



# Ralph E. Waite Elementary School

## May 2022 Newsletter

### Upcoming Dates:

- BIKE TO SCHOOL WEEK: May 2 - 6!
- Bus Driver Appreciation Day: May 2!
- Staff Appreciation Week: May 2 - 6!
- Friday, May 13: Waite PTO Family/Community Dinner and Movie Night!
- Thursday, May 19: Grade 5 After School Social!
- Friday, May 20: Field Day!
- Thursday, May 26: 5th Grade Graduation, Early Release, and Last Day of School!
- Thursday, May 26: End of the Year Dance Party - Uptown Park at the Square!
- Monday, May 30: Memorial Day!



### 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:** Alayna Andrews, Nora Munoz, Patrick Hiner, Emma Wade

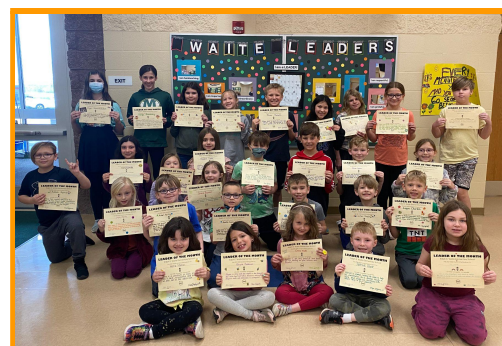
**Grade 1:** Lux Wirth, Aiden Billig, Austin Cunningham, Robbie Myeress, Carter Engle

**Grade 2:** Logan Charles, Brantley Legan, Rylee Warren, Alice Duchnowski, Grace Banner

**Grade 3:** Dora Kulwicki, Theo Fairchild, Meadow Lauth, Oliver Sherer, Declan Podojil

**Grade 4:** Faith Huff, Rania Papakonstantopoulos, Isla Durastanti, Lila Hillard, Maddie Dworznik, Jordan Sliwinski

**Grade 5:** Paige Armstrong, Evan Burgin, Megan Niemantsverdriet, Elizabeth Alonzo



**Field Trips** Waite students loved learning outdoors this month at Cuyahoga Valley National Park, Wolf Creek Oenslager County Park, and Boyert's Farm and Greenhouse!





## Bike to School Week



What a great success Bike to School Week was at Waite! What an amazing turnout each day with over 115 riders every day!!! Special thanks to Mrs. Cavey and our PTO volunteers who helped each day! We appreciate your help to support our kids!



## Highlights from the month!

### Third Graders Celebrate Arbor Day!



Congratulations to third graders, Declan Smith, Jenna Harvey and Anna Stefaniuk who represented Waite at the annual Medina Kiwanis Arbor Day Luncheon! Great job to all third graders who participated in creating amazing tree projects to celebrate Arbor Day. Special thanks to our Kiwanis for giving each of our third grade students a Douglas Fir tree to plant at home!

### Honoring our Veterans on Poppy Day!



On April 29, Waite students were so lucky to have a special lesson from Mr. Waite's two sons, Harold and Darrell Waite as representatives from The American Legion on the meaning of the poppy and the importance of honoring our veterans. Thank you, Waite families for your overwhelming support and generosity as all funds raised from poppy sales will be used for rehabilitation of veterans and assistance for their families.



### Fifth Grade MCPAL Waite Basketball Team!

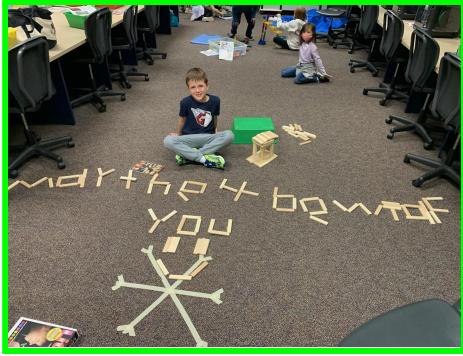


Congratulations to our awesome MCPAL 5th grade basketball team who made it to the finals! Thank you to our coaches, Mr. Campbell and Lieutenant Lafond who represented the Medina County Police Activities League at the spring basketball tournament between all 7 Medina elementary schools!





First grade student's creation of  
"May the 4th Be With You!"  
in Makerspace!



Fifth grade students helping  
first grade students with  
their sight words!



Fourth grade students teaching  
first and second grade students  
about animal habitats!



## PTO Updates



### SPRIT WEAR:

Click on the link below to get your Waite or Medina Spiritwear! Available year round!

[Waite and Medina Spirit Wear Link](#)

### SCHOOL SUPPLY BOXES:

Click on the link below to order your child's school supplies!  
Delivered right to their desk on Meet the Teacher Night!  
Orders must be placed by July 1st!



[School Supplies Order Link](#)

## End of Year Activities/Celebrations



**Field Day:** Friday, May 20th (Rain date: Monday, May 23)

[Field Day Volunteer Sign Up Link](#)

**End of Year Parties:** End of the Year classroom parties will take place within the last week of school. Look for more information from your child's classroom teacher!

**Fifth Grade Graduation:** Thursday, May 26th 12:30 p.m. in the Waite cafeteria/gym



*Look for links coming soon to our...*

*Waite Elementary 2022 Virtual Art Show!*

*Waite Elementary 2022 Virtual Talent Show!*



## PTO Upcoming Dates



**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!

## 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 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.

## 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.

