

Waverly Elementary School

Enter to Learn, Depart to Serve.



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Message from our principal, Mr. DuBois.

Dear Parents,

I cannot believe we are already starting the month of March! The end of the 3rd nine weeks is two weeks from today. We will then be in our last quarter of the school year. Please be monitoring your child's Skyward account for grade updates as we transition to the 4th nine weeks. If you need help logging on to Skyward feel free to call the office.

Speaking of the office, today is our secretary's last day. Miss Tutterrow will be starting a new career in the industrial sector of our local businesses. She will be missed by all. We thank her for her years of service and wish her the best of luck in her new venture.

I would like to introduce our new secretary, Tracy Disney to our staff. Tracy and her husband, Brian, have been married almost 23 years and have a 19-year old daughter, Kate, who is a freshman at Valparaiso University. Outside of the school day, Tracy is currently training for the mini-marathon, enjoys being "mom" to her 7-lb. white, Maltese fur baby, Lily, and doing gardening and yard work when it's warm. Please stop by the office and welcome Tracy to our Waverly family!

The week of March 11th our 3rd graders will begin taking the IREAD3 assessment. This test is divided into three segments and it will take our students a couple of days to complete all segments. Each segment is around 30 minutes in length. This is a very important test for your student. Please help them do their best by seeing they are rested and have had a good breakfast. We want them to do their best!

The other state assessment, ILEARN, will not begin until April 22nd. This assessment is given in grades 3-6. The school is offering a free breakfast for all students on Tuesday, April 23rd. All students will get a free breakfast that day regardless of their grade-level. More information to come on ILEARN as we get closer to the test dates.

Finally, spring break will be coming up this month beginning on Friday March 22nd and running through the next week. I hope everyone has a restful break in a warm climate planned! Classes will resume on April 1st.

Have a great weekend!

2 Hour Delay Information

When Mooresville Schools are on a 2 hour delay, the first bell rings at 10:55am, and the tardy bell rings at 11:05am. We will dismiss at regular time.

AM Developmental Preschool 2hr Delay — 10:30am to 12:30pm

PM Developmental Preschool 2hr Delay — 1:30pm to 3:30pm

The Mooresville Parks Rec&U Before and After school program is still available on a 2 hour delay. They will not provide after school care if we have an early dismissal.

Upcoming Events:

MARCH

- 4 Trash bag/Geranium Fundraiser Ends
- 6 Kids Heart Challenge begins
- 8 6th Grade VS Staff Basketball
- 8 PTO Attendance Party
- 14 PTO Meeting 6pm
- 15 End of Quarter 3
- 19 Kdg Fair at Neil Armstrong 5:30
- 20 3rd Quarter Report Cards Posted
- 18-20 Trash Bag Pick-Up
- 21 6th Grade Volleyball Game
- 22-29 Spring Break — No School

APRIL

- 18 PTO Meeting 6:00 p.m.
- 22 4th Quarter Midterms Posted
- 25 Family Wogger Nights

MAY

- 10 2nd Semester AR Celebration
- 15 Field Day
- 20 Breakfast of Champions
- 23 Snow Make-Up Day
- 23 Last Student Day

Music Notes from Mrs. Mohler

Spring Music Program - May 13th at 2pm and 6pm. The 1st and 4th grades will present "Fractured Classics" at the Spring Program. These are required performances, so please mark your calendars now to save the date!

STOMP!

Stomp! Boom! Blast! will be returning for the Spring Music Program. This after-school club is open to 5th and 6th graders, and we get to make music by banging on things and playing all sorts of percussion instruments. We will meet Mondays after school until 4:30pm, starting Monday, March 11th. Permission slips are going home this week and are due by the first practice.

6th Grade Middle School Music Selections

In preparing for middle school, the music department has been/will be coming to Waverly to help 6th graders make their music class selections. The band and orchestra has brought over instruments for the students to try out. If your student selected an instrument to play, please return the orange sheet to school. The choir director will be coming to audition students interested in choir. New this year - 6th graders may audition for Fusion, the middle school showchoir. An information sheet has gone home with more details on the audition process.

P.E. Notes from Mr. Evans

Kids Heart Challenge

Our fundraiser formally known as Jump Rope for Heart has now been changed to Kids Heart Challenge. We will be starting March 5th - March 21st. Students will be receiving their donation form and information during PE class on March 5th and 6th.

Woggers Club

Pound the Playground will be starting up this spring and with that Woggers club will start after school. More information to come later.

Field Day

Field Day is quickly approaching! It will be held on May 15th during school for grades K-6th. If you would like to help volunteer for the day, please let me know at scott.evans@moorevilleschools.org. I am also asking for donations for drinkable water and disposable cups for the day. More information to come later.

Art Notes from Mrs. Abbott

We are starting a Crayola marker recycling program called "Crayola ColorCycle." Students can donate any dried out color markers, permanent markers, dry erase markers and highlighters to help keep tons of plastic out of landfills! There's a bucket for donations outside the art room and in the teachers lounge. Donations can also be brought from home instead of throwing used markers away!

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 building 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 or 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.

Dismissal

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

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.

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.

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.

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@moorevilleschools.org