



# Ralph E. Waite Elementary School

August 2020 Back to School Newsletter

August 30, 2020

Hello Waite Parents and Students,

Happy New School Year! It was so great seeing everyone last week at our materials distribution. It warmed our hearts to see and talk to the students and families and made us even more excited to get the school year started! As we embark on this unprecedented journey of starting the school year online together, we pledge to do our best to provide engaging and meaningful instruction through our online classrooms while building positive relationships with our students and families.

Your child's teacher will provide you with more details about the online school day schedule. Online lessons will include live and recorded lessons for all content areas, class meeting/community building times, opportunities for small group work, and breaks for snacks, stretches and lunch/play time.

As we move into this uncharted water, we thank you for your continued support. We need and value your involvement and support in your child's education, and know that we are here to support you as partners.

Some helpful tips to start the year:

- Help your child to create a quiet and organized study area with the needed learning materials
- Consider posting the daily schedule at his/her learning area (Predictable schedules help grow comfort in our kids)
- Help your child practice logging into their Google account and Google classroom ahead of time and how to use the mute button in a Google meet
- Help your child to attend live class meetings and follow their daily schedule for online learning
- Help to make sure that your child is reading daily (Let's work together to keep books in our kids' hands to help continue to develop a love for reading!)
- Encourage your child to inform you and their teacher if he/she needs additional support in any subject area
- Encourage your child and let them know you believe in them. We will do the same! Our positive support from both home and school will help our kiddos be the best learners they can be.
- Advice for all of us- adults and kids :) Don't be too hard on yourself. The internet may go down, a link might not work, your computer might freeze, etc. ....just do your best. We'll all get through this together.

As always, please reach out if we can be of any assistance. We look forward to a very positive and productive year together!

Sincerely,  
Cindy Grice, Principal



# Breakfast & Lunch Meals



Breakfast and hot/ cold lunch options will be available for pick up at the school during all days in which school is in session! This is available for ALL Waite students enrolled in Medina City Schools (Online 2.0 and Digital Academy), **starting on Tuesday, September 1st.**

- Menus will be posted on our website and emailed weekly
- Complete this [Google form link](#) daily by 6:00 a.m. on the day you are choosing, marking your child's name, date, choice of breakfast, hot lunch or cold lunch option.
- Post your child's last name in the passenger window, and arrive at the front main entrance curb between 11:30 a.m.-12:45 p.m. for pick up. Please pull all the way forward and remain in your car. Breakfast meals can be picked up at the same time for the following morning.
- Please deposit money into your child's account through [payforit.net](#). We will also accept cash or checks at distribution to apply to your students account. No cash back will be given at this time.
- Lunch prices: \$3.00 Lunch \$2.00 Breakfast
- For any questions, please contact Janet Jenkins, Waite Cafeteria Manager, at 330-636-4510.

## This Week's Menu: (Sept 1-4, 2020)

	Tuesday: 9/1	Wednesday: 9/2	Thursday: 9/3	Friday: 9/4
Breakfast	Lucky Charms, Fruit, Juice, Milk	Banana Bread, Applesauce, 100% Fruit Smoothie, Milk	Waffles, Fruit Cup, Juice, Milk	Lucky Charms, Fruit Cup, Juice, Milk
Hot Lunch	Baked Chicken Nuggets, French Fries, Fresh Apple, Ice Cream Treat, Milk	Cheese Pizza , Carrot and Celery Sticks with Homemade Hummus, Strawberry and Blueberry Cups, Milk	Hot Dog on a Bun , Baked Beans, Wango Mango Juice, Applesauce Cup, Milk , Ice Cream Treat	Waffles, Sausage Links, Potato Starz, OJ, Milk
Cold Lunch	PBJ Uncrustable, Carrot and Celery Sticks with Ranch Dip, Apples, Milk, Ice Cream Treat	Yogurt, Lucky Charms, Carrots and Celery with Homemade Hummus, Orange Juice , Milk	Hard Boiled Egg , Sunflower Seeds, Wango Mango Juice, Applesauce Cup, Soft Pretzel , Milk, Ice Cream Treat	Turkey and Cheese on a Sub Bun, Carrots and Celery with Hummus, Strawberry/Blueberry Cups, Milk

The Free-and Reduced-Priced Meal Application must be filled out each school year. (Even if you filled one out in the spring, you need to fill out a new one for the coming school year.) The online application for 2020-21 is now available at [www.medinabees.org](http://www.medinabees.org). Note that those eligible for free-and reduced-priced meals may be able to access other types of public assistance or services that may be available during this pandemic.

## Calendar



[Click here to see the 2020-2021 Revised School Calendar](#)

## Communication

It is very important that we stay connected. Please make sure that the front office has your most current contact information on file. You will receive updates from the school through email, social media and monthly newsletters. Listed below are different ways you can stay connected with Ralph E. Waite Elementary School.

**Office Hours:** Monday - Friday: 8:00am - 3:00 pm

Phone: 330-636-4500 Fax: 330-722-8010

Address: 4765 Cobblestone Park Drive, Medina OH 44256

Secretaries: Mrs. Lynes [lynest@medinabees.org](mailto:lynest@medinabees.org) Mrs. Schmitt [schmittl@medinabees.org](mailto:schmittl@medinabees.org)

Principal: Mrs. Grice [gricec@medinabees.org](mailto:gricec@medinabees.org)

Counselor: Ms. Copley [copleyj@medinabees.org](mailto:copleyj@medinabees.org)

School Psychologist: Mrs. Martin [martinc@medinabees.org](mailto:martinc@medinabees.org)

### Social Media

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.

Follow us at:

Ralph E. Waite Elementary School

Ralph E. Waite Elementary Art Room

Waite PTO

### Monthly Newsletter

Every month, parents will receive the Waite Newsletter via email. This newsletter contains important updates, school and district information, educational resources (link), and information about upcoming events.

## Fees



School fees can be paid online using the district's Payforit link at [payforit.net](https://payforit.net).

School fee amounts for the 2020-2021 school year are:

Grades K and 1 (\$31), Grade 2 (\$36) and Grades 3, 4 and 5 (\$44)

## First Day of School



The first day of school is **Tuesday, September 1, 2020.**

## School Supply Lists



## Visiting the School



- At this time, no visitors or volunteers will be allowed in the building.
- All IEP and parent meetings will continue to be virtual.
- No deliveries from outside establishments will be allowed for staff or students.

Have a wonderful first week of school!

