



May 2026

The Generals Post

Anthony Wayne Local Schools Stakeholder Newsletter

Celebrating a Year of Growth and Learning

As we enter the final month of the school year, we want to take a moment to recognize and celebrate the many accomplishments of our students. Throughout the year, they have demonstrated strong academic growth, curiosity, creativity, and resilience. From classroom learning to performances, projects, competitions, and school events, they continue to make our school community proud.

As we head into the final weeks, we encourage students to remain focused and finish the year with pride and determination. There is still meaningful learning ahead, and we look forward to celebrating the continued effort and achievements of our students as the year comes to a close.

We are deeply grateful for the partnership of our parents and wider community. Your ongoing encouragement, communication, and involvement have played a key role in supporting student success this year. The connection between home and school has helped create a positive and supportive learning environment for all students.

Thank you for taking an interest in our schools and for your continued support throughout the year. We hope you share in our pride in the growth and achievements of our students and our thanks to our dedicated staff, especially as we recognize Staff Appreciation Week May 4 - 8.

Please consider sharing a note of appreciation with our dedicated team employees. [Access the staff directory.](#)



ABOVE: Monclova Primary first graders make observations about the world around them during an Earth Day nature walk.



AWLS Board of Education News

The AWLS Board of Education meets monthly at the Central Administrative Offices. Meetings are open to the public and are [live-streamed and recorded](#) for those who cannot attend in-person.

Highlights from the April 13 Regular Meeting [View the meeting recording](#)

Acknowledgments

- The Board congratulated the AWHs Instrumental Music Program, AW-Penta DECA Team and several winter sports teams for their recent accomplishments.
- Christine Young, Military Families School Liaison shared a brief presentation on the Purple Star program and the many ways that our schools support our military-connected students and families.

Board Actions

- The Board unanimously voted to appoint Assistant Treasurer Ray Greene as the District's next Treasurer. He will assume the role August 1, succeeding current Treasurer Kerri Johnson who is set to retire on July 31.
- A number of donations supporting student organizations and activities were accepted. [View the full list on the district website.](#)
- The Board approved allowing the treasurer to seek bids for an AW Junior High HVAC Improvement Project. This project is approved by the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce and will be paid out of the Food Service fund.
- Overnight travel for the AWHs-Penta chapter of FCCLA, AWHs Choir and AWHs Band students was approved for enrichment activities.
- Personnel recommendations including transfers, retirements, resignations, and new hires were approved.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: Monday, May 11 at 6:00 p.m.



Dear Anthony Wayne Local Schools Community,

As we reflect on the school year, we do so with pride. The tradition of excellence that has long defined our district continues to remain strong as students excel both in and out of the classroom. From academic achievement and artistic expression to athletic success and service learning, our students consistently demonstrate what is possible when high expectations are matched with meaningful support.

Our success is not the work of schools alone. It is a reflection of a community that stands behind its students and educators in countless ways. Throughout the year, volunteers have dedicated their time, talents, and energy to make a difference in our schools each and every day. Whether assisting in classrooms, organizing events, or providing resources and support to our students and staff, these individuals help create the opportunities that enrich our students' educational experiences.

During the month of May, I want to take time to formally recognize and celebrate our volunteers. We could not be the district we are, nor provide the opportunities we do, without the unwavering support of our community and the many volunteers who help make things happen daily. Their generosity strengthens our schools and directly impacts student success.

We are thankful and appreciative, not only during the month of May, but always.

Together, we continue to uphold a tradition of excellence that benefits every student, every day.

Kevin Herman, Superintendent
Anthony Wayne Local Schools





MR. RAY GREENE

New District Treasurer - August 1

Ray was named the district's next treasurer after serving as Assistant Treasurer for the past four years. He brings experience in school finance, education, and leadership, and has helped manage budgeting, reporting, and daily financial operations while preparing for the transition into the role. [Read more >>](#)



MRS. AMY NOFZINGER ('98)

AWHS Secretary / Cashier

Amy once worked as a student helper at AWHS, and now she supports and mentors students while serving in daily school operations like coordinating College Credit materials, forms, and timelines. She enjoys problem-solving and improving organizational and financial processes. [Read more >>](#)



MRS. BRENDA COHRS

Food Services Secretary, Cashier, and Prep Staff

Whether managing complex financial deposits or ensuring our students were greeted with a smile in the lunch line, Brenda has been a cornerstone of the Food Services Department. As she prepares for retirement, we thank her dedicated service and commitment to our students. [Read more >>](#)



MR. JIM BOLONE

AW Junior High English Language Arts Teacher

What began as an unexpected career choice became a 30-year journey of connection, storytelling, and helping students feel understood. In retirement, Jim looks forward to continuing his writing and enjoying more time with family, friends, and the outdoors.

[Read more >>](#)

ARJUN JAYARAMAN, AWH Senior

Future-Ready Student Reflects on HS Experience

Arjun will attend The Ohio State University after a high school career that included rigorous coursework, athletics, leadership, and DECA success. He plans to study industrial engineering while remaining open-minded about future career paths, focused on problem-solving and adaptability. [Read more >>](#)



ALIYAH KHALIL, AWH Senior

Embracing a learner's mindset

Aliyah will attend Bowling Green State University for corporate law, entering with 67 college credits through College Credit Plus. She plans to pursue an accelerated MBA path and eventually law school, while staying active on campus and continuing her focus on learning, organization, and real-world experience. [Read more >>](#)



KYLIE STOUT, Waterville 4th Grader

Third place winner in local poetry contest

Kylie has been a finalist three times in the Ode to the Zip Code poetry contest, placing third each time, highlighting her creativity and love for her community. She read her poem at a Finalists Reception, received a \$200 prize, and plans to enter the contest again next year.

[Read more >>](#)



GARRETT SMITH, AWH Senior

Appointed to U.S. Naval Academy

Garrett will follow in the footsteps of his three older brothers to attend the U.S. Naval Academy. He is an Eagle Scout, student leader, and athlete who was inspired by a USNA summer program. He will report for Plebe Summer on June 24. [Read more in the AW Free Press >>](#)





WHITEHOUSE PRIMARY GIRLS ON THE RUN COACHES

Mrs. Nicole Kemmer, Mrs. Emily Lindsay, and Mrs. Diana Sporysz

Through encouragement, teamwork, and a lot of fun, Coaches Nicole Kemmer, Emily Lindsay, and Diana Sporysz are empowering Girls on the Run participants at Whitehouse Primary to believe in themselves and support one another. [Read more >>](#)



AWHS Student Council Wins \$1,000 for After Prom

AWHS was selected as a \$1,000 winner in the [Project Prom](#) contest sponsored by [BCAN/BCSN](#) for the second year in a row! Their dedication to planning a fun and safe Prom and After-Prom experience continues to catch the attention of judges in this annual contest.



District Earns Three Awards for Communications

[Anthony Wayne Local Schools](#) earned awards for [photography](#), [social media](#), and [writing](#) from the [Ohio School Public Relations Association](#). Communications Director [Rebecca Sanford](#) accepted the awards recognizing community engagement and storytelling.



AWHS 2nd Annual Military Signing Ceremony

Seniors who have made the choice to enlist in a branch of the U.S. military following graduation will be honored at a signing ceremony at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, May 1.

The event is open to the public and will be held in the AWHs Auditorium.



AWHS Students Host 2nd Strike Out Cancer Event

Enter a chance to win a prize basket and do your part to strike out cancer at the 2nd Annual Strike Out Cancer softball game on Saturday, May 16 at AWHs starting at noon. Hosted by students in the AWHs Community Engagement Class, proceeds from the event will support a teacher battling cancer.



AWHS Class of 2026 Graduation Details

Commencement exercises for the Anthony Wayne High School Class of 2026 will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 23 at the Stroh Center on the campus of Bowling Green State University.

Tickets are not required for attendance. General admission seating opens starting at 9:00 a.m.

The ceremony will be live streamed in partnership with WBGU-TV.

EVENTS CALENDAR

MAY 1

Military Signing Ceremony

MAY 2

AWHS Prom

MAY 4 - 8

Staff Appreciation Week

MAY 4

No School - Staff Professional Development

MAY 6

Waterville Primary Kindergarten Parent Night

MAY 7

AWHS Choir Concert
Whitehouse Primary Kindergarten Parent Night

MAY 11

Board of Education Meeting
BBQ & Bands Fundraiser

MAY 12

BBQ & Bands Fundraiser

MAY 14

Symphonic Winds Concert

MAY 19

AWJH Choir Concert

MAY 23

Commencement

MAY 25

District Closed: Memorial Day

MAY 28

Last Day of School

MAY 29

Teacher Work Day



Community Engagement

[AWHS students hosted an AW sports equipment and spirit wear drive.](#)

Waterville Fun Fridays

[Learning about friendship, inclusion and teamwork one Friday at a time.](#)



AW-Penta FFA Chapter Hosts Awards Ceremony

[Student organization recognizes accomplishments of top members at annual event](#)

Generals In the News

[Bomb threat prompts lockdown at Anthony Wayne Local Schools Friday, staff & students safe](#)

[Anthony Wayne board hears of student successes](#)

[Teen earns state fire marshal honor thanks to quick thinking after smoke alarm emergency](#)

[25 area students announced as Block scholarship winners](#)

[Perrysburg Rotary awards scholarships to 14 Penta seniors](#)

[Inside the NLL: Anthony Wayne Boys Tennis](#)

[Springfield's Gwozdz, Anthony Wayne's Myers celebrate softball coaching milestones](#)

Have a story idea? [Let us know!](#)





The AWHHS production of Disney's *Newsies* was a high-energy, crowd-pleasing performance that showcased dynamic choreography, powerful vocals, and the impressive talent of student performers.



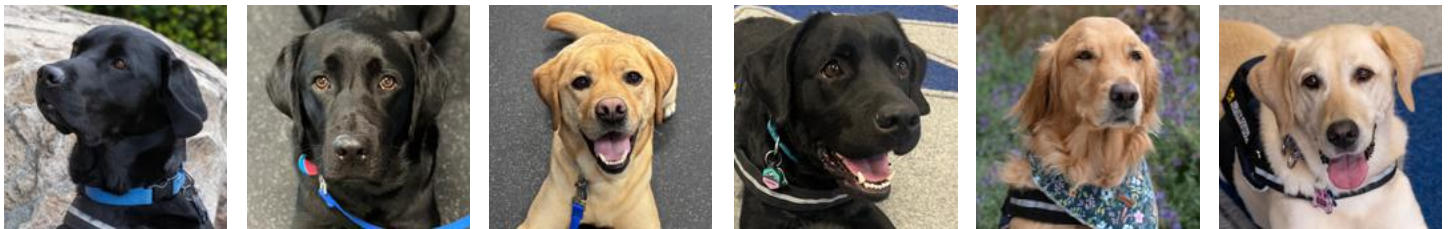
The 54th Annual District Art Show highlighted the imagination and skill of student artists, featuring a diverse collection of paintings, drawings, sculptures, and mixed-media works.



Real-World Finance in Action: [AWHS teams showcased communication, flexibility, and financial knowledge](#) while competing against top schools in the state at the Ohio Personal Finance Challenge Finals.



Leaders in the Making — Members of the Anthony Wayne Junior High FCCLA chapter [advanced to the national competition](#) after demonstrating teamwork, leadership, and dedication at the Ohio FCCLA Leadership Conference.



Astro
Fallen Timbers

Dunkin
Monclova

Jasper
AWHS

Lorain
AWJH

Luna
Whitehouse

Teila
Waterville

VOTE TODAY: Who's the Best School Facility Dog?

We all know our school facility dogs are the best—but which one will earn the official title from The Ability Center? You can [vote once per day through May 29](#). Help your favorite pup take the top spot and get the recognition they deserve!



What's Your E?
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The Class of 2026 is Future Ready!

