

# Ralph E. Waite Elementary

## February 2019 Newsletter



### LEADERS OF THE MONTH:



Congratulations to our **Leaders of the Month!** Students were recognized for showing respect, responsibility, readiness to learn, kindness and their compassion towards others. Thank you, Lieutenant Neil from the Montville Police Department who was our guest leadership speaker and shared in congratulating our students on their accomplishments.

- Kindergarteners:** Ella Merkys, Grace Merrell, Brody Munn, and Gage Warner
- 1st Graders:** Mya Biggs, Evalyn Fisher, Hannah Jules, and Rania Papakonstantopoulos
- 2nd Graders:** Megan Niemantsverdriet, Avery Rodgers, Rhys Tucker, and Rown Underation
- 3rd Graders:** Abby Camlin, Jillian Harvey, Clayton McDonald, Lindsay Meyer, and Trenten Zeager
- 4th Graders:** Ali Meisterics, Julia Shamis, and Sarah Wilson
- 5th Graders:** Erika Evans, Sean Merrell, Billy Jackson, and Heather Skelton

### UPCOMING DATES:

- 2-12 PTO Meeting at Waite 6:30 p.m.
- 2-13 Spring Fundraiser Kickoff!
- 2-14 Early Release/Dismissal at 2:30pm
- 2-15 No School/Teacher Inservice Day
- 2-18 No School/Presidents Day
- 2-22 End of the Second Trimester
- 3-7 Talent Show 6:30 p.m.
- 3-12 PTO Chipotle Spirit Night!
- 3-13 Spring Picture Day!
- 3-14 Scene 75 PTO Mother Son Event 5:30-7:30pm
- 3-25 to 3-29 Spring Break
- 4-5 Father Daughter Dance 7:00 p.m.



### MONTHLY HIGHLIGHTS:



#### Sign Language Club

Fifth graders, Vivian Kelps and Jenna Wyatt lead a sign language club with a group of 10 third grade students during recess time. A special thank you to Mrs. Melissa Triplett for assisting Vivian and Jenna in teaching the club members the song, "You are my sunshine!" The club will perform this song at our second trimester assembly at the end of February!



#### Leadership Teams!

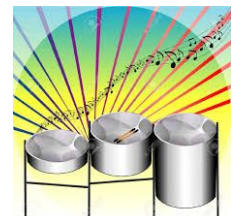


Students are excited to meet with their Leadership Team once a month! Grades 3-5 students select a team of their interest including: **Technology, Makerspace, Green Screen, Community Give Back, Advertising, Literacy, Drum Circle, Creative Arts, Event Planning, Welcome Team, Creative Recess Play,** and

**Sunshine Kindness Team!** Grades K-2 students meet to learn more about their brain, how mistakes make their brains grow, and the importance of having a positive growth mindset! Leadership teams allow the students to work in multi-age groups to utilize and develop skills of **creativity, communication** and **collaboration** to make a positive **contribution** towards improving our school and community.

#### Steel Drums Coming to Waite!

Thank you to Waite PTO for providing an amazing opportunity of music enrichment for our students on Thursday, Feb. 21st. **The University of Akron Steel Drum Band** will be providing a steel drum workshop for our students (Grades 3-5) in the morning and an afternoon performance for the whole school!



## Global Day of Play

In February 2015, Global School Play Day for students in schools around the world was launched with over 65,000 students participating! In 2018, over 385,000 students from 58 nations participated, with a goal of reaching over 500,000 this year! In his TEDx lecture, Dr. Peter Gray clearly argues the case that today's kids do not grow up playing and this has negatively impacted them in many ways. It's time we return the gift of play to this generation. Many Waite classrooms participated February 6th!



## WAITE PTO UPDATES: Family Bingo Night



Waite Family Bingo Night was a great success, and thank you to the many families who were able to join in the fun!

## 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
- Ralph Waite Elementary PTO

## CLINIC REMINDER:



If your child needs medication administered during the school day, it must be dropped off by an adult, and a medication form must be completed. Note: Prescription medication requires a doctor's signature on the release form.

Our health aide, Mrs. Michelle Ganda, is here every day from 10am to 3:30pm. Thank you!



**French Club....  
Coming soon for  
interested 4th/5th  
grade students!**

## DISTRICT UPCOMING EVENTS:

### Bee Engaged, Bee Informed, Bee Part of the Conversation

**A Series of Community Chats**  
Join us as we continue the Community Chat series for the 2018-2019 school year. Join Superintendent Aaron Sable and other District administrators as we engage in discussion about a variety of topics. All are welcome to attend or tune in live through YouTube.

The next Community Chat will be

**DATE:** Wednesday, March 13 DATE CHANGE  
**PLACE:** Board of Education Office  
739 Weymouth Rd  
**TIME:** 6:00 p.m.

*Topics of Discussion include:*

- Plans & Timeline for Redistricting
- Bond Issue

Last Chat for 2018-2019 School Year:  
Tuesday, June 11  
Location and Time TBD

Please plan to join us for the discussion in person or by watching it live on YouTube.

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## Medina City Schools Student Art Show: A Celebration of Youth Art Month



**March 2-31**

View student artwork during the month of March in local businesses around the District

**Opening Reception March 2  
1:00PM-2:00PM**

**Huntington Bank Lobby, 39 Public Square**

### Medina Historic Square

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