

# GENERALS BULLETIN

*Anthony Wayne Local Schools Employee Newsletter*



## *Celebrating a Harvest of Knowledge*

As we near the end of the school year, it's the perfect time to pause and celebrate the flourishing garden we have grown together. As a team of persistent gardeners, you have spent months tending to our students—carefully weeding, fertilizing, watering, and trellising—and now we are seeing the results everywhere we look.

During testing season the dedication, patience, and daily care you have invested in our students has been fruitful. Like a growing plant in a well-nurtured garden, their confidence has taken root, their skills have stretched toward the sun, and they are enjoying a bounty of achievements.

Every lesson planned, every moment of encouragement offered, and every challenge met with perseverance has contributed to this rich harvest of knowledge. You have cultivated more than academic success—you have grown resilience, curiosity, and a love of learning that will continue long after this season ends.

As we head into Staff Appreciation Week, we want to extend our deepest gratitude to each member of our team. Thank you for the long hours, the steady hands, and the unwavering belief in our students' potential. Your work matters, and the harvest we celebrate today is a direct reflection of your care and commitment. Thank you.

# — *A Message from Our Superintendent* —

This week is Staff Appreciation Week and a perfect time for us to recognize all of you, the incredible people who make our district not only a great place for students to learn, but also a wonderful place to work.

I want to sincerely thank each and every one of you for all that you do to make AW such a remarkable school community. The dedication, care, and professionalism you bring to your work each day do not go unnoticed.



Whether you serve our students in the classroom, in the office, on the bus, in the cafeteria, in maintenance, in support roles, or in leadership, your contributions are essential to the success of our district.

The education our students receive both inside and outside of the classroom is second to none. That excellence is a direct reflection of your commitment to helping students grow academically, socially, and emotionally. You create safe, welcoming spaces where students feel supported, challenged, and inspired to be their best. You are able to do this through the care and genuine concern that you show.

As we reflect on this school year, I hope you do so with a deep sense of pride. You are part of something much bigger than your daily responsibilities. You are shaping the lives of our students and strengthening the foundation of our entire community. The impact of your work reaches far beyond the walls of our buildings and will be felt for years to come.

It is my true joy and honor to serve as your superintendent and to work alongside such dedicated professionals as we build brighter futures for our students together.

Thank you for all that you do.  
Kevin

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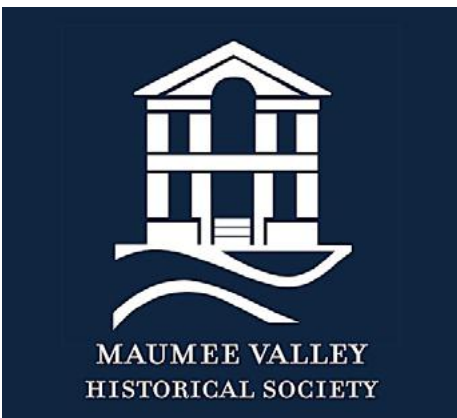
## News You Can Use

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### EDUCATION APPRECIATION WEEK

In appreciation, the Toledo Mud Hens are offering school personnel a special ticket offer. From May 5-10, you will receive admission to the game, a limited edition water bottle, and custom notepad for \$15. Additional tickets for friends and family can be purchased at the special group rate. [Purchase tickets.](#)



### EDUCATOR SUMMER FIELD TRIP

The Maumee Valley Historical Society and Wolcott Museum Complex are offering six contact hours for their June 25 educational field trip for teachers to Sauder Village. [Further details and registration information is available on the Staff Forms and Information page.](#)



### MARTHA HOLDEN JENNINGS GRANTS NEW APPLICATION WINDOWS

As of January 2026, applications for grants awarded through the Martha Holden Jennings Foundation are accepted on a quarterly basis.

Applications for the next round of awards are due May 15. [Visit the MHJ website for materials.](#)

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### TECH IN YOUR BUILDING: STOP BY FOR ASSISTANCE

| DATE           | TIME      | BUILDING       | TECH           |
|----------------|-----------|----------------|----------------|
| Monday, May 11 | 8:00 a.m. | Whitehouse     | Devin Filip    |
| Monday, May 18 | 7:00 a.m. | Fallen Timbers | David Hadley   |
| Monday, May 26 | 7:00 a.m. | AW Junior High | Nickie Sattler |

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# Wellness Committee News

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## Q4 WELLNESS CHALLENGE:

### WALKING OUR WAY TO SUMMER WELLNESS

Our last wellness challenge of the year is already mid-stride, but it's not too late to start counting your steps! Whether you're a power walker or a casual stroller, every step counts! Track your weekly movement using a personal mileage calculator and submit your totals via the check-in form.

You have until Sunday, May 17 to log your steps!

[Visit the Staff Wellness webpage for details and tracking forms.](#)

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## NEW TO FITNESS WALKING? STEPS TO GETTING STARTED

**START SLOW:** Don't feel pressured to hit 10,000 steps on day one. Increase your distance gradually by 10% each week to avoid strain.

**GEAR UP:** Wear moisture-wicking socks and supportive sneakers. If your shoes have over 500 miles on them, it might be time for a fresh pair!

**BE SEEN:** If you are walking in the early morning or in the evening, wear reflective gear or bright colors so drivers can see you.

**STAY ALERT:** Watch for cars, be on the lookout for bikes and dogs, and use headphones or ear buds sparingly. You want to be aware of your surroundings. Better yet - bring a buddy!

**LISTEN TO YOUR BODY:** A little muscle soreness during new exercise is normal, but sharp pain is a sign to rest. Hydrate well before, during, and after your walk.



# Events Calendar

**MAY 4 - 8**

Staff Appreciation Week

**TUESDAY, MAY 5**

**NO SCHOOL:**

**STAFF PROF. DEV. DAY**

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 6**

Wellness Wednesday

Waterville Kindergarten

Parent Meeting

**THURSDAY, MAY 7**

**PAYDAY**

Whitehouse Kdg. Parent Mtg.

**MONDAY, MAY 11**

Board of Ed. Meeting

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 13**

LPDC Materials Due

**MONDAY, MAY 18**

LPDC Meeting

**THURSDAY, MAY 21**

**PAYDAY**

**MONDAY, MAY 25**

**DISTRICT CLOSED:**

**MEMORIAL DAY**

**THURSDAY, MAY 28**

Last Day of School

**FRIDAY, MAY 29**

Teacher Work Day

**MONDAY, JUNE 1**

Waterville Kdg. Screening

**TUESDAY, JUNE 2**

Monclova Kdg. Screening

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3**

Whitehouse Kdg. Screening

**THURSDAY, JUNE 4**

**PAYDAY**

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10**

Board of Ed. Meeting

**THURSDAY, JUNE 18**

**PAYDAY**

**THURSDAY, JUNE 19**

District Closed: Juneteenth

**THURSDAY, JUNE 25**

Board of Ed. Meeting

**JUNE 28 - JULY 4**

AW Family Week

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 1**

Returning Student

Registration Opens

**THURSDAY, JULY 2**

**PAYDAY**

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## SAVE THE DATE: SUPPORTING MILITARY FAMILIES PD

The 180th Air National Guard is deploying more than 500 service members this fall. Many Anthony Wayne families will be directly impacted.

In response, the Purple Star Generals, in partnership with the 180th's Family Readiness Department, are offering a special PD session to you better support our students and families on August 5. The session will include lunch and a base tour. Additional information and registration details will be shared soon.

# Staff News & Recognition

## STAFF SPOTLIGHTS



**AMY NOZINGER**  
AWHS



**BRENDA COHRS**  
FOOD SERVICES



**JIM BOLONE**  
AW JUNIOR HIGH



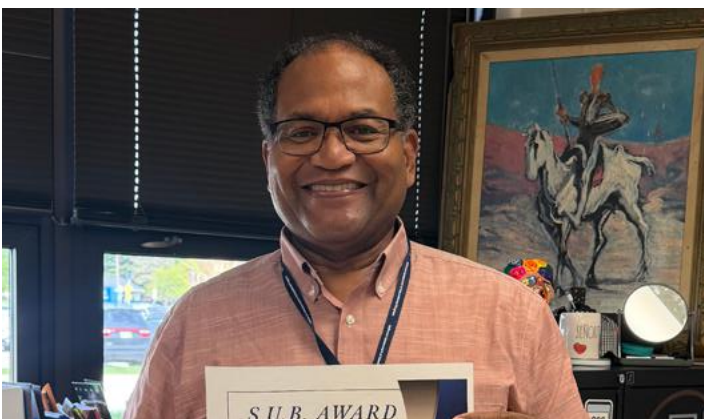
**RAY GREENE**  
CAO



**EMILY LINDSAY, NICOLE KEMMER, DIANA SPORYSZ**  
WHITEHOUSE PRIMARY

## S.U.B. AWARDS

S.U.B. Awards celebrate our substitute employees who go above to help us out in our time of need. Please take a moment to [submit a nomination](#) for Someone Unbelievably Beneficial!



**AL STEPHENS**



**PHIL WITKER**

# Staff News & Recognition



The district was recognized with three OHSPRA Awards for outstanding achievement in the categories of social media, writing, and photography.



## HARD HAT AWARDS

Too shy for a photo but certainly deserving of recognition, congratulations to Jenny Pereyda, special education aide, and Dani Ottensman, operations delivery who both received the Hard Hat Award this month for their contributions to our schools!



Congrats to AWHs Student Council and Advisor Julie Blakely won \$1,000 toward After-Prom from BCSN/BCAN Arts for the second year in a row.



Thank you to the AWHs counselors for organizing What's Your E? Day and celebrating students' decisions regarding their chosen pathway: education, employment, or enlistment. (Not pictured: Michelle Reid)

## CONGRATS TO FINE ARTS DEPARTMENT FOR DISTRICT ART SHOW



Alyssa Hodge (Monclova), Haily Kirchner (AWHS), Carrie Flagg (AWHS), Bryan DeKay (AWHS), Heidi Love (Whitehouse), Megan Woodrum (AW Junior High), Jean McIntyre (Waterville). Not available: Andrea Sedlak (FTMS).

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## BRAVO TO THE DISNEY'S NEWSIES MUSICAL DIRECTORS



**KAYLA DYE**  
Director



**JILLIAN LEDWEDGE**  
Assistant Director



**TJ MILLER**  
Technical Director

**Special thanks to:** Shawna Keener, Photographer

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## HIGH-FIVE TO TECH TEAM FOR WORKSHOP



Chris Hamady and Devin Filip met with the largest crowd to date at their free Tech Tips Lunch and Learn on April 22.

## GREAT JOB, COACH!



Softball Coach Ron Myers tallied his 350th win with the Generals.

# Birth Announcements



**JOSIE ROSE BISHOP**

April 9  
7 lbs. 4 oz. || 19 in.

**Proud Parents:**

Bridget Bishop, *Speech Language Pathologist at AW Junior High*  
and Eric Bishop



**EVERETT THOMAS WOODRUM**

April 29  
7 lbs. 11 oz. || 20.5 in.

**Proud Parents:**

Megan Woodrum, *Art Teacher at AW Junior High*  
and Jake Woodrum

