



Ralph E. Waite Elementary School

February 2021 Newsletter

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Hello, Waite Families!



How amazing it has been to have our students back at school! I am continuously impressed by the resilience and strength that they have demonstrated this school year. Their smiles and joy shine each day, and it is our pleasure to work with them and see their continued progress and growth as learners. Listed below are some upcoming dates, highlights from the month, and resources to share.

Stay warm and stay well!
Cindy Grice, Principal

Mark Your Calendars

- Friday, February 12th: Red and Pink Spirit Day: Happy Valentine's Day!
- Monday, February 15th: No School: Happy Presidents' Day!
- Friday, February 26th: Last Day of Second Trimester!
- Thursday, March 11th: Early Release 2:30
- Friday, March 12th: No School: Teacher Inservice Day
- March 29-April 5th: No School: Spring Break!



Picture Day!

Our school picture day will be on **Thursday, February 25th!** Picture forms will be coming home with your child this week. Individual pictures and class composite pictures will be offered. You can choose to send in the completed picture form on picture day or order online at mylifetouch.com, picture day ID: EVT2XCRDN.



Smile Mail!

Great job to Waite 3rd grade leader, Audrey Brown, for the amazing idea to create "Smile Mail" to help bring a smile to local senior citizens in nursing homes! Students are working on letters, cards, crafts and drawings, and Smile Mail will be collected through Thursday, February 11th.



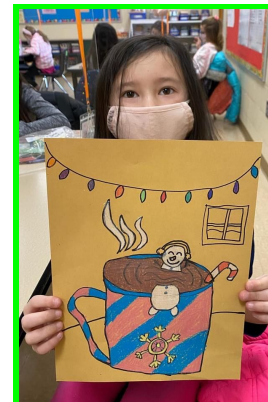
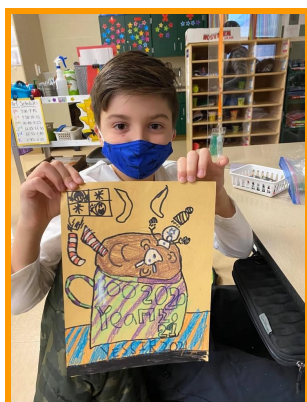
School Community Kahoot!

The students and staff have enjoyed our school wide Google meets twice a month as a way to still get to have our "school assembly" feel and continue to celebrate and grow our whole school community. Great job to our 2nd grade teachers/ students for hosting this past week's school Kahoot game between classes with trivia questions about our school, staff, students, Black History, Valentines Day and the Super Bowl! Congratulations to this month's Kahoot winners of the "Waite Spirit Stick":



Mr. Campbell's 2nd Grade Class!! and Mrs. Morgan/Ms. Kirby's 3rd Grade Class!!!

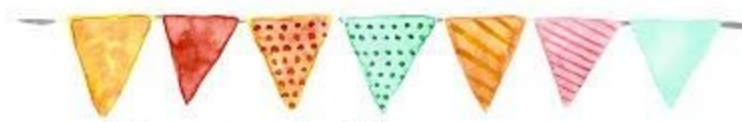
Waite Artists!



Fun in the Snow!

The students have had a blast enjoying outdoor recess and showing their creativity in the snow! When the weather allows, students are welcome to bring snow boots, gloves, hats and snow pants to enjoy!





Parent Resources

Screen Free Activities for Kids!

Enjoy this link for some great ideas to do that are SCREEN FREE!

[Screen Free Activities for Kids](#)

Helpful Reminders to Kids (and Adults!) about What We Can Control

THINGS I CAN CONTROL

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| #1 BEING GRATEFUL FOR WHAT I HAVE | #9 Treating others with kindness and respect | #17 How often I say "Thank you" |
| #2 How I spend my free time | #10 HOW MUCH EFFORT I PUT INTO THINGS | #18 MY MINDSET |
| #3 Getting enough sleep | #11 Learning from my mistakes | #19 Trying again |
| #4 BEING IN THE HERE AND NOW | #12 LEARNING FROM FEEDBACK | #20 WORKING TOWARD MY GOALS |
| #5 Talking about my feelings | #13 How I respond to challenges | #22 Trying new things |
| #6 Asking for help | #14 Having a positive attitude | #23 Taking a break when needed |
| #7 Spending time outside | #15 HOW I CONTRIBUTE TO MY FAMILY | #24 REMINDING MYSELF THAT I AM ENOUGH |
| #8 BEING KIND AND LOVING TO MYSELF | #16 Celebrating small wins | #25 Finding the good in any situation |

