

The Generals Post **AW**

Anthony Wayne Local Schools Stakeholder Newsletter

February 2025



STRATEGIC PLAN GOAL: *Community Engagement*

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DISTRICT COMMUNICATIONS

SHARING INFORMATION WITH OUR COMMUNITY

In last month's issue of *The Generals Post*, we reintroduced the District's 2022-2027 Strategic Plan, and resolved to continue this work as we strive to accomplish our mission of empowering students to be future ready. Below are just a few of the communications tools and resources that have been initiated since the Strategic Plan's adoption in 2022.

- **WEBSITE & MOBILE APP**
 - Major reorganization and continuous updates
 - Relaunch of the AWLS mobile app
- **SOCIAL MEDIA**
 - Relaunched X (Twitter)
 - Established YouTube Channel
- **NEWSLETTERS**
 - Introduced employee newsletter: *The Generals Bulletin*
 - Introduced stakeholder newsletter: *The Generals Post*
 - Redesigned annual *Quality Profile*
- **OPPORTUNITIES FOR FEEDBACK**
 - Stakeholder communications survey
 - Generals Listens drop box
 - Community Conversations event
- **MEDIA ENGAGEMENT**
 - Increased partnership with local media



LEARN MORE:

More information about the District's communication and engagement efforts will be presented at the next Board of Education Meeting on Monday, Feb. 10.

A Letter from the Interim Superintendent



Anthony Wayne Local Schools Community,

As the interim superintendent, I have prioritized building strong relationships and fostering positive communication within the District. I firmly believe these efforts are essential to succeeding in this role, as they create the foundation for trust, collaboration, and progress. Over the course of my career in education, I have taken deliberate steps to listen attentively to others, understand their concerns, and work collaboratively to find solutions. My approach is guided by the understanding that everyone's perspective is their reality, and acknowledging that truth is crucial in building mutual respect and understanding.

Improving communication is not just a personal value—it is a [cornerstone of our District's Strategic Plan](#), particularly under the goal of Community Engagement. ***The goal states: AWLS will engage in two-way communication and collaboration to promote community engagement and develop partnerships for the purpose of providing outstanding learning opportunities to strengthen school and community pride.***

This commitment reflects our belief that the school is the heart of the community. By enhancing communication, we aim to keep families, local stakeholders and the broader community informed and involved. From highlighting the many opportunities available to our students to celebrating their achievements, our goal is to foster a sense of shared pride and connection.

As I reflect on my time at AWLS thus far, I am filled with pride for what our District and community have accomplished together. Moving forward, I remain committed to maintaining open communication and continuing to strengthen these vital relationships. ***Together, we can build on our shared successes and accomplish our mission of empowering students to be future ready.***

Kevin Herman, *Interim Superintendent*
superintendent@anthonywayneschools.org



GETTING SILLY A GUEST READER: Mr. Herman stopped by Whitehouse Primary to read to third graders as part of the Community Connections Story Time hosted by Media Center Aide, Jody Nagle. The program gives students the chance to meet the individuals who have a direct impact on their school and community.



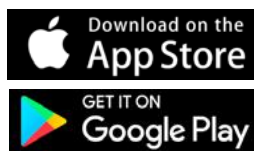
WHERE TO FIND INFORMATION ABOUT AWLS

WEBSITE



651,288 page views since
July 1, 2024.

SMARTPHONE APP



Opened 12,485
times monthly.

PHONE AND EMAIL

Central Administrative Office
419-877-5377



[Staff Email
Directory](#)

SOCIAL MEDIA



[@AnthonyWayneLocalSchools3668](#)
609 Subscribers



[@awgenerals](#)
4,366 Followers



DIGITAL NEWSLETTERS

Newsletters are
distributed to families via
email and are available
on the District website.

[Anthony Wayne High School](#)
Bi-Weekly Letter

[AW Junior High](#)
Weekly Letter to Families

[Fallen Timbers Middle School](#)
Monthly Update

[Monclova Primary](#)
Weekly General Gazette

[Waterville Primary School](#)
Bi-Weekly Friday Flyer

[Whitehouse Primary](#)
Weekly General News

NEW RESOURCE:

AW JUNIOR HIGH ATHLETICS NEWSLETTER

[The Sideline Scoop](#) is a new digital newsletter designed to keep Generals fans up to date on the accomplishments of our AW Junior High student-athletes. Published weekly by Marissa Dazell, *AWJH Athletic Director*, the weekly updates are designed to share the accomplishments of our student-athletes.

WELCOME TO THE THE SIDELINE SCOOP

AWJH SPORTS IN ACTION

Week of January 6, 2025

vs. Liberty Center: Both teams defeated the Tigers: 7th grade with a score of 25-13 and 8th grade with a score of 44-30.

vs. Washington: Both teams were victorious against Washington: 7th grade won 29-21 and 8th grade won 43-41.

vs. Mansfield: The 7th grade side fell to Mansfield by a score of 21-13.

NOMINATE AN OUTSTANDING EDUCATOR

The Ohio Department of Education and Workforce is now accepting nominations for its prestigious Teacher of the Year Award. If you know a deserving educator, please consider [submitting a nomination](#) before March 31.



**Teacher
of the Year**
2026

FEBRUARY 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 \[Twitter\]](#). We also encourage you to take a moment to send a message of thanks to the staff members who make a difference for your child. [\[Click here to view the staff directory.\]](#)

February is Career Technical Education Month



Kay-Lynne Schaller
Family Consumer Science
AW Junior High



Becky Stutz
Marketing
AWHS



Amanda Valdez
Family Consumer Science
AWHS



Courtney Bockbrader
Agri-Science
AWHS

National School Counseling Week: February 3 - 7



Chris Buehrer
School Counselor
Monclova Primary



Shauna Dunbar
School Counselor
AW Junior High



Michelle Reid
School Counselor
AWHS

JANUARY SPOTLIGHTS

[Jana Leininger](#),
EMIS Coordinator
District

[Laura Soeder](#),
School Nurse
Whitehouse Primary

[Jill Bigelow](#)
Dean of Students
Monclova Primary

FREE WORKSHOPS: FOCUSING ON CYBERSECURITY

The AWLS Technology Department recently hosted a FREE lunch and learn workshop to teach residents how to protect themselves from cyber criminals. The event was so popular, the District has added additional sessions. District residents are encouraged to attend.

LUNCH & LEARN CYBERSECURITY WORKSHOP

PART 2: WEB BROWSERS & PASSWORD MANAGERS

Wednesday, Feb. 19 at Noon

Central Administrative Offices, 9565 Bucher Road.

RSVP: chamady@anthonywayneschools.org

[\[LEARN MORE ABOUT CYBERSECURITY AT AWLS\]](#)



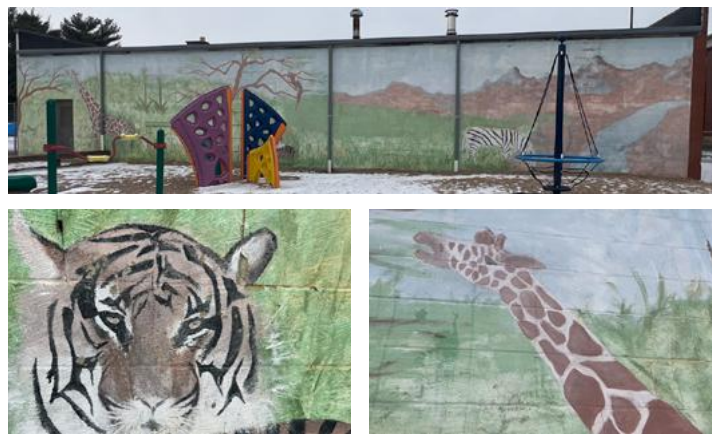
GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: FACTS ABOUT OUR DISTRICT

MURAL MILESTONE: The mural in the AWLS Central Administrative Offices lobby was brought to life by the AWLS Art Department 20 years ago. The ceramic mural was designed, created and installed by nine art teachers and approximately 200 students in grades 4-12.

The artwork prominently features the District's namesake, General Anthony Wayne and other historical settings from the AW area. The mural is full of hidden pictures and other details that engage and entertain visitors.

VISIT THE MURAL

Guests may view the mural between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.



MURAL MAKEOVER: Monclova Primary Student Council members and fourth grade students have begun a new collaboration with local artist, Dean Davis to update the mural on the school's playground. The project is sponsored by MAPS, the school's parent engagement group. The original mural (pictured above right) was painted in 1989 by AWHs student, Troy Haney.

AW MUSICIANS PREPARE FOR STATE TEACHING CONFERENCE

Vocal musicians from Waterville Primary and Fallen Timbers Middle School have been spending their Saturdays with others from across NW Ohio hard at work preparing for their performance with the All-State Children's Choir at the OMEA Conference in Cleveland, Ohio on February 6.

The AWHs Symphonic Winds ensemble will also participate in the conference, which is one of the nation's largest for music educators.

[\[READ MORE\]](#)



EVENTS CALENDAR

FEBRUARY 10 - 6:00 p.m.
Board of Education Meeting
Central Administrative Office

FEBRUARY 12 - 7:00 p.m.
**Whitehouse Primary
2nd Grade Program**
AWHS Auditorium

FEBRUARY 17
District Closed
President's Day

FEBRUARY 18
2-Hour Delay
Staff Professional Development

FEBRUARY 17-21
Right to Read Week

FEBRUARY 25 - 7:00 p.m.
**Symphonic Winds &
8th Grade Band Concert**
AWHS Auditorium

FEBRUARY 26 - 7:00 p.m.
7th Grade Band Concert
AWHS Auditorium

MARCH 1
**Kindergarten Enrollment
Opens**

MARCH 3 - 7
Say Something Week

MARCH 24 - 28
District Closed
Spring Break

District Master Calendar

Fine & Musical Arts

Generals Athletics

SAVE THE DATE:

KINDERGARTEN ENROLLMENT BEGINS MARCH 1

We are getting ready to 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 on March 1 by [visiting the District website](#).

CAREER TECHNICAL EDUCATION MONTH

Photos by Emily Pollock, AWHS Yearbook Staff



Ethan Kuhar,
Welding



Audrey Clampitt,
Medical Technologies



Braden Duncan,
Automotive Technology



Sierra Schroeder,
Cosmetology

AWLS is proud to partner with Penta Career Center to provide students with opportunities to learn practical skills through hands-on programs that prepare them for in-demand careers. Students can enroll full-time in a program at Penta Career Center or take a satellite course offered at AW Junior High and AWHS.

BY THE NUMBERS:

- 116 AWHS students are enrolled at Penta Career Center's Perrysburg campus.
- 535 students are enrolled in Penta satellite program courses held at AWHS.
- 196 students are enrolled in Penta satellite program courses held at AW Junior High.



The AWLS Board members [were recognized for their service](#) during School Board Appreciation Month in January. Pictured left to right: Kyle Miller, Lindsay Hoipkemier, Mike Stamm, Shellie McKnight and Jeff Baden. [\[EMAIL THE BOARD\]](#)

Anthony Wayne Board of Education Briefs

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE JANUARY MEETING:

[\[VIEW RECORDING\]](#)

- The Board held its annual Organizational Meeting on January 7, 2025. All members were present.
- Members re-elected Kyle Miller to serve as Board President, and Jeff Baden to serve as Vice President for 2025.
- The meeting calendar was approved and appears at right.
- The Board also approved other annual memberships and consent items and established committee assignments for the year.
- District Treasurer, Kerri Johnson offered an update on the District's estimated value following the certification of the Lucas County revaluation.
- The Board approved early graduation status for four AWHs seniors.
- Various personnel recommendations were approved.
- The Board adjourned following an executive session to discuss the consideration of the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion or compensation of a public employee or official.

Kyle Miller and Jeff Baden were sworn in to serve in leadership positions on the Board by District Treasurer, Kerri Johnson.

Mr. Miller will serve as Board President and Mr. Baden will serve as Vice President in 2025.



UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS

Regular Meeting
Monday, Feb. 10 6:00 p.m.

Regular Meeting
Monday, Mar. 10 6:00 p.m.

Regular Meeting
Monday, Apr. 14 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.



FTMS Asst. Principal, Terry Tansel will appear on the trivia gameshow *The Floor*. The premiere airs following the Super Bowl on Sunday, Feb. 9. [\[READ MORE\]](#)



Eighth graders, Molly Marshall and Ailey Parker earned regional honors in the Scholastic Art and Writing Awards contest. [\[READ MORE\]](#)



Addie Schierloh, FTMS 6th grader, was selected as winner in Toledo Lucas County Public Library's Youth Writing Contest. [\[READ MORE\]](#)

Generals in the News

- ACADEMICS: [Area Vietnam veterans provide perspective on war](#)
- ARTS: [More than students, teen band Hit & Run readies for big 2025](#)
- FFA: [January update from the AWHs chapter of FFA](#)
- ATHLETICS: [Liberty-Benton accepts invite to join NLL](#)
- BOWLING: [Bryan sweeps Wauseon, Anthony Wayne on the road](#)
- HOCKEY: [Anthony Wayne spoils Senior Night for the Titans](#)
- GIRLS BASKETBALL: [Anthony Wayne continues to roll in NLL Buckeye](#)
- BOYS BASKETBALL: [Anthony Wayne Breezes past Toledo Christian](#)



After 19 grueling rounds of competition, Blake Werner, FTMS 5th grader was named the winner of the FTMS Spelling Bee. [\[SEE HIGHLIGHTS\]](#)



Eleven AWHs band members were selected by audition to participate in the OMEA District 1 Honors Festival. They performed with other top musicians from across the area at the Stranahan Theatre on January 19. Nine AWJH band members also participated in the festival. [\[READ MORE\]](#)



Seventh graders, Lydia Hone and Emily McGilvery took first and second place in the AWJH Spelling Bee. Lydia will advance to the next round. [\[LEARN MORE\]](#)

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



Waterville Primary first and fourth grade buddies work together to collect and process paper recycling for their school.



Monclova Primary students got a stretch break and mental challenge with a game of "Human Battleship." The first Wednesday of the month is designated as Wellness Wednesday across the District. Students and staff are encouraged to take time to focus on their health and wellness.

JANUARY HAPPENINGS IN OUR SCHOOLS



AHS students enrolled in American Government classes practiced their critical thinking and debate skills as they presented their ideas for new laws in the annual Model Congress event.



The FTMS Glow Day challenged students to complete activities as they learned about phosphorescent materials.



Whitehouse Primary recognized four students for going above and beyond the General Way expectations by honoring them with an assembly and a Principal's Pride Award.



The AW Junior High cheer team took first place at the Springfield Invite and claimed third place at the Ohio Cheer State Championships.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM GENERALS ATHLETICS



Elise Bender, *Basketball* set a new school record by scoring 36 points in a single game.



Sophie Smith, *Basketball* is the new record holder for career assists with a total of 195.



Brooke Bender, *Basketball* now holds the record for the most steals in a single game [10].



Jarrett Jenkins, *Swimming* broke his own school records in the 50- [21.25] and 100- [47.83] meter freestyle at the Northwest Classic Finals.



Molly Conner, *Softball*; Elise Bender, *Basketball*; Lukas Potkanowicz, *Baseball*; Cora Langenderfer, *Tennis* and Mara Boyd, *Tennis*; were recognized for being named All-Ohio athletes prior to the boys basketball game on January 10. Their photos will be included on the Athletic Wall of Fame at AWHs.



Brennan Jenkins, Nathan Barasch, Max Gottschalk, Jarrett Jenkins are the new record holders in the 200-meter freestyle relay with a new time of 131.52 seconds.



The AWHs boys and girls swim and dive teams were named NLL champs for the 2025 season.