

Wayne Local Schools

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Good News Friday

December 4, 2009

GOOD NEWS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

REMINDER

If you ordered cookies from the Spartan Café Lunch Ladies to raise money for Needy Kids & Families in Waynesville, don't forget to pick them up on Thursday, Dec. 10 from 3:30 – 5:30 pm in the Elementary Cafeteria. Thank you for your orders.

THIRD GRADE HOLIDAY MUSIC PROGRAM

On Monday, Dec. 7th the 3rd grade students will present their music program, "A Bear-y Merry Holiday" at 2:45 and 7:00 pm in the Elementary Gym. Everyone is invited to come enjoy as the Polar Bears throw a bear-y big holiday celebration at the North Pole and their guests from around the world start to arrive - black bears, brown bears, rapping grizzlies, pirouetting dancing bears, teddy bears, Kodiaks from nearby Alaska, and more! Join in the festive panda-monium when the bear-y small Pandas finally arrive in true vaudeville style and the party begins!

The 3rd graders will also travel to Quaker Heights Care Center on Wed. Dec. 9th to perform a shortened version of their program for the residents and visitors there at 2:45. The community is welcome to attend this performance as well.

Many thanks, in advance, to all the 3rd grade students, 3rd grade teachers, 3rd grade parents, Elementary staff, PTO, and anyone else that has helped with this program. Your help is greatly appreciated!

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GOOD NEWS FROM MRS. PHILPOT'S ROOM!

It is hard to believe that December is already here! My students have been working hard this first semester, and it has been a great year so far.

In my language arts block, students have read and analyzed the timeless classic *Where the Red Fern Grows* (and yes, a few tears were shed), completed a short story unit, and we are now entering into the world of research. To keep it interesting, students are delving into the topic of "Unsolved Mysteries" and learning about everything from UFO's, to the disappearance of Amelia Earhart, to the lost city of Atlantis. This group has already produced some great writing pieces so far this year, including their

own adaptations of Edgar Allan Poe's "The Raven", and writing an essay about the things they fear most after reading "The Pit and the Pendulum". On top of all of this, we have studied ten Greek and Latin roots (one hundred words!), sentence structure, nouns, and verbs.

In honors reading, we began the year with Cincinnati native Sharon Draper's *Tears of a Tiger*. This realistic fiction novel allowed for meaningful discussion about many of the tough challenges teens face in today's society, and led to our own research of several of these topics. Students are now immersed in *The Hunger Games*, a thriller that is keeping everyone on the edge of their seats! Half of my honors students are currently enrolled in my semester English class, with the other half taking it next semester. After reviewing some of the finer details of the parts of speech, parts of a sentence, and compound sentences, we are currently working on complex sentences. Throughout the semester the focus has been on how to take the lessons and apply them to add interest and variety to writing. The honors group never fails to keep me on my toes with their questions!

All of my students have started using the *Vocabulary Workshop* series. Each unit consists of twenty words, and the lists are much more challenging than those provided through our Greek and Latin root lists. Please be aware that the students **MUST** spend time outside of class studying these words in order to do well on the test each Friday. I have encouraged them to make flashcards and study for 10-15 minutes per day.

Finally, students should be reading the book, magazine, or newspaper of their choice every night for at least 20-30 minutes. Not only will doing this prove to close gaps academically, I truly believe that our kids need some quiet time to unwind. Parents, I need your help! With computers, cell phones, and television calling their names, books aren't always the first source of entertainment; however, I have found that the vast majority of my students love to read when they are given the time. I encourage students to find books they enjoy, so if you hear your student saying they are bored, encourage him to see me to find something else. I recommend six new releases a month and maintain a blog (see address below) to help with book selection, as well.

As always, thanks for your support! Please contact me with any questions, comments, or concerns!

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!! BOOK FAIR!!!

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR IS COMING TO THE MIDDLE SCHOOL to share exciting books and educational products with our students. The Book Fair helps us promote learning while raising money for special school projects, library materials, and author visits.

All middle school students will have the opportunity to attend the Book Fair during the school day on either Wednesday or Thursday, Dec. 9th or 10th. Their English teachers will be notifying them which day they will be attending.

Then we will also be holding a special FAMILY EVENT open to the public in the evening on Thursday, Dec. 10th from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. to give the entire family a chance to take advantage of the Fair! There will be special gift drawings for middle school students who bring their parents to the Family Event. The Fair will include items of interest to the whole family, so it will be a perfect time to

take care of some Christmas shopping!!!

Kathy Hale
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WCCC OPEN HOUSE

The annual Sophomore Open House at the Warren County Career Center will be held Thursday, Dec. 10 from 4:30 to 7 p.m. The event is open to all community members, and especially high school sophomores and their parents or guardians, to showcase the advantages of Career-Technical Education.

Orientations will begin at 4:30 p.m. and will repeat throughout the evening in the WCCC Media Center. WCCC staff will be on hand to answer questions and labs will be open for tours. Informational sessions on college connections through Career-Technical Education will be held in the WCCC Media Center at 5 and 6 p.m.

Information will also be available about the many Adult Education programs offered at the WCCC Main Campus in Lebanon and South Campus in Kings Mills. Adult learners have the opportunity to enroll in full time and part time career training that leads to industry certifications, and also may access free basic skills and GED preparation services.

Learn more about career opportunities and what the Warren County Career Center can offer you. For more information, call 932-5677 ext. 0 or visit www.mywccc.org.

SUPPORT ONE OF OUR OWN

Please show your support of senior Stephen Gossard by purchasing a lime green bracelet which reads: For "Goose" Cure Lymphoma

Bracelets will be on sale in the high school main office for a minimum donation of \$2.00. ALL PROCEEDS will go to the Lymphoma Research Foundation (LRF) in Stephen's honor. It is our hope to sell all 700 bracelets and raise over \$1,400 for the foundation.

Plans are being made to sell the bracelets during lunch and at selected home basketball games. Thank you for your support in advance.

WINTER DANCE 2009~ "HIP HOP HOLIDAZE!"

High School students, grades 9-12 join us Saturday, Dec. 12th, 2009 from 8pm-11pm in the High School Gymnasium for the 2009 Winter Dance, "Hip Hop Holidayze!", sponsored by the Junior Class for Prom. Admission is \$5.00 plus 1 canned food that will be used for Mrs. Leuth's, "Can the Man" drive. All come dressed in their best Ghetto Get 'Up. There will be a \$25.00 prize for the best dressed couple and a \$25.00 prize for the best dressed individual also. Attendees are welcomed and encouraged to visit the dj website at <http://www.partypleasersdj.com> to request music for the night. You will need to use the group name Waynesville to access the site...all lowercase! Please note: only Radio Edit versions will be played! Any parents interested in chaperoning the dance please contact Kelley

Purkey at 513-897-2776 or kpurkey@wayne-local.com.

BAND BOOSTERS FUNDRAISER (12/7)

The High School Marching Band is selling certificates from Holten Wellness Center for a 30 minute massage. We are trying to promote good health and what a perfect way to start! All band members and color guard will be selling them as well as Band Boosters. Questions contact Lisa Tussey, Band Boosters Secretary lisa@vwg.com

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

BCI AND FBI BACKGROUND CHECKS

All volunteers and coaches must have BCI and FBI background results on file at Wayne Local Schools that are no more than 5 years old before the beginning of the new school year. 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.

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 \$30 – FBI \$50 – Both

CASH OR MONEY ORDER ONLY

YOU MUST BRING A PHOTO ID

Call if you have questions. 897-697

SPORTS NEWS

Boys Basketball opens tonight!

The Boys Basketball team will tip off the season tonight at home vs Franklin. Coach Crozier's boys will be trying for a second straight league title. The Frosh will start at 4:30, Reserve at 6:00 and Varsity at 7:30.

We would like you to show your SPIRIT by helping us make this a BLACK OUT.

This is easy just DRESS IN BLACK!

Lady Spartans off to 1-2 start!

The Waynesville Girl's basketball team defeated Little Miami last Friday 56-54 and lost to Franklin on Saturday by a score of 54-53. The team then traveled to Madison for a key SWBL match up and lost a hard fought game 47-34. The Spartans were tied at half and down three going into the fourth quarter, but the size of Madison took its toll and ended up winning by a score of 47-34.

The Lady Spartans will be in action at home next Thursday vs Carlisle with the Frosh playing at 4:30 vs Fenwick, reserve at 6:00 and varsity at 7:30.

Swimming opens this weekend!

The Spartan Swim team will be in action this weekend at the Wright State Invitational at 1:00. The team has 33 swimmers and should challenge for the SWBL title this season.

Wrestlers in action at Franklin!

Coach Catanzaro's wrestlers will be in action at Franklin this Saturday at 10:00 a.m

Candle Orders are due Monday!

The Lady Spartans Basketball team and The Bear's Wax of Waynesville have teamed up to sell Spartan candles for the Holidays. If interested in purchasing these hometown candles you can go to the Bear's Wax website which is TheBearsWax.com.

Good Luck

Gab

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THANK YOU

As many of you are aware by now, I have decided to step down as head football coach, and I just wanted to express my gratitude one final time to everyone who has made this program a success over the past seven years. We had set out to resurrect a proud tradition. Not only did we re-establish what once was, but we also blazed the trail to new heights and greater expectations. I am proud of the product we have put on the field. Spartan Football has become exciting to watch; it has encouraged many to participate - at all levels, and it has once again become a rallying point for the community. To all the faithful supporters, you all have my sincerest appreciation in making this happen.

I will always wish that we could have done more. However, what remains is infinitely better than that which was here previously. More importantly, the foundation for continued growth & success is firmly in place. The next generation of players should benefit from our work and remain on course to bring even bigger and better results. It has been extremely rewarding to watch this program turn challenges into championships. Nonetheless, I feel that it is time to pass the torch before the fire burns out.

As always, SPARTAN PRIDE!

Coach Burchfield

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

SANTA SHOP is NEXT WEEK! This yearly favorite has been under construction since last year and is looking to be better than ever. Envelopes were sent home in a packet to help organize the event, please help your student fill out their list. The PTO will be giving out a number of "Santa Bucks" to teachers again this year. If you would like to help out, we will need set-up, shift workers over the 3

days, and clean-up. Its fast work and great fun! Contact Holly Papanek (ppapanek@woh.rr.com) or Heather Perkins (perkinsatthehouse@yahoo.com) for more information. Great affordable items, and a following snack! Ho Ho Ho!!

Classroom Winners were announced for Fall activities, congratulations to all the students and teachers for their input so far. Its been a busy year and you have responded perfectly. Winners were chosen by total and ratio and will receive a "whatever" party of their choice.

Ms Yee (K): NutSale K-2 & Halloween Carnival Prep (1st) & Membership (2nd)

Mrs. Johnson (2nd): Halloween Carnival Prep (2nd)

Mrs. Rasey (4th): BoxTops Turn in

Mrs. Pendergraft (3rd): Nut Sale 3-5

Mrs. Donna Beckett (4th): Membership Drive (1st)

Congratulation to our Nut Sale Winners! These super sellers were announced this week and we want to acknowledge their contributions with a total of \$160 in cash prizes! Mikayla Couch (1st), Noah Lindsey (2nd), Emily Bassett (3rd), Rowan Hartsock (4th), Bailey Etchinson (5th), Katie Ooten (6th), Lydia Anderson (7th), Andrew Weaver (8th), Harrison Aunspaw (9th), and Fisher Barnett (10th). Great Job to you all!

Direct Contributions - What a great idea!! We were approached by some parents who would like to contribute to the PTO aside from participating in fundraisers, and looked into it. If anyone would like to donate to our general fund or something specific, please send a note/check to "Waynesville PTO" at WES. It is also tax deductible! If you would like to sponsor and event as well, we would appreciate that as well, contact Dave J (JKILabs@aol.com) for more details.

YO!!, BoxTops, Campells Soup and Juice pouches - Collect over Christmas/New Years Break!

The Next General Meeting is on Monday, December 7 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!

WEEKLY SCHOOL BUS SAFETY TIP

Don't open the windows on the school bus unless instructed to do so by the bus driver. Always keep your hands and arms inside the school bus at all times. School bus safety is a part of Spartan Pride Community Wide.

WELLNESS

(Warren County Combined Health District Newsletter – Nov. 2009)

CARBON MONOXIDE

Carbon Monoxide is called the "silent killer". It is difficult to detect, as it is colorless, odorless, and tasteless. Because you can't see, taste or smell it, carbon monoxide can kill you before you know it is there. With the winter season just around the corner, experts are warning residents to get their furnaces inspected by a professional. The most common reason for carbon monoxide poisoning from household furnaces is lack of maintenance. Any fuel burning appliance, vehicle, tool or other device has the potential to produce dangerous levels of carbon monoxide gas. Examples of carbon monoxide producing devices commonly in use in or around your home include fuel fired furnaces (non electric), gas water heaters, fireplaces and wood stoves, gas stoves, gas dryers, charcoal grills, lawnmowers, snow blowers and other yard equipment (non electric), and automobiles. There are carbon monoxide

detectors available that are easy to install in your home. Most plug right into an electric outlet or use batteries. A detector will warn you in an event that there is a carbon monoxide leak in your home.

Symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning include:

- Flu-like symptoms
- Headache
- Dizziness
- Weakness or clumsiness
- Blurry vision
- Fatigue
- Loss of consciousness

If you have a carbon monoxide detector and the alarm goes off remember the following:

-Treat all alarms as the real thing.

-Leave the house immediately.

-Leave the door open on the way out.

-Call the fire department from a neighbor's house

-Get medical help.

-Do not return to the house until inspected by a professional.

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.

LIL' SPARTAN CAFÉ BREAKFAST MENU

Open At 8:20 AM for all Elementary Students

Monday - Assorted Bagel Varieties and Go-Gurt

Tuesday - Mini Pancakes or Sausage Wraps (Maple or Blueberry Flavor)

Wednesday - Scrambled Eggs and Spartan Sausage Links

Thursday - Assorted Oatmeal Flavors and Mini Muffin-Kids Love it!

Friday - Toast and Jelly with Bacon

Juice or White Milk included with the above every day!

**Bagels with Cream Cheese will be offered daily as an alternative*

Students who ride the bus will enter the cafeteria at approximately 8:20 AM or upon bus arrival.

Walkers and car riders may enter the front elementary gym entrance.

Regular breakfast is \$1.25, qualified reduced breakfast is \$.30 and qualified Free breakfast is free.

Giving your child a Great Start to a Great Day!

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.

CHRISTMAS IN WAYNESVILLE

Come to Waynesville for the Christmas season. Sparkling store fronts, 1300 luminaries, carriage rides, entertainment, enticing restaurants and shopping galore are all a part of a small town Christmas. For more specifics visit www.waynesvilleohio.com. There you can link to activities, dining, shopping, and lodging opportunities. For more information on Waynesville's Christmas in the Village call 513-897-8855.

Friday, Dec. 4 11 am – 9 pm Tree Lighting Ceremony at 6:00 PM

Saturday, Dec. 5 Noon – 9 pm

Sunday, Dec. 6 Noon – 6 pm

WAYNESVILLE YOUTH BASEBALL BOARD ELECTIONS.

Anyone interested in the following Waynesville Youth Baseball Board Positions please notify the WBA Board of the position you want. The board will vote on each position at our December meeting. Your nomination must be in no later than December 13th.

Send your email to: waynesvillebaseball@yahoo.com

Board positions:

President

Vice President

Secretary

Treasurer

Field Supervisor

Umpire & Field Coordinator

T-ball Commissioner

Softball Commissioner

Equipment Manager

Sponsorship Coordinator

Uniform & Picture Coordinator

Hisey Park Manager

MARY L. COOK LIBRARY NEWS

Dear 3, 4 and 5 year olds and kindergartners, too... (12/11)

You are invited to a "Twas the Night Before Christmas" P.J. Party on Tuesday, December 15 from 7:00 - 7:45 p.m. at The Mary L. Cook Public Library! Get into your pajamas, bring a cuddly friend and join Miss Kathy and Miss Sheila for stories, games, songs and a bedtime snack.

Ask Mom to register you at the front desk beginning Nov. 30th (897-4826)

Friends Holiday Auction

The Friends of the Mary L. Cook Public Library will be holding their Annual Holiday Auction. Come in and bid on your favorite holiday decorations which have been donated by area businesses and community groups. Bidding will begin Friday, November 27th. Bids will be opened Thursday, December 17th @ 7:00 p.m. You could do your holiday shopping at the library. Remember 100% of proceeds go to support library programs for adults and children.

FOOD FOR FINES**November 2 – December 31, 2009**

This has been a difficult year for many area families hit hard by the economy. The Waynesville Food Pantry is seriously low on food stores. Please consider donating a food item in lieu of your library fine. If you don't have any fines, please consider making a donation. Just one item from each person who comes to the library would make a big difference.

Fines (up to \$10) will equal the price of the food item(s) donated. Please note: the pantry cannot accept any items in GLASS CONTAINERS OR BABY FOOD.

SAFE SCHOOL HELPLINE – 513-897-0800

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