

THE WALTON-VERONA MIRROR

Walton, KY 41094

2018-2019 WV School Calendar

January 3	First Day Back after Winter Break
January 21	No School - Martin Luther King Day
February 18	No School - Non-Instructional Day
March 15	No School - Non-Instructional Day
March 18	No School - Non-Instructional Day
April 15-19	No School - Spring Break
May 17	Last Day for Students

Next Early Release Day - Upcoming Feb. 7th

Superintendent's Notes

By Matt Baker

Walton-Verona Schools Superintendent



Walton-Verona Schools Classified as "Other"

This year marks the beginning of a new system for school accountability in Kentucky. Previously, schools and districts received the title of "Distinguished" or "School or District of Distinction" for outstanding academic achievement. Our schools and district routinely received the well-deserved label of "District of Distinction" for several years in a row. Now, as Kentucky implements a new system for determining school and district effectiveness, new terminology is being utilized. This year, schools and districts who met all of their goals for student assessment received the less than inspiring label of "Other." So while our schools and district are continuing the Tradition of Excellence in Walton-Verona, the label assigned to our schools and district is not quite as inspiring.

This fall, school and district administrators met to closely examine student assessment data and to begin the planning process for how we can continue to improve and celebrated with a cake which displayed our designation as "Other".

New Board of Education Members

The December 20, 2018, Board of Education meeting was a bittersweet event. This marked the last meeting for two wonderful Board of Education members, Ms. Paula Jolly and Mrs. Susan Smith. Both women devoted untold hours to our district while serving in this capacity, and their significant contributions to our Tradition of Excellence is certainly appreciated!

Immediately following the conclusion of this meeting, Ms. Heather Stewart, Mrs. Stacey Thornberry, and Mr. Kyle Art were sworn in as members of our Board of Education. Ms. Stewart was re-elected to her second term on our Board of Education, while Mrs. Thornberry and Mr. Art were sworn in for their first terms. The first meeting of our new Board of Education will be on January 17th, 2019, at 7:30 PM in the Multipurpose Room.

Early Learning Center

As I am sure many have noticed, construction on our new Early Learning Center is progressing nicely. Once this facility is completed, we will be able to offer preschool services to more within our community. Stay tuned for announcements about an open house where community members and employees will have the opportunity to tour this facility, and for announcements concerning early enrollment.



Principal's Pause

By Rob Hartman

Walton-Verona Elementary Principal

With a semester already behind us, it is very difficult to comprehend how quickly time went in this 2018-2019 school year. We have so much to be proud of and so much to celebrate. We saw our Kindergarten class balloon to the point of needing 6 teachers which was a first for our school. The growth in the Walton and Verona communities has been unbelievable in the past few years. Many people choose to move here or build here just because of the school district. We expect this same level of growth each year for the foreseeable future. We uphold an awesome reputation and also an awesome responsibility to all of our children.

Another great accomplishment of ours was this fall's release of the Kentucky state assessment results. If you read my last Mirror article, I discussed how complex the testing system is these days. All that aside, we were still overjoyed at our status of "other" according to the new scoring system. We talk about this label a bit tongue-in-cheek, because of its rather pedestrian sound and feel. However, "other" is the best you can be labeled. What you don't want is any level of "support" from our KY Department of Education if your scores don't reach "other" status.

As we transition into 2019, we have another thing to be very proud of. Our school was awarded a highly competitive state grant known as the Youth Service Center grant. With this money, our school now has a Youth Service Center coordinator, Tricia Pollard. Tricia comes to us from our WV High School where she was a special education assistant for many years. She has Youth Service Center and social work experience which will serve her well in her new role. Youth Service Centers are created to serve the families of the school community to help break down barriers to kids' educations. One way of looking at it (although perhaps overly simplistic) is to say, the Service Center is there to eliminate as many parent difficulties as possible which may be preventing a young child from getting to school, learning at school and having basic needs when they get back home. As Mrs. Pollard gets established more information will be publicized on how the Youth Service Center may potentially help your family. We want to welcome her to Walton-Verona Elementary and we are very excited to see this program get off the ground.

Finally, we are eagerly awaiting the finalization of the Walton-Verona Early Childhood Center on the Walton Campus. This Pre-K center will house our district's preschool-aged students and staff with state-of-the-art facilities, a playground, and bus lane. You can now see the project in various stages of completion when you drive through the high school/middle school campus along Alumni Drive. The Early Childhood Center is the structure being built right behind the WV Board Office. This is a very exciting development for our school district. While WV Preschool was already a 5 Star Early Learning Center, the new facilities will certainly add to our "Tradition of Excellence." The date of completion for this project is set for May 2019.

From all of us here at Walton-Verona Elementary, we wish you nothing but the best in 2019. We hope to continue growing our reputation as one of Northern Kentucky's best institutions for learning. To achieve this, we truly depend on parent and community support. Thank you for all you do to help us serve YOUR kids.



Elementary News

By Cindy Kopser

Walton-Verona Middle School Principal

2019-2020 Kindergarten Registration

@ WALTON-VERONA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FRONT OFFICE

February 11th thru 15th – 9 AM to 11:30 AM and 1 PM to 2:30 PM
plus evening hours on February 12th - 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM

Your child must be 5 years old on or before August 1, 2019, to be eligible for enrollment.

Do not postpone registration due to lack of paperwork, please provide what is available and submit remaining paperwork as soon as possible.

What to bring: Guardian Photo ID, Student's Birth Certificate, Social Security Card, KY Immunization Certificate, KY Physical, Custody Papers (if child is not living with both birth parents), and Proof-of-Residency within the WV district boundaries.

The only acceptable forms of proof-of-residency are a signed & dated deed, closing papers or a rental/lease agreement (with child listed as an occupant).

If you are living with another family who owns a residence in our district, you and the person with whom you are living must meet with a school official to complete an Affidavit as your proof-of-residency (homeowner's photo ID, deed for the house, and a current utility bill must be presented for completion of the affidavit).

Enrollment packets are available at the school or can be found on our district website under ABOUT > ENROLLMENT. Medical forms that are required by the state of Kentucky can be found on our district website under DEPARTMENTS > HEALTH.



WVHS Message

By Joanne Estenfelder

Walton-Verona High School Principal

I would like to welcome everyone back to the second semester of the 2018-19 school year! With the change of the semester, we look ahead to many end of the year activities as we continue to get the job done in the classroom.

As we continue to work through the changes in the state accountability system, the areas that remain in our accountability are Proficiency, Other Academic Areas, Gap Group, Career and College Readiness and Graduation Rate. The Proficiency scores are generated through the juniors' performance on the ACT in each specific subscore: English, Mathematics, Reading and Science from the ACT test that will be given on Tuesday, March 12th. In preparation for that assessment, most juniors have completed an ACT College Readiness course first semester, with the option to continue work on ACT prep during seminar time third quarter. We will also be providing after school and evening boot camps for juniors two weeks before the March ACT testing date. Juniors will receive that information regarding Boot Camps in early February, as well as directions on how to sign up for those sessions. The score for "Other Academic Areas" is generated from the juniors' performance on the on-demand writing that will be given in May 2019. In regards to the On-Demand Writing test, all of our juniors are enrolled in a composition class.

To address Career and College Readiness for all seniors, a senior must show career readiness by showing proficiency on an EOP (End of Program) exam or by earning an industry certification through our many technical programs available at our Area Tech Center or Gateway course offerings. Through our Career and Technical Department we will be offering EOP's in the following areas: Administrative Support, Business Management, Culinary Arts, Consumer and Family Management, Horticulture, Agribusiness and Animal Science. A senior must show college readiness by meeting all benchmarks on the ACT in the areas of English, Mathematics and Reading. We have many opportunities in place to help a student reach either Career Readiness and/or College Readiness, and we meet with students as needed to review their progress and encourage them to participate in extra sessions to meet one of these readiness indicators. We believe that meeting one or both of these readiness indicators will help each student make a successful transition to their life after high school.

As we continue our work on successful transition after high school, we also keep in focus our graduation rate, another aspect of our accountability. In order to graduate, all seniors must earn twenty-seven credits as established by the Walton-Verona Board of Education. Our graduation rate has always been high, hovering around 98%. We will continue to keep that a focus, providing a variety of opportunities for all students so they do transition successfully to life after high school.

While we continue to work through these changes in the state testing accountability, please know that every teacher is committed to teaching the standards at every grade level. We will continue to carry on the tradition of excellence and are committed to providing the best education to every student at our school.

I would like to recognize and congratulate Mrs. Sarah Horn, Art Teacher who earned her National Board Certification. National Board Certification is held by only ten percent of the teachers in the United States and involves a yearlong process. This process involves the submission of a portfolio, many reflective pieces regarding teaching and assessing as well as, passing a national standards test. Mrs. Horn was involved in this intense process during the 2017-18 school year and learned early December that she passed! This is quite an honor and a positive reflection of what she is doing in the classroom for our kids.

Believe it or not, we will begin the scheduling process with our students during the month of February for the 2019-20 school year. Every student will be given a course description handbook that is full of important information. If you have a child in attendance at WVHS, be sure to keep an eye out for that booklet and to discuss with your child courses that may be of interest to him/her as well as courses that will help with the transition after high school. Students will request classes through Infinite Campus, in a session guided by our counselor, Mrs. Hester. Once requested, students will receive a print out of their course requests which must then be signed by a parent or guardian. We encourage all students to make thoughtful consideration with their schedule requests, as our Master Schedule is generated from the student requests. Once schedules are generated, the process to request a schedule change can take up to one week and is not always a guarantee.

I hope everyone had a restful and enjoyable holiday break! If you ever have any questions or concerns, please send me an email at joanne.nesmith@

WVHS Microsoft Office Specialists

The following students earned *Microsoft Office National Certification in Microsoft PowerPoint 2016*:

Barry A.	Alex B.
Madison B.	Kevin F.
Madison F.	Spencer L.
Reagan L.	Caileigh W.
Riley W.	

Important Websites

Kentucky Virtual Library

www.kyvl.org

ID: waltonveronasd2

Password:

Kentucky state police

sex/criminal offender

registry kspso.state.ky.us

Kentucky Department of Education

www.education.ky.gov

Walton-Verona Independent Schools

wv.kyschools.us

The City of Walton

www.cityofwalton.org

Online versions of The Walton-Verona Mirror can be found online at <http://wv.kyschools.us/aboutus/themirror>.

WVHS Students Place 3rd in State in KY Stock Market Game

The Stock Market Game is an online simulation of the global capital markets that engages students in the world of economics, investing, and personal finance. Across the state of Kentucky, 372 teams competed in the Fall Kentucky Stock Market Game. The WVHS team of Abby W., Emma T., and Autumn K. finished 3rd out of 372 teams in the state, earning over \$5,000 in profit over the span of 10 weeks. These young ladies will be recognized by the Kentucky Council of Economic Education at a banquet in May. The banquet will be held at Fidelity Investments and each team member will be awarded a certificate, a medal, and a cash award.

Congratulations to Abby, Emma and Autumn for their 3rd place finish in the state!



WVHS Senior Wish Ads

On Sale Now

\$40 - 1 pic/20 words

\$50 - 1 pic/25 words

\$75 - 2 pics/50 words

DUE 1/31

Contact: Jamiee Sampson,
Yearbook Coordinator

Public Notice

Asbestos Management Plan for Walton-Verona Schools

This notice is being issued to insure that you know that the Walton-Verona Board of Education is in compliance with both national and state regulations and laws that relate to building materials which contain asbestos that have been used in building construction in past years.

An inspection for building materials which contain asbestos has been completed for all buildings owned by Walton-Verona Board of Education. This inspection has been conducted by a certified inspector and the material samples were evaluated by an accredited laboratory. Building materials with as little asbestos as one percent (1%) have been identified and made part of a management plan for the school system.

A complete asbestos management plan for the school system is on file at the Walton-Verona Board of Education office. Also, a copy of the asbestos management plan for each individual school is on file in each building principal's office.

We will continue to notify you at least once each year on the status of the management plan. Should it be necessary, more frequent updates will be issued as a result of an additional inspection, normal surveillance practices, response actions, or remodel work which might disturb building material which contain asbestos. Every precaution will continue to be used to protect the well-being of students and employees of the Walton-Verona Schools.

Directory Information

From time-to-time school-related groups and organizations ask for the addresses of students or graduates. Examples of these groups include the PTSA, Music Parents Association (WVMPA), WAVE Foundation, Alumni Association, class reunion groups, Military recruiters, and so on. If you object to having this information released, please contact the appropriate school or district office.

STUDENT ATTENDANCE REQUEST

Attention Parents: Should your child need to be *absent for 5 days or more* due to illness, surgery, hospital stay, or certain extenuating circumstances, please contact the school where he/she attends. HOMEBOUND INSTRUCTION is available for students that have a qualifying ailment verified in advance by a doctor. Homebound Instruction allows your child to keep up with his/her school work and he/she is not counted absent while in this program.

FFA news

By Alex Sluder

The Walton-Verona High School FFA has many events and opportunities coming up very soon! For our FFA members, contest season is upon us! The first contest is being held at Cooper High School on February 7th. Members can compete in speaking contests in various agricultural categories. If you are able to help judge speeches please contact Ms. Sluder.

FFA week is also upcoming at the end of February. Make sure to check our Facebook page, @waltonveronahsffa, for updates on events for the week. We will be celebrating agriculture and educating our school community about agriculture throughout the week.

Production is also starting up in the greenhouse in preparation for our greenhouse sale. The greenhouse will be opening at the end of April along with our farmers market.

Our new event for this year is the opening of the Walton-Verona FFA Farmers Market. This market will be held at the high school beginning at the end of April. We are very excited to bring local produce and wares to the Walton and Verona communities as well as surrounding areas with this event. If you are interested in more information or about selling at the market please email Ms. Sluder at alex.sluder@wv.kyschools.us.

Oda a mi chaqueta de banda
by: Jaida C.

Hace dos años que mi chaqueta
De la banda conoce a mí,
Y estoy enamorada de ella.

Ella es mi armadura, mi impermeable,
Y la llevo siempre.

El azul es cuando tengo mucho calor en agosto
Y la blanca es cuando tengo mucho frío en febrero.

Ella como mi mochila, me sigue en la escuela.
Ella como mi perro, me sigue en mi casa.

Ella sabe que estoy enamorada de ella,
Y ella está enamorada de yo.
Ella está conmigo todos los días,
Siempre.



Ode to My Band Jacket
Jayden C.

I have known my band jacket for two years,
As she has known me,
And I am in love with her.

She is my armor, my rain jacket,
And I wear her always.

Her blue is when I'm hot in August,
And her white is when I'm cold in February.

She's like my backpack; she follows me in school,
And she's like my dog; she follows me in my house.

She knows that I'm in love with her,
And she is in love with me.
She is with me everyday,
Always.

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The Walton-Verona Mirror is a reflection of the Walton-Verona School District and is intended to provide information to its students, parents, and employees. Any comments or suggestions can be submitted to Ms. Sampson's Journalism class at Walton-Verona High School.

~Adviser~
Jamiee Sampson

Grace W ~Staff~

Walton-Verona Provides Equal Educational and Employment Opportunities

Set the date -

Wake Up Walton

May 4th!