

Wayne Community Schools

Wayne Elementary School | 312 North Douglas Street | 402-375-3854

Wayne Jr./Sr. High School | 611 West 7th Street | 402-375-3150

Early Learning Center | 803 Providence Road | 402-833-1450

www.wayneschools.org



Learning for Life – Every Student, Every Day!



August, 2023

From the Desk of Superintendent, Dr. Mark Lenihan

Dear Parents, Patrons, and Supporters of Wayne Community Schools:
Welcome to the 2023-24 school year!

The 2023-24 school year is here and our staff is very excited to work with the students and partner with our parents and community members. As always, this summer has kept our staff very busy in preparing for school to begin. Our maintenance staff, secretarial staff, technology staff, and business office have done a tremendous job doing the important, behind the scenes work that makes our school run smoothly. We are very fortunate to have such a committed summer staff, and the work they do is greatly appreciated by all!

We have had several summer projects occur at school. The Elementary School has undergone two major upgrades. The locker room area and hallway near the gym have had an upgrade to ensure good climate control in those areas. This is the last section of the Elementary School that needed to be addressed for the entire building to have good heating, cooling, and humidity control. The Elementary School fire alarm system was also in need of replacement, and this work has taken most of the summer. The new fire alarm system will be updated and current with the very important fire safety standards. Also, the gym floor in the Elementary School will be refinished, which will provide a clean new look, and a better surface for physical education classes and athletic events.

As you are all aware, the district patrons passed a bond referendum in March of 2023 for a new Preschool – 2nd grade Early Learning Center, an addition to the high school for classrooms on the east side of the building, and several remodeling projects. Most of the work this summer has been the design phase of the project. We are on track for construction to begin sometime this fall on both the new Early Learning Center, and the high school classroom additions. Most of the remodeling work will take place in summer of 2024. While it is too early to establish a completion date, we know the construction and remodeling will impact our facilities for the next two school years. Thankfully, there will be minimal disruption to classrooms over the next two years, and we should be able to function

as we have during the construction phase. Updates will be provided regularly as the project proceeds, and we are very excited about the addition of twenty-three new classrooms throughout the district, upgrades to our Lecture Hall, Ag/FFA areas, and an addition to our current fitness room for wrestling.

Over the course of the past few months, the Wayne Board of Education has been considering an addition of a School Resource Officer (SRO) for our district. Working in partnership with the City of Wayne and the Wayne Police Department, we have brought forth a Memorandum of Understanding between the Wayne Board of Education and the Wayne City Council. The plan, if approved by the two entities, would include an SRO to be present at the school district during school hours. The SRO would be an officer employed by the Wayne PD, and will serve on our school district safety team as a resource to help us improve the safety and security at Wayne Community Schools. We are very fortunate to have an excellent partnership with the City of Wayne and the Police Department! The final reading of the MOU will be on the School Board agenda for Monday, August 14th. If you have questions about this new initiative please feel free to call me

at school.

There are several new teachers joining our staff for the 2023-24 school year, as listed below:

- Grace Longe – High School English Teacher
- Makenna Nelson– Junior High English Teacher
- Michaela Fehringer – Junior/Senior High Math Teacher
- Paige Kinnaman – 5th Grade Teacher
- Jack Belt – 6th Grade Teacher
- Jewel Kneifl – 7-12 School Counselor

Please help me welcome all of our new staff to the Wayne Community School District!

We will host our annual Preschool – 12th grade open house on Monday, August 14th from 5:00-7:00 P.M. Teachers and staff will be available for students and parents. Please feel free to look around your child's room, help them set-up their desk or locker, and take advantage of the opportunity to visit the staff. The Early Learning Center at the Sunnyview Place Business Park location will be open as well. I look forward to seeing many of you at the open house and at school events this year.

I encourage you to contact any of the administrators listed below with any questions or concerns

See DESK, page 4

Calendar Web-Site:

The monthly school calendar can be accessed by logging into midstatenebraska.org. Log-in and click on the Wayne Jr/Sr High link. You can select the monthly calendar for the day, week, or month. You can also print off the calendar to have. Check out the "Notify Me!" option to receive texts or email notifications for any activity you check off. Just follow the instructions on the page. You may also "Subscribe" by following the directions posted on the page. All of the instructions work on your smart phone, too!



The current Wayne Community Schools Board Agenda can be found at:

www.wayneschools.org.

It will be posted on Friday before the Board Meetings, which is the second Monday of each month.

2023-24 School Lunch Prices

Reminder: If your student is Free/Reduced, a **complete** meal needs to be taken in order to get the free/reduced price! Taking only certain components of the meal will be charged full price.

*If a student has not taken an entire meal or have gotten extras, those charges will be put on the student's account and will need to be paid.



Any family in the Wayne Community School district who has not received a bus request form and would like to use the bus service for the 2023-24 school year, is asked to contact Pam Anderson at the Wayne Jr./Sr. High School office, (402) 375-3150. Students from the city of Wayne, surrounding rural Wayne County, and Carroll students who wish to ride the bus, are eligible to do so.

Bus stops include:

- Vintage Hill Park
- Viken Park/Sunnyview Park Shelter
- Hank Overin Baseball Field
- Carroll Auditorium
- Bowling Alley
- Rainbow World (Daycare participants only)

Prices are as follows:
STUDENT BREAKFAST, LUNCH and MILK PRICES
2023-2024

Breakfast Prices
Students PreK-12: \$1.50 per day
Reduced Price Meal: \$0.30 per day

Lunch Prices
Students PreK-6: \$2.45 per day
Students 7-12: \$2.55 per day
Reduced Price Meal: \$0.40 per day
Milk per carton: \$0.40 per day
Adult meal prices have not be determined yet.

PLEASE REMEMBER:

1. **Any balance that was not paid by the end of the 22-23 school year, still needs to be paid ASAP!**
2. Any ala carte/extra items purchased are owed.

FOR EXAMPLE: If your student brings a cold lunch and gets milk, the milk is charged to the student's account.

Greetings!

My name is Jewel Kneifl and I am from Wayne, Nebraska. I am extremely excited to be the 7-12th Wayne Junior/Senior High School Counselor at my own alma mater this year. When not at school, I like to take my dog, Paisley (Ausky-half Husky/half Aus-sie), on walks around the community. I also like to be in my garden and bake goodies with my niece and two nephews.

I am excited to meet all of the amazing students this school year! Thank you for letting me be a part of their success at Wayne Community Schools! Go Blue Devils!



School is starting again! Please be mindful of the buses carrying our students!!



Breakfast is in BOLD print

Fruit and Vegetable Bar is available K-12 with every reimbursable meal at Breakfast and Lunch.

Milk is offered with every Breakfast and Lunch

Choice of Chef Salad is offered K-12

Menus subject to change

Wayne Community Schools Menu

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
WELCOME BACK!				
August is National Sandwich Month	KINDERGARTEN ONLY LUNCH	16 Pancake on a Stick Chicken Nuggets French Fries Dinner Roll Carrots Pears	17 Cheese Omelet Wayne Beef Cheese-burger on a Bun Cowboy Baked Beans Broccoli Cantaloupe	18 Breakfast Pizza Pizza Burger Green Beans Tomatoes Strawberries
21 French Toast Hot Ham N Cheese Steamed Carrots Celery w/ Creamed Cheese & Tomatoes Applesauce	22 Bagel & Yogurt Breakfast Sandwich Roasted Potatoes Mix of Fresh Veggies Watermelon	23 Breakfast Bites & Hash Browns BBQ Chicken Sandwich Baked Beans Cucumbers Mixed Berries	24 Waffles Sloppy Joe on a Bun Sweet Potato Fries Cauliflower Dried Fruit	25 Br. Pizza Bagel Chicken Patty on a Bun Mixed Veggies Carrots Mandarin Oranges
28 Breakfast Burrito BBQ Pork Sandwich Cheesy Potatoes Broccoli Pineapple	29 Pancakes Hot Dog on a Bun Sweet Potato Fries Tomatoes Cantaloupe	30 Biscuits N Gravy Meatball Sub Corn Carrots Peaches	31 Scrambled Eggs Breaded Beef on a Bun Fiesta Black Beans Lettuce Watermelon	USDA is an equal opportunity employer & provider

Thank you for choosing to eat with us!

Students are ALWAYS encourage to fill their plates with as much fruits and veggies they are able to FINISH.

FAMILY MEMBERS are Welcome to join their student for lunch. We ask that you call the office by 9am to be added to the lunch count.

Breakfast - \$1.50 Lunch - K-6 \$2.45 7-12 \$2.55

Applications for reduced / free meals have been mailed out but if you misplaced your copy; more are available in the school offices.

POWERSCHOOL

If you are having trouble setting up a Parent PowerSchool account, please contact Deb at the High School and she will get it set up. Due to PowerSchool updates, it is easier to have it set up through a PowerSchool administrator.
402-375-3150
dedaum1@waynebluedevils.org



Fall Sports Kick-Off

When: Friday, August 18
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Where: Kern Track
Adult and Student passes will be available to purchase.

7-12 Student Schedules

Students in grades 7-12 may pick up their 23-24 school schedules beginning Monday, August 7, 2023, in the Jr/Sr High School Counseling Office. Office times are Monday-Friday 7:30-4:30.



School Pictures

The dates are as follows for school pictures in each building.
*Jr/Sr High School: Wednesday, September 6
*K-Grade 2: Thursday, September 7
*Grade 3-6: Friday, September 8
*PK4: Wednesday, September 13
*PK3: Thursday, September 14

It's up to all of us to keep our schools safe.

Call 833-980-SAFE (7233) to report:

✔ School threats

✔ Bullying

✔ Crime

✔ Violence

✔ Abuse

✔ Sexual exploitation

✔ Concerning social media posts

✔ Students in distress

SAFE 2 HELP

NEBRASKA

SAFE2HELPNE.ORG

NeMTSS FRAMEWORK

NEBRASKA CENTER FOR RESEARCH ON CHILDREN, YOUTH, FAMILIES & SCHOOLS

Social, Emotional and Behavioral Learning at Home

What is social, emotional and behavioral learning?
Social, emotional, and behavioral learning (SEBL) is the process of fostering social and emotional competencies among students and adults in order to create safe and supportive environments in which students can have positive behavioral outcomes.

Why is social, emotional and behavioral learning important; what are the benefits?
SEBL fosters resiliency, problem solving skills, and interpersonal skills. Students are more likely to have increased...

↑ academic achievement ↑ behavior and attitudes ↑ coping skills for everyday challenges ↑ self-esteem

Self-Awareness

(ability to identify and assess your thoughts, feelings, and values, as well as how they intersect with your behaviors)

Emotional Vocabulary (identifying feelings/emotions) with words or pictures/emotions
Check out the Pizza Wheel

Reflective Writing/Conversation
Who is your best friend and how do they make you feel?
What was the best thing about today?

Self-Management

(ability to not only identify, but regulate emotions, thoughts, and actions)

Popular games can help children learn to regulate behaviors - discuss listening and being respectful
Musical Chairs
Simon Says
Follow the Leader

Grounding Techniques
Name 5 things you can see
Listen to energetic or relaxing music for 1 minute
Take 10 deep belly breaths
Eat a piece of candy and describe it in 3 words

Responsible Decision Making

(ability to make positive, constructive choices about your behavior)

Problem solve during play, asking questions like
What are you doing?
I wonder how you did that?
I wonder how else this could work?
What could you do instead?

Allow children to make mistakes and reflect on future decisions...
The feeling is ok, the behavior is not!
Accept & Acknowledge
Ask the feeling
Hold the boundary
Teach the coping skill

Relationships

(ability to get along and make meaningful connections with people in your life)

Discuss relationship skill challenges of characters in books and movies
Who was great at solving those challenges and how?
Toy Story (younger)
The Breakfast Club (older)

Make lists or reflect on people in your lives that are great at this including things like
Are fun to be around
Make us laugh
Make us feel safe and loved

Social Awareness

(ability to take the perspective of and empathize with others, as well as learning social and ethical behavior)

Grow your empathy by reading books and discussing how the characters are feeling
Watch movies or TV shows of people with different life experiences

Participate in or learn about community service projects
Visit local nursing homes
Volunteer at a shelter
Volunteer at a local clothing bank, or food drive
Raise money for your school or charity
Create care packages for families around the holidays

STRATEGIES TO SUPPORT SEBL AT HOME

01 Check-in on emotions/feelings daily and model by identifying your own emotions/feelings.

02 Promote gratitude.

03 Be an active listener.

06 Cultivate your child's self-esteem by recognizing a job well done. Support their challenges and build on their success.

09 Label emotions and describe the situations that lead to those emotions through children's literature.

04 Model managing stress, anger disappointment, conflict, respect.

07 Allow your child to make developmentally appropriate choices.

05 Build daily home routines and schedules.

08 Demonstrate caring and kindness and provide acts of kindness together.

10 Use a positive approach to discipline and model empathy when your child has done something wrong.

Keys to emotional well-being

Use positive self-talk

Remind yourself that you're a work in progress

Work towards your goals & dreams

Stay physically active

Get enough sleep and rest

Spend time with family & friends

Eat a balanced diet

Talk about your thoughts & feelings

Do activities you love

Care for yourself

Keep learning things that interest you

Give back to others

www.thepathway2success.com

Karen Hunsaker

🌟 Educators and Caregivers as SEBL Partners 🌟
Want to learn more? Check out these resources!

Sanford Harmony
This website offers free resources to guide parents and caregivers through ways to help children practice key SEL skills such as empathy and critical thinking.

Social Media - Dr. Becky Kennedy
@drbeckygodsinside

Kindness Booklet - Fostering Children's Kindness and Empathy by Kimberly Schonert-Reichl
A Parent's Resource Guide to Social and Emotional Learning from edutopia

CASEL
Schools, Families, and Social and Emotional Learning Ideas and Tools for Working with Parents and Families
Panorama
SEL at Home: Top Resources to Share with Families

Check out the various school organizations facebook pages!

Stay up-to-date on happenings and fun stuff!

- Wayne Community Schools
- NE Nebraska Spring Sprints
- Wayne Ag Ed
- Wayne Blue Devils Booster Club
- Wayne Blue Devil Bowling
- Wayne Blue Devils Cross Country
- Wayne Blue Devils Volleyball
- Wayne Blue Devils Wrestling
- Wayne Community School Bands
- Wayne Community Schools Foundation
- WCS-Early Learning Center
- Wayne Elementary Librarian

Desk

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you might have.

High School Principal - Mr.Tucker Hight
(402) 375-3150 tuhight1@waynebluedevils.org

Junior High Principal/Athletic Director -
Mr.Dave Wragge (402) 375-3150
dawragg1@waynebluedevils.org

Elementary Principal - Mr. Russ Plager
(402) 375-3854 ruplage1@waynebluedevils.org

Director of Special Education/ELC - Mrs. Misty Bear
(402) 833-1450 mibear1@waynebluedevils.org

Assistant Elementary Principal –
Mrs. Johanna Osborn (402) 375-3854
joosbor1@waynebluedevils.org

Superintendent – Dr. Mark Lenihan
(402) 375-3150
malenih1@waynebluedevils.org

The beginning of school is always a very exciting and fun part of our year. I look forward to the return of our students and seeing many of our parents and patrons at school events. As always, feel free to call or stop by my office with any questions or concerns, and thank you for your continued support of Wayne Community Schools!

Phone messages

If you are not receiving phone messages or texts from the school, please contact the school. We will get your number on the list!



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You can also follow us on Twitter!



Wayne Blue Devils @WayneSchools.
Upcoming events, current happenings, fun things can be found there!

- Wayne Family and Consumer Sciences
- Wayne FBLA
- Wayne FCCLA
- Wayne High Alumni Basketball Tournament
- Wayne High Blue Devil Football
- Wayne High Cheerleaders
- Wayne High Mock Trial
- Wayne High School Color Guard
- Wayne High School Esports Club
- Wayne High Softball
- Wayne Junior High Science
- Wayne Kids Club
- Wayne Lady Blue Devils Basketball



Please join Wayne Community Schools in welcoming our new teachers and staff to the District!

Mr. Jackson Belt: Grade 6

Ms. Michaela Fehringer: Jr/Sr High School Math

Ms. Paige Kinnamen: Grade 5

Ms. Jewel Kneifl: 7-12 School Counselor

Mrs. Grace Longe: HS English

Ms. Makenna Nelson: Jr/Sr High School English

- Wayne Music Boosters
- Wayne Online School Store
- Wayne Elementary Boosters

Sport Season Passes

ALL SPORTS PASSES

Adults: \$65.00

Grades 7-12: \$50.00

Grades K-6: \$40.00

ADMISSION PRICES

JV and Varsity games

Adults: \$6.00

Students: \$4.00

All Lower Level Games

Adults: \$4.00

Students: \$3.00



WAYNE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS | 2023-2024 CALENDAR

Wednesday 2:00 dismissals are for Teacher Development.

Days off for weather and state tournaments may be made up if necessary.

JANUARY 2024						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
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14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

4: Teacher Work Day

8: School Resumes

10: Wednesday 2:00 Dismissal

17: Wednesday 2:00 Dismissal

24: Wednesday 2:00 Dismissal

26: **NO SCHOOL** - PK-12 P/T Conferences

31: Wednesday 2:00 Dismissal

AUGUST 2023						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
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10: All-Staff Training Day

14: K-12 Open House 5:00-7:00pm

15: Teacher In-Service

16: First Day of School – Noon Dismissal

17: First Full Day of School

21: First Day of ELC

23: Wednesday 2:00 Dismissal

30: Wednesday 2:00 Dismissal

FEBRUARY 2024						
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7: Wednesday 2:00 Dismissal

14: Wednesday 2:00 Dismissal

16: **NO SCHOOL** – Winter Break

21: Wednesday 2:00 Dismissal

28: Wednesday 2:00 Dismissal

SEPTEMBER 2023						
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4: **NO SCHOOL** – Labor Day

6: Wednesday 2:00 Dismissal

13: Wednesday 2:00 Dismissal

20: Wednesday 2:00 Dismissal

25: P/T Conferences 2:00 Dismissal

27: P/T Conferences 2:00 Dismissal

29: **NO SCHOOL** - P/T Conferences

MARCH 2024						
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6: Wednesday 2:00 Dismissal

14: 2:00 Dismissal - End of Q3

15: **NO SCHOOL**

20: Wednesday 2:00 Dismissal

27: Wednesday 2:00 Dismissal

29: **NO SCHOOL** – Easter Break

OCTOBER 2023						
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4: Wednesday 2:00 Dismissal

11: Wednesday 2:00 Dismissal

18: Wednesday 2:00 Dismissal

End of Q1

19: **NO SCHOOL** - Teacher Inservice

20: **NO SCHOOL** – Fall Break

25: Wednesday 2:00 Dismissal

APRIL 2024						
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28	29	30				

1: **NO SCHOOL** – Easter Break

3: Wednesday 2:00 Dismissal

10: Wednesday 2:00 Dismissal

17: Wednesday 2:00 Dismissal

24: Wednesday 2:00 Dismissal

NOVEMBER 2023						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
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1: Wednesday 2:00 Dismissal

8: Wednesday 2:00 Dismissal

15: Wednesday 2:00 Dismissal

22: Thanksgiving Break

23: Thanksgiving

24: Thanksgiving Break

29: Wednesday 2:00 Dismissal

MAY 2024						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
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1: Wednesday 2:00 Dismissal

8: Wednesday 2:00 Dismissal

11: Graduation

21: **Tentative Last Day of School**

27: Memorial Day

DECEMBER 2023						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
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6: Wednesday 2:00 Dismissal

13: Wednesday 2:00 Dismissal

22: 2:00 Dismissal – End of Q2/S1

23-27: 5-day NSAA Moratorium

25-1/5: Christmas Break

WCS Moratorium – July 22-30:
NO ACTIVITIES, CAMPS, or WEIGHTS

178 – Student Days
186 – Teacher Days

Quarter 1 – 44 days
Quarter 2 – 42 days
Quarter 3 – 47 days
Quarter 4 – 45 days

The final day of school and last teacher workday will be determined at the April 2024 Board of Education meeting.