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ANTHONY WAYNE LOCAL SCHOOLS EMPLOYEE NEWSLETTER | MAY 2023

From the Superintendent's Desk

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU DO!

CELEBRATING OUR STAFF

The month of May brings many celebrations from awards programs to graduation. These student accomplishments would not be possible without the work you put in every day to help our students achieve their learning and personal goals.

I believe it's time to celebrate you! I know that each Anthony Wayne employee strives to provide an outstanding educational experience for our students. You do an incredible job each and every day to provide an awesome environment for our students to grow both personally and academically. I can't thank you enough for the many thoughtful and innovative ways that you help to empower students to be future-ready -- helping them to meet each milestone from kindergarten graduation through high school graduation.

*Thank you for all of the work
you do each and every day!*

I wish you the best as we all work together to cross the finish line of the school year with our students on May 26!

Dr. Jim Fritz, Superintendent
Anthony Wayne Local Schools

*thank
you*

REMINDER

PUBLIC MEETING: FACILITIES RECOMMENDATIONS

Tuesday, May 2

6:00 p.m.

AWHS Auditorium

Using information gathered from its earlier facilities assessment, the recent stakeholder survey and new enrollment study, The Collaborative will present its recommended options for District facilities improvements.

The meeting will be live streamed and recorded for those who cannot attend in person.

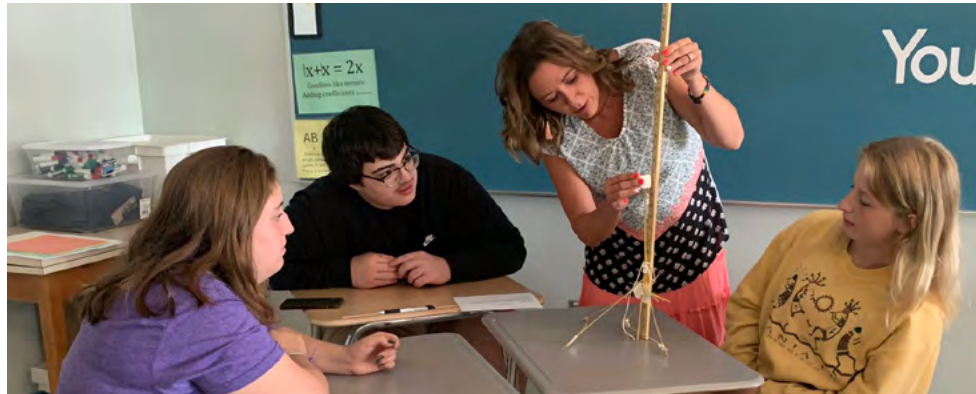
After watching the presentation, please provide your feedback in a follow-up survey. The link will be available on the [Facilities Master Planning page of the website](#).

Please refer to the letter that was sent via email last week or [the website](#) for more information.

Anthony Wayne Local Schools empowers students to be future ready!

STAFF APPRECIATION

THANK YOU FOR EMPOWERING OUR STUDENTS



CIATION WEEK

IR STUDENTS TO BE FUTURE READY!



THANK YOU, TEACHERS!

This week, we celebrate the impact you have on each and every one of our students.

Thank you for your daily efforts to ensure our students are engaged, challenged and supported. The many hours you dedicate to preparing lessons, answering questions, attending events, reviewing

student work and researching innovative ways to improve our schools do not go unnoticed.

It's a big job, and we appreciate that you rise to the challenge with creativity and compassion to provide an atmosphere of love and learning to our students every day.

Thank you for being a shining example of the *Portrait of a General* competencies we want to see in our students.

You are making a difference and changing lives, and we appreciate all you do to make Anthony Wayne Schools an awesome place to learn and grow!

SCHOOL PRINCIPALS' DAY

They help to manage the drop-off line, support students, faculty and staff, communicate with parents, organize and attend events, answer countless emails and make a million connections every day. Our school principals are essential to the daily operations of our buildings and we can't thank you enough for your vision, leadership and commitment to seeing our students have the best possible school experience every day. Thank you!



SCHOOL NURSE DAY

They bandage boo-boos, tame tummy aches, mete medication, partner with parents and support students anytime they are feeling a little less-than-perfect. They plan wellness activities that teach the importance of living a healthy lifestyle, and go out of their way to comfort and reassure students.

Nurses, thank you for all you do to help to ensure our students are safe and healthy at school!



SCHOOL LUNCH HERO DAY

We want to pause to thank the members of our food service teams who work hard to prepare tasty meals for our students while following strict nutrition standards, navigating allergies and ensuring safe food handling.

You help to ensure our students are well fed and ready to learn. We appreciate the way you provide exceptional service with a smile on May 5 and every day. You are our School Lunch Heroes!

SCHOOL COMMUNICATORS DAY

The second Friday in May is set aside to recognize the individuals who work hard to ensure students, families, staff and community stakeholders receive timely and transparent information about what is happening in their local school districts.

Thank you to District Communications Specialist, Rebecca Schwan and each of the administrators and secretaries who prepare newsletters, hold meetings, respond to questions and serve on organizational boards in an effort to keep our community informed of what is happening across the District.



PHYSICAL WELLNESS

WELLNESS COMMITTEE NEWS

The Big found The Big Island Trek an enjoyable way to increase your physical activity in April. Thank you to all who participated and congratulations to all of the weekly drawing winners during the 4th Quarter Wellness Challenge!



DANCE YOUR WAY TO FITNESS

Before there were [TikTok dance challenges](#), we were sweating to the oldies, moving our boogie bodies and kicking up our heels in cowboy boots.

[Studies show that dancing is a great way to improve your health](#) by increasing cardiovascular fitness, improving balance and toning muscles.

So turn up some music and get moving! Need some inspiration? See if you can keep up with these hilarious retro dance workouts.

[Move Your Boogie Body with Judi Sheppard Missett](#)

[Prancercise with Johanna Rohrback](#)

[Country Hip Hop with Diane Horner](#)

[The Unworkout with Dixie Carter](#)

[It's My Party with Richard Simmons](#)



BELLY LAUGH BONUS:

Laughing as you attempt these wacky workouts will also [boost your physical fitness](#) by:

1. Lowering blood pressure
2. Reducing stress hormones
3. Toning your abs
4. Improving cardiac health
5. Boosting t-cells
6. Releasing endorphins
7. Producing a sense of well-being

CONFIDENTIAL HELP IS AVAILABLE 24/7

Thanks to a partnership with ProMedica, a free counseling service available to you and your family members. The Employee Assistance Program is completely confidential. No personal information is shared with AWLS, only the number of people who have accessed the service.

Call 866-327-3759 to learn ways to navigate life's challenges.



OHIO ACE PROGRAM OFFERS STIPENDS

Families can apply through the Ohio Department of Education for a \$1,000 educational savings account to be used to pay for academic enrichment opportunities such as summer camps.

[More information about the program and eligibility is available on the District website.](#)



HEALTH BENEFITS INSURANCE OPEN ENROLLMENT

May is Open Enrollment time - the window in which you can make changes to your insurance selections. Any changes will take effect July 1, 2023, but because we are pre-pay you will see any changes in your deductions take effect in June. Watch your email for more information as it comes available and contact [Cindy Brahier](#) with questions.



STAFF MEMBER OF THE YEAR

Anthony Wayne Local Schools names one Certified Staff Member of the Year and one Classified Staff Member of the Year for their excellence. We are looking for nominations for people who provide extraordinary service to the school and community. There is no limit on the number of individuals you may nominate; however, all nominations must be submitted by Monday, August 7.

[Please submit a separate form for each nominee >>](#)



FFA SPRING PLANT SALE

The Penta-Anthony Wayne High School FFA chapter is hosting its annual plant sale. Students will fill your planters or hanging baskets with soil and your choice of flowers (based on availability). Just drop off your containers they will be ready the next day. Price is determined by type and number of flowers. They also have a variety of flowers and vegetables available for purchase. [Click here to order.](#) If you have questions, please contact [Courtney Bockbrader](#).



BACK TO SCHOOL 2023-24

As the end of the school year quickly approaches, we are also looking ahead to next year. The 2023-24 Back to School webpage is now active online and information will be added throughout the spring and early summer as it becomes available. Feel free to refer families to www.AnthonyWayneSchools.org/BacktoSchool so they can mark their calendars.



KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION CONTINUES

Kindergarten Registration for fall 2023-24 is now open. Children who are five years old by September 30, 2023 and live in the Anthony Wayne Local Schools District are eligible to enroll. [Information about required documentation, screening and parent nights, along with answers to frequently asked questions are available online.](#)



WE ARE HIRING!

We are looking for great people to apply for open positions in our Transportation, Food Service and Operations Departments. Applicants for aides and substitutes are also always welcome! Please feel free to share the video links below with those who may be interested in becoming a General!

[Food Services >>](#)

[Custodial Services >>](#)

[Transportation >>](#)



UPCOMING EVENTS

MAY 1 - 5

Teacher Appreciation Week: THANK YOU!

MAY 1

Waterville Third Grade Music Program

MAY 2

NO SCHOOL: Professional Development Day

THURSDAY, MAY 4

Waterville & Whitehouse Kindergarten Parent Night
AWHS Choir Concert

SATURDAY, MAY 6

Prom & After Prom

MONDAY, MAY 8

Fallen Timbers Solo Recital
Whitehouse Kindergarten Music Program

TUESDAY, MAY 9

Fallen Timbers 6th Grade Choir Concert
AWHS Senior Awards Night

THURSDAY, MAY 10

AWHS Band Concert

SATURDAY, MAY 13

Districtwide Spring Art Show

MONDAY, MAY 15

Board Meeting

TUESDAY, MAY 16

8th Grade Chicken BBQ & Band Performance

WEDNESDAY, MAY 17

7th Grade Chicken BBQ & Band Performance

SATURDAY, MAY 20

Class of 2023 Commencement

FRIDAY, MAY 26

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS

MONDAY, MAY 28

CLOSED: Memorial Day

TUESDAY, MAY 29

Teacher Work Day

AWLS BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETINGS

All meetings are held at the Central Administrative Office.

Meetings are streamed live online for those who cannot attend in person >>

May 15	6:00 p.m.
June 1	8:00 a.m.
June 28	8:00 a.m.
July 10	8:00 a.m.
August 7	8:00 a.m.

Meeting agendas and policies are available on the district website >>

LPDC MEETINGS

May 1
May 22

Check the website for your building rep >>



Download the 2023-24 District Calendar

THE MAY CALENDAR IS FULL OF ACTIVITY!

SEE THE MASTER CALENDAR FOR ALL EVENTS >>

SCHNABEL RECOGNIZED IN TEACHERS HONOR TEACHERS PROGRAM

The Martha Holden Jennings Foundation launched a new program last fall inviting teachers to recognize a colleague for exceptional work in the classroom.

Lauren Radwan, Intervention Specialist at Waterville Primary nominated first year Occupational Therapist Madeline Schnabel for all she does to support students with fine motor deficits, multiple disabilities and autism. [You can read her full entry essay here.](#)



Both Maddy and Lauren will receive \$500 for their classrooms. Congratulations and thank you for your work in empowering students to be future ready!

If you would like to nominate a colleague for the Teachers Honor Teachers program, [submissions are accepted here.](#)

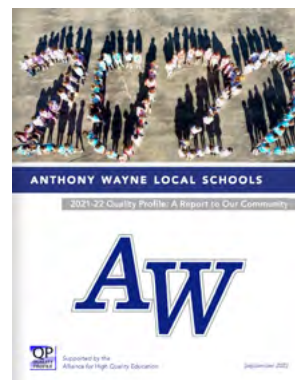
PUBLICATION EARNS AWARD FROM OHSPRA

Each year, the Ohio School Public Relations Association (OHSPRA) recognizes Districts for their exemplary school communications efforts.

The District was awarded a Mark of Distinction Award from OHSPRA for its 2021-22 Quality Profile.

The annual year-in-review provides stakeholders the opportunity learn more about the accomplishments of students and staff and stay up-to-date on the District's goals and initiatives.

[You can view the 2021-22 Quality Profile online.](#)



CAROLYN VOGTSBERGER TO RETIRE MAY 30

If she would have listened to her friend, Carolyn Vogtsberger would have never become a teacher. Her friend suggested she should "do something more important."

Now as she reflects on her 36-year career as a math teacher with AWLS, Carolyn says she can't imagine doing anything else. "I'm totally blessed to have a job that I've loved so much," she said.

In addition to her teaching responsibilities, Carolyn also

coached softball, leading her 2013 team to the District's only OHSA state title to date.

Carolyn plans to stay busy in by spending time with her children and grandchildren, traveling, cooking and reading.

Her last day with the District is May 30.

Thank you for your dedicated service to the students and student-athletes of Anthony Wayne Schools. We wish you well in retirement!



[Carolyn also sat down to chat with The Mirror. Her interview is available online.](#)



VIEW BACK ISSUES: Previous editions of the *Generals Bulletin* can be found on the [Staff Forms and Information page of the District website >>](#)