

# MIRROR



## Superintendent's Note



### Impressive Accomplishments:

When considering what to write in this article, I chose to go back and look at my article from January 2019. Much of that article focused on our state assessment results. While our students performed extremely well, KDE chose to assign schools that met all of their goals with the less-than-inspiring label of, "Other". Well, I am very happy to report that times have certainly changed! When the assessment data for our schools was released in the fall, our schools were recognized for performing extremely well.

While our middle school and elementary school performed very well, they both have room for improvement, and they are working very hard to do so. But, I am extremely proud to inform you that our high school is in the top 7 high schools in the entire state of Kentucky! Walton-Verona Independent High School was awarded 5-Stars, the highest number possible. Only 7 high schools in Kentucky received this designation, and only 1 other high school in Northern Kentucky received the honor (Beechwood HS). Our impressive accomplishments should be commended, and the district office aided in the celebration by serving cake to staff members.

### Implementation of Technology/Parent Partnerships:

I would also like to offer a huge shout-out to our Walton-Verona Elementary School PTA for their generous donation of 30 Chromebooks with a charging cart for the new STEM (Science Technology Engineering Mathematics) lab at WVES. This will help our students explore and learn more about STEM and will also be a huge help for benchmarking and progress monitoring our students in reading and math.

### Board of Education:

Last, but certainly not least, I would like to thank the members of our Board of Education: Megan Jones, David Turner, Heather Stewart, Kyle Art, and Stacy Thornberry. January is Board of Education Appreciation Month, and I would like to thank all of our Board members for their support and service to our students, staff, and community.!

### 2019-2020 WV School Calendar Semester 2

Feb. 17 No School, Non-Instructional Day

March 16 No School, Non-Instructional Day

April 6-10 No School, Spring Break

April 13 First Day after Spring Break

May 15 Last day for Students

### Early Release Days

Thursday, Feb. 6

Friday, April 24

Friday, May 15th



# Principal's Pause \*High School\*

## Highlights from the High School

Joanne Nesmith, 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 sophomore performance on a math and reading proficiency test. The score for "Other Academic Areas" is generated from the juniors' performance on the on-demand writing that will be given in May 2020 as well as their performance on a science assessment.

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.

Believe it or not, we will begin the scheduling process with our students during the month of February for the 2020-21 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.

Before signing off, I would like to take some time to honor and remember one of our beloved teachers, Mrs. Shannon Turner. Mrs. Turner was a Senior English Teacher and ACT Teacher, who lost her eighteen month fight with colon cancer on December 2, 2019. Her passing has been a loss to our school community, as she always had a positive attitude, loved all of her students and would work effortlessly with each one of them to help them succeed. The hallways of WVHS are not the same without her. I would like to extend our sympathies to Mrs. Turner's husband, Travis and her three children Taylor (2016 WVHS graduate), Maggie (2018 WVHS graduate) and Trevor (2020 WVHS graduate) and to her parents, Wayne and Linda Griffith and her sisters, nieces and nephews. There will never be another like Mrs. Turner and we were very fortunate to have known her and to have worked with her. A scholarship is being set up in Mrs. Turner's honor. If you would like to learn more about the scholarship or would be interested in making a donation please contact Mrs. Teepen at [lauren.teepen@wv.kyschools.us](mailto:lauren.teepen@wv.kyschools.us).

# Principal's Pause \*Elementary School\*

## Info from the Elementary School

Jackie Sheaffer, RTA Intervention Teacher

We are pleased to announce a new family resource, The Every Family Library, available to all Walton-Verona families, parents and guardians. New this school year, we have created a parent library filled with books and resources that you may check out to use to help in parenting your children. The library currently contains 30 books on a wide variety of topics, such as: parenting, discipline, step-parenting, blended families, grand parenting, boundaries with children, sibling rivalry, ADD/ADHD, anxiety, reading instruction, dyslexia and homework. A complete bibliography for The Every Family Library is available on the Walton-Verona FRYSC Facebook page.

If you are interested in checking out one of the books for a 3-4 week period, you are welcome to come to school and pick it up or it can be sent home and returned with your student. All books are housed at the Verona campus in the Walton-Verona Elementary FRYSC office. The FRYSC office is located near the main entrance of the school.

For more information or to check out one of the books you can contact:

Tricia Pollard via phone or text at 859-818-2839 or email at [Tricia.Pollard@wv.kyschools.us](mailto:Tricia.Pollard@wv.kyschools.us) or Jackie Sheaffer via phone At 859-485-4181 text #1 or email at [Jackie.Sheaffer@wv.kyschools.us](mailto:Jackie.Sheaffer@wv.kyschools.us)

Cindy Kopser, Guidance Assistant & Registrar

### 2020-2021 Kindergarten Registration

WALTON-VERONA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FRONT OFFICE  
February 10th thru 14th – 9 to 11 AM and 1 to 2:30 PM  
Plus evening hours on February 11th – 6 to 7:30 PM



Please note: Your child must be 5 years old on or before August 1, 2020, to be eligible for enrollment.

No appointment necessary. 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)
- 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 with 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.



## News

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.

WVHS Microsoft Office Specialists

### 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.

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.

### Microsoft Office Specialists

The following students earned Microsoft Office National Certification in Microsoft Excel 2016:

Nick A.	R. Wiley B.
Justin B.	Cam C.
Paige H.	Mason K.
Jack L.	Wes L.
Doris R.	Julia R.
Peyton S.	Josh W.



### WVHS Yearbooks on SALE!

Get your 2019-2020 Yearbook NOW at a ground-breaking discounted price - -

January ONLY - \$40 without name/\$45 with name  
 February ONLY - \$50 without name/\$55 with name  
 March - \$55 without name/\$60 with name  
 April - \$60 without name/\$65 with name  
 May - \$65 without name/\$70 with name

Don't miss your chance to SAVE MONEY!

### WVES Seuss Family AR Night

March 12<sup>th</sup>  
6:00pm – 7:30pm

Celebrate reading with your child!



# Information Page

## Important Websites

**Kentucky Virtual Library** [www.kyvl.org](http://www.kyvl.org)  
ID: WV#k12  
Password: uglykick#18

**Kentucky state police sex/criminal offender registry**  
[kpsor.state.ky.us](http://kpsor.state.ky.us)

**Kentucky Department of Education** [www.education.ky.gov](http://www.education.ky.gov)

**Walton-Verona Independent Schools** [wv.kyschools.us](http://wv.kyschools.us)

**The City of Walton** [www.cityofwalton.org](http://www.cityofwalton.org)

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

Walton-Verona Elementary  
15066 Porter Road  
Verona, KY 41092  
(859) 485-4432  
Fax: (859) 485-1977  
<http://wv.kyschools.us/elementary>

Walton-Verona Middle School  
32 School Road  
Walton, KY 41094  
(859) 485-7721  
Fax: (859) 485-7739  
<http://wv.kyschools.us/middleschool/>

Walton-Verona High School 30  
School Road  
Walton, KY 41094  
(859) 485-7721  
Fax: (859) 485-7739  
<http://wv.kyschools.us/highschool/>

Walton-Verona Pre-school 30  
School Road Walton, KY  
41094

Pre-school coordinator:  
[Sinda.henson@wv.kyschools.us](mailto:Sinda.henson@wv.kyschools.us)

Pre-school teachers:  
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Walton, KY 41094  
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Adviser: Jamiee Sampson

Staff: Philip B.

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 any time. 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.

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 Mrs. Sampson at Walton-Verona High School.

## WVHS Spring Musical "Rock of Ages"

March 19-21  
Admission \$8 at door or \$7 presale



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