

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!



March, 2025

From the Desk of Superintendent, Dr. Mark Lenihan

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

We are in the midst of an excellent 2024-25 school year! It is hard to believe that we are embarking on the 4th and final quarter of the school year. Our staff has been hard at work to ensure our students receive the quality education they deserve. It is our hope that the students have a great finish to the school year, and accomplish all of their goals and achievements!

The construction on the new Early Learning Center is proceeding according to schedule, with a substantial completion target date of June 2, 2025. Already, cabinets are being hung, walls are being painted, and fixtures are being installed, and it is exciting to see the progress! Having the completion date in early June will

allow us to get the building set up and ready to go for the fall of 2025. As summer draws nearer, we will set a date for a community open house for the new Early Learning Center! For those of you with children entering Kindergarten next fall, August 4, 2025 is the date that has been set for the Kindergarten Round-up. Typically, this occurs in the spring of the school year, however, we wanted the parents and children to have the opportunity to see first hand what the new Early Learning Center classrooms will look like. More information about the Kindergarten Round-up will be available as summer draws near.

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, which begins March 17, 2025, 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

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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

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their best! Thank you for your continued support of Wayne Community Schools!



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.



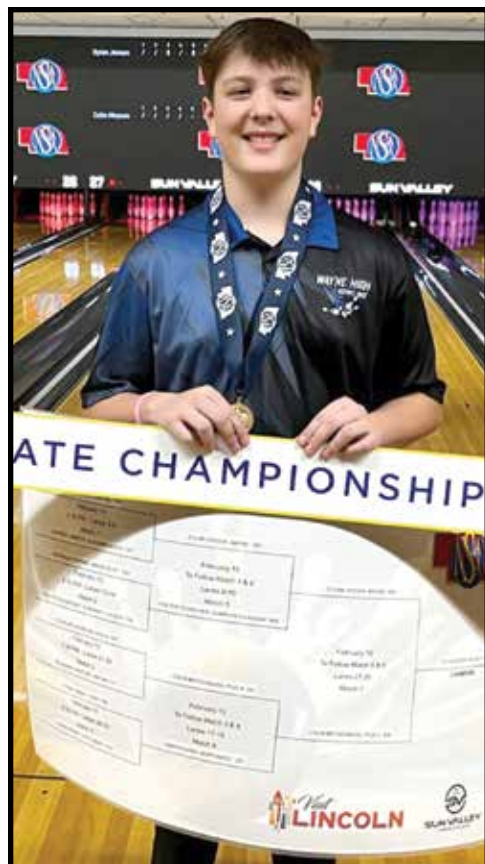
Astronaut Clayton Anderson amazed our 3rd and 4th graders with stories from space.

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!



Congratulations to the Boys and Girls Bowling teams for being named District Bowling Champs! The girls team consisted of Sammi Gubbels, Rylin Hall, Madi Janke, Lindsay Niemann, Regan Fernau, McKaeya Becker, and Graycen Trautman. The boys team consisted of Aiden Petersen, Alex Rodriguez, Konnor Kai, Jaden Dramse, Ben Haschke, Dylan Jensen, Blake Smith. The Girls District Champion is Graycen Trautman and District Runner-Up Lindsay Niemann. The Boys District Champion is Aiden Petersen and District Runner-Up Dylan Jensen.



Congratulations to Dylan Jensen for being Boys Class B State Singles Champion.



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

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Instagram

Hey Blue Devils! We're excited to connect with you on Instagram! Follow us @waynecommunityschools for the latest updates, behind-the-scenes moments, and all things Blue Devil pride. Let's celebrate everything that makes our district great! #WeAreWayneNE



CONGRATULATIONS to the following girls on punching their way to State Girls Wrestling! Nyla Bolles, Anna Naeve, Serenity Heil, Kadence Rees, and Essynce Owens-Webb. Nyla and Essynce also earned District Champs!

Snow

Even though spring is just around the corner, bad weather could still happen. **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.





Thank you to State Nebraska Bank for their help with the Wayne Elementary Blue Devil Branch. As a school the students at Wayne Elementary have saved nearly \$30,000 throughout the years. The BDB students show up to school before 7:20 each week to serve as bank tellers to help students fill out deposit slips, look up accounts, balance deposit slips, and manage deposit incentives. The bank tellers for the 2024-2025 school year include: Anna Rockhill, Harper Hanson, Kash Koch, Taya Harris, Emmett Johnson, Alexis Ptacek, AnnaBelle Cook, Caroline Endicott, Serenity Victor, Colton Prosser, Schyler Wiseman, Brynlee Suhr, Benjamin Hix, Aubree Schmale, Juan Echeveste, Kate Patefield, Nora Heithold, Rachel Kuchta, Callan Sims, Kinzley Varley, Nora Hight, Liam Blohm, Marissa Brink, and Zoe Myer.



Star 2025

Members of the Wayne Jr./Sr. High Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) chapter showcased their skills and leadership at the District STAR Event Competition held on Wednesday, January 29, 2025, at Wayne State College. Nine students from our chapter competed in six different STAR (Students Taking Action with Recognition) Events, demonstrating their dedication to developing leadership skills, career preparation, and making a positive impact on their communities. Rylin Hall, competing in Career Investigation, Level 3, Silver - advanced to state
Regan Fernau, competing in Focus on Children, Level 3, Gold - advanced to state
Owen Wynia & Nolan Samuelson, competing in National Programs in Action, Level 1, Gold - advanced to state
Keaton Hall, competing in Professional Presentation, Level 1, Bronze
Lainey Meyer, competing in Repurpose & Redesign, Level 1, Bronze
Kennasyn Blecke, competing in Repurpose & Redesign, Level 3, Silver - advanced to state
Gracyn Johnson, competing in Teach or Train, Level 1, Silver - advanced to state
Chase Sturm, competing in Teach or Train, Level 2, Silver - advanced to state
The state qualifiers are now preparing to compete at the Nebraska FCCLA State STAR Event Competition, which will take place on Monday, April 7, 2025 in Lincoln, NE. Congratulations to all participants for their hard work and achievements, and best of luck to our state qualifiers as they continue their FCCLA journey in Lincoln!

In January, Impact groups at the elementary explored the different emotions students might feel during winter. The groups discussed strategies to manage those stormy feelings. They created snowflakes and wrote their calming strategies on them. Then they decorated the halls with their creative snowflakes.

Kindergarten Registration

If you have not received a Kindergarten Registration packet and have a child entering kindergarten in the fall of 2025, please call 375-3854 or 375-2230 for more information, or stop by the Wayne Elementary School office to pick one up.

Kindergarten Round-Up will take place in the brand-new Early Learning Center on the morning of Monday, August 4th. During this event, you and your child will meet the teachers, tour the building, explore the classrooms, and visit the cafeteria. Additional details will be provided as the date approaches.



A day with the Musketeers

More than 40 members of the Wayne TeamMates Mentoring Program took part in TeamMates Day with the Musketeers on Feb. 23. The group traveled to Sioux City, Iowa to watch the Musketeers take on the Tri-City Storm. Following the game, the students were able to get autographs from the players before returning to Wayne. They were also able to have their picture taken with Travis Morgan, CEO of the team. To learn more about TeamMates, visit www.teammates.org.



Patriots of the Plains Honor Band

Joselyn Saltzman joined high school musicians from across Nebraska and The 43rd Army Band at Lincoln Northwest High School for a day of music and mentorship! Students rehearsed and performed an exciting program, including The Star-Spangled Banner, Children's March, Glaciers, Travelin' Music, and The Stars and Stripes Forever.

The honor band, sponsored by the Nebraska National Guard, gave students a chance to learn from and play alongside professional military musicians while celebrating music and service.



Wayne High School Pep Band was crowned Overall Winner at Ponca

March News from the Wayne Blue Devils Café

In March we will have our 'School Meals March Madness' going on during our lunch times. Students will get to choose daily which food item they like the most. In April we will combined all the brackets and have the winning breakfast & lunch meals. This is a fun way to get an idea on what our

students enjoy eating! We continue to strive to provide delicious and nutritious meals for all students! We welcome families to join their student at lunch anytime. Please just let the office know by 9am if you will be joining us.

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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! If your number has changed, please make sure you contact the school with your new information.

