FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT…. …

What the New W-G State Report Card Means

Three years ago when I came to W-G our goal was to reach 100 on the academic performance index. A district score of 100 would place us at the highest possible rating, “Excellent”. This year, as a district, we hit 100.7. So for the first time in history our district was over 100 and would have been rated “Excellent”. Five year trend: 89.2, 92.4, 95.3, 98.8, and 100.7

I commend our students for their hard work and excellent performance. I commend our teachers, principals, and staff for their diligent work...hard work in the trenches every day, dedicated to help every child learn, grow, and feel like a real human being. It is a challenging task and there is no more honorable work than teaching and caring for our children. Thank you and congratulations on five consecutive years of continuous improvement and achieving our district goal.

I mentioned above “would have been Excellent”. The State of Ohio made three changes effective with this year’s report card: moved the performance index target up from 100 to 108 to achieve an “A”; moved the number of students that must score at proficient or higher from 75% to 80%; and lastly, believing it was hard for people to understand the five level rating system, from “Excellent” down to “Academic Emergency” they came up with the A-B-C-D-F system.

The thinking was people know letter grades, they went to school. However, I would contend that in either case, you still know very little about the daily performance of our school district. The new state report card consists of multiple measures and multiple grades. There is no overall grade.

Here is more detailed information on the performance of our district:

- Measure One--Tests Met Overall Score “C”

The Elementary Building is rated on seven tests: third grade math and reading, fourth grade math and reading, and fifth grade math, reading, and science. The state requirement is 80% or more students score at proficient, accelerated or advanced. More than 80% of our students did very well on five of the seven tests. 79.4% of our students did very well on two tests; six-tenths more students score at proficient, accelerated or advanced. Five of seven equals 71.4%. If we had six-tenths of one percent more on one of those tests we would be a “B”. And if we had six-tenths of one percent more on both tests, we would be an “A” district.

So using the state’s logic that people understand letter grades better, let’s use an analogy:

You are a student and you take seven tests, you get an “A” on five of them. You miss getting an “A” on two of them by 6/10th of 1% each. Therefore, you receive a final grade of “C”. Do you believe a “C” accurately represents your performance for the year?
Based on our student’s performance on the same seven tests the elementary building performance index is 103.9; an academic performance index of 103.9 is approximately five points higher than at any time in the history of the district! Previous target until this year was to be rated “Excellent” was 100 points, now an “A” is 108 points. Therefore, a 103.9 score is a “B”.

But how can we be a “C” on seven tests and then a “B” on the same seven tests? The simple answer is that many of our students scored at advanced or accelerated. [For each student that scored at “Advanced” the district gets 1.2 points, at “Accelerated” 1.1 points, “Proficient” 1.0 point, “Basic” 0.6 of one point, and “Limited” .3 of one point.]

Of 242 tests 80 or 33.1% were scored at Advanced, 71 or 29.4% at Accelerated, and 63 or 26% at Proficient. That is 62.5% at Accelerated or Advanced and 88.5% at proficient or higher.

Measures Two – Academic Performance Index Score “B”

As always, please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions, concerns, or observations you have, in-person, at 419-568-9104, or pfisterc@wgschools.org.

Sincerely,
Chris Pfister
Attention Waynesfield Goshen District Residents!!!

This 2014 football season, we have the special opportunity to celebrate, remember, and recognize the 1989 W-G Waynesfield Goshen Tigers football team. This season will mark the 25th, or silver anniversary of one of the best football teams that ever played for the Tigers. The 1989 team won the West Central Ohio Conference, was undefeated with a 10-0 regular season record, qualified for the 1989 OHSAA Division 5, Region 20 Computer Rankings. They made it to the playoffs, becoming the first WCOC school and first WG team ever, to do so, and ultimately, finished first in the final 1989 OHSAA Division 5, Region 20 Computer Rankings.

To commemorate this team, the W-G Athletic Boosters will be raffling off a beautifully engraved Commemorative, One Troy Ounce .999 fine Silver Coin, at each of the first four home football games. Please support the Athletic Boosters by purchasing raffle tickets at the home games, for your chance at winning one of these unique and special coins.

Tiger suds and softener sale

---don't forget to order your detergent and softner---

SALE STARTS - OCTOBER 10THRU OCTOBER 20
Order forms may be picked up in the Elementary/HS Offices at that time.

PICK-UP ON - NOVEMBER 6 @ BUS GARAGE 3 to 6 pm
W - G Academic Boosters appreciates your support!!!!
All proceeds go toward scholarships, items for student rewards and classroom needs.

$ ELEMENTARY FUNDRAISER $

Dear Community Members,

We are excited to announce we will once again be selling Otis Spunkmeyer cookie dough for all cookie lovers!

We will start sales on September 30 and run until October 13th. If you would like to purchase cookie dough please see an elementary student involved in the sale or come to the Elementary Office to have Mrs. Barns assist you with an order.

Please pay for your items at the time your order is placed.

There will also be a brochure with additional items to purchase! Students that sell 25 items will receive a ride in a Stretch Hummer Limo!!!

Thank You for Your Consideration!

WELCOME NEW STAFF!

We welcome new staff members, Brenda Bruce, Guidance Counselor, Jean Turner, Guided Reading, Chelsea Junkins, Family & Consumer Science, Rob Schnippel, Agriculture/Vocational Science and Katlyn Speckman, Intervention.

Not pictured are Rachel Ludwig returning as Resource Room Teacher and Jennifer Burden as Elementary Art and Guided Reading.

We also employed Angela Davis for the Food Service Director position, Steve Turner and Nicole Lambert, Bus Drivers, Carrie Funk and Donna Gilroy, Food Service.

We have had a great start to the 2014-2015 school year and appreciate and welcome all our new staff members!

From the Treasurer’s Office:

As the new school year kicks off, I would like to remind anyone with outstanding fees to please get those taken care of as soon as possible.

Reminder: you may pay your student’s lunch fees online from the comfort of your own home! Go to www.k12paymentcenter.com to create an account. Click on ‘Register Now” in the middle of the page. Follow the directions on the website to create your account.

You may choose from a premium or a basic account to use when paying money to your student’s account. If you choose the premium membership, there is a one-time registration fee (per family, not per student), which provides access to your student’s lunch balance and meal history and also offers an email notification when the account balance drops below the amount you select. The basic membership provides the ability to apply money to your student’s account only. When payments are made through either the premium or basic membership, there is a fee added to cover the cost of processing the credit card transaction. You will need to know your student’s number to sign up for this service.

Helpful information is available under the Help/FAQ sections at www.k12paymentcenter.com.

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EXCITING THINGS ARE HAPPENING IN THE SCIENCE DEPARTMENT!

W-G students are learning how to use their new Vernier LabQuest Science Equipment that was purchased over the summer. These tools will assist students collecting data for a variety of different labs throughout the upcoming school year. Throughout our first unit, we are using the Vernier products to calculate velocity and acceleration using photogates. The Science department is aiming to use this equipment to collect data in real life situations.

Picture: Alexis Elliott, Josh Searson, Ryan Harshberger, Keisha Predmore, Jonathan Klingler, and Zane Wicker are setting up the photogates on a hot wheels track in order to calculate and graph the velocity of the cars.

HOLA!

Spanish Four students under the direction of Mrs. Jordan have begun teaching grades 2, 3, and 5 Spanish. So far, the 6 students have taught them Spanish greetings and colors. The students had to create posters with the vocabulary, worksheets, and lesson plans that could be presented to each of the classes. The students go to each of the classes every other Friday and will continue to do so throughout the year. They will also do some cultural projects throughout the year. It’s going to be a great experience for Spanish 4 and the elementary classes!
WAYNESFIELD-GOSHEN FFA ATTENDS THE 2014 FARM SCIENCE REVIEW

On September 16th, 2014 the Waynesfield Goshen FFA Members attended the Farm Science Review in London, Ohio, located 30 miles East of Columbus. While in attendance, students had the opportunity to experience many areas of new technology in agriculture. The test fields focused on state of the art harvesting and tillage systems. The Gwynn Conservation Area held demonstrations on Agriculture and Natural Resources management practices. And with over 600 commercial exhibits, students were able to explore new developments in Ag-Business, Ag-Mechanics, Ag-Communications, and Production Agriculture that will prove useful in the future.

The W-G Drama Department is proud to present the 2014 Dinner Theater presentation "Legend of Sammy's Swamp." The murder mystery will take place on Friday, Nov. 14 and Saturday, Nov 15 in the WG auditorium. Dinner service will begin at 6:30 with the play following. Ticket sales start Monday, October 20th and are $13.00 per person. All seats are reserved at tables of 8. Purchase an entire table (at the same time) and the table price will be $100.00 which is a savings! Contact the school beginning Monday, October 20th to reserve your seats!!! You won't want to miss the show!

Buttons, Buttons, Everywhere...

Preschoolers are working on their sorting and classifying skills using buttons during our letter Bb week:
Theme: Buttons

Pictured are Makenna Shaw and Caleb Ludwig playing a math game together in Mrs. Wildermuth’s Kindergarten Class.

START LEARNING. START EARNING.

CLIP AND EARN FREE STUFF FOR YOUR SCHOOL

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WE'RE IN IT TOGETHER.

2014-2015 WAYNESFIELD-GOSHEN REFLECTIONS YEARBOOKS

We must have your order NOW since a yearbook is a limited edition publication. Seldom are extra copies available when the yearbooks arrive in the fall of 2015. We know that you want your son or daughter to have their own copy of the 2014-2015 W-G Yearbook, a book that will be kept forever.

We are therefore, making this special offer directly to you!

EARLY BIRD SPECIAL

Now- October 31, 2014
Jr. High & High School $40.00 SAVE $8.00
Pk & Elementary Book $15.00 SAVE $2.00

ON-LINE OR BY PHONE

On-line: www.yearbookordercenter.com
Phone: 1-866-287-3596 (M-F 8am-5pm Central)
Job Number: 22771

Prices are the same for all sale dates.

REGULAR BOOK SALE

November 1, 2014- April 1, 2015
Jr. High & High School $48.00
Pk & Elementary Book $17.00

LATE BOOK SALE

After April 2, 2015
Jr. High & High School $58.00
Pk & Elementary Book $21.00

All sales under $50.00 must be paid in full at the time of the order. All remaining balances must be paid in full by Friday, May 1, 2015 for the book to be ordered. If the book is not ordered due to a balance, payments made will go towards the late pricing if a book is available in the fall of 2015.

Elementary students can give their orders to their homeroom teachers. M.S. and H.S. students should return orders to the art room or a yearbook staff member.

Orders can be mailed to the Yearbook Staff at the school at 195 N. Westminster St., Waynesfield, OH 43567.

All sales are final at the time of the order. All returned checks will be charged a $15.00 fee and order cancelled.

Please name all students who will receive a yearbook (if they will be sharing books please list the students names).

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Extrahs must be ordered by April 1, 2015 & paid in full

Personalized Name Plate (48” Book Only)
$6.00
Free for sponsors who order the Oct. 1, 2014 with the order paid in full

World History Add-In
$5.00

Autograph Add-In will be distributed to May, 2015 for requester
$3.00

Clear Dust Jacket
$3.00

Home Delivery includes all US only after books are delivered
$10.00

Please make checks payable to: Waynesfield-Goshen Schools
Cash is also accepted. All sales are final!