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# WAYLEE RAP-UP



## *From The Principal*

### DEAR PARENTS AND STUDENTS:

This time of the year gets very busy with lots of special events on our schedule and lots of work that we still need to complete. Please stress with your children the importance of good behavior and staying on task. It sometimes becomes necessary for students to miss "special events" as a disciplinary measure. We'd like to avoid this happening if possible.

As we approach the end of our last school year here at Waylee, we want to bid a fond farewell to our students and especially the 5<sup>th</sup> graders who will be moving on to Central Middle School, North Middle School and West Middle School. Good Luck to each and everyone of you at your new schools! We will miss you.

To all our wonderful volunteers and supportive parents, a BIG THANK YOU. You helped us make Waylee a great place to work and learn.



**1/2 Day Dismissal Time is**  
**11:57 a.m.**

**FYI:** Some Pediatricians are recommending that children receive a booster for Varicella (Chicken Pox). Check with your doctor to see if your child needs this. It's not required by the schools yet, but we want you to know about the recommendation.

### **PLEASE REMEMBER PERMISSION SLIPS:**

In addition to our regular schedule some of our teachers will be planning walking field trips to the city park, greenhouses, Celery Flats, etc. Please be very prompt in returning field trip permission slips. **Students CANNOT leave the school grounds without a permission slip signed by parents.**

### **MOVING??**



If you have finalized plans to move before school starts in the fall, PLEASE LET US KNOW NOW!

If you move over the summer, please drop us a note at:

8106 Waylee St., Portage, MI 49002

### **SAFETY ISSUE:**

Parents: please do not drop off students at the crosswalk. We can't have cars blocking the area where we cross the children. Drop them off in the turn around or further down the street.



## **5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE TRACK MEET**

**Our 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Track Meet will be held on Tuesday, May 12, from 9:00-12:00 at the Waylee Track/Playground. Rain date is Thursday, May 21.**

Attention parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles. We are in need of more volunteers for the 5<sup>th</sup> grade track meet. Volunteers are needed on Tuesday, May 12 from 8:15 – 12:00. (Rain date 5/21).

PLEASE NOTE: If you are able to help for the entire time or even a portion of it, please contact: Nancy Martin in the Waylee Gym Office at 323-6512.

With your help we can make this a successful fun event for our 5<sup>th</sup> graders!

### **Voluntary Student Accident Insurance Program:**

During this school year the Portage Board of Education made available a voluntary student accident insurance program. Since the District has made this insurance available, an increasing number of parents/guardians have been taking advantage of this inexpensive policy. This fact dictates that as a community service, we will continue to offer this voluntary insurance.

The District offers this program because of trends in rising family health and dental insurance costs, increased deductibles, and co-payments. Furthermore, in an attempt to limit the Districts' rising insurance costs, this program provides an alternative for claims due to accidental injuries that unfortunately occur on our property. This is the case for both during and after school hours.

The plan described in the brochure you'll receive in the fall has been designed to respond to diverse family insurance needs. Coverage provided can help decrease the burden of unexpected medical and dental expenses, including those left unpaid due to family insurance deductibles and co-payments.

Please watch for the enrollment forms at the start of the next school year.

## **A GREAT TIME**

A great time is being planned for all at the Waylee Talent Show Wednesday, April 29, 2009. **A BIG THANK YOU** to all who work so hard for the Waylee Talent Show, both as participants in the show and those behind the scenes.

It takes a lot of time and energy to get the show to come all together, please take the time to thank the teachers especially Mrs. Galia and Mr. Klinesteker, the interns & helpers when you see them, as they do this on their own time.

## **WAYLEE YEARBOOKS**

Did you forget to order a Waylee Yearbook this year. We have a few left to sell at \$19.00 each. You must pay for them first – it's first come, first serve. Call Christie DeHaan @ 329-0284. THANKS!

## **Do you want your student to ride the school bus next year?**

Do you want to save time and money and help the environment at the same too?

**With the start of the 2009-10 school year the Portage Public Schools will be requiring all parents requesting transportation to register their students for bus service.**

Portage students will **not** be scheduled for bus service unless the parents/guardians notify the transportation department in writing. You may sign up online after May 1 at [www.portageps.org](http://www.portageps.org); or you may download the form at <http://www.portageps.org/departments/transportation/requestform.aspx>: and submit it to the transportation office.

If you do not have internet access, you may obtain a Transportation Request form at any Portage school or transportation office.

Obtaining an accurate list of students who will actually be riding our buses is very important for us to design efficient, low cost bus routes and to assure the safety of the students.

As a reminder, all students may be expected to walk up to 1-½ miles to school. Elementary students may walk up to ½ mile to a bus stop and middle & high students may

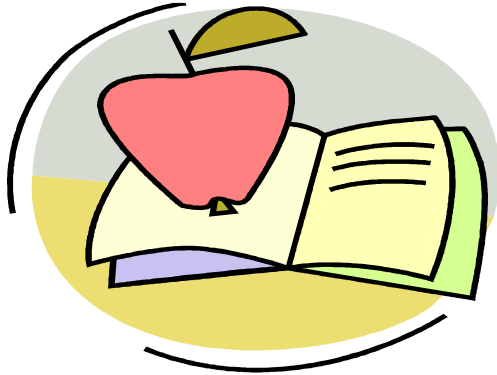
walk up to 1 mile to a bus stop wherever appropriate walkways and traffic signs are available. Eligible students signing up for transportation will be assigned to bus stops based on their home address.

If you would like your students to ride the bus next year, please sign up early. Bus assignments will be based on the student's home address as listed on the schools records. Students signing up by June 30 will receive a postcard in late August with specific transportation information.

**Students not replying by June 30 may compromise our ability to provide timely bus service in the fall.**

For more information, please ask your bus driver or call Transportation at 323-5151. Thank you in advance for your timely responses.

**Don't delay, sign up today. You don't want to miss the bus!**



**GIRL SCOUTS**

Right now, girls in our community are waiting to become involved in Girl Scouts. In order to get Girl Scout troops up and running for these girls, we need adults to team up and become troop leaders or to be part of a troop committee! We're looking for volunteers who represent the diversity of the world we live in – women, men, senior citizens, younger adults, etc. – anyone who wants to help make a difference in the lives of girls. For more information on becoming a mentor for girls, please contact the Girls Scouts of Glowing Embers Council at (269) 343-1516 or stop in at 1011 W. Maple St., Kalamazoo, MI 49008.

***Girl Scouts. Where Girls Grow Strong.***

**Portage Public Schools**

Portage Public Schools is accepting applications for enrollment from non-resident students residing in a school district located in any contiguous intermediate district (outside of Kalamazoo County).

At this time, enrollment is open for all grades and schools within Portage Public Schools District. Applications will be accepted until May 2, 2009.

Parents or guardians interested in submitting an application for enrollment under the provisions of this program for the 2009-10 school year must submit a completed Portage Public Schools School of Choice Section 105c application form to the Office of the Superintendent, 8111 S. Westnedge Ave, Portage, MI 49002. Please call 323-5148 for information on how to receive and process an application.

**Community Earth Day Celebration!**

Build a bird feeder. Learn where to take those dead batteries and dirty oil from the last oil change. Test your knowledge about "ghost energy." Try your hand at a couple of carnival games. Get your face painted, or gather tips on how to conserve water and energy. Lower that electric bill! The PNHS Environmental Club partnered with Sam's Club to bring you an Earth Day Celebration like no other! Mark your calendars! **April 18th from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm in the parking lot of Sam's Club is the place to be!** The event is geared for children elementary and middle school ages, but designed to be FUN for the whole family! The best part --IT'S FREE!

**Stay Informed Over the Summer;  
Sign-Up for PPS E-Mail Updates**

The District offers a free list service for anyone who would like to get regular e-mail updates about Portage Schools, any of the individual schools, or about the two district foundations, The Portage Education Foundation and the Portage Athletic Foundation.

To sign-up, simply visit the District's homepage at [www.portageps.org](http://www.portageps.org), and click on the box in the lower right corner. That will take you to a page allowing you to select the list service messages you would like. Once you subscribe, you will receive a confirmation alerting you that your order went through. Call 323-5000 with any questions.

Portage Schools is also on Twitter, the micro-blogging social media tool. You can sign up for your free Twitter account at the District homepage at [www.portageps.org](http://www.portageps.org) and then click the "follow" icon on our Twitter site to receive regular brief updates about Portage Schools.



**PTO News** The next PTO meeting will be Tuesday, May 26<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the cafeteria.

**Ice Cream Social**

The Waylee Ice Cream Social will be Tuesday, May 19<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-8pm. There will be bouncers, face-painting & a buy one get one free book fair (higher price prevails). If you are able to help out please contact either Shawn Felicijan at 329-4017 or Christy DeHaan at 760-5168.

**Yearbook**

Yearbooks have arrived! They are \$19 and all color. If you haven't picked-up one for you child send the order form home today. If you have any questions please contact Christy DeHaan at [christinadehaan@yahoo.com](mailto:christinadehaan@yahoo.com)

**Father Daughter Dance**

"Everything she does is magic", the final father daughter dance is Friday, May 1<sup>st</sup>. Flyers have been sent home; please remember to return payment by April 24<sup>th</sup>.

**PTO Is No Longer Accepting:  
Box-Tops  
Ink Cartridges  
Cell Phones**

Please hold on to these items and donate them to your school next year.

**Please Change your Meijer,  
Target & Hardings Rewards  
Codes!**

Lake Center  
Meijer: 140440 Target: 63014  
Hardings: 11077  
Woodland  
Meijer: 137811 Target: 63020  
Hardings: 11081  
Central Elementary  
Meijer: 821131 Target: 63012  
Hardings: 11075

**Interested in being involved in  
your new school next year?**

Then attend one of the following PTO meetings to see what fun stuff is happening.

**Lake Center**  
Monday, May 11 @ 6:30  
**Central Elementary**  
Tuesday, May 19 @ 6:30  
**Woodland**  
Tuesday, May 19 @7:00