

Winter 2023

WAYLAND UNION SCHOOLS

GREEN & WHITE

Dorr Elementary Named a
National Blue Ribbon School!

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For families new to the district and/or with children age birth to five.

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School Closings and Delays

Poor weather conditions and emergency situations may make it necessary to cancel, delay, or send students home early. Wayland's transportation department checks road conditions and contacts neighboring school districts. The Superintendent makes the final decision regarding closings or delays. Information will be communicated through TV Channels 3, 8, and 13; the district website at waylandunion.org; the official District Facebook and Instagram pages; and Infinite Campus alerts.

Two-Hour Delay:

- There will be no A.M. preschool
- Busses will pick up students two hours later than normal
- School will be dismissed on regular schedule

School Closings:

- All MS events/practices/games are automatically cancelled
- Decisions about HS evening events/practices/games will be made in the afternoon

Early Release

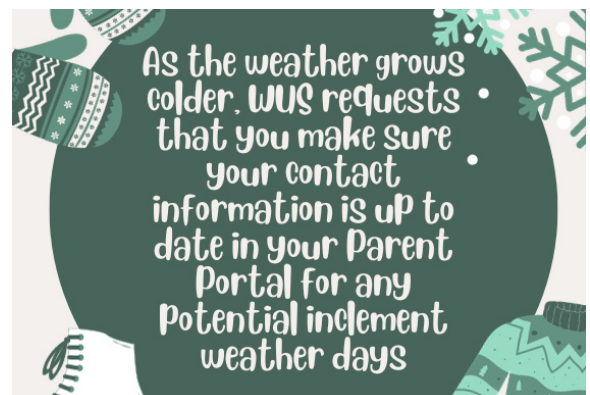
- Secondary schools released 15 minutes early

Tornado Watch

- During a tornado watch, or any threatening weather, school officials are on alert for developing and dangerous conditions, and actions deemed necessary for safety will be taken per building procedures

Tornado Warning

- Staff and students will take shelter within the buildings until an ALL CLEAR is given
- If a parent is at a building, they will be asked to seek shelter inside. Please refrain from trying to pick up students during such events
- Phones may not be answered during a tornado warning, WUS will share updates via the District website and official Facebook page as soon as information becomes available



A Message from the Superintendent



Tim Reeves

Dear Wayland Union District Community,

As the school year is moving along, I want to take a moment and highlight some great news we received from the U. S. Department of Education this fall.

A school in the Wayland Union District, Dorr Elementary, was both nominated and awarded the coveted National Blue Ribbon designation. Dorr Elementary is one of 353 schools nationwide to receive this honor for this school year.

The National Blue Ribbon Schools Program recognizes public and private elementary, middle, and high schools based on their overall academic excellence or their progress in closing achievement gaps among student subgroups.

The Wayland Wildcats are extraordinarily proud of the students and staff at Dorr Elementary for earning this designation. We know this honor belongs to each and every student, teacher, staff member and administrator for this combined success.

Every one of our Dorr team and staff members deserve this recognition for their combined efforts and accomplishments. To earn a National Blue Ribbon award truly takes a whole team effort and approach. This award validates the hard work of students, staff and families within our Dorr community.

Please congratulate our Dorr team whenever you happen to see them!

Sincerely,

Tim Reeves, Superintendent

**OUR SCHOOL
DISTRICT
NEEDS YOU**

 **Now Hiring
for Substitute
Positions**

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Computer Science Opportunities



In mid-September, a group of teachers and administrators from Wayland Union Schools attended an immersive computer science experience with Apple in Chicago. The group learned about Apple's *Everyone Can Code* curriculum and participated in activities that can be used in K-12 classrooms using student iPads, including teaching students how to create their own apps! The group also participated in activities that allowed them to reflect on current Computer Science opportunities for students at Wayland Union Schools and create a vision for how additional opportunities could be provided in order to provide students with exposure to skills and careers in this area. This month, facilitators from Apple will visit classrooms to teach pieces of the curriculum alongside our teachers.

Grant Recipients

On Friday, September 29th, 26 staff members were presented with Innovation Grants and National Conference Grants courtesy of the Wayland Union Education Foundation totaling about \$31,000. Members of the Education Foundation and Administrators had the pleasure of going around the district to present our staff members with their grant certificates. Congratulations to everyone who was awarded, Wayland thanks you for continuing to go above and beyond for our students! And a huge THANK YOU goes out to the Education Foundation for your continued support of innovative learning!



Bond Updates

As the school year moves along, so do the improvements courtesy of Bond 2023. The district kicked off the school year with improvements being made to the front high school parking lot and the roof over the main gym. Check out the final product!



The next round of improvements include the soccer field and the Pine Street gym restroom area. Recently, the overall layout and design was chosen for the restrooms. The vestibule will consist of a womens bathroom with 3 toilets, a mens bathroom with 2 toilets and an ADA compliant stall, and a separate ADA compliant family restroom located next to the womens bathrooms. The district plans to have the space tastefully filled with Wayland Green and easily identifiable signage. Check out the design renditions provided by TowerPinkster below.



WAYLAND
Together we are Building on a Strong Foundation
UNION

A message from the Gun Lake Tribe - Tribal Council



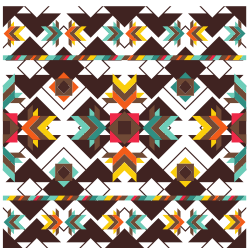
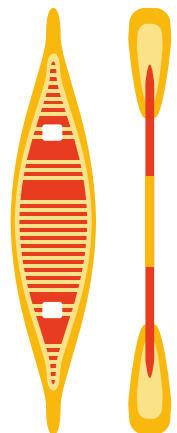
November is Native American Heritage Month

The first proclamation for Native American Heritage Month came in 1990 from President George H.W. Bush after Congress passed a resolution that designated November 1990 as National American Indian Heritage Month. Many Natives of this land may be grateful that we have the month of November as Native American Heritage Month, a month set aside to pay tribute to the ancestry, traditions, and contributions of Native Americans.



It is the beginning of a lifetime healing of genocide, betrayal, discrimination, and ill treatment of Native American people. Many Native Americans are deeply rooted in their culture and traditions, which only became legal to practice our lifetime traditions and culture since 1978, when President Carter signed into law the American Indian Freedom Act. Since that time many Native Americans were able to reconnect with their cultural teachings and freely learn and pass down those teachings to the next generation.

"We are very proud of how far the Gun Lake Tribe has come in recent decades. From humble beginnings with only a few key employees, to a fully functioning Tribal Government housed at our beautiful government campus in Bradley, MI, that serves as our Tribal Nation's Capital. Each day, the employees of the Gun Lake Tribal Government and the Tribal Council work toward improving the lives of Tribal Citizens and their families. We are also focused on continuing to provide education and information about the history and culture of the Match-E-Be-Nash-She-Wish Band of Pottawatomis Indians so that these traditions and beliefs may continue to be passed down to future generations." (<https://gunlaketribe-nsn.gov/about/>).



We as Native Americans appreciate NAHM but would like to remind the community that we are not Native just one month out of the year but every day. It goes without saying that NAHM is next to Halloween, we remind the community that we are not dressing up in costumes to pretend to be something we are not, we are true Native Americans that embrace our culture, heritage, ancestry and traditions. We invite our community to cross the street and get to know us better, especially during this month recognized as Native American Heritage Month.

ABC Fashion Show

Kindergarten Students at Baker Elementary celebrated learning the alphabet in the cutest way possible. They held an ABC Fashion Show which was an adorable A-to-Z runway extravaganza. From apple-themed attire to zany zigzag patterns, our little fashionistas rocked the alphabet in style!



Fire Safety

Baker's MWF Extended Day preschool class with Miss Diana and Miss Janet had the opportunity to visit the Fire Department. With October being Fire Safety Month, we thank the Wayland City Fire Department for teaching our students the importance of fire safety!



Literacy Night



Baker Elementary held their annual Fall Literacy Night on Wednesday, October 25 in the Baker Elementary Gym. Attendees were served cookies and lemonade before the reading began. There were 4 mystery readers, clues were read ahead of time and the students were asked to guess which teacher they thought was the mystery reader. The 4 readers were - Aaron Shoup - 1st grade teacher, Jill Terrell - Reading Specialist, Jocelyn Merchant - PE teacher and Jennifer Bailey - Music teacher. Between each reader the students and guests danced their wiggles out. Every student who attended the evening also received a new book. Such an awesome opportunity to demonstrate how fun reading can be!

Young Fives students greet their peers at the door.



UPCOMING EVENTS:

Nov. 17 Report Cards Published
Jan. 12 Progress Reports Published
Feb. 07 Muffins in the Morning

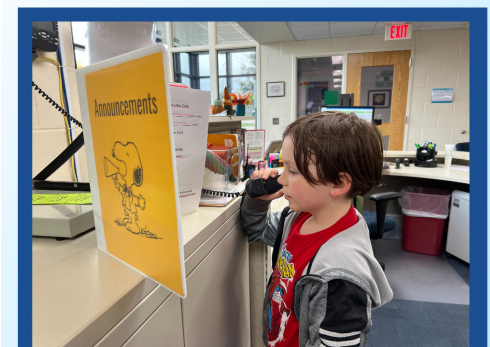
Walk-A-Thon



**Baker Elementary
is driving
student leadership!**



First Grade students welcome all Baker students each morning with announcements.



UPCOMING EVENTS:

Dec.	7-8	PTO Santa Secret Shop
Jan.	12	Progress Reports Posted after 4pm on Parent Portal
Mar.	05	P/T Conferences
	07	P/T Conferences
	08	Report Cards Posted after 4pm on Parent Portal

Classroom Communication

Mrs. Smallegan's class has 2 stellar students who use "talker" apps on their iPads to help them communicate. In September, Mrs. Evans from Allegan ESA came and showed the class how these devices work so that students can understand and include all students in their classroom activities.



Teamwork

Throughout the month of October, Dorr's level 2 social skills class and PEERs have been given random shapes and designs to color. The CKH monthly theme for November is teamwork. To start off the month of November practicing that character trait, the students and PEERs worked as a team to put those shapes and designs together. The result was a beautiful and unique mural. Some of the pieces were difficult, so they called for more teammates. Thank you Mrs. Seniura for helping them solve those difficult pieces!

Halloween Fun for Dorr Elementary Staff



DORR ELEMENTARY



NATIONAL BLUE RIBBON SCHOOL



It was recently announced that Dorr Elementary of Wayland Union Schools was named a National Blue Ribbon School by the United States Department of Education

Dorr Elementary received the award of "National Blue Ribbon School for 2023." This recognition is based on our overall academic performance for 2022 and 2023. Dorr Elementary has been classified as an Exemplary High Performing School.

This is a very high honor and achievement, an award well deserved by the staff, students and families of Dorr Elementary.

Stay tuned for more information on how we will celebrate this award.

Visiting Jijak

On October 3rd, our 3rd grade students from Steeby and Dorr Elementary had the opportunity to visit Jijak for a cultural presentation of the Match-E-Be-Nash-She-Wish Band of Pottawatomi Indians to help develop an appreciation for the rich and diverse traditions, beliefs and history of the Gun Lake Tribe. Students spent the day learning about Protecting Nokmeskinan (Grandmother Earth), Mnomen (Wild Rice) Processing, Pgenogewen (Lacrosse), Fire Teachings and even a little Social Studies.



Wayland Union Schools is grateful for the opportunity to expose our students to Native American Heritage. Thank you Gun Lake Tribe for making this educational day possible!

Coffee Bar

Students in Mrs. Timmer's classroom, with the help of Ms. Miller-Madaj, are running their own coffee shop for staff members to enjoy! Every other week, staff members place an order to receive a sweet treat in the middle of the day. Coffee, hot chocolate, and tea (oh my) are available with lots of creamers and sweeteners to choose from. The student baristas enjoy the opportunity to practice math skills, customer service skills and work as a team.



Smoothie Bike

The wheels were spinning and the tastebuds were tingling at Steeby Elementary one afternoon in October! Chartwells and Food Service Director, Scott Larson, brought the beloved Smoothie Bike to lunch. Several students had the opportunity to pedal the bike so staff and students could have a yummy treat. Such a unique activity!



UPCOMING EVENTS:

Nov.	20 WEPA Meeting 6:30pm
Jan.	15 WEPA Meeting 6:30pm
Feb.	12 WEPA Meeting 6:30pm

Donuts with Grown-ups!



Walk-A-Thon



UPCOMING EVENTS:

Nov. 17 Report Cards Published
 Dec. 6-7 Holiday Store
 Jan. 12 Progress Reports Posted
 Feb. 23 Fun Friday

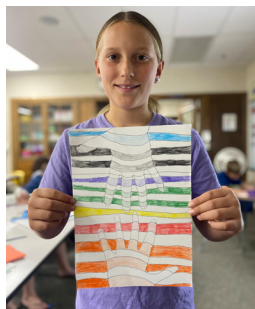
Students and Staff, '23-'24



Fun Friday



Student Artwork



Introducing Versatiles in Math

Students in Mr. Oostindie's 5th grade math class are hard at work and using newly acquired Versatiles for independent math practice. Versatiles are a tool that was introduced earlier this school year to K-5 teachers who are members of our district mathematics committee. Versatiles will be used to support elementary math instruction with students for independent practice, small group instruction, intervention, and enrichment with mathematics.



Youth Ambassador



5th grader, Raihlynn Voss of Pine Street Elementary, is serving as a 2023-24 Kids Heart Challenge & American Heart Challenge youth ambassador through the American Heart Association! The second oldest of six children, Raihlynn was born with hypoplastic left heart syndrome and through her story, embraces the AHA lifesaving mission in her school. It's kids with heart like her that help keep young hearts beating!

Principal or Librarian for the Day

Students at Pine Street earn PRIDE tickets for being respectful, responsible and safe. They can use these PRIDE tickets to purchase items at our school store once a week. Students can also purchase the opportunity to be Principal for the Day or Librarian of the Day. Spending the day helping in either the office or the library and also enjoying a special lunch. We have already had a few students purchase each of these opportunities with more to come.



Veterans Day Assembly



On November 10th, Pine Street Elementary held their annual Veterans Day Assembly. The assembly consisted of recognizing veterans within our community, students sharing their views on the importance of veterans, ceremonial practices, and awards for members of the VFW and American Legion. Members of the community, veterans, staff, and students all enjoyed the assembly.

Community Clean-Up

On Thursday, September 21st, MS Cross Country and Community Helpers joined forces to help clean up our community. The joint effort was so much fun for both groups and a great way to meet other people. The amount of trash collected was definitely a way to help make our community shine! Great work, students!



Student Council Leads Homecoming Assembly

On Friday, September 22nd, 8th Grade Student Council members lead a jam packed assembly for the MS at the soccer stadium. Members took the time to recognize fall athletes, teach cheers for the football game, and play some entertaining games. Shout out to the cheer team and the band program for helping facilitate some of these activities.



Cross Country Regionals

On October 13th, thirteen MS students had the opportunity to compete at their Regional Cross Country Meet. Great job to the students who were able to participate; Carter Andringa, Carter Bultje, Devon Keenan, Bre Hoogewind, Madison Bumhoffer, Mikayla Lenhart, Makayla Miner, Teagan Wienczkowski, Charlotte Vronko, Elyana Jurkowski, Ava Lewis, Jenna Bowerman, and Abree VanDenBrink!

Beginning to Code



Students in Mr. Brown's class are beginning to work on coding. On October 20th, students had the opportunity to work through the program with partners to figure out how to create code that allowed their character to collect gems and open gates. Eventually, students will be working on coding a Sphero to travel through a maze!

Michigan Schools Vocal Music Association State Honors Choir

Two Wayland Middle School students have made it into the Michigan Schools Vocal Music Association State Honors Choir. These students memorized an audition piece and were selected for this honor. Congratulations to Ariel White, 8th Grade (L) and Elaina Thomas, 6th Grade (R). On Saturday, November 4th, these two students along with Mrs. Oostdyk, WMS Choir Director, went to Birch Run High School to begin rehearsals. Rehearsals are held around the State of Michigan on Saturdays. They will perform at DeVos Hall in Grand Rapids on January 25th at 2:00 p.m.



UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Nov. 30 6th Grade "Informance" 7pm FAC
- Dec. 05 7th-12th Choir Concert 7pm FAC
- 12 7th-12th Band Concert 7pm FAC
- 13 7th-12th Orchestra Concert 7pm FAC
- Jan. 23 P/T Conferences 4pm-6:30pm
- 25 P/T Conferences 4pm-6:30pm
- Feb. 13 7th-12th Band Festival Concert 7pm
- 22 7th-12th Orchestra Festival Concert 7pm

Student Council is organizing a fundraiser in honor of Emma Corneillie who recently passed away. T-shirts and bracelet proceeds will be donated to the Helen DeVos Children's Hospital.

Halloween Dance



UPCOMING EVENTS:

Nov.	10 End of 1st Tri
Dec.	05 7th-12th Choir Concert 7pm
	12 7th-12th Band Concert 7pm
	13 7th-12th Orchestra Concert 7pm
Jan.	12 Snowcoming/ Coaches vs. Cancer Game
	18 PSAT Practice Test for Juniors
	22 P/T Conferences 4pm-6:30pm (Virtual Hours either 3pm-4pm or 6:30pm-7:30pm)
	25 Wayland Theatriks Winter Play "26 Pebbles" 3pm
	26 Wayland Theatriks Winter Play "26 Pebbles" 7pm
	27 Wayland Theatriks Winter Play "26 Pebbles" 3pm
	27 Wayland Theatriks Winter Play "26 Pebbles" 7pm
	30 Choir Festival Concert 7pm
Feb.	01 "Dancing with the Teachers" 7pm
	08 Dance Showcase 7pm
	13 7th-12th Band Festival Concert 7pm
	22 7th-12th Orchestra Festival Concert 7pm

Meet Jovie the Therapy Dog

Jovie is a two-year-old female Labradoodle who recently earned her therapy dog license through West Michigan Therapy Dogs. She has volunteered at Kent District Libraries for the Ruff Readers program, met kids of all ages at county park events, and enjoyed meeting veterans and senior citizens at assisted-living facilities. Now, Jovie is excited to be a part of the Wayland Union Schools Community and she will spend most of her time in our ASL classroom



Benefits of having a Therapy Dog in Schools:

- Increased self-esteem and positive interactions between staff and students.
- Decreased blood pressure and increased physical stimulation.
- Increased memory and problem solving skills.
- Increase in positive mood; places students at ease and increases openness/socialization with others.
- Studies have shown an increase in student reading skills when they are given opportunities to read to an accepting, non-judgemental audience ie. a therapy dog.
- Help children learn compassion, empathy, responsibility, respect and self-discipline.

Equestrian Season

The WUHS Equestrian Team began their season in the lead after earning 60 points in Division C during an August Competition. Throughout the season, they continued coming out on top. Through hard work and dedication, the Equestrian team won their division at regionals and made it to the State competition for the 1st time in the program's 15 years. At states the team finished in the top 12. What an accomplishment!



Schools to Tools

On Tuesday, October 31st, the Schools To Tools program visited the high school. The Schools To Tools program is a mobile field trip that is designed to expose and highlight the career opportunities that are available, beginning with an apprenticeship in union skilled trades.

Students participated in fun, hands-on activities both inside and outside the trailer, that demonstrated some of the skills taught during apprenticeships.

Activities include a leveling, nail-driving and screw-gun, wall framing, a virtual welding station, and a virtual reality stations that allowed users to view some of the most impressive job sites in our great state, including: the Gordie Howe International Bridge, Soo Locks, and Little Caesars Arena.



2023 Homecoming King and Queen,
Kaharrie Pureifoy and Bailee Merren.

Fine Arts Winter Events

Nov.	15	Improv Anonymous!	6pm
	30	6th Grade Music Informance	7pm
Dec.	05	7th-12th Choir Concert	7pm
	12	7th-12th Band Concert	7pm
	13	7th-12th Orchestra Concert	7pm
Jan.	25	Wayland Theatriks Presents "26 Pebbles"	3pm
	26	Wayland Theatriks Presents "26 Pebbles"	7pm
	27	Wayland Theatriks Presents "26 Pebbles"	3pm
	27	Wayland Theatriks Presents "26 Pebbles"	7pm
	30	Choir Festival Concert	7pm
Feb.	01	"Dancing with the Teachers"	7pm
	08	Dance Winter Showcase	7pm
	13	Band Festival Concert	7pm
	22	Orchestra Festival Concert	7pm
	28	Improv Anonymous	6pm

MS Winter Home Sporting Events

Nov.	08	Boys 8th Basketball	4pm
	13	Boys 7th Basketball	4pm
	15	Boys 7th Basketball	4pm
	20	Boys 8th Basketball	4pm
	27	Boys 7th Basketball	4pm
	29	Boys 7th Basketball	4pm
	30	Cheerleading	6pm
Dec.	04	Boys 7th Basketball	4pm
	06	Boys 8th Basketball	4pm
	11	Boys 7th Basketball	4pm
	13	Boys 8th Basketball	4pm
	18	Boys 8th Basketball	4pm
	20	Boys 7th Basketball	4pm
Jan.	21	Girls 8th Basketball	4pm
	24	Girls 7th Basketball	4pm
	24	Wrestling	4pm
	29	Girls 7th Basketball	4pm
	31	Girls 8th Basketball	4pm
Feb.	05	Girls 7th Basketball	4pm
	07	Girls 7th Basketball	4pm
	09	Wrestling	4pm
	12	Girls 7th Basketball	4pm
	14	Girls 8th Basketball	4pm
	14	Wrestling	4pm
	21	Girls 7th Basketball	4pm
	26	Girls 8th Basketball	4pm
	28	Girls 8th Basketball	4pm

Wayland Union Schools Presents the



- 🌿 November 30th, 6th Grade Music Informance, 7pm 🌿
- 🌿 December 5th, 7th-12th Choir, 7pm 🌿
- 🌿 December 12th, 7th-12th Band, 7pm 🌿
- 🌿 December 13th, 7th-12th Orchestra, 7pm 🌿

All concerts are being held in the FAC

Board of Education Meetings

*All meetings take place at 850 E. Superior St.
Wayland, unless noted*

Nov.	27	Work Session	6pm
Dec.	11	Regular Meeting WUHS	6pm
Jan.	08	Regular Meeting Baker Elementary	6pm
	22	Work Session	6pm
Feb.	12	Regular Meeting Steeby Elementary	6pm
	26	Work Session	6pm

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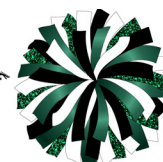
Nov.	18	Boys Basketball	11am
Dec.	01	Boys Basketball	4pm
	05	Girls Basketball	4pm
	08	Girls Basketball	4pm
	12	Boys Basketball	4pm
	15	Girls Basketball	4pm
	19	Boys Basketball	4pm
Jan.	09	Girls Basketball	4pm
	11	Boys Basketball	4pm
	16	Boys Basketball	4pm
	18	Girls Basketball	4pm
	23	Boys Basketball	4pm
	25	Boys Basketball	4pm
Feb.	02	Girls Basketball	4pm
	06	Boys Basketball	4pm
	08	Girls Basketball	4pm
	13	Girls Basketball	4pm
	15	Boys Basketball	4pm
	20	Girls Basketball	4pm
	22	Girls Basketball	4pm

Junior Varsity

Nov.	18	Boys Basketball	11am
Dec.	01	Boys Basketball	5:30pm
	05	Girls Basketball	5:30pm
	08	Girls Basketball	5:30pm
	12	Boys Basketball	5:30pm
	15	Girls Basketball	5:30pm
	19	Boys Basketball	5:30pm
Jan.	05	Boys Basketball	5:30pm
	09	Girls Basketball	5:30pm
	11	Boys Basketball	5:30pm
	16	Boys Basketball	5:30pm
	18	Girls Basketball	5:30pm
	23	Boys Basketball	5:30pm
	25	Boys Basketball	5:30pm
	30	Boys Basketball	5:30pm
Feb.	02	Girls Basketball	5:30pm
	06	Boys Basketball	5:30pm
	08	Girls Basketball	5:30pm
	13	Girls Basketball	5:30pm
	15	Boys Basketball	5:30pm
	20	Girls Basketball	5:30pm
	22	Girls Basketball	5:30pm

Varsity

Nov.	18	Boys Basketball	11am
Dec.	01	Boys Basketball	7pm
	05	Girls Basketball	7pm
	06	Bowling	3:30pm
	08	Girls Basketball	7pm
	12	Boys Basketball	7pm
	13	Bowling	3:30pm
	14	Boys Swim	6pm
	15	Girls Basketball	7pm
	19	Boys Basketball	7pm
	20	Wrestling	5:30pm
Jan.	03	Bowling	3:30pm
	05	Boys Basketball	7pm
	08	Bowling	3:30pm
	09	Girls Basketball	7pm
	10	Wrestling	5:30pm
	12	Boys Basketball	6pm
	12	Girls Basketball	7pm
	13	Wrestling	9am
	16	Boys Basketball	7pm
	22	Bowling	3:30pm
	23	Boys Basketball	7pm
	24	Cheerleading	6:30pm
	25	Boys Swim	6pm
	26	Boys Basketball	6pm
	26	Girls Basketball	7pm
	30	Boys Basketball	7pm
Feb.	02	Girls Basketball	7pm
	05	Bowling	3:30pm
	06	Boys Basketball	7pm
	07	Bowling	3:30pm
	13	Girls Basketball	7pm
	16	Bowling	11am
	16	Boys Basketball	6pm
	16	Girls Basketball	7pm
	20	Girls Basketball	7pm
	22	Bowling	12pm
	23	Bowling	9am



Indoor Soccer (Ages 4 - 11)

Play soccer indoors! This recreational program is for the players to learn more about soccer, stay active this winter, and to HAVE FUN! Students play about 45 minutes (1/2 hour of game time and 15 minutes warm up/wrap up). There are no weekly practices. For the safety of all players, children are required to wear shin guards, indoor gym shoes, and will be placed on the age appropriate level. Includes a t-shirt. **REGISTRATION DEADLINE: DECEMBER 1, 2023**

Ages: 4-11 years (age as of January 1, 2024)

Dates: Saturdays, January 13 - February 17, 2024

Time: Game time varies between 8:30am-4pm

Location: Pine Street Gym, 316 Pearl St., Wayland

Instructors: Volunteer Coaches needed

Fee: \$40, includes t-shirt

**Volleyball Skill Building (4th - 6th Grade)**

This volleyball class will introduce the fundamentals of volleyball to young athletes. Learn proper techniques and improve your skills!

Dates: Thursdays, January 4 - January 25, 2024

Time: 7:00pm - 8:30pm

Location: Wayland Union Middle School Gym

Fee: \$45

Sanchin Ryu Karate (Youth (4 - 17 yrs.) & Adults)

Looking to increase flexibility, relieve stress and increase overall wellness? Learn an effective, peace-seeking approach to karate. People of all ages and backgrounds have the opportunity to experience the benefits of martial art study in a positive, non-competitive, family friendly environment.

Mondays at Dorr Elementary

Winter Session: January 8 - March 4, 2024

No class: Feb. 19

Tuesdays at Steeby Elementary Gym

Winter Session: Jan. 9 - Feb. 27, 2024

Time: Youth/Families 6pm - 7pm or Teens/Adults 7pm - 8pm

Instructor: Sanchin Systems; www.sanchinsystems.com

Fee: \$45 youth/individual or \$85 family - 8 weeks

**Softball Skill Building (4th - 6th Grade)**

This 1.5 hour softball class will introduce the fundamentals of softball to young athletes. Learn proper techniques and improve your skills!

Dates: Mondays, February 5, 12, 26, and Wednesday, March 6

Time: 7:00pm - 8:30pm

Location: Wayland Union Middle School Gym

Fee: \$45

Fun with DRONES (Ages 9 - 12)

Have fun with hands-on activities that teach Drone science and scientific terms related to drones. Learn about drone technology, flight, and movement while having fun with a Finger Flyer Drone.

Date: Tuesday, January 9, 2024

Time: 6:30pm - 7:30pm

Location: Steeby Elem. Cafeteria

435 E. Superior St., Wayland

Fee: \$20.00

Snowmobile Safety (Ages 11+)

Snowmobile Safety is offered for persons age 11 and older and is taught by the Allegan County Sheriff's Department/ Marine Division. The course will cover the safe operation, age requirements, registration requirements, equipment requirements, and rules for snowmobilers.

Snowmobile Safety Certificates are required for:

- Children age 12-16 who wish to operate a snowmobile in Michigan

Date: Saturday, December 9, 2023

Time: 8:00am - 2:00pm

Location: WUS Transportation Building, Conference room, 851 Wildcat Drive, Wayland

Fee: \$10.00 Pre-registration required

**Babysitter Training (Ages 11+)**

This training will help participants to develop leadership skills, learn how to develop a babysitting business, keep themselves and others safe and help children behave. Find answers to common babysitting questions like sibling squabbling and meal time tips. The course also covers American Heart Association CPR, diaper duties, bedtime tips and much more. Each participant will receive a completion certificate through Heartbeat LLC. **Pre-registration is required.**

Date: Saturday, February 3, 2024

Time: 10:00am - 2:00pm

Location: WUS Transportation Building Conference room 851 Wildcat Drive, Wayland

Fee: \$55

Learn How to 3D Print (Ages 9+)

Learn how to design a solid object using TINKERCAD and then design your own small object (chess pawn, keychain, mini-figures, etc.) that we will 3D print for you. Since 3D printing takes some time, you will pick up your object at a later time. One hour program.

Date: Tuesday, December 5, 2023

Time: 6:30pm - 7:30pm

Location: Steeby Elem. Computer Lab 435 E Superior St., Wayland

Fee: \$20.00

NEW

Lil' Chefs Brunch Bunch (Grades 3rd - 6th)

Calling all Little Chefs! Come join our brunch bunch! We will be preparing a special brunch meal for you to enjoy with one special guest. Student who attend this class will be learning how to make a couple dishes to serve and enjoy with one adult guest who will be invited to come later in the morning. Be ready to cook up some delicious comfort food on a cold winter morning!

Date: Saturday, January 20, 2024

Time: 9:00am - 12pm

Location: WUS Middle School, Room #D122 701 Wildcat Dr., Wayland

Fee: \$30



VR & Robotics Kids Night/Parents Night Out (Grades 3rd - 5th)

Drop your child off at Amped Virtual Reality while you go holiday shopping in GR. The child will get 1 hour of VR (virtual reality) including multiplayer options) AND 1.5 hours of building and programming robots to achieve certain goals.

Date: Friday, January 26, 2024

Time: 6:00pm – 8:30pm

Location: Amped Virtual Reality

2923 28th St. SE Grand Rapids, MI 49512

Fee: \$45.00

Intro to Electronics using MINECRAFT Virtual Reality (Ages 10-18)

Be INSIDE the MINECRAFT video game and learn basic electronic concepts. One hour class. Class includes option to play VR after class for an additional \$10 for 30 min.

Date: Saturday, February 3, 2024

Time: 10:30am – 11:30am

Location: Amped Virtual Reality

2923 28th St SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49512

Fee: \$20.00



EXPLORE SPACE with Virtual Reality (Ages 9+)

Use the best Virtual Reality programs to explore space in a fun way! You can re-live mankind's greatest journey to the moon (Apollo 11), go for a spacewalk, or control the arm on the International Space Station. At the end of the class, you can battle Space Pirates, too, for a little fun. One hour program. Class includes option to play VR after class for an additional \$10 for 30min.

Date: Saturday, February 3, 2024

Time: 11:45am – 12:45pm

Location: Amped Virtual Reality

2923 28th St SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49512

Fee: \$20.00

Build a Robot (& take it home) (Ages 6 - 9, 5 yrs w/adult)

Enjoy building your own HAND robot that can be programmed to tap rhythms, decorating it, and laying with it while you learn about how robots work! This class is designed for children ages 6-9 and would be a great opportunity to build with parent or grandparent (age 5 if attended with adult helper).

Robot: DOODLE robot

Date: Thursday, February 22, 2024

Time: 6:30pm – 7:30pm

Location: Steeby Elem. Cafeteria

435 E Superior St., Wayland

Fee: \$23.00



Community Indoor Hall Walking

Get fit and walk indoors this winter at Wayland Union Middle School! There will be no hall walking when school is not in session; this includes holiday breaks and snow days. There will also be no hall walking on January 23 & 25, 2024 (due to PT conferences).

Dates: Mon - Fri, Now through April 28, 2023

Time: 6:00pm - 8:00pm

Location: Wayland Union Middle School

** Use the new wing entrance; Door #9, Bus Loop parking lot**

American Red Cross Adult & Pediatric First Aid/CPR/AED Full Blended Course

This course will prepare you to recognize and care for a variety of first aid, breathing, and cardiac emergencies involving adults, children, and infants and meets OSHA/workplace requirements. 4-5 hour: Online portion (must be completed before attending in-person classroom skill session). 3 hour: Instructor-led classroom skill session. Upon successful completion of this course, you will receive a digital certificate for the Adult & Pediatric First Aid/CPR/AED valid for two year.

Date options: December 12 or February 27

Time: 4:30pm – 7:30pm

Location: Steeby Elem, Room 144, 435 E. Superior St., Wayland

Fee: \$90



Yoga - Mixed Level (18+)

Mixed Level Introduces breathing exercise, meditation and physical postures and is based on a unique style of Hatha Yoga. The focus is on developing concentration and awareness, as well as stretching and strengthening. Great for beginners or those with some yoga experience. You must be able to get up and down off the mat and handle some weight bearing on hands. Bring your own mat and yoga block.

Dates: Wednesdays, January 3 – February 21, 2024

Time: 6:00pm - 7:15 pm

Location: Baker Elem. Gym 507 W. Sycamore St., Wayland.

Please use side parking lot and side door #9.

Fee: \$80.00 / 8 weeks

Adult POUND (18+)

POUND is the world's first cardio jam session inspired by the infectious, energizing and sweat-dripped fun of playing the drums. Using Ripstix, lightly weighted drumsticks engineered specifically for exercising, POUND transforms drumming into an incredibly effective way of working out. Designed for all fitness levels, POUND provides the perfect atmosphere for letting loose, getting energized, toning up and rocking out! This is an adult class for anyone 18 years or older. **Please note session shortened to 30 minutes to accommodate instructor.*

Dates: Mondays, January 22 – March 4, 2023

No class on Feb. 19

Time: 5:30pm – 6:00pm

Location: Baker Elem. Gym 507 W. Sycamore St., Wayland.

Please use side parking lot and side door #9

Fee: \$20.00 / 6 weeks (30 min class)

Pickleball (18+)

Join in on the fun of instruction along with game play. Please bring your own paddle but extra paddles will be available if needed.

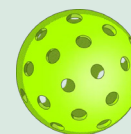
Dates: Thursdays; February 1 – March 7, 2024

Time: 7:00pm – 8:30pm

Location: Wayland Union Middle School Gym

701 Wildcat Drive

Fee: \$40 / 6 weeks



Wayland Leisure Life is an organization for adults 55 and over.

Christmastime at Meijer Gardens

December 6 | 11:00AM - 5:00PM | \$20/pp | Lim. Seats
Depart from Wayland Transportation Building
Enjoy lunch in the Balk Cafe (order & pay on own) then spend time in the Gardens enjoying holiday traditions from around the world! | *RSVP and Pay by November 22*

Wintertime Celebration Potluck

December 13 | 11:30AM - 3:00PM
Wayland VFW Post #7581 | 152 S. Main Street, Wayland
Ham and drinks provided. Entertainment provided by WHS Bands!
Optional \$10 gift exchange | *RSVP by November 29*

Pizza & Bingo

December 27 | 11:30AM - 1:30PM | \$5 per person
Wayland Transportation Building | *RSVP and Pay by December 20*

Lunch & Learn: Internet Safety with Brunch for Lunch

January 10 | 11:30AM - 1:30PM | \$15/pp | Lim. Seats
Learn from a cybersecurity expert the latest scams, the AI intrusion, and so much more!
Wayland Transportation Building | *RSVP and Pay by January 3*

Pizza & Bingo

January 24 | 11:30AM - 1:30PM | \$5 per person
Wayland Union Transportation Building | *RSVP and Pay by January 17*

Valentines Day Celebration Luncheon

February 14 | 11:30AM - 1:30PM | \$15/pp
Gather and enjoy an afternoon filled with live jazz music!
Wayland Transportation Building | *RSVP and Pay by February 7*

Pizza & Bingo

February 28 | 11:30AM - 1:30PM | \$5 per person
Wayland Transportation Building | *RSVP and Pay by February 21*

**RSVP to Lisa @ 616/890-4428 or
wayandleisurelife@gmail.com.**

Make checks payable to *Wayland Leisure Life*. Mail checks to
816 Geneva Dr., Wayland 49348

All events are non-refundable after RSVP date

And be sure to follow us on Facebook at Wayland
Leisure Life! [facebook](https://www.facebook.com/wayandleisurelife)

Important Dates

November

22-24 Thanksgiving Break

December

18-Jan 1 Winter Break

January

02 School Resumes

22 No School - Teacher PD Day

February

07 Winter Student Count Day

16-19 No School - Mid-Winter Break

March

01 End of 2nd Trimester

04 Start of 3rd Trimester

08 No School

11 No School - Teacher PD Day

29 - Apr 5 No School - Spring Break

April

08 School Resumes

May

23 Graduation for Class of 2024

27 No School - Memorial Day

31 Last Day of School - 1/2 Day

Dates and times may change, check website for the most updated schedule

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