

Wayne Community Schools

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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!
December, 2023



From the Desk of Superintendent, Dr. Mark Lenihan

Dear Parents, Patrons, and Supporters of Wayne Community Schools:

We are in the midst of a fantastic school year of learning, growing, and adventure! I do want to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your continued support of our school district. The mission we have at Wayne Community Schools is brief and to the point; “Learning for Life, Every Student, Every Day”. We all embrace this mission not only for our students, but for all staff who work hard to provide the best education possible for our students. It is true that learning never ends, and I am hopeful that together we continue to strive to be life-long learners in whatever endeavors we pursue!

Our facility project has broken ground, and quite a bit of work has occurred over the past several weeks. Crews have been busy preparing the ground at the new Early Learning Center site and the addition to the High School. They are now pouring footings, and preparing both sites for the pre-cast concrete panels to be installed. It has been a great deal of work to get to this point, and will be very exciting to see construction of the exterior walls! As the project proceeds, I will keep our patrons up to date. The project is in the early stage, and is within budget and moving along on time per the early deadlines.

Recently, the Nebraska Department of Education released the Nebraska Student-Centered Assessment System (NSCAS) results and the Accountability for a Quality Education System (AQuESTT) classifications. These reports provide much information on state assessment test scores, and many other aspects of our district such as demographics, finances, staff, and special populations to name a few. The Nebraska Student-Centered Assessment System (NSCAS), English Language Arts (ELA), Mathematics, and Science are rigorous assessments with high expectations for postsecondary readiness. NSCAS ELA and Mathematics are given in grades three through eight. NSCAS science assessments are given in fifth and eighth grades, and Nebraska juniors take the ACT assessment.

The staff at Wayne Community Schools uses the information to help us make instructional decisions on our curriculum and to help improve instruction. We use multiple measures to provide us information on the progress of our students including NeSA, our state assessment, NWEA-MAP, our national assessment, along with other specific instruments to assist our teachers in evaluating how their students are learning, and what adjustments need to be made to improve instruction.

One of our district-wide academic goals is to be at or above state averages in the NSCAS assessments. We also look closely at making sure our scores show improvement each year. Individual student reports are sent home to parents, and the table below shows the district-wide results. Overall, we are pleased with the results, and we also know that we will continue to strive to improve our assessment scores each year. The AQuESTT classifications are “Great” for the school district and for all of the schools in the district.

Subject	Wayne Community Schools	State
English Language Arts	63% proficient	58% proficient
Math	69% proficient	61% proficient
Science	69% proficient	70% proficient

All of this information can be found at the Department of Education website, <http://www.education.ne.gov>, and I encourage all of our patrons to look at the information to learn more about the Wayne Community School District. Once again, thank you for your support, and feel free to contact me anytime with your questions or concerns.

Calendar Website:

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.



The students at the ELC got to see a fire truck and fire equipment up close during Fire Prevention Week.



The 1st semester of school was marked by a number of successes from The Pride of the Blue Devils Marching Band. At each competition, the band strives to achieve a Division I Superior Rating. This is out of four division ratings going from superior, excellent, good, and fair in regards to their individual marching and music, and the way they march as an ensemble and an individual. Judges are in press boxes and on the field continuously commenting on student performance and technique. This year, The Pride of the Blue Devils received a Superior rating at ALL marching competitions. The marching season consisted of the Pierce Marching Festival, Wayne State College Band Day/Homecoming Parade, Oxbow Marching Invitational, Wayne Marching Band Festival, and NSBA State Marching Festival. You could feel the tension in the air as drum majors lined up at the final contest. Announcers are calling on each school to declare a rating. Many "excellent" ratings were given prior to Wayne being called. The moment came and we received our first superior in years! Our section of students burst into cheers and chanting for Mr. Wieland to finally change his hairstyle. This was a fantastic way to start our school year for band and we look forward to more opportunities to perform throughout the year.



Take a look at the Day of the Dead Sugar Skulls students made in Mrs. Dutcher's class! Lots of detail! 41 pounds of sugar was used!

Elkhorn Valley Bank Great Northeast Nebraska Shootout Holiday

Thursday, December 28 –
Saturday, December 30
First Day Start Time: 9:30 a.m.
Teams include: Wayne, Hartington CC,
Laurel-Concord-Coleridge, Pender,
Pierce, Plattsmouth, South Sioux City



Congratulations to the Unified Bowling team! District Runner-Up!!



CONGRATULATIONS to the Mock Trial team, Raj Tahal, for earning their way to compete at State!

Congratulations

Congratulations to the following football team members for making C1-4 All-District team!
First Team: Kaden Keller, Drue Davis, Calvin Ankeny
Second Team: Garrett Schultz, Ryan Karsky, Will Leseberg, Alex Rodriguez



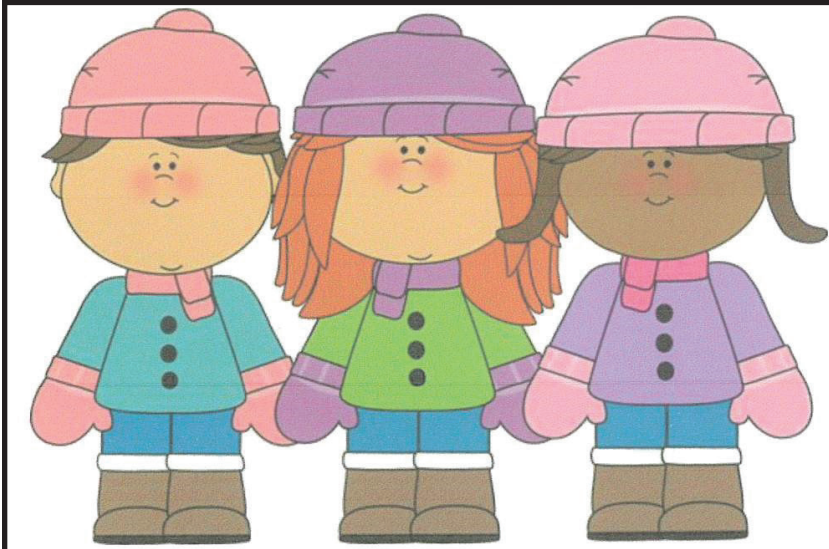
Dr. Pulfer has been bringing her therapy dogs, Calvin and Hobbes, to Mrs. Maas's reading class every Wednesday. The kids are loving getting to take turns reading to Dr. Pulfer, Calvin, and Hobbes. Next week they will be expanding their time and start visiting the Kindergarten and all 1st Grade classrooms. Thank you, Dr. Pulfer, for volunteering your time to read with kids!

Christmas Joke

Q: What is a Christmas tree's favorite candy?
A: Orna-mints!

Coat Closet

Please remember that the Coat Closet has coats, hats, mittens, and boots available for the whole family at no cost. The Coat Closet is located at the First Presbyterian Church in Wayne. You can reach them at 402-375-2669.



THE WAYNE COAT CLOSET

Winter coats, hats, gloves & mittens available for those in need in Wayne County.

We accept donations of winter coats, snow pants, hats, mittens, scarves and snow boots. These items may be either used (clean) or new.

fpcwayne@gmail.com

find us on Facebook:

Wayne Coat Closet - First Presbyterian Church

ANNOUNCEMENT

Seniors and senior parents: if you want a baby picture included in the yearbook, it needs to be submitted by December 22nd.
Senior photos are due to Mrs. Davis by March 15. They should be a vertical pose and sent to her at didavis1@waynebluedevils.org. If you want a quote included, it is also due by March 15.
2023-24 Yearbooks are available for \$40 until December 22. After that, they are \$50. Contact Mrs. Davis if interested.
She also has some 2022-23 yearbooks for \$50.

Snow

With winter upon us, **PLEASE** listen to KTCH or watch TV news for postponements and cancellations. If you are not receiving phone calls or texts from the school on these things, please contact the school and we will make sure your phone number is in the system.
There will also be **NO BREAKFAST** served on any 10:00 late starts.



SERVING WAYNE COUNTY RESIDENTS

THREE VISITS ALLOWED PER YEAR

CHILDRENS & ADULT SIZES

DONATIONS ACCEPTED

OPEN: TUESDAY – FRIDAY
9:00AM – 12:00 NOON

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

216 W. Third Street
Wayne, NE 68787
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Tuesday - Friday
9:00am – 12:00pm

— Wayne Elementary News —

At Wayne Elementary we are moving into a very busy time of the year. The end of the 2nd quarter and the beginning of the 3rd quarter contain many events. Please remember that you are always welcome to attend!

During the month of December our K-4 students will be participating in Christmas Caroling. The students will go out into the community to share their songs. Here is the schedule

Kindergarten: December 20th @ 10:15 am @ Grossenberg Implement

1st Grade: December 20th @ 1:30 pm @ Kinship Pointe

2nd Grade: December 19th @ 10:30 am @ Countrysideview

3rd Grade: December 18th @ 12:30 pm @ Senior Center

4th Grade: December 21st @ 10:00 am @ Wayne State Student Union

The 5th and 6th grade students will put on a vocal and band concert on December 18th during December Delights (Old Pie & Ice Cream Social). This all will be followed by a Radio-Sing-Along that will happen on December 21st at the elementary. You will be able to hear this on the radio at a later date. This is also dance season at Wayne Elementary. The annual Father-Daughter dance will be held on December 8th. This dance will be followed by the Mother-Son dance on February 9th. These dances

will be held at the elementary. We look forward to a big crowd on both of these evenings! These memorable events are put on by Wayne Elementary Boosters.

Finally, we have our second set of Parent-Teacher Conference on January 26th. During the month of January we will be sending home slips for families

to fill out regarding their students. We always have a great turn out and we look forward to collaborating with our families to best serve our students. Thank you for all you do and we look forward to seeing all of our families in the building!

Sincerely,
Mr. Plager



Thank you to Providence Medical Center for bringing down an ambulance for the Early Learning Center to check out.



Please be mindful of ALL the buses carrying our students!!



Congratulations to the newest inductees to the National Honor Society.
Front row: Leah Perry, Mia French, Jersi Jensen, Delaney Kruse, Liberty Titiml, Alondra Vega, Anna Kaup, Braden Adams,
Second row: Parker Kesting, Mason Ley, Nina Hammer, Mia Spahr, Andrea Olivares-Casillas, Frantzie Barner, Gabbi Judd
Back row: Aiden Cliff, Harrison Collier, Kaleb Moormeier, Ryan Karsky, Joseph Woerdemann, Laythan Hanish, Faith Powicki, Kate Hill

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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!



Be sure and “LIKE” our school’s FaceBook page!
www.facebook.com/Wayne-Community-Schools



You can also follow us on Twitter!
Wayne Blue Devils @WayneSchools.
Upcoming events, current happenings, fun things can be found there!