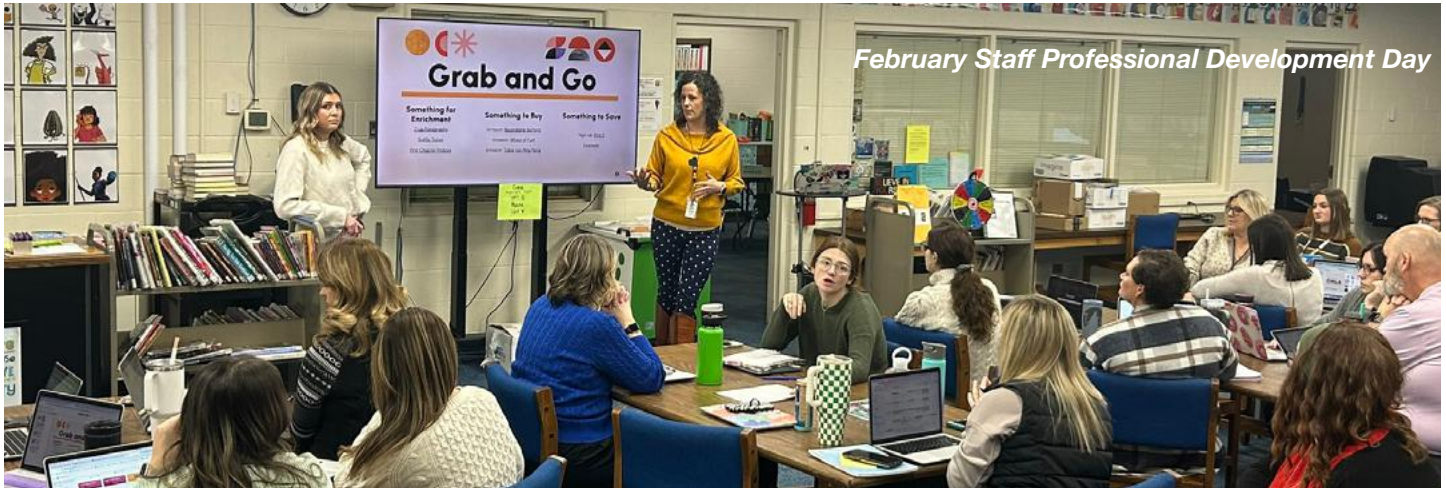


# The Generals Post **AW**

Anthony Wayne Local Schools Stakeholder Newsletter

March 2025



February Staff Professional Development Day

## STRATEGIC PLAN GOAL 2: CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION

All Generals will experience an innovative and engaging curriculum with instruction that is personalized, promotes creativity and application, and provides real-world experiences that facilitate deeper learning.

## TEACHING & LEARNING UPDATES FOR OUR COMMUNITY

As we reach the halfway point in our [District Strategic Plan](#), we remain committed to keeping our community informed about our progress. One key area of focus is curriculum and instruction, where we are continuing to work to enhance student learning.

Some of these action steps include:

- Increased meetings with Curriculum Committee
- Development of an [Instructional Framework](#)
- Enhanced Curriculum Review processes
- Focus on future ready and increased partnerships

### LEARN MORE:

An update about how the District is making progress toward this Strategic Plan goal will be shared by Jim Conner, *Director of Teaching and Learning* at the March 10 Board of Education meeting.



Having fun with fractions at Monclova Primary School.

# A Letter from the Superintendent



Anthony Wayne Local Schools Community,

At the February Board of Education meeting, the Board placed their confidence in me to lead the District by naming me as Superintendent of Anthony Wayne Local Schools.

This role is not about the title; rather, it is about the opportunity to strengthen the vital relationship between our schools and the community. We are fortunate to live in such a wonderful place, and I firmly believe that our school system is the heart of it. Together, we can provide exceptional opportunities for our youth while continuing to make this area one of the best places to live and raise a family.

I am honored and humbled to serve in this capacity and am looking forward to continuing to work with our staff, students, families and community members to ensure AWLS is the best it can be.

I believe your voice matters and I would love to hear your ideas for how we can continue to improve the District. I hope you will stop by one of three local coffee shops next week to share your thoughts, ask questions and engage in a meaningful discussion about our schools.

Your input and support are invaluable to our success. If you are unable to attend a Community Conversation event, please share your thoughts by giving us a call at 419-877-5377 or sending an email at [planning@anthonywayneschools.org](mailto:planning@anthonywayneschools.org).

Thank you for all that you do for our students, our schools and our community. I look forward to seeing you soon!

Kevin Herman, *Superintendent*



## COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS

You are invited to join Superintendent Kevin Herman and other AWLS administrators for a cup of coffee at the locations listed below. Bring your questions and ideas, or just stop by to say hello!

**MONDAY, MARCH 3 | 8:00 - 10:00 a.m.**

BIGGBY Coffee: 1075 Pray Blvd., Waterville

**TUESDAY, MARCH 4 | 8:00 - 10:00 a.m.**

Copper Press Roastery: 5905 Weckerly Rd., Whitehouse

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5 | 8:00 - 10:00 a.m.**

Tiedke's Coffee: 4444 Keystone Dr., Ste. B., Maumee

## SAY SOMETHING WEEK: MARCH 3 - 8

### KEEPING OUR SCHOOLS SAFE

Ensuring a safe and positive learning environment for all students, staff and visitors at AWLS remains one of our highest priorities. [Say Something Week](#) serves as an important reminder that safety is a shared responsibility—when we look out for one another and speak up about potential concerns, we help keep our schools secure.

#### PROACTIVE SAFETY & SECURITY

The District works closely with local law enforcement and state officials to strengthen school through emergency response planning and maintain a safe learning environment. We are also continuously seeking ways to promote physical security and emotional well-being, among our students and staff.

#### SEE SOMETHING? SAY SOMETHING.

We also rely on the eyes and ears of those in our school community to report any suspicious behavior or unsettling information. We encourage our students to report concerns to a trusted adult, and ask that members of our community also speak up when they are alerted to a potential issue.

Report safety concerns to your child's school, local law enforcement, or call/text Ohio's anonymous tip line at 1-844-SAFEROH at any time. Thank you for being a partner in keeping our schools safe!



## AWLS COMMUNITY RESOURCE GUIDE

Our school counselors have curated a list of local services, organizations, programs and individuals who can provide support for students, families and our greater community in a variety of ways. While the District does not endorse or recommend any specific provider on the list, the AWLS Community Resource Guide is offered as a service to begin your search.

[\[View the AWLS Community Resource Guide\]](#)

## STATE TESTING COMING SOON

As we enter state testing season, we want to emphasize the importance of student attendance. These assessments provide valuable insight into your child's progress and help us tailor instruction to meet their needs.

To ensure they perform their best, please make sure your child attends school on testing days, gets plenty of rest, and arrives on time.

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

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





## MARCH 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. [\[Click here to view the staff directory.\]](#)

### Maintenance Worker Day



Brian Sroczyński  
Maintenance Supervisor  
District

### School Social Worker Week



Rebekah Hrcka  
Social Worker  
District

### School Nutrition Month



Megan Menchaca  
Food Services Director  
District

### FEBRUARY SPOTLIGHTS

#### [Kay-Lynne Schaller](#)

Family Consumer  
Science  
AW Junior High

#### [Becky Stutz](#)

Marketing  
AWHS

#### [Amanda Valdez](#)

Family Consumer  
Science  
AWHS

#### [Chris Buehrer](#)

School Counselor  
Monclova Primary

#### [Shauna Dunbar](#)

School Counselor  
AW Junior High

#### [Michelle Reid](#)

School Counselor  
AWHS

## March is Music in Our Schools Month



Adam Ladd  
Band Teacher  
AWJH & AWHS



Tai Knoll  
Music Teacher  
Waterville Primary



Clara Faust  
Music Teacher  
Whitehouse Primary

## 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

## GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: FACTS ABOUT OUR DISTRICT

As Kevin Herman begins his tenure as the District's newest superintendent, we thought it fitting to take share a timeline of those who have served in the top administrative role at AWLS since becoming a consolidated school district in 1950. We thank each superintendent for their service to our schools.



**John Rudolph**  
1950-1952



**Merlin Haney**  
1951-1959



**James Kirkpatrick**  
1959-1965



**John Baker**  
1965-1971



**George Donnelly**  
1971-1987



**Randy Hardy**  
1987-2006



**John Granger**  
2006-2010



**Jim Fritz**  
2010-2024



**Kevin Herman**  
2025

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## VISIT FLYER CENTRAL FOR LOCAL ACTIVITIES

Believe it or not - registration for local summer camps has already begun! [Flyer Central](#) offers a list of local events, lessons, club athletics and more for students and families. Check in often as new opportunities are added as they become available.



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## EMPLOYMENT AT ANTHONY WAYNE LOCAL SCHOOLS

Join our dedicated team and make a meaningful impact on students' lives! You are invited to explore our current opportunities. We look forward to seeing how you can be a part of a supportive and innovative educational environment committed to excellence.

AWHS Custodian  
AWHS Food Service Worker  
Bus Drivers  
Whitehouse Primary Cafeteria/Playground Aide  
District Transportation Aide

Assistant Softball Coach  
Assistant Varsity Track & Field Coach  
Assistant Boys/Girls Golf Coaches  
Assistant Varsity Football Coach  
Assistant Football Coach

***Need more flexibility? We are also accepting applications for the following substitute employees: Special Education Aides, Custodians, Food Service Workers, Playground/Cafeteria Aides, Maintenance/Grounds Workers, Bus Drivers, Teachers and Nurses.***

[Click here to view all available openings and apply online.](#)

### **MARCH 1**

Kindergarten Enrollment  
Opens

### **MARCH 3 - 7**

Say Something Week

### **MARCH 3**

Community Conversation  
BIGGBY Coffee

### **MARCH 4**

Community Conversation  
Copper Press Roastery

### **MARCH 5**

Community Conversation  
Tiedke's Coffee

### **MARCH 5**

Whitehouse Primary  
2nd Grade Music Program

### **MARCH 6**

Monclova Kindergarten  
Parent Night

### **MARCH 6**

8th Grade Open House  
at AWHS

### **MARCH 7 - 8**

OMEA HS Large Group  
Adjudication: Band & Choir

### **MARCH 10**

AWLS Board Meeting  
6:00 p.m.

### **MARCH 11**

AW Junior High  
Spring Choir Concert

### **MARCH 17**

Waterville Primary  
First Grade Music Program

### **MARCH 18**

Waterville Primary  
Second Grade Music Program

### **MARCH 19**

Jazz & Pizza Night Fundraiser

### **MARCH 24 - 28**

District Closed: Spring Break

[District Master Calendar](#)

[Fine & Musical Arts](#)

[Generals Athletics](#)



## **KINDERGARTEN ENROLLMENT OPENS MARCH 1**

**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 www.AnthonyWayneSchools.org/Kindergarten](http://www.AnthonyWayneSchools.org/Kindergarten).

In addition to the online enrollment process, the following documentation is required for enrolling a child in kindergarten.

- Parent/Guardian photo ID
- Child's official birth certificate
- Two proofs of residency
- Custody documentation, if applicable
- Child's immunization records.

Parents/Guardians may call 419-877-5377 with questions about the enrollment process.



## **PRESCHOOL AT ANTHONY WAYNE**

AWLS partners with the ESC of Lake Erie West to provide a preschool program for typically developing children and children with special needs, between the ages of three and five.

Applications for the 2025-2026 school year will open on March 1. Parents/Guardians can find more information and apply online by visiting [www.AnthonyWayneSchools.org/PreschoolProgram](http://www.AnthonyWayneSchools.org/PreschoolProgram).

### **Children with Special Needs**

Children ages 0-3 years with developmental needs are served by Early Intervention Services through Lucas County Board of Developmental Disabilities. This agency can be contacted at 419-380-4000.





The Anthony Wayne Board of Education received goody bags from the Whitehouse Primary Student Council in recognition of School Board Appreciation Month. From left: Kyle Miller, Shellie McKnight, Lindsay Hoipkemier, Jeff Baden and Mike Stamm.

## Anthony Wayne Board of Education

### HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE FEBRUARY MEETING:

[\[VIEW RECORDING\]](#)

- All members were present for the regular meeting held on Monday, Feb. 10.
- The Board voted unanimously to approve Kevin Herman as the District’s new superintendent, effective immediately. Herman has served as the interim superintendent since August 2024. The Board intends to open a search for an assistant superintendent.
- Communications Specialist, Rebecca Schwan shared updates on the District’s progress toward meeting its Strategic Plan goal related to community engagement.
- The Board accepted \$11,081.28 from AW parent and booster groups to benefit Monclova Primary School and the vocal arts programs at AWHS and AW Junior High.
- A resolution was passed to begin negotiations with Kleinfelder Architecture for several facilities projects within the District.
- Several overnight trips, educational agreements and personnel contracts were approved.
- The Board scheduled a work session to begin reviewing the updated Five-Year Financial Forecast.

### WORK SESSION FOR 5-YEAR FORECAST REVISIONS

The Board met with Superintendent Kevin Herman and Treasurer Kerri Johnson for a work session on February 20. The purpose of the session was to begin preparations for the annual May update to the 5-Year Financial Forecast. They also discussed early preparations for the search for an assistant superintendent.

## UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS

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.



AWHS Junior, Grant Hubley appeared on WTOL to talk about his leadership experiences as a national officer with FCCLA.



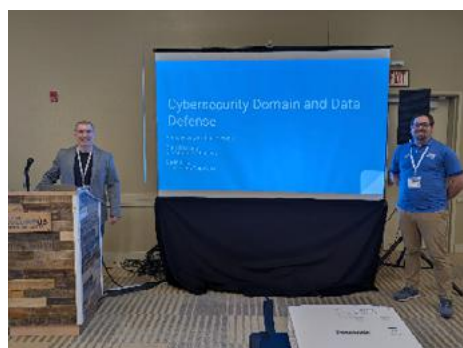
FTMS Assistant Principal, Terry Tansel appeared on WTOL to talk about his experience on The Floor, a Trivia Game show. [SEE MORE]



Technology Specialist Devin Filip spoke with 13abc about the District's second Community Cybersecurity Lunch & Learn.

## Generals in the News

- DISTRICT: [Anthony Wayne schools names new superintendent](#)
- DISTRICT: [AWLS to host three community meetings](#)
- ALUMNI: [Klayton Knapp making most of chance as college netminder](#)
- ATHLETICS: [Six Generals athletes sign to play at next level](#)
- BASKETBALL: [AW grinds out close victory over Toledo Start](#)
- BASKETBALL: [AW girls basketball takes down Twinsburg in regional final](#)
- CHEER: [Hartland sisters embrace pursuit of cheerleading championships](#)
- HOCKEY: [Anthony Wayne dominant in playoff opener](#)
- SWIMMING: [Injury-free Jenkins now thriving in pool for AW](#)



Chris Hamady, Technology Director and Devin Filip, Tech. Specialist spoke at the Ohio Education Technology Conference.



Billy Dean and Alex Bischoff will represent the AWHS-Penta DECA chapter at the International Career Development Conference in Orlando, Florida. The duo took second place in the Virtual Business Challenge at the District level of competition to qualify. [READ MORE]



Waterville Primary students created a mural of thank you messages for School Counselor, Jillian Cowell and Teila, school facility dog in honor of School Counselors Week.

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





AWHS seniors heard from Todd Stansfield ('14) about the importance of establishing healthy habits and making positive decisions in preparation for life after graduation. The talk is part of an ongoing "Adulting 101" series designed to give students the tools and knowledge they need to be successful beyond high school.

## FEBRUARY HAPPENINGS IN OUR SCHOOLS



Whitehouse Primary kindergarten students celebrated being 100 days smarter by practicing math facts and other 100th Day of School activities.



Students in Abbey Foltz's 3rd grade class at Waterville Primary taught their peers how to use TinkerCAD to design and 3D print snowmen.



Fallen Timbers Middle School staff learned new instructional strategies from colleagues, Emma Rees, Fifth Grade and Julie Corbett, Sixth Grade during the 2-Hour Professional Development training on February 18.



Kindergarten students at Monclova Primary used an oversized ten frame to practice adding numbers up to 10.





The AWHs Symphonic Winds ensemble was one of only four bands from across the state to be selected to perform at the Ohio Music Educators (OMEA) Convention in Cleveland, OH. In addition to their performance, the musicians also visited the conference expo, attended a performance of the Cleveland Symphony Orchestra and listened to the All-State Honors Band perform. [\[READ MORE\]](#)



Five AWHs vocal arts students were selected by audition to perform with the OMEA District 1 Honors Choir at the Stranahan Theatre. Pictured with Director Kayla Dye are Madeline Shamy, Fiona Ellison, Layla Doyle, Amelia Cappel and Foster Thompson. [\[READ MORE\]](#)



AWHS Junior, Evey Bringolf was selected for the All-State Honors Band. She performed with other top musicians from across the state at the OMEA Convention. [\[LEARN MORE\]](#)



AWHS's Close Harmony vocal ensemble hosted a 'Singing Valentine' fundraiser. Students and staff could purchase the opportunity to have someone serenaded with a pop song during the school day.

## SOLO & ENSEMBLE RESULTS

OMEA Solo & Ensemble Contest is an optional opportunity for students to prepare and perform a musical selection for adjudication.

### Instrumental Solos

42 superior  
12 excellent

### Instrumental Ensembles

22 superior  
5 excellent  
2 very good

### Vocal Solos

11 superior  
3 excellent

### Vocal Ensembles

1 superior  
1 excellent





The 7th grade boys basketball team celebrated an undefeated season after claiming the NLL title with a victory over Perrysburg on February 10.



AW Junior High wrestlers, Jarett Zinz, Graham Junga, Mason Hendricks, 8th graders and Daniel Rodgers, 7th grade, qualified to compete at the state finals in Youngstown, Ohio.



The AWHs cheer squad earned a spot to compete at the OASSA State Tournament in Columbus. The team finished third in the state.



Six AWHs student-athletes were added to the All-Ohio Wall. L to R: Lila Simon, soccer; Addy Williams, soccer; Trace Davis, soccer; Jacob Proctor, cross country; Mallory Pike, volleyball; Leah Pike, volleyball.



The AWHs gymnastics team claimed the runner up spot in both the NLL and the District. The athletes qualified as a team, and Brylee Schermerhorn and McKenna Hanneman qualified as individuals for the OHSAA state meet.



Nate Barasch, Jarrett Jenkins, Brennan Jenkins, Max Gottschalk, Mallory Syrek, Colleen Hildebrand, Kate Hildebrand and Brooklyn Williams names qualified to represent AWHs at the OHSAA state swim meet.