



**AWLS STRATEGIC PLAN
GOAL #4:
Resources for
Student Success**

Anthony Wayne Local Schools will work with the community to provide the necessary resources to ensure all Generals are future ready.

INVESTING IN OUR FACILITIES: UPCOMING PERMANENT IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

The District's [Strategic Plan: 2022-2027](#) includes goals that promote our mission of empowering students to be future ready. As a part of Goal #4, the District completed a [Facilities Assessment](#) in 2022 to aid in the development of a master plan for short, middle and long term building repairs and improvements.

We are committed to maintaining safe, modern, and efficient school facilities through fiscally responsible planning. Using Permanent Improvement (PI) Funds, which are designated for long-term infrastructure and asset improvements, we are making plans to address critical upgrades over the next several years.

Projects intended for Fiscal Year 25 are previewed below. More detailed information about these and future repairs and upgrades can be found on the District website at: www.AnthonyWayneSchools.org/FacilitiesMasterPlan.

NOTE: While cost estimates are provided on the website for these proposed projects, expenses can fluctuate based on many factors. Costs will be refined through the bidding and design phases. Every effort will be made to make fiscally responsible decisions, including exploring grants and other partnerships to reduce costs.

Proposed Projects for Fiscal Year 25

- Track Reconstruction
- Monclova Primary Roof Replacement
- High School Auditorium Lighting & Sound Upgrades
- AW Junior High and FTMS Cooler/Freezer Replacements
- Waterville Primary Chillers & Boilers Replacement

More information and project status updates will be provided with our school community as they become available. Questions can be sent to Planning@AnthonyWayneSchools.org.

About School District Permanent Improvement Funds

PI funds are designated for long-term investments in a school district's infrastructure and assets. These funds can only be used for improvements that have a lifespan of five years or more.

Without these funds, school districts would struggle to maintain and improve facilities, leading to higher repair costs, outdated buildings, and potential safety concerns.

Permanent Improvement Funds CAN be used for:

- Building Repairs & Renovations
- Safety & Security Enhancements
- Technology & Equipment
- Facility Improvements
- Energy Efficiency Projects

Permanent Improvement Funds CANNOT be used for:

- Salaries & Benefits
- General Operating Expenses
- Short-Term Purchases

A Letter from the Superintendent

Anthony Wayne Local Schools Community,

I hope everyone had a wonderful spring break and had the opportunity to enjoy some well-deserved family and relaxation time. As we return to school, the next few months are sure to fly by, and we will be incredibly busy preparing for the end of this school year while also looking ahead to the next.



We are so proud of the academic progress our students have made this year and all of the personal successes they have experienced. It has been a year filled with growth and achievement, and we look forward to celebrating our students as they continue to reach new milestones. For our seniors, the next couple of months will be particularly special as they close out their high school careers. We are committed to making the memories they create during this time as meaningful and safe as possible.

As we plan for the future, we are also preparing for some important facility updates this summer and into the next school year. These updates will be funded through our Permanent Improvement Funds, ensuring that they do not impact our General Operating Fund. We are being very thoughtful and conservative with these funds to ensure we are using them in the most effective and efficient way possible. We are excited about the progress being made and are confident that these improvements will enhance our students' learning environment.

Entering into the last quarter of the school year, I hope our school community will reflect on all that we have accomplished together. The continued support of our families, staff, and community members has allowed us to provide the best possible opportunities for our students. It is important that we continue to listen to each other, build trust and operate in a way that makes our community proud.

Thank you all for your ongoing support of our school district. We are proud to have our school at the heart of this community, and we are fortunate to be a part of such a wonderful district and community, truly second to none!

Sincerely,
Kevin Herman, *Superintendent*



COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS RECAP

Thank you to the parents and community members who took time to share their ideas at the Community Conversations events last month.

Your feedback is valuable as we continue to reflect on how to make our district even stronger now and into the future!



RECOGNIZING OUR MILITARY-CONNECTED STUDENTS

April is the Month of the Military Child, a time to recognize and support the unique experiences of students who have loved ones serving in a branch of the U.S. military. These students often face challenges such as frequent relocations, adjusting to new schools and having a parent deployed for extended periods. Our schools often play a vital role in providing stability and encouragement for them and their families.

Our Purple Star programs offer an opportunities for students receive extra support and network with other military-connected students. They also participate in various service projects to show appreciation for our military service members. Each building has identified [Military Family Liaisons](#) who lead these programs and serve as a point of contact for military students and families.

This month, we encourage everyone to recognize and appreciate the resilience of military families. By fostering a supportive school community, we help ensure military children feel valued and empowered to succeed. Our military-connected students will be honored at the April 7 Board of Education meeting. You can also show your support by wearing purple on April 15 for [Ohio's statewide Purple Up! Day](#).

PURPLE STAR BINGO NIGHT

On Friday, March 14 military-connected students and their families gathered at the Whitehouse American Legion for the first-ever Purple Star BINGO Night.

The event stemmed from a desire to get AW military families together to network and spend time together. Families enjoyed food, games, prizes and getting to know each other better.

[\[View more photos.\]](#)



GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: FACTS ABOUT OUR DISTRICT

WE ARE A PURPLE STAR DISTRICT

Ohio's Purple Star designation recognizes schools that show a major commitment to students and families connected to our nation's military. We are proud that each of our buildings continue to be designated as Purple Star Schools for the support that they demonstrate to students as they navigate the challenges of having loved ones serve our country.



[Learn more about the Purple Star programs at Anthony Wayne Local Schools.](#)

MILITARY WALL OF HONOR

Each November, the District hosts a ceremony to honor our local veterans. Anthony Wayne graduates and employees who have served in a branch of the U.S. armed forces can be nominated for inclusion on the Military Wall of Honor at AWHS. [To submit a name for consideration, please visit our website.](#)



STATE TESTING THIS MONTH

During the month of April, students will be participating in the Ohio State Tests. Being present at school during state testing dates is important to their success. These assessments measure student learning, help teachers identify areas for improvement and contribute to school accountability. Attending on test days ensures students have the best opportunity to demonstrate their knowledge in a familiar environment. Please support this process by ensuring your child is well-rested and in school on time on testing days.



[\[VIEW the testing calendar\]](#)

[\[LEARN MORE about academic testing at AWLS\]](#)

OPPORTUNITIES TO SUPPORT OUR SCHOOLS

Thank you for your generous participation in our students' school experience!



MAKE A SPLASH AT AFTER PROM

Now through May 1

For over 20 years, AWHS has hosted a supervised After-Prom celebration, ensuring students have a fun, substance-free place to continue their festivities. This year, Student Council has set a goal of raising \$5,000 to transport students to Kalahari Resort in Sandusky. Businesses and community members are encouraged to support this event by donating gift certificates or items for giveaways or through financial contributions. [\[Support After Prom\]](#)



WALK OR RUN FOR WHITEHOUSE

April 12

The WPA will host its annual 5K Walk/Run and 1K Kids Fun Run to raise funds in support of Whitehouse Primary School. Early registration closes April 1, but participants can still sign up (no tee shirt) until race day. Being a supportive spectator is free! [\[Register online\]](#)



SUPPORT COINS FOR CANCER

April 18, April 25 and May 2

AWHS Student Council will collect coins (and bills) in the parking lots at Fallen Timbers Middle School, AW Junior High and AWHS after school for their spring service project in support of the American Cancer Society of Ohio.



SIGN UP FOR NEIGHBORHOOD BRIDGES

Ongoing

Neighborhood Bridges is a community nonprofit that helps to meet the specific needs of our students. As needs arise, registered members receive an email with opportunities to anonymously fill these requests, ensuring students have the resources they need to be successful at school. [\[Join the mailing list.\]](#)

EVENTS CALENDAR

APRIL 1

End of the Third Quarter

APRIL 7

AWLS Board Meeting

APRIL 10 -12

AWHS Musical

APRIL 16

Cybersecurity Lunch & Learn

APRIL 18

District Closed: Good Friday

APRIL 21

2-Hour Delay: Staff PD

APRIL 24

Monclova 1st Gr. Music Program

APRIL 30

Whitehouse Kdg. Music Program

[District Master Calendar](#)

[Fine & Musical Arts](#)

[Generals Athletics](#)

FREE COMMUNITY LUNCH & LEARN

The AWLS Technology Department will host part 3 of an informative Cybersecurity series designed to empower our community with practical knowledge and tools to stay secure in a digital world at Noon on Wednesday, April 16.

This session will focus on operating systems, anti-virus and software updates, specifically, how you can install and configure them to better protect your devices against cyber threats, data loss, and financial harm.

Attendance is free, but RSVPs are requested. [Please email Chris Hamady, Technology Director to save your seat.](#)



AWHS PRESENTS SPRING MUSICAL

Based on the Walt Disney film from 2006, *High School Musical on Stage!* centers on the blossoming relationship between Troy, a high school basketball player, and Gabriella, the new girl at school.

Full of catchy songs and exciting dance routines, *Disney's High School Musical on Stage!* explores themes of friendship, first love and acceptance.

Showtime is 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, April 10-12 with an additional matinee performance at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday. Tickets are available in advance online at www.AnthonyWayneSchools.org/Arts or at the door.

[\[Read more about the show\]](#)

KINDERGARTEN

Enrollment for 2025-2026 is now open!

KINDERGARTEN ENROLLMENT CONTINUES

Welcome the Class of 2038! Children who live within the AWLS district boundaries and will be 5 years old by September 30 are eligible to enroll in kindergarten for the 2025-26 school year.

Parents/guardians may begin the online enrollment process by [visiting www.AnthonyWayneSchools.org/Kindergarten.](http://www.AnthonyWayneSchools.org/Kindergarten)

DISTRICT ART SHOW RETURNS

The 53rd Annual Districtwide Art Show is Saturday, May 10. The event is open to the public, with hundreds of pieces created by students in grades 3-12 on display in the AWHS Gymnasium from 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.



APRIL STAFF SPOTLIGHTS

Throughout the year we will share the stories of the individuals who have devoted their careers to the education and support of AWLS students. Watch for Staff Spotlights about the individuals below to appear on the [District website](#) and [mobile app](#), and posted to [X \[Twitter\]](#).



Jessica Mead
Media Center Aide
Fallen Timbers Middle



Madeline Schnabel
Occupational Therapist
Waterville Primary



Jill Schwanz
Administrative Assistant
Central Admin. Office



Claudine Strayer
Secretary
Monclova Primary School

MARCH SPOTLIGHTS

[Brian Sroczyński](#)
Maintenance Supervisor
District

[Megan Menchaca](#)
Food Services Director
District

[Rebekah Hrcka](#)
School Social Worker
District

[Megan Wagenblast](#)
Social Work Intern
District

[Clara Faust](#)
Music Teacher
Whitehouse Primary

[Adam Ladd](#)
Band Teacher
AWJH & AWHS

[Tai Knoll](#)
Music Teacher
Waterville Primary



THERAPY ANIMAL DAY IS APRIL 30

AWLS is proud to partner with The Ability Center in its School Facility Dog Program. These highly-trained animals are a valued part of our staff who provide emotional support, reduce stress and foster a positive learning environment for our students. Learn more about Lorain, Luna, Teila, Laney and Astro in a spotlight story to be published later this month.



The Anthony Wayne Board of Education pictured from left to right: Shellie McKnight, Jeff Baden, Kyle Miller, Lindsay Hoipkemier and Mike Stamm.

Anthony Wayne Board of Education

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE MARCH MEETING:

[\[VIEW RECORDING\]](#)

- All members were present for the regular meeting held on Monday, March 10. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance, led by Cub Scout Pack #384.
- The Board heard from Jim Conner, *Director of Teaching and Learning* about the District's progress toward meeting its Strategic Plan goal related to student learning and staff professional development.
- Brad Contat, *Director of Human Resources* shared an update on the District's school safety plans and practices.
- Superintendent Herman shared a revised District calendar for the 2025-2026 school year. The Board plans to approve the new calendar at the April meeting. [\[View the revised draft\]](#)
- District Treasurer, Kerri Johnson provided an overview on the state's proposed biennial budget, and how it could affect AWLS. She also shared that she anticipates the District will receive \$3.4 million from the recent property revaluation process.
- The Board voted to accept bids for three new school buses and a new transportation van. It was also approved to open bids for the AWHs track renovation project.
- Several volunteers and new employees were approved.

APRIL MEETING CHANGE NOTICE

The regular meeting of the AWLS Board of Education originally scheduled for April 14 has been moved to Monday, April 7. We apologize for any inconvenience. If you cannot attend in person, you may wish to [watch the meeting streamed live online](#), or view the recording at a later date.

UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS

Regular Meeting
Monday, April 7 6:00 p.m.

Regular Meeting
Monday, May 12 6:00 p.m.

Special Meeting (*if needed*)
Monday, June 9 8:00 a.m.

Regular Meeting
Wednesday, June 25 8:00 a.m.

Regular Meeting (*if needed*)
Wednesday, July 16 8:00 a.m.

Regular Meeting
Monday, Aug. 4 8:00 a.m.

Regular Meeting
Monday, Sept. 15 6:00 p.m.

Regular Meeting
Monday, Oct. 13 6:00 p.m.

Regular Meeting
Monday, Nov. 3 6:00 p.m.

Regular Meeting
Monday, Dec. 8 6:00 p.m.

All meetings are held at the Central Administrative Office unless otherwise announced. Board meetings are also streamed live for those who cannot attend in person.

Agendas are available two days prior to the meeting date.

Meeting dates, times and locations are subject to change. Stakeholders are encouraged to [visit the District website](#) for the most up-to-date information.





Several AWHs students shared their thoughts about the importance of remaining drug and alcohol free on prom night as a part of BCSN's Project Prom Contest. The winning school will receive \$1,000 to enhance After Prom Activities.



Girls varsity basketball coach Jami Carter talked with WTOL's Chase Bachman about her impact on the program. [\[Watch the interview.\]](#)

Generals in the News

- WATERVILLE: [Jay Berschback visits Waterville Primary School](#)
- WATERVILLE: [Waterville Primary earns two grants to support STEAM activities](#)
- WHITEHOUSE: [Second grader surprised with Crumbl cookies visit](#)
- WHITEHOUSE: [Chris Vickers visits Whitehouse Primary for Career Day](#)
- AWHs: [FFA Chapter hosts annual staff luncheon](#)
- BASKETBALL: [AW ends historic season as state runner-up](#)
- BASKETBALL: [Elise Bender named DII Player of the Year](#)
- BASEBALL: [Who are the Toledo-area players to watch in 2025?](#)
- SOFTBALL: [NLL preview: Anthony Wayne seeks to repeat title](#)



Whitehouse Primary School's third grade students enjoyed a morning of hands-on learning during STEM Day hosted by the BGSU Dept. of Construction Management. [\[See more photos.\]](#)



AWHS hosted students from Bowling Green, Otsego, Maumee, Springfield, Sylvania Northview and Whitmer Student Council Professional Development Day. Now in its fourth year, the event aims to improve student leadership through collaboration. [\[Learn more.\]](#)



Casius Kruger, Owen Graf, Owen Palmer, Grant Kinnee and Braden Gardner (not pictured) were inducted into the National Football Foundation for their achievements on the field and in the classroom.

MORE DISTRICT NEWS: Information and updates about Anthony Wayne Local Schools can be found on the [District website](#) and on [YouTube](#).

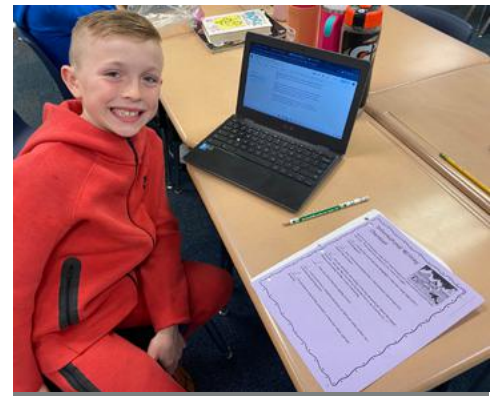


Heart and Sole practices have begun at Fallen Timbers Middle School. The after school running and personal development program for girls encourages goal setting, builds confidence, promotes positive relationships and physical fitness.

MARCH HAPPENINGS IN OUR SCHOOLS



AW Junior High students in the Principles of Foods classes collected over 500 items to benefit the Anthony Wayne Food Pantry. They heard from Ron Shoemaker about the importance of their donation to our community. [Read more about their efforts.](#)



Waterville Primary third graders researched animals and prepared poster presentations to share with an audience of their peers.



With thanks to MAPS, Monclova Primary students participated in STEM activities from Imagination Station.



AWHS students met with dozens of local employers, recruiters and college representatives to learn about local opportunities at a career fair hosted by the Anthony Wayne Chamber of Commerce.



Students at Whitehouse Primary learned about a wide variety of jobs thanks to the many volunteers who spoke about their work at the school's annual Career Day.

MARCH MADNESS: GENERALS EXCEL D



The AWHs girls basketball team made history by finishing the 2024-25 season as State Runners Up. It was the first time the program appeared in the state final match up. The team came up short of their state championship goal with a final score 77-55 against Winton Woods. [\[Hear from the players\]](#)



AWHS Freshman, Elena Webb earned both first and third prizes in the youth division of the 37th Annual Photography Contest held by the Photo Arts Club of Toledo. [\[See her work.\]](#)



Ben Reinhard, Makayla Tucker and Roya Rahimi earned a trip to the national Educators Rising conference. All three are part of the Penta Career Center Teaching Professions program. [\[Learn more about these future educators.\]](#)



The AWHs Rocket League team ended its undefeated regular season and will move on to regionals at the Sandusky eSports Arena on April 6. [\[Purchase tickets.\]](#)



5th Grader, Blake Werner represented Fallen Timbers Middle School at The Blade's Northwest Ohio's Championship Spelling Bee.

DURING SPRING COMPETITION SEASON



Fifteen members of the AWHs-Penta chapter of DECA will advance to the International Career Development Conference (ICDC) in Orlando, Florida this month, where they will compete among the best DECA students from around the world. [\[Meet the honorees and see more photos from the state conference.\]](#)



Representing the AWHs-Penta and AW Junior High chapters of FCCLA, students presented their projects to judges at the regional conference, returning with 12 gold awards, two silver awards and one bronze award. [\[Read more about their accomplishments.\]](#)



AWHS Senior, Violet Lowe along with her culinary competition team will represent Penta Career Center at the National ProStart competition next month after taking first place at the state level. [\[Meet Violet.\]](#)

OMEA FESTIVAL RESULTS

The AWHs Bands and Choirs performed musical selections in adjudicated events presented by the Ohio Music Educators Association.

AWHS Choirs

Terra Voci
participated for feedback only

Ciel Voix
participated for feedback only

Symphonic Chorale
Superior Rating

AWHS Bands

Concert Band
Superior Rating

Symphonic Band
Superior Rating
Advancing to State

Symphonic Winds
Superior Rating
Advancing to State