



Anthony Wayne Local Schools GENERAL KNOWLEDGE

Partnering with Families for Future Ready Students

Welcome to General Knowledge!

SURVEY SAYS: Feedback from the District's fall Communication Survey said that AW families want more information about how to support their child's academic learning and personal growth.

We know you are busy and it can be difficult to get to workshops or meetings, so we are piloting a [series of monthly videos](#) along with this newsletter as a way to share information and resources you may find helpful.

What topics interest you?

We want our resources and tools to be useful, and chances are you aren't the only parent with questions, so send your ideas to communications@anthonywayneschools.org. We will work to find the answers and share information in future issues.



March is National Reading Month

Supporting Literacy Learning and Encouraging a Lifelong Love of Reading



March is National Reading Month, a time when people of all ages are encouraged to read every day. If you haven't picked up a book lately, consider that reading:

- increases intelligence
- boosts vocabulary
- encourages empathy
- builds communication skills
- reduces stress
- slows cognitive decline
- improves memory and creativity
- enhances career development

"Reading is the foundation for so many things we do in life. We all read for a variety of purposes, even within one

day. We might read to be entertained, to be persuaded, to figure out how to do something, to learn about something, or to connect with others," said Andrea Donely, Title I Teacher at Whitehouse Primary School.

Thanks to our reading and English language arts teachers and representatives from our community libraries, this newsletter aims to share a few ways you can help build literacy skills at home, but more reading resources are available on the District website at www.AnthonyWayneSchools.org/FamilyResources

[Watch the Reading Month Video >>](#)

"Reading aloud together is one of the most impactful things a parent can do for their child -- no matter their age."

Jennifer Karl- Thompson, M.Ed., AWLS Student Services Director, Preschool - 6th grade

Special Stories to Enjoy Together

Check our [YouTube Channel](#) for videos featuring Whitehouse Primary School teachers reading some of their favorite books for Right to Read Week.

LEARNING LINK

[Reading 30 pages of fiction per night can immediately start to create new pathways in the brain >>](#)

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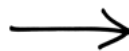
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WHY READ AT HOME? from www.betterfetter.com

IF STUDENT A READS:

- 20 minutes per day
- 3,600 minutes per school year
- 1.8M words per year



Scores in the **90th percentile** on standardized tests

IF STUDENT B READS:

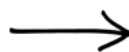
- 5 minutes per day
- 900 minutes per school year
- 282,000 words per year



Scores in the **50th percentile** on standardized tests

IF STUDENT C READS:

- 1 minute per day
- 180 minutes per school year
- 8,000 words per year



Scores in the **10th percentile** on standardized tests



DID YOU KNOW?

Many AWHs sports require student-athletes read and discuss a book together as a team building activity to build collaboration and leadership skills.

My Kid is a Reluctant Reader: What Can I Do?

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

"Read together to entertain! Use voices, inflection and have fun. You will model fluent reading and show them it can be enjoyable."

ANDREA DONLEY, Title I Teacher
Whitehouse Primary School



MIDDLE SCHOOL

"It's as simple as letting them read what they want. Don't get caught up on whether they are reading 'at their particular grade level.' Let them read for fun."

JESSICA MEAD, Librarian
Fallen Timbers Middle School



JUNIOR HIGH

"If you can connect books to TV shows, movies or other books they have read...and give them choice...it can make a big difference."

MEGAN MELNYK, 8th Grade Reading
Anthony Wayne Junior High



HIGH SCHOOL

"If you can send them articles about things that spark their curiosity about things they are already curious about...it can develop those habits of being an active reader."

KEVIN O'CONNOR, Amer. Lit. and AP Language & Comp.
Anthony Wayne High School



AFFORDABLE BOOKS

[FREE books for kids 0-5 from Dolly Parton's Imagination Library](#)

[Dollar Book Swap: Dayton, OH Bookstore](#) - all books are \$1.25

[NEW! Goodwill Bookstore in Temperance, MI](#)

[Whitehouse Community Library Book Sale, April 21-22](#)

[TLCPL Friends of the Library Book Sale April 13-15](#)



Waterville Primary School

THANK YOU to the many parents, grandparents and volunteers who support reading by being Mystery Readers, helping with our Book Fairs and participating in family literacy nights and Right to Read Week!

LOCAL PARTNERS

The [Whitehouse Community Library](#) and [Waterville Branch Library](#) offer:

- helpful and knowledgeable staff can help you find reading materials that match your child's ability and interests
- thousands of books from which to choose
- fun events and classes to encourage learning and creativity

Best of all - everything is free and right here in our community!