



THE WALTON-VERONA MIRROR

Walton, KY 41094

2018-2019

WV School Calendar

May 23 - Last Day For Students

Superintendent's Notes

By **Matt Baker**

Walton-Verona Schools Superintendent



Championship Seasons

The past few months in Walton-Verona have proven to be very exciting with multiple groups and individuals receiving honors and making history. Championships were won by both the boys' and girls' basketball teams, as well as a first ever national championship by our cheerleaders. The boys' basketball team winning their first regional title since 1942 will be remembered for generations to come. Our boys won their first game in Rupp Area by defeating Knox County Central by the score of 76-54 before falling to Campbell County in the quarterfinals by the score of 49-42.

In addition to impressive accomplishments in athletics, students in our fine arts programs distinguished themselves during multiple performances. Our drama students put on a performance of *The Addams Family* that was fantastic. I am sure that all who were able to attend were highly entertained and impressed by our talented students and dedicated staff members. In addition, our 2018-2019 Concert Series came to an end with a great concert by the WVHS Choir.

Staff Recognitions

- Nikole Mahoney – Florence Rotary Teacher of the Year – WVHS
- Trisha Ridener - Florence Rotary Teacher of the Year – WVES
- Jamie Sampson – Regional Golden Apple Winner – WVHS
- Jackie Sheaffer - Regional Golden Apple Winner - WVES

Student Recognitions – Governor's Scholars

- Abigail Daly
- Lexie Eten
- Madison Fuchs
- Julia Rice
- Ellie Sams
- Matthew Meyer



Walton-Verona Board of Education

For the 2019 year, I am proud to announce that Megan Jones will continue to serve as our Board of Education Chair, and David Turner will be taking over as our Vice-Chair. Joining Megan and David are Board members Heather Stewart, Kyle Art, and Stacey Thornberry. I am proud to work with such a dedicated group who care deeply about our school district and community.





Principal's Pause



By Rob Hartman

Walton-Verona Elementary Principal

It is tough to believe but yet another school year is nearly behind us. We have seen our students grow so much this year. It is truly amazing to see the progress made by those little brains absorbing everything around them like a sponge. However, there is still lots of learning and fun to be had. I always marvel at how we attempt (and generally succeed) in cramming 3 months-worth of events into the month of May before hitting the crescendo on May 23rd, our final day of this 2018-2019 school year. Below I will wrap up some spring highlights from this year and then give some important news for the summer.

We were very pleased this spring to have two deserving teachers in our midst who were awarded some very prestigious honors. Trisha Ridener, our long-time librarian and “utility player” extraordinaire, took home the Florence Rotary Club “Teacher of the Year.” Her teaching expertise and “service above self” (the Rotarian motto) helped win her this award. Our other honoree was Jackie Sheaffer who is our reading interventionist. Mrs. Sheaffer was nominated for not only the phenomenal job she does helping our struggling readers, but also all the “extras” she brings to our school such as staff trainings and tutoring of students on her own time. These two fabulous ladies continue a strong tradition of award-winning-caliber teaching which takes place at Walton-Verona Elementary. These awards are highly competitive and only a few are given. We applaud Mrs. Ridener and Mrs. Sheaffer who certainly both have resumes capable of their individual achievements.

Speaking of Mrs. Sheaffer, the grant through which she is paid, is guaranteed for yet another year. We were notified this spring that our grant renewal was re-awarded by the state. This makes 13 consecutive years that we have held the distinction of having a “Read to Achieve” grant teacher in our building. There are 300 grants awarded around the entire state of Kentucky. Each time we have to renew, it is never a foregone conclusion that we will have this valuable allotment of state funds. It is truly a blessing but we are also blessed to have such a gifted teacher in the role; our award-winning Jackie Sheaffer. She has touched so many young lives by giving them a chance to read at grade level. What’s more, she has sparked the LOVE of reading in so many of her students.

Coming up this May (the week of May 6th to be precise), we will embark on yet another round of the state assessment known as KPREP. Each year our 3rd and 4th graders get those #2 pencils sharpened up and come to school ready to give it their all on the reading, math and science portions of the test. We will utilize the bulk of the day during this week to conduct these crucial assessments. KPREP, as many of you know, is the test by which we are “graded” as a school. These tests include multiple choice sections as well as some written portions. During this week, it is vital that our students not only come to school, but come to school rested and ready for KPREP action. We tell our students they need to have eaten a descent breakfast and have had plenty of sleep the night before. And above all else, each day we have to have 100% effort from our kids. They may not know the answer to every question, but we do need them to try their best and come out feeling like they “left it on the court” (to use a basketball phrase). Our school and district have a long-held tradition of doing well on the state assessment. I’m sure this particular group will make us proud once again.

The month of May, as I said, is jam-packed with events for our elementary students and parents. Each month we publish an activities calendar but in case you have not seen this before, here are a few of upcoming events in list format. You can always check out our calendar of events at wv.kyschools.us

- Kids in Tune Performance, May 13, 7 pm
- Kindergarten Field Day, May 14, 11:45-2:45
- WV Pre K “graduation”, May 15, 9:30 am and 1:30 pm
- WV Children Inc. Pre K “graduation”, May 17, 6 pm
- Track and Field grades 1-4, May 20
- 4th Grade Bridge Day, May 21, 10 am
- 4th Grade Survivor Day, May 22, 9am-2pm
- K-4 Awards Program, May 23, 9:15 (gr. K-2), 10 am (gr. 3-4)

As we head into the long summer break, we want to warn you of a very alarming trend which plagues not only many kids in our district but, indeed, our country. What I'm referring to is the notion of the "Summer Slide." Summer Slide, as experts call it, is the loss of reading and math ability (sometimes up to 2 months-worth of decline) due to the impact of not practicing regularly. Experts have also found that this trend is even more alarming in our homes where access to appropriate reading material, educational experiences and language and math based interactions are not the norm. So how do you avoid the dreaded Summer Slide? The solutions are quite simple. Read with your child or have your child read to you each day. The material doesn't have to be a book per se. You could read a comic book, the back of cereal box, Pokémon cards or even signs along a road. The same can be done with math. You don't have to have a math workbook to be engaged with numbers (adding, subtracting, counting etc.). Money and basic shapes have all kinds of math connections. Even playing board games that involve counting spaces or moving after rolling dice definitely combine to help the neurons in your brain make more stable connections around those particular topics. The best part is, you can even HAVE FUN while doing these things. The point is, try to interact in an educational way with your child for just a few minutes a day over the summer break. This will help you student come back to school ready to "hit the ground running."

I leave you with a little more information you can use for the summer before the 2019-2020 school year. Don't forget our school supply lists can be found in the summer edition of the mirror and also on-line at wv.kyschools.us under "news." We will also be using the Infinite Campus messenger system to send out district-wide alerts to changes such as a posting to the website. For those of you eager to know who your child's teacher will be for the upcoming school year, the class rosters are not posted anywhere. To find out, you will have to call or email school starting July 8th. You must be in good standing with your lunch account and school fees in order to have "early bird" look at your child's teacher's name. Other news which will be posted at a later date will include Back-To-School Nights, New Student Orientations, Kindergarten Orientation and Screening, Preschool Orientation Night, and PTA events planned for the beginning of the school year.

From all of us at Walton-Verona Elementary, have a great end to the 2018-19 school year and here's to a wonderful and exciting 2019-20. We wish our exiting 4th graders nothing but the best as they venture on to our middle school. For the rest of our student body and their parents, we look forward to seeing everyone again on August 8th.



HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE HIGH SCHOOL

Joanne Nesmith, Principal

We have had two of our teachers selected for prestigious teaching awards. Nikole Mahoney, Math Teacher was selected as a 2019 Florence Rotary Teacher of the Year and Jamiee Sampson, English Teacher was selected for the 2019 Golden Apple Excellence in Teaching Award.

The Florence Rotary Teacher of the Year Award looks for teachers who exemplify a “Service above Self” approach to their teaching. In the nomination the following were mentioned:

- Nikole’s willingness to help students before and after school as well as on her planning period.
- Nikole’s efforts with the organization of the ACT Boot Camps.
- Nikole’s work with the middle school and high school Lego robotics teams.
- Nikole’s sponsorship of the Regional Robotics Competition, growing from four schools in its first year to fifty-six schools in the current year, just three years later.
- Nikole’s organizations efforts with the Junior-Senior Prom.
- Nikole’s support of WVHS graduates who still return to see her for help in their college math courses.
- Nikole’s active role on the School Based Council, serving a fifth year as an elected teacher representative.
- Nikole’s collaboration with the English Department Chairperson to coordinate efforts with the ACT Boot Camp.
- Nikole’s positive impact on the students she has taught.

Nikole was honored at an awards luncheon on Monday, April 22nd where she received a \$250 check to be donated to the charity of her choice as well as some special recognition pieces for her own keeping.

The Golden Apple Excellence in Education Award selects teachers who show strengths in Effective Instruction and Educational Impact. Some of the highlights of Mrs. Sampson’s nomination included:

- Jamiee’s ability to teach dual credit courses from Northern Kentucky University to our junior and senior students.
- Jamiee’s mentorship of new English teachers to Walton-Verona High School.
- Jamiee’s leadership as English Department Chairperson.
- Jamiee’s collaboration with the Mathematics Department Chairperson to coordinate efforts with the ACT Boot Camp.
- Jamiee’s sponsorship of the BETA Club.
- Jamiee’s sponsorship of the Yearbook and Mirror Publications.
- Jamiee’s efforts within the school to build morale and fellowship.
- Jamiee’s positive impact on the students he has taught.

Mrs. Sampson was honored at an awards dinner on Tuesday, April 30th at Receptions in Erlanger. This event is sponsored by the Northern Kentucky Education Council.

As we gear up for the start of a new school year, please be aware of the following dates:

- New Student Enrollment: Monday, July 15th, Noon – 7:00 p.m.
- Schedule Pick-Up and Fee Payment Event: Tuesday, July 30th, 2019, 11:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. in the Commons. Students will receive their schedules and school supply lists at this event.
- First Day of School for Students: Thursday, August 8th.



WVHS Microsoft Office Specialists

The following students earned *Microsoft Office National Certification in Microsoft PowerPoint 2016 test of 2019*:

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: wv#k12

Password: uglykick#18

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 Graduation CLASS OF 2019

On May 23rd the accomplishment of 2019 grads and their high school careers are coming to a close.

This ticket only graduation is held at

Florence baptist church

Thursday, May 23rd at 6:00pm.



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.

Summer Fitness Program

Stay Fit and Improve Athletic Performance

If you're looking to stay fit and improve your athletic performance over the summer months - while your buddies are sitting on the couch playing video games and increasing their waist sizes – then this is the program for you. Don't worry parents - there is a program for you, too!

Students

Over the last 12 years, more than 335 students have taken part in the summer strength and conditioning program at the Walton-Verona High School Fitness Center. The program has been a huge success. Students have worked hard and have seen great improvements in strength and endurance. The strength and conditioning program will be offered again this summer for any student that is serious about increasing his or her fitness level.

Program will include:

- Sport specific strength training program
- Cardiovascular training for endurance
- Instruction on proper eating habits
- Quickness training (plyometrics)
- Flexibility training

The program will start the first Monday after school is out and will run through the end of the summer (except for the dead period which is the last week of June and first week of July). The program is every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday.

Session Time for Students

9:00 am – 10:15 am

Adults – Calling all parents and teachers!!!!

There is also a program for you. This program is geared towards general fitness and conditioning. Last year we had 9 adults take part, and they had a great time working together to achieve their fitness goals.

Program Includes

- General strength training (upper and lower body)
- Cardiovascular training
- Instruction on proper eating habits
- Flexibility training
- Individualized programs will be set up based on your current activity level and experience.

The program will start the first Monday after school is out (Monday, June 3th this year) and will run through the end of the summer (Aug 2nd). The program is every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 8:00 am – 9:00 am.

COST

- Students – \$50 (if two children \$40 each)
- Adults - \$50
- Former W-V student currently involved in College sport – Free
- Cost includes all aspects of the program including personal instruction from ACE Certified Personal Trainer (Clint Coleman)

For more information or to sign up for the summer fitness program contact Clint Coleman. Students and teachers can pick up a brochure from Coach Coleman any time before the last day of school. The High School and Middle School offices will also have brochures.

Contact Info for Clint Coleman

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~Adviser~

Jamiee Sampson

~Staff~

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Walton-Verona Provides Equal Educational and Employment Opportunities



Walton-Verona High School has declared its campus to be tobacco-free. No smoking or other use of tobacco/nicotine products is permitted on our school grounds at anytime. In the interest of the health and safety of our students, we ask you to serve as a role-model and help us maintain a tobacco-free environment. Thank you for your assistance.

