



# Ralph E. Waite Elementary October 2019 Newsletter



## CAMP CHRISTOPHER FIELD TRIP:



Waite 5th Graders, Mrs. Grice, Mrs. Caleris, Mr. Metzner, Ms. Thomas, Ms. Copley, and Miss Calderone, along with Waite alumni high school counselors (Brennan Stobbs, Hunter Smith, Katie Ramunni, Geoff Stoddard, Abby Gacek, Molly Leporis and Emma Stobbs) and other select MHS students enjoyed an overnight, two-day educational camp at Camp Christopher in Bath, Ohio on September 11 and 12!! Waite students learned leadership, teamwork, communication and science fun in an outdoor, nature setting! It was a spectacular experience that ALL cherish for years to come!

## RESPECTFUL RESPONSIBLE READY TO LEARN

All students K-12 in Medina City Schools are learning more about the importance of demonstrating the “3 R’s”- **being respectful, responsible and ready to learn**. Each of these traits are important life skills that will help students be their best version of themselves. This school year is focusing on these traits and what they look like in all areas of the school (playground, cafeteria, hallways, rest room, lunchline, and the classroom). Students have been meeting in grade level “town halls” to give “shout outs” of positive feedback to students demonstrating the 3 R’s as well as grade level and individual goal setting.

## LEADERS OF THE MONTH:

Congratulations to the following Waite students that were selected to be the September Students for being ready, being responsible and being respectful leaders. The students celebrated their accomplishments with guest speaker, Montville Police Chief Terry Grice and received a special buckeye. Way to go, Waite Leaders!



- Grade K:** Basil Vlcek-Jackett, Sydney Koppes, Ryan Toth and Elijah Dooley
- Grade 1:** Gage Warner, Ella Merkys, Dylan Sturm, Colton Anthony, Lucie Runge and Jace Giese
- Grade 2:** Ava Belfeuil, Gianna Crouch, Rilynn Griffith, Maddie Dworzniak and Ian Manke
- Grade 3:** Paige Armstrong, Alex Jackson, Mallory Cavey and Claire McDonald
- Grade 4:** Bethany Hofmann, Tayler Pidgeon, Genna Netherton and Giada Grimes
- Grade 5:** Nicholas Bowman, Graeme Gifford and Avery Gifford

## UPCOMING DATES:

- 10-10, 10-17, & 10-23: Parent-Teacher Conferences
- 10-11: No School Teacher Inservice Day**
- 10-16: PTO Pledge Packets Due! Thank you!**
- 10-18: The Great Waite Pumpkin Challenge! 2:00**
- 10-22 & 10-23: Grade 3 State Testing (AM)
- 10-23: Unity Day- Wear Orange for Kindness!**
- 10-24: Grade 3 Field Trip to Harry London Candies
- 10-28 to 10-31: Canned Food Drive!**
- 10-31: Halloween Parade 2:30 (parties to follow)**

## OPPORTUNITIES TO SHINE!

Waite students have many opportunities to learn and shine before and after school!



### Glee Club

We are excited to announce that we have launched our 2019-2020 4th and 5th grade Glee Club! Glee Club meets before school on Tuesdays and Thursdays to learn and grow musically under the direction of Waite's music teacher, Mrs. Hoffmann. Glee Club will be performing throughout the year at various district and school events!

### Running Club



Mrs. Gangl, 3rd grade teacher, who has completed over 30 marathons shared her

passion for running with our 3rd, 4th and 5th grade students with our fall running club! Running club met after school on Mondays and they enjoyed running through the beautiful trails of Cobblestone Park. Many also participated in a Waite team of runners in the Race With Grace! Thank you, Mrs. Gangl and the many parent volunteers who helped make this such a great experience! Look for more information about our next running club in the spring!



### MCPAL (Medina County Police Activities League)

Waite is fortunate to offer MCPAL to our 3rd, 4th and 5th grade students after school on Mondays and Wednesdays. MCPAL is an after school program provided by

our local law enforcement in an effort to build positive trusting relationships between law enforcement and youth. MCPAL also provides opportunities to take students to Cleveland sporting events. Special thanks to Montville Police Officers: Officer Eckstine and Officer Pinkas who will be our MCPAL officers this year.

## MCPAL Steel Drum Ensemble

Thanks to the generosity of ORMACO and MCPAL, The University of Akron is sharing their time and expertise after school to instruct an ensemble of students to learn how to play the steel pans! Thank you, MCPAL!



## PTO UPDATES:

**The Great Waite Pumpkin Challenge**, our main PTO fundraiser of the year is coming soon on **Friday, October 18th!** This is an afternoon of outdoor "fall-themed" fun to combine physical fitness, teamwork, and fundraising all in one.

Look for a sign up link coming out soon for volunteers to help that afternoon. Funds raised from this fundraiser will fund PTO events throughout the year as well as additional technology for our classrooms. Family pledge packets are due Wednesday, October 16th. Thank you for your support!



## "BEE" IN THE KNOW:

**WEBSITE:** Please be sure to check out our Waite Elementary webpage at: [www.medinabees.org/schools/ralph-e-waite-elementary](http://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!

**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.

### Like and follow our Facebook Pages below:

- Ralph E. Waite Elementary School
- Ralph E. Waite Elementary Art Room
- Ralph Waite Elementary PTO

## OFFICE REMINDERS:

Student fees were due September 30th. Payment can be made by cash, checks (payable to: **Waite Elementary School**) or credit card payments can be made online at [www.payforit.net](http://www.payforit.net)



## WAITE COMMUNITY UPDATES:

### Montville Township Spooky Walk



The Montville Township Cares Volunteer Organization invites you to the 7th annual Montville Spooky Walk on **Saturday, October 19th from 6-8:30 p.m.** This is a great event for the whole family! Enjoy hay mazes, yummy food, trunk or treat (6:00 p.m.)

and a spooky walk through the trails of Cobblestone Park starting at 7:00 p.m..

New this year.....**Spooky fireworks at 8:15!!!**

Hope you can join in the fun!



### Canned Food Drive

Waite Gives Back Leadership Team will be hosting our annual Canned Food Drive to

help local families in need the **week of October 28th-31st**. Students are welcome to bring in canned food items to the cafeteria at arrival each morning. Thank you for your support!

### Halloween Parade



Waite Elementary will hold its Halloween parade on **Thursday, October 31st** outdoors in the front circle of the school at **2:30 p.m.** Parents/guests are welcome to line the front circle of the school to see our students dressed in their Halloween best. Hope you can come join the fun!

### Operation Gratitude



Waite Elementary will be once again co-hosting with Waite Funeral Home the service project, **Operation Gratitude**, where students are able to donate their

leftover Halloween candy **the week of October 28th** in the front lobby of our school, and it will be shipped to those serving overseas. Last year, we were able to donate over 1,000 lbs of candy and cards! Thank you in advance for your support!

## MEDINA CITY SCHOOLS UPDATES:

### Unity Day

**Wednesday, October 23rd** is Medina City Schools Unity Day. Students will wear orange as a reminder of the importance to unite and spread kindness.



### Join Medina's Ski/Snowboard Team!



Is your child interested in learning how to ski or snowboard? Join the fun on Friday nights with Mrs. Grice and many other Waite and Medina

students starting in January for this year's Ski/Snowboard team! If you're interested, pick up a ski team flyer in the office with more information or go to our district webpage to find the ski/snowboard team link with information on how to register. **Early registration is open now until November 22nd**. Students must be 8 years old by January 1st, 2020 in order to join ski team. For more questions, contact Mrs. Grice!

## COATS FOR KIDS EXPRESS NOVEMBER 11-15, 2019

Medina City Schools is sponsoring its annual "Coats for Kids Express," a gently worn and new coat drive for those in need.

Winter clothing items can be dropped off at the following locations:

#### Monday, November 11

10:00 - 11:00 AM  
Heritage Elementary School  
833 Guilford Boulevard

11:15 AM - 12:15 PM  
A.I. Root Middle School  
333 West Sturbridge Drive

#### Tuesday, November 12

10:00 - 11:00 AM  
Cavanaugh Elementary School  
825 Lawrence Street

11:15 AM - 12:15 PM  
Medina High School  
777 E. Union Street

#### Wednesday, November 13

10:00 - 11:00 AM  
Fenn Elementary School  
320 North Spring Grove

11:15 AM - 12:15 PM  
Northrop Elementary School  
950 East Reagan Parkway

#### Thursday, November 14

10:00 - 11:00 AM  
Blake Elementary School  
4704 Lexington Ridge Drive

11:15 AM - 12:15 PM  
Waite Elementary School  
4765 Cobblestone Park Drive

#### Friday, November 15

10:00 - 11:00 AM  
Garfield Elementary School  
234 South Broadway Street

11:15 AM - 12:15 PM  
Claggett Middle School  
420 East Union Street

