

Superintendent Report for Meeting

Aaron Rex

5/25/21

- As you know, our graduation will be May 28 at 8 PM at the football stadium. We would like you to be there at 7:15 to get ready for the ceremony. This year we will be on the stage waiting for the kids as they process in. It should be a great night!
- Thank you to our staff and parents as prom and post prom was a huge success! We heard a lot of positive feedback and we have already met to discuss how to improve for next year.
- On Tuesday we had approximately a dozen people tour our preschool classrooms and hear about how preschool functions and the needs from a physical and financial standpoint. We will continue to push to get more funding for preschool as this first year of schooling is so important for our kids.
- As I have been visiting the buildings, it has been so rewarding to see all of the activities that our kids have been involved in. The Right to Read Week at the Wapakoneta Elementary, the kids talking to me about their field trips, the awesome field day for Redskin Rewards, ESC graduation, Next Year is Now, and all of the extra things our kids are able to experience due to the time and efforts of our staff. This is a great place to go to school!
- On June 2 I will be traveling to a Cincinnati Reds game with around 50 elementary students and adult chaperones. I want to thank Jon Derryberry who is providing the tickets, the charter bus, and all that goes into making this happen. His goal was to do this for kids who may never get a chance to experience a game. We have such a great community!

WAPAKONETA CITY SCHOOLS

Monthly Activity Report-Mike Watt, Director of Operations

May 21, 2021

- **Work has started on the fire restoration. The Insurance agreed after a lot of arguing to take care of the additional money. Hume Supply has started the work.**
- **The new soccer lights are installed with help from the Wapakoneta Athletic Boosters, (\$60,000 paid over 4 years) the Glen Miller Family (\$5,000) and the Board of Education.**
- **The design build process is complete for the HVAC work at the Wapakoneta Middle School. The project should start early June and be complete by the first week of August. Cost came in at \$380,182.**
- **Have dates set for the WCA negotiations. We are scheduled to meet June 24 and June 25. Location yet to be determined.**
- **Assisted with district tournaments**
- **Met with Bus Drivers to go over the year. Good discussions.**
- **New door security controllers are being installed. The original system was installed during the building renovations and the software is becoming obsolete.**
- **Working with the city and GOBA on their upcoming Auglaize county bike tour. GOBA will be in the city and housed at the high school June 20-22.**
- **We have terrazzo repairs that need to be addressed. We walked the buildings with F&M Tile to get an estimate. The repairs are at a not to exceed cost of \$64,860. Our 034 account should be able to help fund this, as the terrazzo was installed during the construction.**
- **Planning graduation setup and teardown with the Maintenance staff**

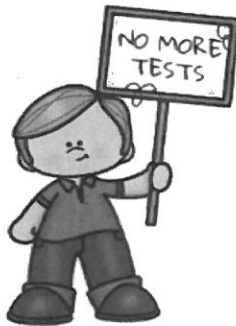
Thanks,
Mike

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-KINDERGARTEN 2021/22-

Our kindergarten numbers for 2021-22 are right on track for a typical size class!
This year screening will take place on the following dates and locations:
Tuesday, June 1, from 12:30-7 - intended for students attending Cridersville Elementary
Wednesday, June 2, and Thursday, June 3, from 11:30-7 - intended for students attending Wapakoneta Elementary

KINDERGARTEN ~~SCREENING~~ SNAPSHOT



Traditionally, students were tested prior to Kindergarten. This left families with the feeling that sometimes their child wasn't eligible for Kindergarten. We feel strongly that a child's first experience with school shouldn't be a series of tests. Several years ago we set out to make "screening" a better experience by eliminating a lot of the tests. Now, we'd like to take one more step and eliminate all academic tests. Instead, screening will become more of an orientation for families where incoming kindergarten students and their grownups can experience what kindergarten will be like. We intend this to be a very low key, fun experience for all.

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Following completion of Kindergarten registration families will be contacted via email regarding an appointment time during one of the above dates.

Questions regarding Kindergarten Snapshot? Please contact Carrie Knoch at 419-739-5064 or knocca@wapak.org



-CURRICULUM-

Items for the Reading Interventions have started to arrive. The professional development has been planned, too. Last week several Kindergarten-second grade teachers began mapping a scope and sequence for phonics and organizing materials to help their peers. This is a time intensive activity with LOTS of thinking! They did an amazing job. They will meet throughout the year next year to continue.

-SUMMER SCHOOL-

We are nearing the 250 mark for student enrollment for Summer School! This is shaping up to be a great summer full of fun and reading!

-PRESCHOOL-

We will be sending approximately 75 preschoolers to our Kindergarten Classrooms next year. Please join us in celebrating this class at their "graduation ceremonies". WES preschoolers will have a ceremony at WES on May 26 at 5-5:30 pm (for the AM Class) and 5:45-6:15 pm (for the PM Class). CES preschoolers' ceremony will be at their Family Picnic on May 25.

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Wapakoneta Virtual School Grades 8-12

- We currently have 104 students enrolled into virtual school as of Tuesday May 18th.
- We currently have 14 Seniors, 15 Juniors, 27 Sophomores, 20 Freshman and 28 Eighth Graders enrolled into virtual school as of Tuesday May 18th.
- We currently have 337 classes active at this time.
- We have 9 honors classes being taken at this time.
- We are currently serving 10 students on an IEP or 504 plan.
- All virtual school classes must be completed by May 26th.
- We continue to make communication a priority with our students. We have made contacts home via email or phone conversations.
- We continue to contact parents to update them about their child's progress and grades. Parents have the ability to receive a weekly progress report if they provided us an email address.
- Our guidance department receives weekly progress updates on all virtual school students and has been very active in communicating with families.
- We currently have eight students taking virtual school classes this summer. These classes must be completed by June 30th.

ATHLETICS

5/25/21

- W- Track Districts will wrap up Saturday with a few of our track athletes in position to qualify for the Regional meet next week.
- W- Spring sports have almost all concluded and I would like to take this time to thank all our athletes and coaches on all their time and effort during this season and their efforts to keep everyone healthy and safe.
- W- Free physicals are being offered at the Wapakoneta YMCA by Mercy Health providers on Monday. We thank them for this opportunity for over 100 of our athletes to complete this for the 2021-22 school year.
- W- It looks as though we will be at near or full capacity this fall for our sporting events and we are looking forward to packing our facilities with fans to cheer on the Redskins!

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Wapakoneta High School Board Report:

This has been a busy and fast month at Wapakoneta High School. We are putting the finishing touches on our graduation ceremony which will be held at the football field on Friday, May 28, at 8:00 p.m. This is obviously different than what we have done in the past and will be something that we look forward to making special for our seniors and families.

On May 15 we held our promenade, prom, and post prom at Wapakoneta High School. It ended up being an amazing night for our students. The weather was perfect and the set up for everything was done the right way. Our kids were treated to a valet service to begin the evening and then had a chance to introduce themselves through Facebook Live during the promenade. A big thank you to Van Wright for hosting the promenade. Next they were treated to a fantastic dinner that was catered by J. Marie's. Once dinner was over they made their way into our courtyard for the dance. I have never seen our courtyard look better. Our maintenance team did an amazing job of helping to make it look beautiful. Mr. Stiger also led a great group of sophomore students through the decorating process. Many of the trees were lit up with lights as well as several selfie stations provided throughout. I might be a little impartial, but I think the DJ's did an outstanding job of playing music that the kids enjoyed. Mr. Selvey and I really enjoy being able to DJ the dances for our students and hopefully the kids enjoy it as well. Finally, the kids moved onto post prom which was well organized and entertaining for the students. A big thank you to Carrie Knoch, Aaron Rex, Susanne Good, and Aimee Gesler for all of their hard work in organizing post prom. I also want to thank all of our businesses for donating towards this event. We could not have made this such a special evening for our kids without their generosity. I also want to thank everyone who volunteered throughout the evening. I have to admit; this was the most fun I have had at a dance since I have been the principal. After talking with many of our students that attended, I believe it was the most fun they have had as well.

On May 18, our students were rewarded with an outdoor field day. This reward was received by students who had obtained the five goals on their Redskin Rewards cards for the fourth nine weeks. While it has been a year where we had to get creative with different rewards for students, it was great to be able to have the field day again after missing out in the previous school year. Students were treated to an outdoor lunch provided by the school cafeteria and their staff (Thank you, Shelly Stauffer), Cotton Candy and Snow Cones (Thank you, Lions Club), Derfer's Ice Cream, Free T-Shirts, a Scavenger Hunt, Obstacle Courses (Thank you to the National Guard), and many more outdoor activities. A total of over 500 students earned the sunshine-filled day. A special thank you goes out to Laura Hadding, who has always been grateful with her time in helping out with this event.

Scott Minnig
Principal



Will Snyder, Principal

WAPAKONETA MIDDLE SCHOOL

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May 25, 2021

Subject: Building Notes

Transition Day: Last Friday, we held our fifth annual Transition Day at Wapakoneta Middle School and Wapakoneta High School. The 4th grade students from Wapakoneta Elementary School and Cridersville Elementary School traveled to WMS on that day. The students had an opportunity to learn about the middle school as they participated in an orientation and a tour of the building. They also were able to meet many of the teachers as they moved through a typical 5th grade schedule. The 5th and 6th grade students moved to the next grade level at WMS for Transition Day. They learned about the opportunities that await them in the upcoming grade level. Our 7th grade students traveled to WHS for Transition Day. They had the opportunity to go through orientation, meet many of the 8th grade teachers, and had an opportunity to participate in a question-and-answer session with a panel of high school students. We were very pleased to provide this opportunity for our students to help ease the transition to both WMS and WHS.

DARE Graduation: Earlier this month we had our annual DARE Graduation. Students have worked very hard to complete their DARE workbooks and essays. One goal of the DARE program is to establish a foundation of good decision-making skills, as well as to let students know they always have a resource if they need help. Many times in our society, we focus on the fact that “we have a drug problem.” While that may be true, at the core of that problem are people who lack good decision-making skills.

May 2021 Report to the Board of Education

Right to Read Week:

- During the week of May 17-May 21, we celebrated Right to Read Week with "Camp Read-A-Lot." Our staff and students celebrated by participating in activities such as watching/learning about camping, reading with flashlights "by the campfire," completing obstacle courses, eating s'mores, completing a scavenger hunt, reading/working in "tents," just to name a few. Our staff and students really enjoyed this week. We want to thank all of our staff members for making this such an exciting week for our students!

Next Year is Now/Band Visit:

- This month, our 4th grade students had the opportunity to visit WMS and see what exciting things are in store for them. This is always a great opportunity for our students to see the school, meet the teachers, and to feel more comfortable with a new school environment. Our 4th grade students also had the opportunity to hear from Mr. Wimmers and some of his students regarding the opportunities that band has to offer for our middle school students. We want to thank everyone who contributed to these two opportunities for our 4th grade students. They are excited to head off to WMS next year!

Committee Meetings:

- We are grateful for the time we have had the last month to work in our grade-level and grade-band committees. Currently, we are working with our Kindergarten grade card and assessment committee, as well as our K-2 and our 3-5 phonics committees. As a district, we benefit tremendously from having opportunities to work with staff members within our building and across the district to discuss how we can *#bebetter* at what we do. We are extremely grateful for our committee members who devote their time and efforts into these committees.

Spring Assessments:

- During the month of May, we have been completing end-of-the-year DIBELS and MAP assessments with our students. We spend time analyzing the students' growth, from both the winter to the spring, and from the fall to the spring. We have been very pleased with the growth our students have made this year. We are grateful that we have been in school, all year, with our students! **Thank you for everything you did to make this happen!**

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Board Report May 2021

Student assessments for the 2020-2021 school year have come to an end. It was an extremely busy end of April and first half of May. Teachers pushed hard to get the final areas of academics taught while students took notes and studied as much as possible. AIR assessments were complete during the first week of May and MAP testing began the same week. Second and fourth grade students also took a three-day Gifted Assessment in addition to MAP.

Students and staff alike in the fourth grade participated in Transition Day. This day is set aside to relieve stress and tension for the grade levels that will have a significant change in location for the following year. As we often find, this day is equally important to parents. Typically, the majority of the stress moving from building to building is held with the parents. Elementary parents are most concerned about locker combinations, where middle school parents are worried about the "big kids." This day instills a great deal of confidence in the children, which carries home to parents. A big thank you to the "Transition Team" for putting together such a busy day.

Field Trips for the elementary students have concluded as of yesterday. Places visited during this field trip season have been:

- Kendrick Woods
- Allen County Museum
- Neil Armstrong Museum
- Bowling Alley
- Cridersville Historical Museum

Thank you to these facilities for opening their doors to us. Also, thank you to the teachers for setting these experiences up for the students because most of these kiddos will not have this opportunity on their own.

On May 20, Cridersville Elementary went "Down on the Farm" with field day. A gigantic thank you to Jill Stubbs for organizing this event, Mr. Minnig and Mr. Selvey for allowing high school students to serve as volunteers, and to teachers for helping in needed areas around all the events. From giant tractors to live horses and rabbits, students had an incredible day. Please see the fun below.

















