

The Generals Post **AW**

Anthony Wayne Local Schools Stakeholder Newsletter

June 2025



FTMS Honor Roll Breakfast

FINISHING STRONG: PRELIMINARY SPRING TESTING DATA SHOWS ACADEMIC GAINS

Anthony Wayne Local Schools is proud to share promising preliminary results from the 2025 Ohio State Tests and End-of-Course exams. Early data indicates continued growth in student achievement across the District, with an increase in the percentage of students reaching proficiency or higher.

Preview data shows that 64% of all student scores fell into the state's top performance categories of *Accomplished* and *Advanced*. Additionally, the District improved its proficiency rates in 13 out of the 20 assessed areas—an exciting sign of continued academic progress.

While these results are considered preliminary until the official State Report Card is released this fall, the District is already reviewing the early data to continue to improve instruction and student support.

Thank you to our students, staff, and families for your tremendous effort and encouragement throughout the testing season. Your commitment to academic excellence continues to drive our District forward and prepare our students to be future-ready.

SPRING TESTING OVERVIEW

TESTS
ADMINISTERED

6,385

ENGLISH LANGUAGE
ARTS

Grades 3 - 8

MATH

Grades 3 - 8

SCIENCE

Grades 5 and 8

END-OF-COURSE
EXAMS

Algebra 1

Geometry

English Language Arts

Biology

American History

American Government

A Letter from the Superintendent

Anthony Wayne Local Schools Community,

It feels like just yesterday I was writing my very first article as the interim superintendent to kick off the 2024–2025 school year—and now, here we are, already closing it out. As we take a moment to reflect, it's clear that we have so much to be proud of.



This year has been filled with incredible milestones, moments of growth, and collective accomplishments that could only have been achieved with the support of our entire school community. I want to sincerely thank our students, staff, parents and community members for making this year such a success—your commitment, encouragement and involvement have made all the difference.

It has been my absolute pleasure to have a front-row seat to all that has taken place in our district over the past year. From the classroom to the athletic field, from the arts to academic competitions, I have seen firsthand the dedication of our students and staff. Few people outside the school walls can truly understand the depth of commitment that goes into making each day meaningful and impactful for our students—but I see it every day, and I am incredibly grateful.

While I am proud of all our students at every grade level, there is something especially moving about watching our seniors cross the graduation stage. Seeing their excitement as they take that next step into their futures is a moment that never gets old. They are well-prepared, and that is a credit to the tireless work of our educators, the support of families, and the strength of our school system.

I am deeply thankful to be in the position I am—one that allows me to support all those connected to our schools and to work every day toward making our district the best it can be. Together, we've built something special, and it's a true honor to be a part of it.

As we wrap up this year and turn our eyes to the next, let's carry forward the energy that has defined this one. The future is bright, and I'm excited to continue working with all of you to ensure our schools remain places where students thrive, achieve their goals, and leave future-ready and prepared for the world ahead.

Thank you again for a wonderful year. Enjoy your summer, and we'll see you soon—ready to make 2025–2026 even better.

Sincerely,
Kevin Herman, *Superintendent*
Anthony Wayne Local Schools





COMMUNITY RESOURCE GUIDE

For families needing assistance while school is not in session, please remember the District counseling team has prepared a list of local organizations and agencies who offer a variety of services. The *Community Resource Guide* and other helpful links can be found on the [Family Resources page of the website](#).

NEIGHBORHOOD BRIDGES RECAP

Over the last two years, AW Neighborhood Bridges has become a valued partner to AWLS. Thanks to the kindness of individuals in our community, students have what they need to come to school ready to learn.



\$37,000+ in community giving

460 students impacted

We invite you to learn more about [how Neighborhood Bridges works](#) and encourage you to [sign up for the mailing list](#) to be notified when needs arise. *There is no obligation to give.* You choose to participate when and where you can.



ANTHONY WAYNE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Once a General, always a General! As we celebrate the Class of 2025 and reminisce about our own high school graduations, [please consider becoming a member of the AWAA](#). A lifetime membership is \$50, and provides you with opportunities for networking and staying engaged with your alma mater.



NO JULY ISSUE

The Generals Post will be hitting pause during the month of July, but will return with back to school information in August. The [District website](#) will be kept up to date with information you may need.



CELEBRATING THE CLASS OF 2025



Elizabeth McClure
Welcome Speaker



Destiny Hall & Violet Lowe
Penta Student Speakers

316 GRADUATES

27 Summa Cum Laude
90 Magna Cum Laude
37 Cum Laude
38 Academic Honors
106 Honors Diplomas



Addilyne Grooms
AWHS Student Speaker



Elijah Neff
AWHS Student Speaker



Makenna Rinehart
Senior Class President

AVAILABLE ON THE CLASS OF 2025 WEB PAGE

We invite you to celebrate alongside our seniors!

[Visit the Class of 2025 web page](#) for the following information about graduation:



COMMENCEMENT RECORDING & PHOTO HIGHLIGHT REEL

View the [live stream recording](#) and [highlight reel](#) of photos from graduation.



FUTURE PLANS PHOTO CAROUSEL

Our graduates are ready for employment, enlistment and education!
[See where they are headed next.](#)

Best Wishes!

THANK YOU TO OUR RETIREES



PAM FRANKFATHER

6th Grade Science
Fallen Timbers Middle School

33 YEARS OF SERVICE
TO AWLS

[Read her Staff Spotlight](#)



TODD HESLET

Industrial Arts
Anthony Wayne High School

33 YEARS OF SERVICE
TO AWLS

[Read his Staff Spotlight](#)

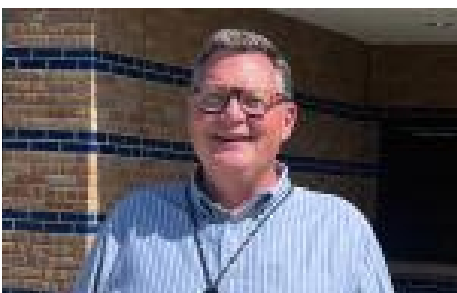


MARK NELL

Physical Education
AW Junior High

25 YEARS OF SERVICE
TO AWLS

[Read his Staff Spotlight](#)



JON PINGLE

6th Grade Math
Fallen Timbers Middle School

34 YEARS OF SERVICE
TO AWLS

[Read his story in
The Mirror Newspaper](#)



CINDY SWINDLE

Physical Therapist
ESCLEW & AWLS

18 YEARS OF SERVICE
TO AWLS

[Read her Staff Spotlight](#)



LANEY

School Facility Dog
Monclova Primary School

8 YEARS OF SERVICE
TO AWLS

[Watch her thank you video](#)



STUDENT LAST DAY: JUNE 3



BUILDING OFFICE HOURS

Starting the week of June 9, the District will operate on a summer schedule. [These office hours are available on our website.](#)



POWER UPGRADES TO CAUSE DISRUPTIONS

The power will be shut off at AWHs on Thursday, June 19 for electrical upgrades. The building will be closed and all daytime events are canceled. Internet connectivity and phone service will be disrupted across the District.



FAMILY WEEK IS JUNE 30 - JULY 5

Whether you're hitting the beach, camping in the mountains, or just enjoying a slower pace at home, we hope you enjoy this break from school activities.



CAMPS & ACTIVITIES ON FLYER CENTRAL

Details about day camps, athletic clubs, lessons and other local activities for students and families are posted on [Flyer Central](#).

SUMMER CALENDAR

JUNE 3

Last Day of School for Students

JUNE 4

Staff Work Day

JUNE 5

Monclova Kdg. Screening

Board of Education [Special Meeting, 7:30 a.m.](#)

JUNE 9

Whitehouse Kdg. Screening

JUNE 10

Waterville Kdg. Screening

JUNE 19

District Closed: Juneteenth

JUNE 25

Board of Education Meeting, 8:00 a.m.

JUNE 30 - JULY 5

Family Week

JULY 1

Returning Student Registration Opens

JULY 4

District Closed: Independence Day

JULY 16

Board of Education Meeting - Tentative



AWLS BOARD OF EDUCATION BRIEFS



MAY MEETING ACTIVITY

The Board heard from Rep. Josh Williams who spoke about the school funding formula and its potential effects on the District. AWLS building representatives presented their Positive Behavior Interventions & Supports (PBIS) frameworks.

They also voted on several items of new business, including AWEA and OAPSE contracts, the adoption of the Ohio Model Policies for Special Education and the hiring of Dr. Kevin Pfefferle as the District's new Assistant Superintendent.

[A recording of the meeting](#) is available on YouTube, and a recap of meeting activities was shared in [a letter to stakeholders](#).



SUMMER MEETINGS NOTICE

The Board adjusts its meeting schedule during June, July and August. Meetings are typically held at 8:00 a.m. at the Central Administrative Office. This is subject to change. [Please refer to the District website for details](#).

FINANCIAL UPDATES

FIVE-YEAR FORECAST

[The state requires the District to prepare a 5-Year Financial Forecast Update](#) in May each year. It is based on information that is available at the time of preparation. There are several variables that could affect the District's General Fund budget. They are detailed in the [5-Year Assumptions document](#).

DONATIONS ACCEPTED

During its May meeting, the Board accepted \$10,650 in donations from various individuals and organizations in support of student activities and scholarships. [A list of donations received during the 2025-26 school year is available online](#).



FACILITIES MASTER PLAN UPDATES



TRACK RECONSTRUCTION

Henry W. Bergeman, Inc. was selected to remove and reconstruct the track at AWHs, with the project expected to be complete by August 2025. [View design.](#)



MONCLOVA PRIMARY ROOF REPLACEMENT

The Board contracted with Bill Jackson Roofing, Inc. to replace ~62,000 sq. ft. of roof, with work completion expected in August 2025.



AWHS AUDITORIUM LIGHTING & SOUND



AWJH & FTMS COOLER / FREEZER REPLACEMENTS

The Board is expected to vote on the contracts for this project at its regular June meeting. Work is anticipated to be complete in October 2025.



WATERVILLE PRIMARY CHILLERS & BOILERS REPLACEMENT

The Board approved a Resolution of Urgent Necessity and contract with Trane for this project. It is expected to be complete in Winter 2026.

ABOUT PERMANENT IMPROVEMENT FUNDS



PI FUNDS CAN BE USED:

- Building Repairs & Renovations
- Safety & Security Enhancements
- Curriculum, Technology & Equipment
- Facility Improvements
- Energy Efficiency Projects
- Student Transportation Vehicles



PI FUNDS CANNOT BE USED:

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

(Items that do not meet the five-year minimum lifespan.)

[Project photos and updates are provided on the District website.](#)



TECHNOLOGY TOPICS



COMMUNITY LUNCH & LEARN SERIES

Thank you to those who attended this year's cybersecurity workshops. We hope that you found the information useful in increasing the security of your personal devices and networks. [The links and resources shared are available online.](#)



SUMMER CHROMEBOOK CARE INSTRUCTIONS

Students in grades 5-11 are permitted to keep their school-issued Chromebooks over the summer. Tips for caring for the device and information about how to report issues are available on the [Technology Department web page.](#)



RETURNING SCHOOL TECHNOLOGY

If a child will not be returning to AWLS for the 2025-2026 school year, parents are asked to complete a [Student Withdrawal/Transfer Request Form](#) and submit it to your child's school office along with the Chromebook.



INTERNET AVAILABILITY FOR FAMILIES WITH LIMITED ACCESS

AWLS provides [outdoor Internet access points](#) to families with limited or no access at home so students may complete summer learning assignments.

TECHNOLOGY TIPS

CLASS OF 2025

Graduating seniors wishing to keep any email messages or files saved in their Google Drive, they must back them up. The Technology Department will be deleting these accounts on June 30. [Instructions are available online.](#)

GOOGLE TUTORIALS FOR PARENTS & STUDENTS

Summer is a great time to learn something new! The Technology Department has compiled [a list of helpful lessons](#) to help you learn how to use Google's products.





BE A GENERAL: COME WORK WITH US!

CAREERS IN EDUCATION

When you think of working in a school environment, the first profession that often comes to mind is the classroom teacher. But there are many other career opportunities in public schools that support a student's academic and personal growth. We invite you to consider making a difference in a child's life by working at Anthony Wayne Local Schools.

SUBSTITUTES: SOMEONE UNBELIEVABLY BENEFICIAL

Substitute employees are key to our day-to-day operations. In fact, during the 2024-25 school year, these individuals filled in for over 2,500 absences - ensuring our students' learning. If you are looking for a meaningful and flexible position, serving as a sub may be for you!

NEW! LINK UP ON LINKED IN

We are now on LinkedIn. [Follow Anthony Wayne Local Schools](#) for job openings, Staff Spotlights and other District news.

CURRENT OPPORTUNITIES

TRANSPORTATION

District Bus Drivers

OPERATIONS

Whitehouse Primary
Custodian

ATHLETICS

Asst. Football - Freshman

SUBSTITUTE EMPLOYEES

Bus Drivers
Custodians
Food Service Staff
Maintenance Staff
Nurses
Playground/Cafeteria
Aides
Secretaries
Special Education Aides
Teachers



[Learn more about
available careers with
Anthony Wayne
Local Schools and
apply online today!](#)



GENERALS IN THE NEWS



Students commit to serving our country at AW's first military signing.



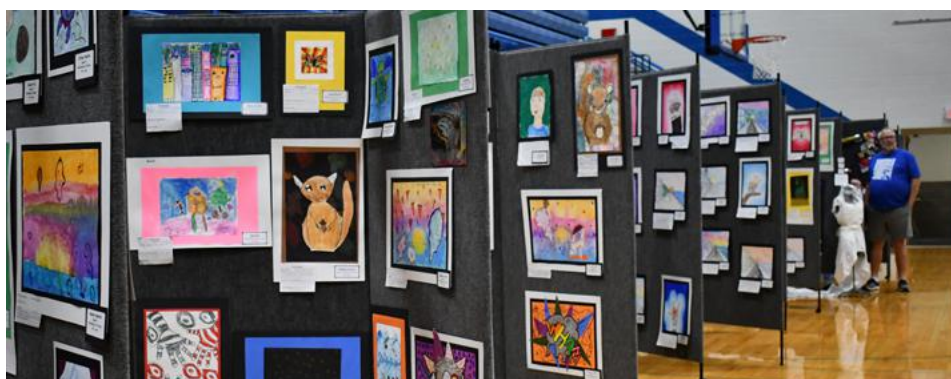
Five AW volleyball players named Academic All-Americans



Four Anthony Wayne athletes commit to universities



Kevin Pfefferle selected as Assistant Superintendent



Highlights from the 53rd Annual Anthony Wayne Local Schools Districtwide Art Show

GENERALS ATHLETICS HEADLINES

Josh Arthur steps down as AW boys basketball coach

AW baseball firms up 1st place in NLL Buckeye with shutout of Perrysburg

Perrysburg boys, AW girls win NLL Buckeye track titles

AW softball strikes out cancer, raising nearly \$3,000

Perrysburg lacrosse takes down rival Anthony Wayne to advance

AW star pitcher Molly Conner on regional playoffs, being a senior leader and more

Graf shutout lifts Anthony Wayne baseball past Northview

ANTHONY WAYNE HIGH SCHOOL



What's Your E? Day (also called Decision Day) is an opportunity for seniors to celebrate and share their post-high school plans: enlistment, employment or further education.



Ryan Sutter and Mallory Rettig, both graduating summa cum laude, recognized Dr. Justin Zemanski and Mr. Jeremy Terwilliger for making a positive contribution to their education during the "I Make a Difference Awards" presented annually by the Educational Service Center of Lake Erie West.

Junior Aradhya Muthumula was [featured in a Student Spotlight](#) for demonstrating what it means to "Be Involved" as an AWHs student.



Student Council junior representatives hosted a successful Prom at Parkway Place and After-Prom at Kalahari Resort with approximately 580 and 165 students attending, respectively.



Parents of the Class of 2025 hosted the annual Senior Picnic. Thank you!

AW JUNIOR HIGH



The sixth, seventh and eighth grade choirs, under the direction of Mrs. Taylor Nickeson, treated attendees to an evening of jazz music for their spring concert.



Fundraising goals met were rewarded with a "Day of Awesomeness" with friends.



Thirty-one AW Junior High writers had their short stories published in a YoungWriters collection of scary stories.



Mr. LeFevre and Lorain, the school facility dog were featured in a video project in partnership with the Ability Center and the Ohio School Safety Center.



AW Junior High Student Council hosted a "Skip into Summer" spring lock-in social event for students. The photo booth was a crowd favorite.

FALLEN TIMBERS MIDDLE SCHOOL



Sixth grade students demonstrated their athletic skills during the annual spring Field Day, competing in the high and long jump, shot put and discus throw, and a variety of individual and team running events.



Fifth graders demonstrated their creative talents and marketing abilities as they sold their products to their peers and FTMS staff members at the Entrepreneur Fair.



House Competition Day teaches friendly competition and teamwork.



Ashtyn Seiwert, Violet Blaesing and Connor Marks were named winners in the [WGTE Share a Story Contest](#).



Students in Ms. Eckert's English Language Arts classes shared pieces from their portfolios at a poetry recitation reception for their parents.



A year-end favorite, Space Day gives 5th graders the chance to show what they learned about our solar system and the people who explore it through hands-on workshops and activities led by staff and parent volunteers.

MONCLOVA PRIMARY SCHOOL



A dedication ceremony celebrated the completion of the new playground mural. [The project was a collaboration between MAPS, the 4th grade classes and Student Council representatives.](#) The artwork is by muralist Dean Davis and AWHs senior Carly Hemmelgarn.



A retirement "paw-ty" was held to celebrate Laney, the school facility dog after eight years to the students and staff of Monclova Primary.



After state testing and before the end of the year, [Field Day gave students the chance to rest their minds and stretch their bodies.](#)



Student volunteers donated their time during recess to harvest dandelions for the critters housed at Nature's Nursery.



Literacy Night gave families the opportunity to learn strategies that support reading and comprehension, discover the resources available at the Waterville Public Library and spend time together enjoying books.

WATERVILLE PRIMARY SCHOOL



The spring Walk to School Days give students a chance for some morning exercise and time spent with friends.



A field trip to local landmarks like the Waterville Historical Society taught third graders that history is all around us.



Grant funds, local partners and parent volunteers made the Air, Soil and Water Festival a great day of outdoor learning for students.



Kindergarten students became citizen scientists by identifying and observing clouds and recording their findings.



Spring in the Land Lab means lots of soil sampling, garden bed clean up (thank you, volunteers!) and planting in preparation for summer harvests that will be donated to our community members in need.

WHITEHOUSE PRIMARY SCHOOL



Third grade students learned about local government from Whitehouse Mayor Bingham and Village Council and held their own Kid Council meeting to vote on the design for the banners to be displayed this winter.



Mrs. Coronado's 2nd enjoyed some sweet rewards for their writing skills! [See how they persuaded their classroom volunteer to raise honeybees.](#)



Whitehouse fourth grade students wrapped up their primary school experience with the annual Bike Hike field trip. They rode their bicycles to Oak Openings where they enjoyed a day of learning and social activities with their friends before riding back to school.

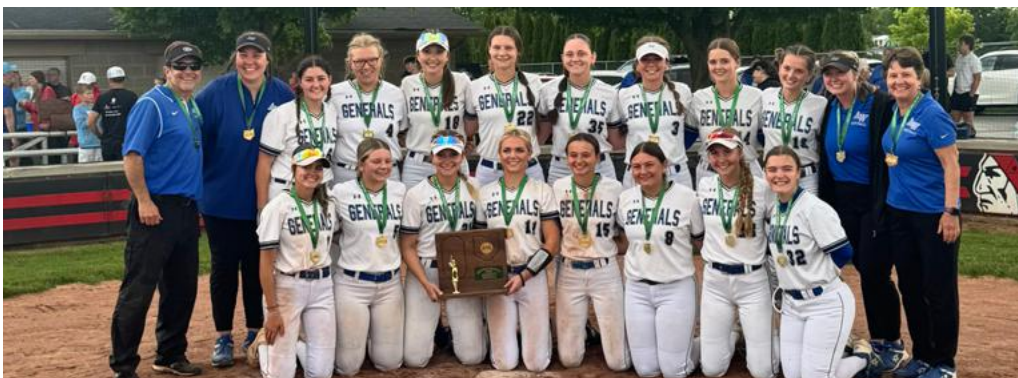


Knox Heimrich, Tessa Carroll, Evalynn Hays and Chase McArthur, pictured with their teachers, Mrs. Hull, Mrs. Thornton and Mrs. Kemmer, were named winners in the [WGTE Share a Story Contest](#).

GENERALS ATHLETICS



With five NLL championships earned during the spring season, Generals Athletics has had the most successful year in program history since 1953. Congratulations to our boys tennis, girls track and field, girls and boys lacrosse, and baseball teams and coaches. The [baseball team](#) and girls track team moved on in the post season to claim district championships.



Generals softball claimed [a fourth regional title](#) in the past four years with a shutout win over Kings Mills on Friday, May 30. They are moving on to the state final four.

LATE ADDITION: [The AWHs state swim tournament results](#) were not previously shared in the newsletter.



PREPARING FOR NEXT SCHOOL YEAR

RETURNING STUDENT REGISTRATION

Parents/guardians may update their child's information in Final Forms starting July 1. Instructions will be sent via email in advance.

SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION SELECTION

Families may update their transportation plans by completing the forms available on the [Transportation web page](#). Bus schedules will be available in PowerSchool on Registration Day.

BACK TO SCHOOL INFORMATION

Supply lists, building handbooks, fee information, open house dates and more back to school details are available on the [Back to School web page](#).

2025-2026 DISTRICT CALENDAR

Plan ahead for break schedules, teacher work days and other important school dates. [Download the 2025-2026 district calendar](#).

AUGUST CALENDAR

AUGUST 4

Board of Education Meeting

AUGUST 11

Primary Registration Day

AUGUST 12

Campus Registration Day

AUGUST 13

Staff Work / Professional Development Day

AUGUST 14

Back to School Open Houses

AUGUST 18

First Day of School: Grades 1-4, 5, 7 & 9
Kindergarten Readiness Assessments

AUGUST 19

Grades 1-12 Report to School
Kindergarten Readiness Assessments

AUGUST 20

Kindergarten First Day of School

[View the District
Events Master Calendar](#)