previously been in Final Forms, please take a moment to login again and sign off on the School Handbook. If you have not already updated Final Forms, please take this time to update your information completely.**

**Please complete Final Forms by September 30th.** This will help make sure your records are up to date in our system. Thank you!

[Here is a link to the directions for Final Forms.](#)

[Click here to complete Final Forms.](#)

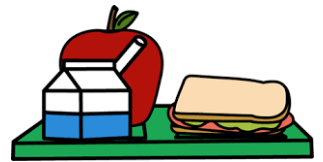
## School Fees

2021-2022 School Fees: **School Fees are due September 30th** and can be paid using [Payforit.net](https://www.payforit.net)

- Grades K-2: \$36.00
- Grade 3-5: \$44.00

## School Breakfast and Lunch

The United States Department of Agriculture has once again extended free meal benefits to all students for the 2021-2022 school year. Milk only option is 0.50.



[Waite Breakfast and Lunch Menus](#)

## Chromebook Insurance

All elementary families, grades 2 - 5, who will use a District Chromebook will be assigned a \$30 Chromebook insurance fee. This insurance is optional. If you do NOT want this insurance, [this form](#) **must be filled out before September 30th**, in order to waive the fee.



## Health Heroes Flu Shot Clinic: September 29

Akron Children's Hospital will be offering on-site flu vaccinations on Wednesday, September 29 at school. See the flyer below for more information and the consent form if you're interested.

[Flu Clinic Information](#)  
[Vaccine Consent Form](#)

## Substitute Teachers Needed!

**Medina City Schools need Substitute Teachers!** If you've earned a Bachelor's Degree, enjoy working with kids, and want a flexible schedule, this might be the job for you. MCS contracts with the ESC of Medina County for all of our substitute teachers. To get started, go to the [ESC Substitute Teaching Process](#) page.



## More MCS Employment Opportunities

Medina City Schools is looking for good employees. We have several jobs that are perfect for parents with school aged children. Our Cafeteria Servers and Cooks normally work between 2.5-5.0 hours a day and are generally done working by 1:30 p.m. We also need Support Paraprofessionals who act as lunchroom, recess or study hall monitors. These positions range from 2.25-4.5 hours a day with most being during midday hours. If you are looking for full time work with a good benefits package, we are in need of Custodians and a Repairperson in the Maintenance Department. Both of these jobs would likely be 2nd shift with a start time between 2:30-3:15 p.m. An on-line application for these positions can be accessed at: [www.medinaoh.org/job-opportunities](http://www.medinaoh.org/job-opportunities) or the Medina Civil Service office at 132 N Elmwood. If you are looking for more flexibility in a work schedule, we are also in need of support staff substitutes and have just received approval for an increase in the substitute pay rates. For additional information about subbing, please contact Deb Nelsen at (330)636- 3013.

# SPIRIT DAYS

## Homecoming Spirit Week! September 20-24, 2021

**Monday: Sports Day (wear your favorite sports jersey!)**

**Tuesday: Twin Day (dress up like one or more of your buddies!)**

**Wednesday: Favorite Color Day (wear your favorite color!)**

**Thursday: Pajama Day!**

**Friday: Medina/Waite Spirit Day!**

Kindergarteners at Community Spirit Night!

First Graders Enjoying STEM Days!



Fourth Graders Showing Their Red, White and Blue Spirit as we reflect and remember Patriot's Day

