



# Ralph E. Waite Elementary School

## April 2022 Newsletter

### Upcoming Dates:



- Monday, April 4: **WELCOME BACK** from Spring Break!
- April 5: State Testing Begins
- April 5, 6, 19, 20: PTO Mother/Son Bowling
- Thursday, April 14: Waite PTO Meeting 7:00-7:30 p.m.
- Friday, April 15 and Monday, April 18: No School
- Thursday, April 28: Veterans Poppy Sales at lunch
- Thursday, April 28: Bike to School Kick Off Party at Garfield 6-8 pm
- BIKE TO SCHOOL WEEK: May 2-6!
- Friday, May 13: Waite PTO Family/Communit Dinner and Movie Night!



### Leaders of the Month

Each month, we recognize students who demonstrate great character, being responsible in their decisions, being respectful in their words and actions, and being ready to learn each day. Students are recognized by their teachers and peers, and they each receive a special "buckeye" to honor their hard work and leadership. **CONGRATULATIONS to the following students:**



**Kindergarten:** Scarlett Sprague, Ada McDaniel, Paizley Steigerwald

**Grade 1:** Aizza Malik, Anderson Perkins, Evelyn Duchnowski, Kenzie Sammon

**Grade 2:** Grace Banner, Calee Sutton, Jon Brink, Lachlan Duff, Mackenzie Duff, Curtis Sims, Clare Gaydosh

**Grade 3:** Kian Fox, Mera Thompson, Iris Munoz, Jason Sung, Collin Scott, Joslynn Zeager

**Grade 4:** Lexi Vidikan, Jake Maurer, Ethan Koppes, Reagan Sullivan

**Grade 5:** Emma Kotick, Noah Parker, Delaney Schmidt

### Field Trips

We are so excited to bring back Field Trips for the end of the school year!

- Grade K will be traveling to **Boyer's Farm and Greenhouse!!**
- Grades 1-3 will be traveling to **Medina County Oenslager Park!**
- Grades 4-5 will be traveling to **Cuyahoga Valley National Park!**
- Teachers will reach out to parents on the MCS approved volunteer list (with updated background checks) to do a lottery of one or two parent volunteers to attend per class.
- Permission forms coming home soon!



### State Testing



Testing will take place from 9-11:00 am on the following dates below. Please make sure your child charges their Chromebook the night before each testing date. Thank you!

- Grade 5: (ELA 4/5, 4/6) (Math 4/19, 4/20) (Science 4/28, 4/29)
- Grade 4: (ELA 4/7, 4/8) (Math 4/21, 4/22)
- Grade 3: (ELA 4/12, 4/13) (Math 4/26, 4/27)

## PTO Updates

The **Waite PTO Father-Daughter Dance** and **Mother-Son Bowling Events** were such a success with an overwhelming attendance at both events!! Two more dates have been added (April 19-20) for additional bowling nights! Thank you, PTO, for providing these great opportunities for our families!



**family**  
**FUN NIGHT**

## PTO Upcoming Dates

- **April PTO Meeting:** Thursday, April 14 7:00-7:30 pm in the Waite media center
- **Chipotle Dining to Donate Night:** Tuesday, April 19 5-9 pm Chipotle North Ct.
- **Additional Mother-Son Bowling Nights:** April 19-20 6-8 p.m. Medina AMF Lanes
- **Waite PTO Family/Community Dinner and Movie Night:** Friday, May 13 6:30-9:30 p.m.  
Enjoy dinner from various local food trucks and an outdoor family movie night at Cobblestone Park! Invite your neighbors and friends! Hope you can come!

## Magic Gives Back

This Saturday, April 9, the Medina City Schools Foundation is hosting *Magic Gives Back* with magician and illusionist, Rick Smith, Jr. at the Medina Performing Arts Center located at 855 Weymouth Road from 6:00 PM-8:00 PM. Tickets are still available for this unique show open to the public. To learn more about the show, click [here](#) to watch the video. To purchase tickets, click [here](#). Tickets are available online until 6:00 PM on the day of the show. Proceeds from the performance benefit the [Medina City Schools Foundation](#).





## Redistricting/Facilities Survey

A survey with regard to District facilities was sent out to all Medina City Schools' stakeholders on Monday, April 4. If you have not yet completed the survey, click [here for a link](#) to the form. The survey will be open through Friday, April 15, 2022.

During the March 21, 2022, regular meeting of the Board of Education, Superintendent Sable presented information regarding three redistricting plans that were presented and discussed in 2019 prior to the start of the pandemic. To view the presentation and video segment from that meeting, click [here](#).

As we start the new school year, we will be hosting community meetings to continue to gain feedback on facilities and redistricting from our students, staff, parents, and community members. Watch for further information in the near future.



### Veterans Poppy Day

**Honor America's Veterans-Wear a Poppy with Pride: On Thursday, April 28**, donations will be accepted in exchange for poppies during your child's lunch period. The memorial flowers that first bloomed on the battlefields of France are handmade by our hospitalized and disabled veterans in Ohio. The memorial poppy is not only a personal tribute to those who gave their lives for our country but it honors our living veterans as well. Any donation amount is accepted. All funds derived from this initiative are used for the rehabilitation of veterans and assistance to their families. Please understand students will receive only ONE poppy- not a bouquet - no matter how much is donated. This ensures there are enough poppies for all who would like to donate. Thank you!

The Medina American Legion Post 202 and Auxiliary

### Medina City Schools Foundation Run.4.Fun

The Medina City Schools Foundation will once again host their annual **Run.4.Fun on Friday, May 6, 2022**, at Medina High School located at 777 E. Union Street. Events include a kids' half-mile fun run around the track, a one-mile run/walk, and a 5K. Races begin at 7:00 PM. To learn more or register, please click [here](#). Register before April 27 and receive a Run.4.Fun t-shirt.



### Bike to School Kick-off/Bike to School Week



In collaboration with Century Cycles-Medina, the District will host **Bike to School Week from May 2-6, 2022**. Students and staff are encouraged to ride their bikes to and from school during the week. Those students who participate will receive daily giveaways courtesy of the generous sponsors of this event.

To kick off the week, there will be a Bike to School Kick-off Party at Garfield Elementary located at 234 S. Broadway Street, Thursday, April 28 from 6:00 PM-8:00 PM. There will be music, food available for purchase, family fun, a helmet raffle, a gently used bike giveaway (first come, first serve), and bike safety checks and licensing. Look for more information coming soon!

### Are you Moving?

If you are moving over the summer and will not be attending Waite in the upcoming year, please call the office at 330-636-4500 and let us know. As we plan for the future classes and programming, it is important to know who to expect. We thank you for your assistance!

## Kindergarten Registration



Medina City Schools utilizes an online student registration system called FinalForms. You can access the appropriate registration link below to register your student. If you have any questions, please contact Registration at 330.636.3100. To register a student for the 2021-2022 or the 2022-23 school year, please follow the instructions [HERE](#). (You will be able to choose the correct school year once you log into our FinalForms registration program.) Please Note: Only the custodial parent/legal guardian can officially enroll a student. Before you get started, please make sure that your address falls within the Medina City Schools boundaries as we are not able to enroll students outside of the District. Please click [here](#) to use the WebQuery tool to see which building your student(s) will attend.

## Highlights from the month!



**5th Grade students learned important life lessons from our school resource officer, Officer Pinkas, in DARE!**

**Bravo to our Waite 5th Grade Steel Pan Ensemble who performed at the Medina City Schools Hall of Fame Ceremony! Thank you, Mrs. Hoffmann for providing this amazing opportunity!**



**Miss Pappano and her first grade students having a Google meet with a student from Italy to learn about their culture!**

**Fifth grade student leaders brainstorming ideas to present to their classmates about end of the year fifth grade activities!**



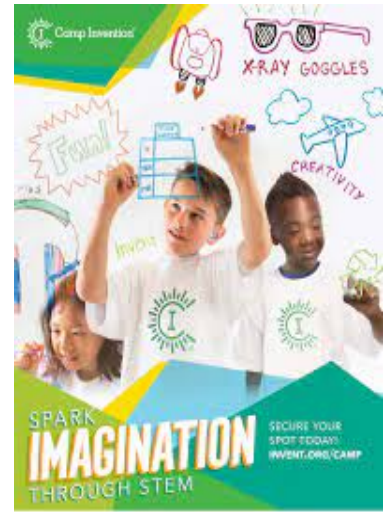
**LEADERS**



## Camp Invention

In partnership with the National Inventors Hall of Fame® (NIHF), A I Root Middle School is pleased to offer the nationally acclaimed Camp Invention® program to children entering K through 6th grade. This exciting, weeklong summer adventure provides opportunities for open-ended, hands-on exploration of science, technology, engineering and more! Rotating through a variety of exciting activities each day, children have fun collaborating with friends, thinking creatively and inventing their own solutions to real-world challenges.

The week begins on June 13, 2022 with Krista Lynch serving as Director. The all-new 2022 Explore program will thrill both new and returning campers with an expedition full of far-reaching explorations, fascinating discoveries and exhilarating “a-ha” moments! Early registration discounts available! Register using SUM25 by March 31 to save \$25, or SUM15 by May 18 to save \$15 off the \$245 registration fee. Availability is limited, so visit [invent.org/mylocalcamp](https://invent.org/mylocalcamp) or call 800-968-4332 to secure your child’s spot today!



## End of the School Year Dance Party

After a three-year hiatus, we are bringing back the **End of the School Year Dance Party** in Uptown Park on the Square **Thursday, May 26** from 5:00 PM-7:00 PM. To celebrate the close of the 2021-2022 school year, come dance, play, and join in activities. Food will be available for purchase from Courthouse Pizzeria.



## Strings in the Park

The **Medina High School orchestra** will perform on the Square (weather permitting) on **Friday, May 20, 2022**, in Uptown Park on the Square from 12:00 PM-1:00 PM. Bring your chair and your lunch and enjoy the amazing sounds from the MHS orchestra.



## MEDINA CITY SCHOOLS NOW HIRING



The Medina City Schools are now hiring support staff. **YOU** can make a difference.

Applications are being collected currently for:

**INSTRUCTIONAL PARAPROFESSIONAL** (\$15.81/hr)

Apply by March 21, Test on March 23

**REPAIR PERSON** (\$19.47-\$21.53/hr)

Apply by April 4, Test on April 6

**CAFETERIA COOK** (\$13.17/hr)

Apply by April 6, Test on April 7

**CAFETERIA SERVER** (\$11.41/hr)

Apply by April 8, Test on April 11

**SCHOOL CUSTODIAN** (\$17.41/hr)

Apply by April 11, Test on April 12

**ASSISTANT HEAD CUSTODIAN** (\$18.57/hr)

Apply by April 11, Test on April 13

**SUPPORT PARAPROFESSIONAL** (\$14.04/hr)

Apply by April 15, Test on April 18

File applications at the City of Medina's website:

[www.medinaoh.org/job-opportunities](https://www.medinaoh.org/job-opportunities)

or in person at Medina City Hall, 132 N. Elmwood, Lower Level, Medina Civil Service Office. Call 330.722.9077 with questions