

Superintendent Report for Meeting

Aaron Rex

5/19/25

- There have been multiple gatherings around the district over the last two weeks to honor our staff members who will be retiring this school year. With the state retirement system lowering the years of service to thirty-two years, we have had multiple staff members choose to retire a year earlier.
- Our administrative team has continued to conduct interviews for openings that we anticipated and also the ones that have come about due to the retirements that I mentioned above.
- There are multiple graduations and recognitions coming up this week and next. Friday morning we held the educational service center graduation in the performing arts center. Tomorrow night we will honor the fourth graders at Cridersville. Wednesday evening we will be at Apollo for their commencement ceremony, and ours will take place on Saturday, May 24, at 10:30 a.m.
- I want to thank the Cridersville City Council for hosting their meeting in our elementary school. It is great to see community leaders inspiring our kids to do the same when they grow up.
- Another thank you to all our staff members for an awesome school year! I am always amazed at how quickly the school year flies by. However, I know that I speak for our staff when I say that we love what we do, and we will be ready on August 19.

WAPAKONETA CITY SCHOOLS

Monthly Activity Report-Mike Watt, Director of Operations

May 2025

- The rooftop units at the high school are installed. At this point we waiting for the control systems to be finalized. This will allow our building operations software to manage them.
- Graduation prep is under way. The gym will start going under “construction” Monday, as well as landscape prep and general cleaning for the upcoming ceremony.
- The Performing Arts Center is being used a lot. We have had groups from New Jersey and Ft. Wayne, both large dance competitions that bring in a lot of people. They have both been very pleased with the facilities and are looking to rebook for next school year.
- Maintenance staff is working with Brad on upcoming tournaments we are hosting. (Baseball sectionals, softball sectionals, district and regional host.)
- Tennis courts are slated for surface work the last week of July. I did notify the coach and AD that pending weather, they may need to practice at a nearby facility for a week.
- Attended the EPC meeting, several road checks with fog.
- Met with the WCA regarding job descriptions, and secretaries.
- Held interviews for a third shift custodian at the high school.

Thanks,
Mike



Wapakoneta Virtual School Grades 8-12

- Would like to thank our guidance department for their cooperation throughout the school year.
- Jen Korte and her staff have been excellent partners in providing our students educational opportunities.
- Summer School will start on Monday June 9th. This opportunity will be for students that need to recover credits.

Jason Wolke, WCS Director of Opportunity School
Board Report
May 2025

12!!!! That's right, 12 seniors have, or will graduate from high school this year as an Opportunity School student. There will be one more that will complete the necessary requirements this year, but based on timing, he will do so during summer school.

COURSE WORK

The last several weeks, a focus has been placed on the most important part of Opportunity School, and that is assisting students in growing academically and obtaining credits towards graduation. I take great pride in saying that 100% of the students at Opportunity School have decreased the amount of credits they are deficient, compared to where they started the school year. There is still room for improvement and growth to be made. Next year may not see the same number of graduates, but we will start planning soon how this program can continue to impact the students of Wapakoneta in a positive way.

GRADUATION PRACTICE

Students are looking forward to attending graduation practice this Thursday. The hardest part about this coming Saturday will be trying to convince some of the boys that the graduation gown is NOT a dress.



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Wapakoneta High School Board Report:

- It is an exciting time of year as we prepare for graduation on Saturday, May 24. A lot of behind-the-scenes preparation takes place to make this event special and I would like to thank all of those people for always going above and beyond. It is truly a team effort. I do want to recognize Angie Whitmore specifically for all that she does as our high school secretary in preparation for graduation. She is absolutely amazing in what she does.
- On Friday, May 9, we had our annual field day. Students had to have received five positive marks on their Redskin Rewards card to participate. A big thank you to our PBIS committee for organizing this fun event for our kids.
- We had 56 students receive perfect attendance this school year. We have never had that many students achieve that award. Most employers that we talk to say that one of the biggest things one of their employees does is show up to work every day. These kids are doing just that and we are very proud of them.
- We have applied for bronze status through the State of Ohio for our PBIS program. We will find out in October if we earned that status. We will begin to focus on achieving silver status throughout the 25-26 school year.

May 2025 Report to the Board of Education

Next Year is Now: 4th Grade students from both elementary schools joined us at WMS today for a preview of the fall. They were able to meet 5th Grade and Specials teachers and learn about opportunities available to students. Our 7th Grade students were able to visit the high school. Overall, it is a day for students to have some worries and nerves relieved.

Intervention Team Meeting: Last week, Intervention Specialists got together to view data and make some preliminary plans for students receiving interventions for next fall. It was great to get a head start on that, analyze data, and determine who will be receiving some diagnostic testing in the fall. This time also helps us get a head start on planning for the WIN period next year.

PBIS: At the end of April, WMS was 450 consequences lower, compared to the 2023-2024 school year. One of the big changes we made was entering the first two warning marks into the PSW program. This meant that parents/guardians received emails regarding these marks, and held students accountable for their behavior. The PBIS store was available monthly this school year, and we just had our last PBIS store on May 15. Students were excited to exchange their PBIS points for prizes.

MAP Testing: Our ELA, Math, and Science classrooms have wrapped up MAP testing for the Spring window. We will take some time as students head to summer to evaluate this growth data and prepare for next year. This MAP data, along with the Fall MAP data in August/early September, will help us organize intervention groups. We will also utilize this data at our DLT meeting this summer when making plans for the upcoming school year.

Derfer's Ice Cream: Thank you to Derfer's Ice Cream for coming to WMS to get our students ice cream, and to the PTO for helping fund this treat for our staff and students!

May/End of Year: Many memories have been, and will continue to be, made at the end of this school year with a variety of different activities and opportunities for our students, including trips to the YMCA and Wapa Theatre, walking field trips to the fire department, library, Krave Creamery, and administration buildings, along with playing outside at WMS. A big thank you to the local businesses and agencies for their generosity and welcoming our students!

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Substitute Thank You: We want to thank the wonderful substitutes that we have at Wapakoneta Elementary School! Whether they are covering in a classroom, as a custodian, in the clinic, in the cafeteria, or anywhere in between, we are truly grateful for their dedication to the students and staff at Wapakoneta Elementary School! They are truly amazing!

Wit and Wisdom: We have spent time with grade level representatives, discussing how we can ensure that we are teaching all the science and social studies standards next year, with the implementation of Wit and Wisdom. Although this is a knowledge-based curriculum in which students will learn a great deal about science and social studies throughout the ELA curriculum, we want to ensure we are teaching all the standards. We appreciate the discussion and collaboration across the district!

Ronald's Walk: Our students and staff enjoyed our annual Ronald's Walk in early May! Our classes were able to walk and run laps, as well as participate in relay games and tug-of-war. At the end of the day, our RMH committee shared that we had raised over \$20,000 this year! We are grateful to our students, their families, our staff, our RMH committee, our community members, and our local businesses who contributed to such an important service learning project.

BLT: Our BLT met for our final meeting in early May. It was a great time to review our progress over the course of the year and to see that we were able to complete all action steps that we had created at the beginning of the year. We look forward to analyzing our spring data to see how much our students have grown through the year.

PBIS: We continue to utilize Class Dojo to track and reinforce positive behaviors. Students receive recognition through Dojo points, Redskin Tickets, and school-wide incentives this school year. We will continue to expand our Tier 1 efforts next school year to help create a positive and safe school environment.

WES Walkers: Throughout the year, our students have been walking and running laps to reach the 25-Mile Club, the 50-Mile Club, the 75-Mile Club, and the 100-Mile Club. We are grateful to Mrs. Puthoff and our staff members for providing such a great opportunity for our students. We are also grateful to the Wapakoneta YMCA and McDonald's for helping to support this program.

Right to Read Week: Our students enjoyed our "Redskin Readers" theme for Right to Read Week! From reading with buddies across the building to reading on the track and outside as a class, our students were busy READING...and celebrating being Redskins. We want to thank our 3rd grade team for organizing this great week for our staff and students!

4th Grade: May is always an exciting time for our 4th grade students. They had the opportunity to visit the middle school to see the school and meet the staff. They also had the opportunity to hear from Mr. Wimmers regarding the opportunities that band has to offer for our students. On the last day of school, they will be participating in their final walk around the building. We are proud of this group of students, and we know they will do incredible things in the future!

Preschool Graduation: We will be celebrating our preschool students during their Preschool Graduation this week! We know this will be a special time for our students and their families.

We hope that our students and staff have a wonderful summer!

BOE Update for May 2025

Next Year Is Now

- We would like to thank Mrs. Schneider and Mr. Golden at WMS for coordinating Next Year Is Now Day for our current 4th graders. Giving them the opportunity to tour the building and meet WMS staff members greatly helps ease the transition for these students.

4th Grade Recognition

- On Tuesday, May 20, at 6:00 pm, we will be holding our 4th Grade Recognition Ceremony. We are excited to honor and celebrate our current 4th grade students once more before they move onto WMS. You are all cordially invited!

Breakfast Optimist Free Book

- CES would like to thank Mr. Golden and the Wapakoneta Breakfast Optimist Club for organizing and purchasing a free book for all our students. The students were very excited to receive the books. The Club did a great job tying the free book into the summer reading program, in an effort to promote summer reading.

BLT Meeting

- On Tuesday, May 13, we held our last Building Leadership Team meeting of the year. We reviewed all our goals from this school year. We were excited to point out that we met all our goals! We started planning for next year by making adjustments and having great conversations. We are excited to build on the growth we've had this year.

New Kindergarten Teacher

- It is my pleasure to announce that Amber Pohlman will be joining the CES family as a Kindergarten teacher. Amber has 23 years of teaching experience in 1st grade, Kindergarten, and a program called Beginndergarten, a transitional class for students in between preschool and Kindergarten. Amber has worked at Delphos City Schools and Parkway Local Schools. Amber graduated from Wright State University, where she earned a bachelor's degree in elementary education. She has her master's degree from the American College of Education in curriculum and instruction. She and her husband recently purchased a home in Cridersville, and her children attend Wapak City Schools. Amber is excited to serve in the community that she lives in. Congratulations and welcome to CES, Amber!

ATHLETICS

5/19/25

- W-** Tournament action is getting started in all our spring sports.
- W-** Braydon Hooker qualified for the District Tennis tournament next week- good luck to him.
- W-** The softball team defeated BG, 3-2 and will advance to the district tournament May 22 at UNOH.
- W-** WBL Track Championships are today (Friday) at Defiance.
- W-** Baseball will host the winner of Celina/Shawnee May 22 in the Sectional Final
- W-** We are set to host Division 6 District Softball games May 20 and 22. We also for the first time are hosting Regional Softball (Division 5) May 28 and 30.