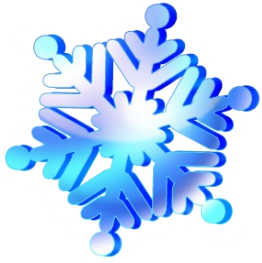




Celebrating Ten Years of HOSTS Its Beginning — an Idea and a Plan



HOSTS Mentors and students have a special bond. Their eyes light up when they see each other. They can't wait to read together! Too, there is great conversation. More than anything else, the students know, without a doubt, that they can rely on their mentors to show them how to better understand what they read.

You may wonder—how did this program, **Helping One Student to Succeed**, begin? In short, with a need, an idea, and a plan.

Fall 2001, The Idea - Administrators began brainstorming ideas to help young readers build and strengthen their fluency and reading comprehension skills. After researching the effectiveness of the nationwide reading program, HOSTS, they knew they had found the solution...They set a plan in motion!

Winter 2002, The Plan- Wayne staff observed HOSTS in action for the first time in Columbus, Ohio. The individual attention the students received from their mentors was amazing! Soon, HOSTS personnel arrived here to train and support our two pilot programs.

March 2002, Day One—Excited groups of mentors arrived in yellow T-shirts at Westlake and Garden City elementary schools. HOSTS is in session!

Fall 2002 , Growth—The plan was a success! HOSTS was implemented in all eleven elementary schools.

Fall 2011, Celebrating Ten Years and Growing—Today, HOSTS is thriving. Eleven hundred mentors from the community serve the needs of second and third grade students. Can you hear the buzz of happy readers?!



"...I had a student come from below grade level to grade level in one year. This is very hard to accomplish, and I know it was because of the one-on-one mentoring." Second Grade Teacher

We say "Thank You!"

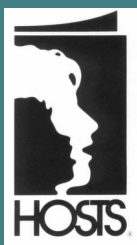


The HOSTS staff and students would like to thank the Wayne Township Education Foundation for the many books and games we were able to purchase due to your generous gift to our program. Both the mentors and HOSTS students have enjoyed the new books and skill games.

Thank you!

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HOSTS Herald





HOSTS Calendar at a Glance

Dec. 12—Jan. 3

Winter Break for HOSTS

Happy Holidays!

Wednesday, Jan. 4

HOSTS resumes

Monday, Jan. 16

Martin Luther King, Jr.

NO HOSTS

Wednesday, Feb. 1

Staff Development Day

NO HOSTS

Monday, Feb. 20

Great Americans Day

NO HOSTS

As a reminder.....In case of bad weather, listen to the radio and television for delayed starts and snow days.

On delay start days, school will begin at 10:00 a.m. HOSTS will not begin before 10:15.



**With a Little Help From
Our Friends...**

Donation of gently used books aimed for second and third graders will be accepted at all eleven elementary school.

Children will have an opportunity to select a book or two to call their own.

**Got An Hour?
Help a Child Read.**
Call 988-8675
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Poetic Justice Through Fluency

How exciting it is to hear students do poems justice after struggling for so long! Just seeing the simple smile and the pride at their success makes your own heart soar.

Over the past weeks, HOSTS has been asking our students to read and re-read poems. Though it may seem redundant to some, the purpose behind this will last a lifetime.



Visit the HOSTS Website (www.wayne.k12.in.us/hosts) to listen to this Rhoades student read the poem

“Something Told the Wild Geese”

When a student re-reads something, not only does this help the student recognize the words more quickly, but it helps them become more fluent in their reading. When a student can read fluently, they will begin to understand and comprehend what they are reading. Fluency is the bridge to comprehension.

Something Told the Wild Geese

Something told the wild geese
It was time to go.
Though the fields lay golden
Something whispered—"Snow."
Leaves were green and stirring,
Berries, luster-glossed,
But beneath warm feathers
Something cautioned—"Frost."
All the sagging orchards
Steamed with amber spice,
But each wild breast stiffened
At remembered ice.
Something told the wild geese
It was time to fly—
Summer sun was on their wings,
Winter in their cry.



Tales for Then & Now

As we investigate the magic in FAIRYTALES (2nd grade) and the moral lessons in FABLES (3rd grade) this semester, it's fun to consider that most of these stories have been with us for many, many years!

The little ones are so endearing when they immerse themselves in the fight between good and evil, the vibrant characters and the elements of magic that work toward the happy endings that exemplify FAIRYTALES. To see the 3rd graders identify and understand the moral lesson evoked in FABLES demonstrates to us that they really are maturing in front of our very eyes!



HOSTS uses different genres like fairytales and fables to do more than just learn about the components of these types of fiction. They are employed to help make connections to previous generations of readers who have enjoyed these stories. Our HOSTS students are amazed to think that even their great-grandparents were awed by these same feats of fairytale magic! And in many cases, they take away the same "pearls of wisdom" that helped their ancestors live their lives.