

# Waverly Elementary School

Enter to Learn, Depart to Serve.



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## Message from our principal, Mr. DuBois.

Dear Parents and Students,

Our first month of school has come and gone already! I feel we are off to a great start to what should be another fantastic year at Waverly Elementary. During the month of September, we have many events to look forward to such as Picture Day (14<sup>th</sup>) and The Old Town of Waverly Park Event (22<sup>nd</sup>) in which we will have a booth set-up displaying the great things our students are participating in here at school. Our 4<sup>th</sup> graders will also be performing on stage at 3:00 PM. The last couple of years our students' performance was so good they asked us back again!

Our students began the NWEA testing earlier this school year than in the past. The first test results gives us a better understanding of where the students are academically at the beginning of the year. This is their baseline. They will take the test again in December and then again at the end of the school year. In doing so, we can see how much growth a student has had for the school year. All students should grow no matter how high or low their baseline data shows following the first test. We will monitor that information to see that students are learning. Data results will be shared as they are received from the NWEA (Northwest Evaluation Association).

Our hang tags are in and we will be distributing them on Monday during dismissal. Your child's teacher has provided the office with a list of students who normally are car-riders. Those are the families that will receive the hang tags on Monday. Each family will receive two tags. Extra tags will be available for \$5.00. So, if you have more than one child enrolled at Waverly, the number on your hang tag will be your assigned number for the time your children are here. The way we anticipate this working is as you drive through the dismissal line, a teacher on duty will radio your child or children's name/s to the teacher inside where the students are waiting based on the number on your hang tag. We hope this streamlines the process. If you still need to speak with the teacher about perhaps a friend going home with your child and needing called out, please let them know. We will then verify a note has been sent in and approved for this to happen.

Also, it is fine to park in the new parking lot and walk over to door #3 to pick your child up. Just tell the teacher in the hallway who you need. A sidewalk is planned to be installed yet this fall to allow travel to and from the lot without walking in the lane.

I hope everyone has a great weekend!

## Upcoming Events:

### SEPTEMBER

- 13 PTO Meeting — 6:00pm
- 14 Picture Day
- 22 Old Town Waverly Park Celebration

### OCTOBER

- 4 Family Wogger Night (6–7pm)
- 5 End of Quarter 1
- 9 Social Health — Grades 4, 5, 6
- 12 Parent Teacher Conferences
- 12–19 Fall Break — NO SCHOOL
- 25 Book Fair Begins
- 26 Fall Harvest Parties — 2:25pm
- 26 PTO Bingo Night
- 29 Grandparents Day — K, PK, & Lifeskills
- 30 Grandparents Day — 1st & 4th
- 31 Grandparents Day — 2nd & 5th

### NOVEMBER

- 1 Grandparents Day — 3rd & 6th
- 2 Book Fair Ends
- 2 Picture Retakes
- 10 Breakfast w/ Santa & Holiday Fair (8am — 1pm)
- 14 PTO Candle Sale Kick-Off
- 15 PTO Meeting — 6:00pm
- 15 Regional Spell Bowl @ Newby 5pm
- 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

## Picture Day

Picture Day is scheduled for Friday, September 14. Per the Mooresville Consolidated School Corporation, we are now working with a new company — Pettit & Associates Photography. Order forms have been distributed to all students and should be returned the day of pictures. Students will take the completed form with them when they have their picture taken and hand it to the photographer. **Students may pre-pay online or enclose payment the day of but, either way, must bring their completed envelope to turn in on picture day.**

Website: [www.pettitschoolphotos.com](http://www.pettitschoolphotos.com) Make checks payable to: Pettit Photo

## Scholastic Book Fair

**What:** We will host a Scholastic Book Fair October 25th through November 2nd. Funds raised will help purchase books for the media center. Families, faculty, and the community are invited to attend this fun reading event that helps inspire children to become lifelong readers.

The Book Fair will feature special Grandparent Days! Letters will be sent home soon.

**When:** The Book Fair will be open daily from 9:00am to 3:00pm

**Where:** Waverly Elementary Library

**More:** The Book Fair offers specially priced books and educational products, including popular series, award-winning titles, new releases, adult bestsellers, and other great reads from more than 100 publishers. Book Fair customers may help the school build classroom libraries by purchasing books through the Classroom Wish List program.

## Grandparents' Days

We are inviting grandparents to eat lunch with their grandchild(ren) at Waverly Elementary School for Grandparents Day! If grandparents are not available, students may invite another adult who is important to them. We have scheduled days for each grade level listed below:

Monday, October 29	Kindergarten, Preschool, & Lifeskills (Beginning at 11:40am)
Tuesday, October 30	1st and 4th Grades (1st grade @ 11:40; 4th grade @ 12:30)
Wednesday, October 31	2nd and 5th Grades (2nd grade @ 11:40; 5th grade @ 12:30)
Thursday, November 1	3rd and 6th Grades (3rd grade @ 11:40; 6th grade @ 12:30)

Prices are \$3.25 for visiting children or adults. RSVP forms will be sent home soon and will be due back to the office no later than **October 8th** so we can prepare enough food for all. It helps to move the lunch line faster if grandparents can pay in advance. If not, please have correct change.

Once grandparents and students are finished eating, they can go to the library to visit the Book Fair, which is in progress, or go to the playground for recess. Students will need to be back in class after recess time so they can get back to their studies.

Please sign in at the office when you arrive. We hope to see you for Grandparents Day!

**\*\*Skyward policy — Visitors will NOT be able to take money out of Student Accounts.**

## Updated Visitors Policy

The Superintendent's Office would like us to reiterate the visitor's policy for Waverly Elementary. Please reference the points below:

Any visitor should come to the office first, before any classroom or other part of the building. Visitors may only be in the halls/classrooms during preapproved times, determined by the principal.

Please always have a government issued Driver's License or ID available for the secretary to scan. (We run your identification through our Raptor Security System, which runs a minimal background check. After the initial scan, your IDs information from its barcode is saved in our visitors system.)

Always stop by the office to check-out before leaving the building.

\*\*From this point forward, anyone visiting for lunch, Grandparents' Days, or other school programs taking place during school hours, **must also be listed in Skyward as an Emergency Contact**. This will serve as confirmation that parents/guardians have approved of the visit. Please contact the office with any questions regarding these additions.

## Notes from the Nurse

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 meningitides 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.

## 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**.

## **Skyward Family Access**

Skyward is Mooresville Consolidated School Corporation's student management software, and through its 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.

## **Cafeteria Reminders**

Meal Prices for this year are as follows:

Breakfast — \$1.70

Lunch — \$2.60

Visitor Lunch — \$3.25

It is against school policy for students to charge school lunches. Please make sure to keep money in your child's account.

If you plan on eating a school lunch with your student, please confirm with the cafeteria or office by 10:00am so your meal will be prepared in time.

This year we will continue to use email as often as possible to send lunch account balances. Please make sure your email is updated with the office staff.

If you have any questions, please contact Cynthia McCammack at 831-9218 X5148 or [cynthia.mccammack@mooresvilleschools.org](mailto:cynthia.mccammack@mooresvilleschools.org)

## **Music Notes from Mrs. Mohler**

4th grade will have the opportunity to sing our Indiana songs we have been working on at the Old Town Waverly Park Festival on Saturday, Sept. 22nd at 3pm. Information is going home with the 4th graders today.

Save the date for the 2nd and 3rd grade Christmas program - Monday, December 10th at 2pm and 6pm.

## **P.E. Notes from Mr. Evans**

Pound the Playground and Wogger's Club will be starting near the end of September, lasting 4 weeks. More information will be coming soon.

Our September fitness challenge has been passed out to each student. If you need a copy please see Mr. Evans. If anyone has their fitness challenge from August please turn it in to Mr. Evans for your prize!

## **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.

## 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 [moorevilleschools.org](http://moorevilleschools.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.

## Dismissal

Please call by 3:00pm with any dismissal changes.

## Honor Roll

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.