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Good News Friday

January 15, 2010

GOOD NEWS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

NO SCHOOL - ML KING, JR DAY – MONDAY, JANUARY 18

MRS. BECKETT'S THIRD GRADE

Happy 2010! The new year is off to a great start in room 106.

During our study of earth science, the students explored what goes on underground beneath their feet in the Soil and Rock Lab. They entered the trailer with flashlights and experienced the exhibit from a worm's point of view. The Warren County Soil and Water Conservation District provided the exhibit. Our next unit will be physical science.

In social studies, the students will review our study of landforms. We will complete this unit with a home project.

DIBELS testing will be completed on Friday, January 22. Please continue reading nightly with your child. Reading logs are due every Friday.

Our class collected 451 canned goods for needy families at Christmas. We received games and indoor recess activities for placing third in the elementary. We also adopted a needy family for Christmas. This Holiday Giving Project provided many needed items for the children in this family. I would like to thank all the parents and students who made these projects a success.

Please make sure your child wears appropriate clothing for recesses during these wintry days.

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SPREADING CHRISTMAS CHEER TO QUAKER HEIGHTS

Over Christmas break the 7th and 8th grade girl's basketball teams spent time spreading Christmas cheer to Quaker Heights residences. The girls delivered Christmas cards, puzzles, word find books, slippers, baked goods and sang Christmas carols. All the residence enjoyed the girls going room to room wishing them "A Merry Christmas"

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CONGRATULATIONS, SEUSSICAL CAST AND CREW!

The cast and crew list for the 2010 W.H.S. Drama Spring Musical, *Seussical the Musical*, will be posted in H.S. Room 12 and on the [W.H.S. Drama website](#) at 2:32 today. Thanks to everyone who interviewed to be part of the tech staff or auditioned to join the cast of this exciting new adventure! Stay tuned to GNF for updates about the show's progress as we prepare the show for YOU, and bookmark the W.H.S. Drama website for photos, news, and a countdown to OPENING NIGHT (just 90 days away!).

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

W.H.S. Drama depends on the support of individuals, organizations, and businesses to have success show after show. By purchasing sponsorships in the *Seussical* program, you help to cover annual expenses, like publisher's royalties, set and costume construction, and equipment maintenance, while keeping ticket costs low so everyone can join the fun! If you'd like to make a contribution to honor your favorite star or to recognize the importance of quality experiences on our stage, please visit the [W.H.S. Drama website](#) to download a sponsorship brochure, or contact Director Jason Hamen at jhamen@wayne-local.com or 897-2776, x. 442. Thank you for your support, and we hope to see you at the show, April 15-17 at 7:30 PM!

Jason Hamen
W.H.S. Drama Director
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GOOD NEWS FROM SIXTH GRADE MATH

The sixth graders are having a fantastic year in math. As the second nine weeks ends, I would like to recognize some of the sixth grade students who have worked really hard.

The First in Math program has been a huge success this year! Students have been earning auction points for being at the top of their team every week this year. Over Christmas break, I offered the students many incentives to get on the program and earn stickers. They could even get to eat lunch in my classroom for 1000 stickers and I would make dessert if they earned 1200 stickers. I want to congratulate three students who took me up on my offer. Brooke Lezotte and Madison Gibson each earned 1000 stickers and big congratulations to Kayla Coffman who earned 1255 stickers in the two weeks over Christmas break. The girls had lunch from McDonalds and dirt pudding for dessert. Way to go Girls!

In math class, we just finished the Bits and Pieces I book over fractions, decimals, and percents. The following students earned an A on their book test: Brittany Freeman, Seth Hawkins, Jake King, James Morse, Zach VanDyke, Tiffany Glascoe, Collin McNeice, Jaime Reeves, Samantha Spires, Daniel Neeley, Andrew Wilkerson, Tori Wilson, Brandon Young, Bryan Evans, Bret Grismer, Jamie Jones, Jared Moon, and Chloe VanHoose. This was a tough test. They should be very proud of themselves.

Mrs. Raab
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MRS. LUETH'S ROOM

It's a new calendar year, but students continue the challenging work we have been focusing on all year.

Ninths graders are currently reading NIGHT, Elie Wiesel's memoir of his adolescence spent in concentration camps during WWII. This will tie in with their upcoming study of twentieth century conflicts in World History, as well as help them to develop understanding of memoir and personal narratives.

Tenth graders continue to work on writing this term, with more emphasis placed on structure, punctuation rules, and sentence variety as they prepare for the written portion of the OGT. In addition we will tackle some portion of Mary Shelley's FRANKENSTEIN, a tie in with a first semester vocabulary lesson that focused around cloning. Students will develop an essay based on their individual stand on both scientific and ethical opinion.

The Supportive Peer Program continues to offer major support throughout the district. Even with a record number of peers, I regret that we have not been able to meet all the requests of teachers this year. With the end of the semester, some peers will be leaving the program as a few others begin, and due to schedule changes, some peer assignments will change as well. Most peers develop a very strong attachment to their younger friends, and change is difficult for all of them. I am so proud of how dedicated these students are.

WHS STUDENT COUNCIL

Thanks to all who have been feeding the Abitibi Paper Recycler this past year. In 2008 we recycled 9.4 tons of paper, but in 2009, we upped that to 12.03 tons. We appreciate your support of this "green" endeavor.

CAN THE MAN VII, our annual food drive was hugely successful. Point values are assigned to food items based on nutritional value and this year brought in great offerings of healthy, high value foods. Mr. G's office was bursting at the seams with peanut butter, mac and cheese, canned milk, tuna and an abundance of canned fruits and vegetables. Mr. Hamen's and Mr. Frost's first period classes won the competition and will be treated to the Luethinator Breakfast this Friday. Congratulations and thanks to everyone for their contributions.

Our 3rd quarter service project will be our annual Leukemia/Lymphoma Olive Garden Pennies for Pasta drive. This year we are especially honored to dedicate this drive to Goose Gossage. In addition to 3rd period class competitions, we have a couple other fund raising events planned including the annual Cheerleaders Tips for Flips at home basketball games. Plans are developing for students to have the chance to compete against State Champion Tennis Star, Alyssa Ritchie, in Wii Tennis during a special tournament. Alyssa, by the way, is the StuCo Chairman for this drive.

Coming up April 21, our second Blood Drive. If you would like to donate on that date, please contact Audrey Lueth at 897-2776, ext. 440.

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NEWS FROM THE SPANISH CLUB AND MRS. SYVERTSEN'S SPANISH CLASS

Spanish Club 2009-2010 members are: President- Faith Glover, Vice President- Elizabeth Evans, Secretary- Alisha Ritchie, Treasurer- Jimmy Fish, Michelle Bailey, Morganne Felger, Sara Abrams, Harley Trusty, Cody Taylor, Kelsey Hubbell, Nathan Faul, Alisha Parker, Leslie Goldsberry, Molly Gossard, Megan Darling, Paul Hudson, Jessie Alvarado, Rachel Johnson, Alivia May, Kayla Theis, Jackie Jones, Wyatt Schroeder, Kylie Eckman, Katie Evans, Michael Persen, Alex Grey, Evan Parish,

Ellen Reeves, Jeannett Gourley, Daría Boogs, Maggie Dowe, Clara Young, Chelsea Moore, Calli Maloney, Hannah Warfel, Ben Mills, and Amanda Hunter.

We are having an exciting and productive year. So far we have had two fundraisers the Sauerkraut Festival and our yearly candy sale. Students are fundraising for a possible trip to Costa Rica or Puerto Rico in the summer of 2011. We have attended a Hispanic singing performance and plan on taking dance lessons in the spring. Currently we are painting all of the Hispanic flags on my classroom wall, working on T-shirt orders, and learning about Costa Rica and Puerto Rico. Anyone interested in joining may contact any of the officers or club members.

Spanish II is currently learning clothing and food vocabulary. They currently use five tenses to communicate. Spanish II students are still learning the basics which will lead them to Spanish III where they will truly come to an understanding of the language.

Spanish III students have practically learned all grammar tenses. They have a vast understanding of grammar usage and a large knowledge of vocabulary to draw upon. With their comprehension of the language we are now getting ready to read Don Quixote de La Mancha written by Miguel de Cervantes. Don Quixote de La Mancha is a Spanish classic novel about a fictional knight whose desire in life is to get rid of all evil and to help humanity. They will be working on this book the entire third quarter obtaining further knowledge of the Spanish culture and language.

Spanish IV students have been fully immersed in the language and culture. They are becoming fluent speakers. Students are currently working on short Hispanic stories and third quarter they will be working on Hispanic poetry, creating their own poetry, and creating their own "Waynesville High School" Hispanic magazine. I currently teach seven Spanish IV students and they are truly the best of the best, on their way towards mastering the language.

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HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT IS SEMIFINALIST FOR NATIONAL SCIENCE AWARD

Michael Di Mascio was selected to be one of the 300 semifinalists out of 1736 for the Intel Science Talent Search, a national science competition. Michael will receive \$1000 for this selection, as will Waynesville High School. The results of the next and final round of elimination will be announced on January 27 for the 40 who will travel to Washington for a week of competition.

More information can be found at <http://www.societyforscience.org/sts/2010/semifinalists>.

Congratulations, Michael!

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HS INFORMATION

FINANCIAL AID NIGHT THURSDAY, JANUARY 21, 2010

This presentation is open to all students and parents in the district. Nikki Dippold will be here to go over the college financial aid process. She will also go over in detail the FAFSA form and answer your

specific questions regarding the financial aid process. She will also cover all types of financial aid loans and outside scholarship information. The meeting will start at 7pm and will be in the Spartan Room.

Financial Aid Information

Copies of the FAFSA Web Worksheet for 2010-2011 (graduates of the class of 2010 will use this to apply for federal aid) will arrive soon. A copy is also available on the website now. Go to www.fafsa.ed.gov. In addition the *College Preparation Checklist* will be available for any student about mid-January.

www.FederalStudentAid.ed.gov is a comprehensive web site that can assist you with basic information about federal loans and aid as well as detailed instructions for every FAFSA form question! Check it out.

PSEO MEETING February 16, 2010

WANT TO TAKE COLLEGE CLASSES FOR FREE?

Post Secondary Educational Option meeting is set for Tuesday, February 16th at 6pm in the cafeteria. If you are a ninth, tenth, eleventh, or twelfth grade student, the Post-Secondary Enrollment Options Program provides you with an opportunity to take classes at eligible post-secondary institutions. These institutions include community colleges, post-secondary vocational technical institutions, state universities, and many private colleges and universities. The purpose of the program is to promote rigorous academic pursuits and to provide a wider variety of options to high school students.

You and your parents may have several questions about this program.

PSAT RESULTS ARE IN!

We will be hosting a parent meeting on Tuesday, February 16th at 7:00pm in an attempt to help everyone understand their child's test results. Tricia Renner will be here from the College Board who provides the PSAT and SAT as well as a variety of other college prep services. She will go over the results and demonstrate how the www.collegeboard.com website can serve you in preparing for college admissions tests and streamlining the college process. This meeting will be held in the Spartan Room.

CURRENT SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

Cincinnati Scholarship Foundation application will be available on the web in mid January. The web site is www.cincinnati-scholarship-foundation.org This organization has several scholarships for which you can apply.

The Dayton Foundation is once again offering the GM/Frigidaire Scholarship to children or grand children of current employees and retirees. Online applications are not available. Hard copy of the application is in Ms. Joefreda's Office. Deadline Feb 1, 2010.

If you have any questions please feel free to email me at cjoefreda@wayne-local.com

ATTENTION ALL CURRENT K-5TH GRADE STUDENTS!

Camp Invention is coming back to Wayne Local Schools! This weeklong adventure is led by certified educators during the summer for children entering grades one through six (next school year). The Camp Invention program is a unique opportunity for your child to experience hands-on learning through FUN activities that will stick with them for years to come. Students will learn about alternative sources of energy by building their own motorized creature and will recreate an online virtual world that is

disappearing! They will have the opportunity to explore what soap bubbles, honeycombs, and lightning bolts all have in common as well as create inventions and transform old-school games in fun, new ways to rock the playground! Don't miss out on a great learning opportunity! Register by March 31st and receive \$25 off the base price!

SAVE THE DATE: camp will be June 21-25 in the High School!

Check out www.campinvention.org for more information and payment details!

Hope to see you there,
Denise Blevins
Waynesville Middle School
Science Department
Camp Invention Director
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WL LIBRARY NEWS:

Check out some new features on INFOhio.

Research Project Calculator 2.0 the latest version is available on INFOhio. The Research Project Calculator can be a helpful tool in re-enforcing 21st century skills by helping students and teachers manage research projects. Students enter the starting date and due date of their project and then are provided with a timeline and resources to help guide them through the research process.

Need to make a timeline. Checkout INFOhio's Timeline Builder. Access the timeline feature either through World Book Student or World Book Advanced. Not only can you view prebuilt timelines on various Political Leaders, World History, Arts and Literature but WorldBook offers a "Create Your Own Timeline" feature.

You can also find very valuable information on the High School library page at <http://kelley.purkey.googlepages.com/> . You can visit INFOhio at <http://www.infohio.org/> . To access from home you will need a username and password. Please contact one of the librarians for that information.

TEST HELP IS HERE FOR YOU!!!

Whether you are.....

- an elementary, middle, or high school student facing Ohio Achievement Tests, Ohio Graduation Test, AP Testing, PSAT, ACT, or SAT
- a college grad facing an entrance exam into a graduate program
- an adult facing a host of career placement or certification exams
- an individual facing a citizenship exam,

.....HELP IS AT YOUR FINGERTIPS!

Whatever your goal, *LearningExpress Library*, part of the INFOhio Core Collection, will help you succeed! The various Learning Centers listed on the left side menu of *LearningExpress Library* offer free practice tests, practice exercises, and courses to build **student skill levels**. Find help for the OAT, OGT, AP, PSAT, ACT, SAT, GED, GRE, GMAT, PRAXIS, Citizenship, and much MORE . . . even career placement or certification exams like real estate, nursing, firefighters, electrical, plumbing, etc.!

Those who are preparing for the world of work will find job-search tools and workplace-skills practice materials - from crafting the resume that will get you hired to interviewing and networking skills.

LearningExpress Library users must create an account with password so that test practices can be saved under your specific user name. You can access *LearningExpress Library* through the INFOhio website at www.infohio.org (The INFOhio username and password can be requested from your school librarian as listed below or by e-mailing central@infohio.org.) You may also go directly to www.learningexpresslibrary.com to access the information.

Links to these sites are also available on our school's website at www.wayne-local.com.

District Librarians:

Elementary: Linda Benson lbenson@wayne-local.com
 Middle School: Kathy Hale khale@wayne-local.com
 High School: Kelley Purkey kpurkey@wayne-local.com

CHANGES TO BCI AND FBI BACKGROUND CHECKS

All volunteers and coaches must have BCI and FBI background results on file at Wayne Local Schools. The Superintendent's Office has the capability to process these checks. The Superintendent's Office or building offices can tell you what results we currently have on file.

House Bill 1 has changed certain background check requirements for licensed educators in Ohio beginning Jan. 1, 2010:

- Educators who are **renewing** a license or permit and have lived continuously in the state of Ohio for the previous five years, *and* have a BCI background check on file **with ODE**, will need to complete *only* an FBI criminal background check once every five years. (Currently, they must complete both BCI and FBI checks whenever they renew.)
- Educators who **have not lived continuously in the state** for the past five years will need to complete both a BCI and FBI background check.
- Educators with **multiple licenses** only need to submit the required background checks when they are applying for the renewal of the license or permit that is of the *longest duration*.
- Educators who hold a **permanent certificate** are still required to submit the required background checks once every five years. Permanent certificate holders who have lived continuously in Ohio for those five years, however, will only need to submit FBI background checks.
- **Initial applicants** for a license must complete both BCI and FBI criminal background checks.

These checks need to be less than 365 days old to be considered valid for licensing purposes.

Due to the changes for licensed educators we will make the same changes for our volunteers.

Volunteers and coaches must have a FBI criminal background check every five years. If there is a BCI results on our WLS database and you have lived continuously in the state the last 5 years you will not be required to redo your BCI background check just the FBI check. If you do not have any results on the WLS database or have not lived in the state the last 5 years you must complete both BCI and FBI checks.

*Coaches or Aides that are applying for a Pupil Activity Supervisor Permit or an Educational Aide Permit must have a BCI background check on file with ODE.

The Superintendent's office will be open to do fingerprinting on TUESDAYS from 9:00 – 2:30. The cost for this service is: \$25 – BCI \$35 – FBI \$55 – Both

CASH OR MONEY ORDER ONLY

YOU MUST BRING A PHOTO ID

Call if you have questions. 897-6971

SPORTS NEWS

Goose's return great success!

The return of Stephen "Goose" Gossard to the basketball court on Tuesday night was an inspiration to us all. There are stories on the Wayne Local website, Dayton Daily, Western Star and Fox 45 all about his fight with cancer. Congratulations to Goose and the Gossard family for their faith and determination to defeat cancer. The Waynesville Girls Basketball team spearheaded by Ellen Powers raised \$1400 and we raised another \$600 from the foundation game with Springboro to present The Gossard family a check for \$2000.

Boys Basketball

The Boys team will be in action tonight at Monroe at 4:30, 6:00 and 7:30. Saturday night they will be playing at Northridge in a rescheduled game beginning at 4:30, 6:00 and 7:30 and then will return home on Tuesday to play Preble Shawnee at 4:30, 6:00 and 7:30.

Lady Spartans defeat Preble Shawnee!

The Lady Spartans basketball team ran their record to 9-3 by defeating Preble Shawnee on Thursday night. Katelyn Danner hit 5 three point shots and Amber Bell hit three to lead the team to a 61-37 win. The Spartans will be at home next Thursday vs Dixie.

Swim Team Orange & Black Invt results!

WHS Swim Team competed in our Annual Orange and Black small team Invitational. The Boys team finished 4th over 10 teams while the Girls placed 5th over 14 teams.

The boys' medley relay team consisting of Jacob Kramb, Andy Hoeweler, Kyle Petersen and Trent Fruhwirth swam their best time of the season, breaking the 2-minute mark and swam a 1:55.41. Three boys received medals for their performances. Taylor Petersen received a silver medal in the 200 Free. Jacob Kramb and Michael Austin in the 100-Backstroke received a silver and bronze medal respectively while improving their seeded times. Other men swimmers who had a personal best time were: Spencer Wells in the 200 Free, Andy Hoeweler in the 200 IM and 100 Free, Trent Fruhwirth in the 50 Free, Asher Morgan in the 50 Free, Kirk Walford in the 50 Free, Nathaniel Richards in the 100 Breast and Peter Shoup in the 100 Breast.

For the girls' team Hannah Warfel received a gold medal in her swim in the 100 Breast while improving her best time of the season. Other women swimmers who swam a personal best were: Elizabeth Evans in the 200 Free, Grace Williams in the 200 Free and 100 Fly, Jeanette Gourley in the 200 IM and the 100 Breast, Katie Evans in the 50 Free and 100 Breast, Rachel Johnson in the 50 Free; Alivia May in the 100 Free; Melissa Fisher in the 100 Free; and Kathryn Spitznogle in the 100 Back.

We honor and thank our seniors: Team Captain, McKenna Warfel, Co-Captains Grace Williams and Asher Morgan, Andy Hoeweler and Jacob Kramb. All were honored during the 15-minute break at the meet. Each swimmer was placed on a block, presented with a gift, and assistant coach Paul Staffan recognized each swimmer with a short presentation.

The team will be in action on Saturday and Sunday at the Countryside Y in Lebanon in the Southwest Ohio Classic. This is the largest event in Ohio.

Wrestling has great weekend at Madeira!

The wrestling team returned to practice this week after placing 3 wrestlers at the Madeira Invitational. Sophomore Cody Steiner remains undefeated and took 1st place at 103 pounds. Junior Josh Powell lost only one match to a returning state qualifier and took 3rd place at 189 pounds. The most impressive Spartan wrestler was freshman Michael Hooser who wrestling up a weight class at 145 pounds and defeated seeded wrestlers to make it to the finals where he lost to a senior from Winton Woods. Michael was one of only 3 freshman to make it to the finals of this varsity tournament.

This weekend the Freshman will wrestle at the Centerville Buckeye tournament. Wrestling begins Friday at 6:00 pm and Saturday at 10:00 am. The varsity will be in action next weekend at the Western Brown Hammer and Anvil Invitational.

Good Luck
Gab

ATHLETIC SEASON PASS 2009 - 2010 SEASON

ADULT PASS \$80 - This includes admission to all Waynesville home contests high school and middle school

STUDENT PASS \$50 - This includes admission to all Waynesville home contests both high school and middle school

FAMILY PASS FOR FAMILY OF FOUR \$200 - This includes admission to all home games for a family of four. Each additional family member will be \$15 each.

At the gate your name will appear on a pass list.

If interested in purchasing a season pass, contact the Waynesville athletic department at 897-8756 or Tim Gabbard at 897-1862.

Individual prices for league games are: high school games, \$6 for adults and students, middle school games, \$4 for adults and students. As you can see, the season pass is a real bargain.

WLS resident senior citizens (age 62 and over) are eligible for a free pass for all home sports events - Senior citizens who live in the Wayne Local School District can contact Helen at the central office for the passes. 897-6971

All schedules and scores can be found on www.Highschoolsports.net

PTO NEWS

A PTO in Winter.

Volunteer in your child's classroom! Somehow, somewhere there's something cool going on that could use some parents hanging round. A great way to get out and get back inside this winter.

Keep those BoxTops! We will be turning a new round in soon!

Super Cool Events Coming Soon !! (Its very hush, hush -- I've said too much already). We will be organizing a few events over the winter and looking into the playground equipment effort!!

The Next General Meeting is on Monday, February 1, 2010 at 6:30 in the Media Center! First Mondays is general schedule for the year. For more information please contact Rachel Barnett at

RBigJohn1@aol.com or Tiffany Johnson at alissbeth@aol.com . See you there - Bring your kids, there will be snacks and babysitting thanks to the NHS.

WELLNESS

(Warren County Combined Health District Newsletter - Jan. 2010)

UNDERSTANDING SEVERE/HAZARDOUS WEATHER TERMS

The following is a list of forecast and warning terms that are often heard over the winter months as they are issued by the National Weather Service (NWS):

Winter Storm Outlook: Issued prior to an official Winter Storm Watch. The outlook is given when forecasters believe winter storm conditions are possible. This is usually issued 48 to 72 hours in advance of a winter storm. **Winter Storm Watch:** Alerts the public to the potential for blizzard conditions, heavy snow, significant icing, or a combination of these events. Watches are usually issued 12 to 48 hours before the beginning of a winter storm.

*Heavy Snow: Around six inches of snow in 12 hours or less across northern Ohio, and four to five inches in 12 hours across central and southern Ohio; or around eight inches or more of snow in 24 hours or less across northern Ohio and six inches or more of snow in 24 hours across southern Ohio.

*Significant Icing: Usually an ice accumulation of ¼ inch or more from freezing rain, and accumulation of ½ inch or more of sleet, or a combination of freezing rain and sleet.

Blizzard Warning: Issued for sustained or gusty winds of 35 mph or more and falling or blowing snow creating visibilities below ¼ mile. These conditions should persist for at least three hours.

Winter Weather Advisories: Issued for accumulations of snow, freezing rain, freezing drizzle and sleet, which will cause significant inconvenience and moderately dangerous conditions.

*For Snow: Three to five inches in 12 hours or less will trigger an advisory for Northern Ohio, while two to three inches will trigger an advisory in central and southern Ohio.

*For freezing rain, freezing drizzle: Any accumulation up to ¼ inch.

*For blowing and drifting snow: When blowing snow will restrict visibility to ¼ mile or less and cause significant drifting snow.

Wind Chill Advisory: Issued when severe wind chill temperatures are expected.

EVERYDAY ACTIONS TO STAY HEALTHY

- Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. Throw the tissue in the trash after you use it.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water, especially after you cough or sneeze. Alcohol-based hand cleaners are also effective.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth. Germs spread that way.
- Stay home if you get sick, especially if you have a fever. CDC recommends that you stay home from work or school and limit contact with others to keep from infecting them.
- Follow public health advice regarding school closures, avoiding crowds and other social distancing measures. These measures will continue to be important after a 2009 H1N1 vaccine is available because they can prevent the spread of other viruses that cause respiratory infections.

WEEKLY SCHOOL BUS SAFETY TIP

Tell your children to walk in groups, if possible.

SCHOOL SAFETY

The quickest and most accurate way we communicate with our parents is through our school district website at www.wayne-local.com. This is one of the first places you can look for information.

The next way to get fast information is from *Cnotify*. You can learn more about *Cnotify* on the school district's webpage. It takes about one hour to call all employees and parents, but text messages are almost instantaneous.

Of course, we will notify all local TV and radio stations, but it can take up to thirty minutes before they report our information.

CHILD FIND

A Search for all children with disabilities between the ages of 3 and 21.

Child find is the process of identifying, locating and evaluating children with disabilities who may be in need of special education and related services.

Contact: Mrs. Mary Franzosa, Special Education Coordinator at 897-2761.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Community announcements are provided as a courtesy for the community. WLS does not endorse or promote any activity.

WAYNESVILLE YOUTH BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL AND T-BALL REGISTRATION.

Any child looking to play baseball, softball or T-Ball (grades K-8) this spring and summer, please register on one of the following dates.

Saturday January 16th, 4-6 pm at the elementary cafeteria

Saturday January 23rd, 4-6 pm at the elementary cafeteria.

Contact: Kevin McNeeley – waynesvillebaseball@yahoo.com for more information.

DULCIMER FRIENDS OFFER FREE MUSIC LESSONS, JAM SESSIONS

Have you always been fascinated by the dulcet tones of the mountain (lap) dulcimer?

Wanted to learn to play but never had the resources? Now you can! The Dulcimer Friends of Caesars Creek offer free mountain dulcimer lessons at 7 p.m. on the third Tuesday of each month in the historic Museum at the Friends Home, 115 Fourth Street (corner of Fourth and Miami Streets) in Waynesville, Ohio. All you need to bring is your enthusiasm! Group lessons for beginners will last approximately one hour.

When you've learned to strum, join the Dulcimer Friends for their twice-monthly jam sessions. The group meets regularly from 7-9 p.m. on the second and fourth

Tuesday of each month in the Museum. Any old-time acoustic instrument - mountain dulcimer, hammer dulcimer, guitar, banjo, penny whistle or Bodhran - and players of all levels are invited to join in the fun. The Dulcimer Friends have appeared recently at the Lebanon Antique Show, Waynesville's Second Sunday Stroll, and the Museum's Christmas Open House.

For more information on the Dulcimer Friends of Caesars Creek, call 937.542.1903 or 513.423.6321, or visit www.dulcimerfriends.org

WAYNESVILLE VILLAGE NEWS

VILLAGE COUNCIL VANCANCY

Village Council currently has one position open and interested residents are encouraged to send a letter of interest and a resume to Village of Waynesville, Attn: Clerk of Council, 1400 Lytle Rd., Waynesville, OH 45068 by Friday, January 15, 2010.

According to the Village Charter, the following applies:

Unsuccessful candidates for Council from the previous election, who are interested in the vacancy, should be given first consideration before any other applicants are considered. If none of those unsuccessful candidates is selected council shall then make the appointment from the other qualified applicants.

The newly elected/re-elected Council members were sworn in by Judge Robert Peeler at the January 4 meeting. Current Council members include: Mayor Earl Isaacs, Sandy Stemple, Jim Martin, Alan Bunker, Joette Hightower, and Gary Pelkey.

MARY L. COOK LIBRARY NEWS

It's Toddler Laptime! (1/15/10)

The winter series of toddler (2 year olds) laptimes will be held Thursday evenings from 6:45 to 7:10 p.m. beginning January 21st & running thru March 4th. Stories, games, songs, fingerplays ,and occasionally crafts will be shared with the toddlers during laptimes. These sessions involve parents as active participants. Registration begins Monday, January 4th and must be completed in person at the Library.

Contact Miss Kathy (Kathy Daniels), Coordinator of Youth Services, if you have any questions. 513-897-4826 danielka@oplin.org

TEENS (gr. 6 -12)

The Mary L. Cook Public Library is hosting a: Guitar Hero & Wii Program Tuesday, January 12th 3:00pm - 4:30pm We will have lots of rocking fun. Grades 6 and up only.

TEENS...TEENS....TEENS!!!(Gr. 6 – 12) (1/15/10)

AFTER SCHOOL MOVIES!!

WHERE: The Mary L. Cook Public Library

WHEN: Wednesday - January 13, 2010

TIME: 3:00 P.M. Until movie is over (approx. 4:30 or 5:00 P.M.) (Please arrive on time!)

Light snacks and a drink will be provided! Come join the fun! Bring a friend!

Movie announced day of the show. ***We will only show "G" or "PG" rated movies. Questions call Kathy or Sheila 513-897-4826

SAFE SCHOOL HELPLINE – 513-897-0800

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