

Wayne Community Schools

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Learning for Life – Every Student, Every Day!



March 2024

From the Desk of Superintendent, Dr. Mark Lenihan

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

During the 2022-23 school year, Wayne Community Schools earned the distinction as a Project Adam Certified School District. Project ADAM is a nationwide initiative that began in 1999 in Wisconsin after the death of Adam Lemel, who was just 17-years-old when he collapsed and died while playing basketball. Adam suffered a sudden cardiac arrest (SCA), in which ventricular fibrillation occurred, a condition in which the ventricles cannot pump blood into the body. Defibrillation, or an AED, could have saved his life. Under the leadership of our School Nurse, Abby Wragge, Wayne Community Schools has a team of staff who are trained in CPR and use of the AED's located in several areas of our school facilities. Each year, this team participates in two response drills in which they practice the techniques of CPR and application of the AED.

While an emergency as such can never be predicted, the more prepared we are to handle a cardiac arrest event with an individual, the better chance a person experiencing cardiac arrest will have to survive. As you are all aware, we practice many safety drills at WCS such as fire drills, severe weather drills, bus evacuations, and emergency drills from our standards response protocol. The Project Adam training and drills are just another example of our staff being trained and prepared for an emergency response.

As always, the school year is flying by as we are well into the 3rd quarter. One question I often receive as we near spring is, "What day is the last day of school?" Knowing March and April can still bring winter storms, we will announce the final day of school at the April 8, 2024 School Board meeting. Doing this allows us the flexibility we need to assure we meet our instructional hour requirement, and hopefully provide families enough advance notice as you begin to plan your summer.

Tentatively, the last day of school for grades K-11 will be Tuesday, May 21, 2024. Graduation will be on May 11th at the High School Gym. The seniors will be let out earlier that week, and that will be decided in April as well. Typically, the last full day for seniors

is the Monday before graduation, with a return on Tuesday morning for breakfast, the senior video, and graduation practice. Preschool graduation is Wednesday, May 8, 2024.

Construction continues on both additions to the High School, and new construction of the Early Learning Center. While there have been some weather-related delays, the project remains on time for completion. The high school classrooms should be ready to go by the start of the 2024-25 school year, and the remodeling efforts at the high school will take place this summer.

There are several areas that will be under renovation this summer, along with some extensive HVAC work, and the installation of an updated fire alarm system at the high school. Needless to say, we will not be able to have much activity take place in the high school building this summer. With the excep-

tion of the gym and office areas, most of the building will be under construction with the goal of having most of the updates and remodeling completed by August for the start of school.

As winter ends and spring draws near, we are excited to continue the learning process in the classrooms and at our extra-curricular activities and events. The 4th quarter of the school year is always full of fun and engaging opportunities for students, staff and parents to attend and celebrate the many accomplishments that happen at school.

I hope all of you have time to attend our athletic events, concerts, plays, and the many other activities we have during the spring months! We have many talented students, and great teachers who guide and instruct them to achieve their best! Thank you for your continued support of Wayne Community Schools!

A letter from the kitchen staff

Wayne Community Schools cafeterias are having fun in their serving lines trying new menu options. We have been trying different fresh fruits, such as Pomegranates, ugly fruit, dragon fruit, kumquats

and different melons, passion fruit, red kiwi, blood oranges to name a few. New entrees include, Build

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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.

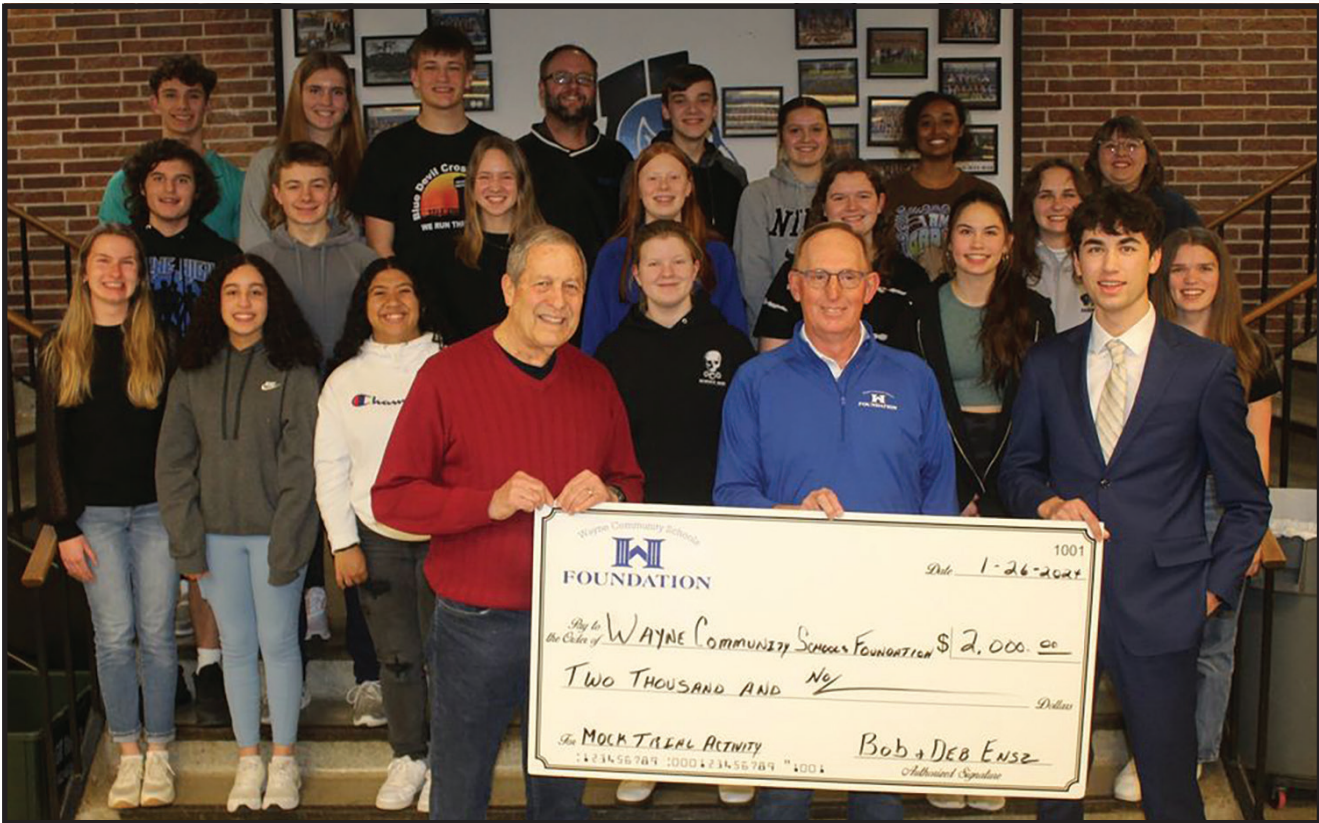
It will be posted on Friday before the Board Meetings, which is the second Monday of each month.



Left to right: Leah Uttecht, Asher Uttecht, Talia Piersanti, and Sarah Surber. The Wayne County Spelling Bee was held in Wayne with competitors from Wayne and Winside. The winner of the county spelling bee was Talia Piersanti, a Wayne 8th grader. She will have the opportunity to advance to the state spelling bee.

CONGRATULATIONS

to Coach Sweetland for winning the 2023-2024 NSAA Champions for Coaches for softball!



Wayne Community Schools Foundation received a \$2000 donation for WHS Mock Trial Teams from Bob & Deb Ensz. Judge Ensz has been a long time volunteer assistant coach and supporter of the Mock Trial program at WHS. This year WHS had three teams. The Blue team qualified for the State competition in December. They received 3rd place overall, highest any Wayne school team has ever done. Thank you!!

POWERSCHOOL

If you are having trouble setting up a Parent PowerSchool account, please contact Deb at the Jr/Sr 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.

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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.



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



A little CNA class fun: teaching student and staff proper hand washing and learning the Heimlich. No one was injured in this lesson :)



Wayne High Cheerleaders had a great time holding Cheer Camp for future cheerleaders in January!



Our local Kiwanis Club is proud to present \$2500 to Wayne Community Schools for the Accelerated Reader Program! Funds were granted from Kiwanis International after grant proposal from the Wayne Kiwanis Club.



CONGRATULATIONS to Norah Armstrong, Adrienne Anderson, and Colby Raulston for earning the honor to sing the National Anthem for NSAA Championships! Norah sang at Volleyball, Adrienne sang at Play Production, and Colby sang at Bowling.



CONGRATULATIONS to the 2024 Class B Girls Bowling Team for winning the State title – 4 years in a row!! Congratulations to Jersi Jensen for placing 1st in the individuals (back to back years!), and Lindsay Niemann for placing 7th.

Kitchen

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your rice bowl, alfredo chicken, Swedish meatballs, and cheese and chicken enchiladas. Always interesting to try new items. The tried and true favorites will always be here.

I want to thank the student's families that have kept their lunch account balances paid. Families can sign up for email or text notifications for low balances on their student's accounts. We also try to send out paper statements weekly when accounts owe over \$20. If you think you qualify, families can always apply for Free and Reduced meals. This take effect the day we get the correct paper work. We can not go back and credit any meals. ALL students are charged ala carte pricing is they refuse to go get a reimbursable meal. Usually, this is when they refuse to get a fruit or vegetable. Parents are required to pay for this. We have signage and have talked to the students about it.

I want to thank families who teach their students to pick up their mess at the meal table and not just throw the paper or food on the floor Good table manners are life skills for our students.

If you have gained a collection to spoons and forks

in the cold lunch bags from the school, please feel free to return them to the school office, no questions asked. I understand how it happens.

We have great students here at Wayne Commu-



CONGRATULATIONS to the 2024 Class B Boys Bowling Team for winning State Runner Up! Congratulations to Aiden Petersen for placing 3rd, Konnor Kai for placing 7th, Ben Haschke for placing 12th, and Zane Sievers for placing 25th in the individuals.



Mrs. Surber's Early Childhood Education students spent time at the Early Learning Center reading to the students.



Officer Marshall, School Resource Officer, visited First Grade!



**Wayne High School Lecture Hall
Ticket Sales begin March 18th**

**Presented by special arrangement with
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nity Schools. It is a joy to feed them each day and hear their feedback about the meals.

Thanks for letting us feed your student.

-Judy Poehlman and Kitchen staff

— Wayne Elementary News —

It doesn't seem possible, but we are already in the middle of the 3rd quarter! The year is going fast, and we look forward to a successful spring at Wayne Elementary.

I wanted to take the chance to update you on a few items we are working on at Wayne Elementary. First, we are beginning our planning for our summer reading program. The plan is to have this program in a similar format as last year.

The program will happen during the month of July. We will send out invitations to our families later this spring. This letter will include the details of the program such as time, dates, etc. Please be on the lookout for this letter.

We will celebrate Read Across America during the week of March 4th. This will include the following dress up days for our students.

Monday: Reading Jogs the Mind - Wear Workout Or Sports Clothing

Tuesday: WHO likes Reading - Crazy Who-ville Hair

Wednesday: Reading Makes Us Bright - Dress In Bright Colors

Thursday: Cozy Up With A Book - Wear Your Comfy Pajamas

Friday: Reading Adds Color to Our Lives - Wear Many Colors Of The Rainbow

Finally, we will be having our second book fair on the week of April 29th. This will again include a fam-

ily night at the book fair. The support for our book fair is appreciated!

The funds raised from the book fair go back to stocking our library with new books that our kids enjoy. We hope to see you there! Thank you for all you do and we look forward to finishing out the year strong!

Sincerely,
Mr. Plager



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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Twitter!

Wayne Blue Devils @WayneSchools.

Upcoming events, current happenings,

fun things can be found there!



Many of the Elementary classes celebrated 100 Days of School! Some classes built things with 100 objects, made Fruit Loop necklaces, and made funny hats!

