

Waverly Elementary School

Enter to Learn, Depart to Serve.



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Message from our principal, Mr. DuBois.

Parents,

I would like to welcome everyone back to school. We have had a very smooth start to what is sure to be a wonderful school year! We have had a few staff changes this year and I would like to take this time to introduce and welcome them to Waverly Elementary for the 2018-2019 school year.

Ms. Amanda Raju joins our Waverly Family as our new nurse. She has been providing health care for patients in the Greenwood Health Care System for over ten years. Amanda brings with her much enthusiasm and experience to do what she has always loved doing, caring for those in need! We are excited to have her on our Waverly Team!

Mrs. Jennifer Bass is our new Community Preschool Teacher. Mrs. Bass brings with her years of preschool experience where she ran her own preschool from her home. Prior to this, she taught primary grades in both Avon and Clark Pleasant Community School Corporations. We are excited to have her on our team and a part of the Waverly Family!

Ms. Britny Muehl is our new Art Teacher. She comes to us from Greenfield-Central School District where she taught visual arts for the past couple of years. She will be shared between Waverly and Newby Schools. We are excited to welcome Ms. Muehl to our Waverly Family!

Mrs. Michelle Furniss is our newest Speech and Language Pathologist. She has been serving Newby Elementary School in Mooresville and will now be serving the students at Waverly a couple of days per week. We are excited to have her on our Waverly Team!

Ms. Madison Smotherman is our new Community Preschool aide. She will be a great help to our preschool program and Waverly School. We are excited to have her on our team!

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Upcoming Events:

AUGUST

- 16 Boy Scout Sign-Ups 6:00pm
- 17 School Fundraiser Begins
- 27 School Fundraiser Ends
- 31 End of Quarter 1 Midterm

SEPTEMBER

- 3 LABOR DAY — NO SCHOOL
- 13 PTO Meeting — 6:00pm
- 14 Picture Day

OCTOBER

- 4 Family Wogger Night (6—7pm)
- 5 End of Quarter 1
- 12 Parent Teacher Conferences
- 12—19 Fall Break — NO SCHOOL
- 26 Fall Harvest Parties — 2:25pm
- 26 PTO Bingo Night

NOVEMBER

- 2 Picture Retakes
- 10 Breakfast w/ Santa & Holiday Fair (8am — 1pm)
- 14 PTO Candle Sale Kick-Off
- 15 PTO Meeting — 6:00pm
- 16 End of Quarter 2 Midterm
- 21—23 Thanksgiving Break

DECEMBER

- 3 PTO Candle Sale Ends
- 3—7 Santa Shop
- 17—18 Candle Sale Pick-Up 6—9pm
- 19 End of First Semester
- 20—31 Christmas Break

JANUARY

- 1—4 Christmas Break

Message from our principal, Mr. DuBois. (cont.)

Miss Jennifer Garrett is helping in the Life Skills classroom as an aide. Jennifer will be an asset to our Life Skills program and Waverly Elementary! We are excited to have her on our team!

As you can see, we have had many changes to our staff this summer due to various reasons. Mrs. Woodall retired, Miss Ali left to take a teaching position, and Mrs. Toliver-Pratt relocated to a school system nearer to where she lives in the Indianapolis area. Miss O'Neal will still be serving our developmental preschool schools students here at Waverly, so we will see her weekly.

I would like to thank everyone for their patience with dismissal these past few days. We have ordered hanging tags to go on your vehicle's rear-view mirrors that will have our school's logo and a number assigned to you and your child. We are still a few weeks out from getting these. They will be distributed two per family to those who regularly drop-off and pick-up their child as a car-rider. This first year they will be assigned alphabetically and you will keep the tag/# during your child's time at Waverly. Extra tags will be available for a small fee. The way we see it working is as you arrive for dismissal, the teacher on duty will see your hang-tag's number and look at her clipboard to find the student assigned to that particular number. Siblings will have the same number. The teacher will then radio into the building to have your child come outside to get into your car. We hope this will help eliminate the need to ask you who you need every day and speed the process up. More to come when the tags come in.

Drop-Off and Dismissal

Just a few reminders when dropping off your children in the morning and picking them up in the afternoon:

Arrival: In the morning, please don't arrive too early. Your child will be standing outside the building until the bell rings at 8:55am. Children must be let out of your vehicle by Door #1; the Main Entrance. Our busses will briefly stop and unload those students who eat breakfast at school and then move forward to park along the sidewalk. When the bell rings at 8:55am, students are let off the busses and students who have been dropped off in vehicles may enter the building. If you prefer to walk your child to the door please park in the lot and walk them safely to the door. This allows the traffic flow to continue uninterrupted.

Dismissal: The bell rings at 3:25pm for our car riders. Vehicles should form a line along the sidewalk and parents need to remain in their cars. This allows the traffic flow to continue uninterrupted. We have many parents who pick up their children and so the line continues across the road into the gravel parking lot. To help keep this line moving you may be asked to move forward to allow additional cars to come across the road. It is important to clear the gravel lot as soon as possible due to the arrival of the school busses. The busses park in the gravel lot and wait until a teacher on duty signals them across. We wait to signal the busses across after the car riders have been picked up. Our goal is to have the car riders picked up and away by 3:30 PM. If you are running late and arrive after the busses are parked along the sidewalk, please pull up to the main entrance and your child will be waiting for you at that point.

Please remember we have these guidelines for the safety of our children. The teachers on duty are following my directions. Thank you for your cooperation.

Textbook Rental 2018-2019

It is very important to our schools to receive textbook and fee payments as soon as possible. Payment can be made via cash or check in the Waverly office, or credit cards can be used online in the Skyward Family Access Portal. Please see below for the textbook rental amounts to be paid. Parents have three payment options:

1. Full payment to the Waverly office by **September 14, 2018**. Checks can be made out to Waverly Elementary.
 - \$60 Developmental Preschool
 - \$50 Alternative Curriculum (Life Skills)
 - \$110 Kindergarten — 6th Grade
2. Complete and confirm a free/reduced lunch and textbook application and pay the reduced amount.
 - \$60 Developmental Preschool
 - \$15 Alternative Curriculum (Life Skills)
 - \$30 Kindergarten — 6th Grade
3. Make a partial initial payment and set up a payment plan with the school. The plan must include a final payment by **May 1, 2019**.

Honor Roll and the Breakfast of Champions

We continue to recognize our Honor Roll (all A's and B's) students each nine weeks. The first time a student makes the Honor Roll, he or she receives a sign to place in their parent's yard that says "Proud of our Waverly Honor Roll Student". Each additional time they make the Honor Roll, they will receive a sticker to place on the sign. The more times they make the Honor Roll, the more stickers they will be able to proudly display. Please keep the Honor Roll sign for your child through their years at Waverly. If a sign is damaged or lost, you may purchase a replacement sign for \$4.00.

Our Breakfast of Champions Celebration will take place in the spring for our 4 time Honor Roll (all A's and B+'s) recipients. Keep working hard and remember you need to be on the Honor Roll (with all A's and B+'s) all four nine weeks to attend the breakfast and be recognized. The students who qualify may invite two adults to attend the event which takes place after the busses arrive and attendance is taken. There will be more information to follow as the date draws nearer.

Skyward Family Access

Skyward is Mooresville Consolidated School Corporation's student management software, and through it's Family Access Portal, parents are able to access their student's grades, attendance, assignments, and upcoming events. Book fees and meal payments can also be made through this system.

In order to better serve the families of Waverly Elementary, it is very important that you log in to your Family Access portal and keep all family and emergency contact information as up-to-date as possible! If you are having any issues logging into your Skyward account, don't hesitate to contact the school office where you can find out your username, or have your password reset for log-in if necessary.

Attendance

Our PTO will be supporting our classroom perfect attendance again this year! When the classroom reaches their goal, they will have a classroom party. To qualify, no one in the classroom may be tardy, leave early, or absent that day. Please help the classrooms meet their goals by making sure your child is at school on time and by scheduling appointments after school if possible. Thank you to the PTO for supporting this project again this year!

In an effort to appropriately monitor and encourage high rates of attendance for our schools, the Mooresville Consolidated School Corporation Board has adopted a new attendance policy in cooperation with the Morgan County Prosecutor's office. The program is titled "Empty Seats Don't Learn," and it supports and clarifies the importance of your child(ren) regular attendance at school. This policy was developed by the Morgan County Prosecutor's office and has been in use since 2011, but is new to Mooresville Consolidated School Corporation. The program outlines specific guidelines for your child's attendance and clear expectations for you as the parent or guardian. Complete Mooresville School policy guidelines can be found at mooresvilleschools.org by clicking on the board and members link.

This program was created to target excessive unexcused absences. Excused absences are defined as absences for personal illness, a death in the family, a medical/dental appointment, serving as a page in the legislature, or court subpoenas. **A phone call to the office does not designate an automatic excused absence-it must be the above reasons. A note is required from a parent or guardian to return to school after any absences.** An unexcused absence is anything not listed above and will be documented in your child's records appropriately.

Excessive absences have been defined in Mooresville as missing more than 10 days of school in one school year. This policy began in January of 2015.

Notes from the Nurse

The grace period for obtaining immunizations to remain in school ends on **September 7th**. Immunizations are now required at the Kindergarten and 6th grade level. If you are unsure of your child's immunization status, contact Student Health at 831-9218, ext. 5125. Please contact your family physician or the Health Department (765-342-6621) if your child requires additional vaccinations.

Please be sure to contact Health Services if your child requires medications or has a health care need that may need special consideration. Any allergy information or care plans are required to be renewed each year.

Indiana State Law (**IC 20-30-5-18**) requires that school systems provide important information to parents and guardians of all students about meningitis. Infections caused by the *Neisseria meningitidis* bacteria are serious and symptoms may include high fever, headache, stiff neck, nausea, confusion and a rash. There are two vaccines that can prevent most cases of meningitis caused by this bacteria. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends vaccination for all children 11—18 years of age with a booster at 16 years of age. One dose is required by state law for children in grades 6—12. Please contact your health care provider for more information.

Notes from the Cafeteria

Parents and Guardians,

Following will be a list of items students can purchase and their prices. I offer different extras for different lunch periods.

Kindergarten through 3rd grade may buy:

Milk .50. Fruit or Vegetable .75. This includes Johnny Pops and Fruit Slush. Fruit slush and Johnny Pops will only be offered the days that they are on the menu.

Students must have money in their accounts to purchase any extras.

Students in 4th grade through 6th may choose items from a cart or items that we had for lunch and I have extra of. This sometimes includes breakfast items; muffins, pancakes or breakfast pizza. They are called Breakfast entrées and they sell for \$1.25. Lunch entrées such as pizza, hamburgers, or drumsticks sell for \$1.50. I sell these items after everyone has been served. I never know how much will be left and it sells to first come, first served.

Following is a list of Ala' Cartes that the 4th through 6th grade may purchase. There are times that we don't have extras, so it may not be an everyday thing.

Breakfast Entrée	1.25	Lunch Entrée	1.50
Chips	.75	Fruit or Vegetable	.75
Cookies	.50	Roll or Breadstick	.50
Fruit Snacks	.75	Rice Krispie Treat (large)	.75
Mini Rice Krispie Treat	.25	Milk	.50

Students must have money in their accounts or have money on them to purchase any extras. No charging of extras will be allowed. It is not up to me to monitor your student's lunch accounts on how much they can spend on extras or whether they can purchase extras at all. Please discuss this with your students. You may go into their student accounts and block them from purchasing any extras or to say they can only purchase extras if they have money with them.

If you have any questions, feel free to call me.

Cyndi McCammack, Cafeteria Manager: 317-831-9218 ext. 5148. Thanks!

P.E. Notes from Mr. Evans

Gym Shoe Reminder:

This is a friendly reminder that for safety and participation, we expect our students to wear socks and gym shoes on days they participate in physical education. Shoes such as boots, Crocs, sandals, and flip flops are not safe for running, jumping, and exercising. If your student is not wearing appropriate gym shoes they may not be able to participate in class. Thanks for helping and all you do for your student each day.

Monday and Tuesday are Media and Music days while Wednesday and Thursday are Art and PE days. Friday's specials will rotate weekly.

Wednesday P.E.: Rolfsen, Price, Cracraft, Sanders, Savage Vayhinger

Thursday P.E.: Newton, Lucas, Newman, Durrett, Caudill, Freeman, Cox

Coming Soon: Information regarding Pound the Playground and Wogger's Club!