



April 2026

# The Generals Post

*Anthony Wayne Local Schools Stakeholder Newsletter*

## **It's Time for Students to Show What They Know!**

Ohio Testing season begins April 14, and we want every student to feel confident and prepared. State assessments give students an opportunity to show what they have learned throughout the year, and they also help teachers and schools understand how best to support student learning moving forward.

One of the most important ways families can help is by ensuring strong attendance during testing weeks. When students are present and on time, they can complete their assessments with their classmates and avoid having to make up tests later.

A good night's sleep and encouraging your student to do their best can make a big difference. We also encourage students to start their day with a healthy meal. School breakfast is free for all students and [menus are available online](#).

To help families plan ahead, please review these resources:

- [Spring Testing Calendar](#)
- [Testing Overview \(Which Grades Take Which Tests\)](#)



These documents include testing dates, grade-level assessments, and other important details so you know what to expect in the coming weeks.

Thank you for supporting your student and helping make this testing season a success!

ABOVE: The AWH State Champion Dance Team was honored at the March Board Meeting.



## 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 March 9 Regular Meeting [View the meeting recording](#)

#### Treasurer's Report

- The Board awarded a bid for three new school buses to Cardinal Bus Sales in the amount of \$442,407 to be paid with Permanent Improvement Funds.
- A fund was established for managing the deposits and payments for the Anthony Wayne Education Foundation's scholarship awards.
- More than \$43,000 in donations were accepted.

#### Superintendent's Report

- The AWHHS Dance Team was recognized for earning the State Championship in the Game Day category and third place finish in the Pom Category.
- Two community engagement events were discussed, including the AW True Blue Alumni Reunion held on February 14 and Coffee with the Superintendent on March 11.

#### Other Actions

- The Board approved two new classes at AWHHS for the 2026-2027 school year: AP Computer Science and Generals Athletic Performance.
- Several personnel actions, including resignations, contract reductions, new hires, volunteers and supplemental contracts were approved.

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### APRIL MEETING LOCATION MOVED

In order to accommodate the number of student groups being recognized at the Monday, April 13 regular meeting, it has been relocated to the AWHHS Senior Commons. The meeting will begin at 6:00 p.m.



As get ever closer to the end of the school year, I want to take a moment to reflect on all that we, as a district, have to be proud of. Our students continue to achieve at high levels, both inside and outside the classroom. Whether through academic accomplishments, extracurricular involvement, or contributions to our community, they consistently demonstrate excellence, dedication, and growth.

At this time of year, our focus naturally turns to state testing. We approach this season with a strong sense of confidence based on the consistent achievement our students have demonstrated in the past and the meaningful learning that takes place in our classrooms every day. Across the district, our staff works tirelessly to provide instruction that is both challenging and engaging, ensuring that all students are supported in reaching their full potential.

Equally important is our commitment to understanding each student as an individual. We recognize that every child has unique strengths and areas for growth, and we strive to tailor instruction to meet those needs. This personalized approach helps ensure that all students are positioned to progress and perform at the highest levels.

Our results over time reflect this dedication. We are proud to have consistently ranked among the top 5% of school districts in the state of Ohio. This level of achievement is no accident—it is the result of hard work, strong partnerships, and a shared commitment to excellence.

Finally, none of this would be possible without the ongoing support of our parents and community. Your involvement, encouragement, and belief in our students make a tremendous difference each and every day.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kevin Herman, Superintendent  
Anthony Wayne Local Schools



## Showing Support for Our Military-Connected Students

April is recognized as the Month of the Military Child—a time to honor the strength, resilience, and sacrifices of students whose family members serve in the military. We are proud that each of our schools has been designated as a Purple Star School, reflecting our ongoing commitment to supporting military-connected students and their families.



To further show our appreciation, our district will participate in [Military Family Spirit Week, April 6 - 10](#). Throughout the week, we encourage our entire AW community join in themed spirit days as a visible way to express our gratitude and appreciation for the important sacrifices these families make every day.

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## Neighborhood Bridges AW Announces Generals Place

Neighborhood Bridges is a local nonprofit organization that helps to bridge the gap between generous donors in our community. They have expanded their efforts to include a pantry initiative dedicated to filling essential needs not fully met by local food pantries, focusing specifically on staples and hygiene personal care items. [Sign up to receive notifications via email when needs arise.](#)

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## Visit Flyer Central for Spring & Summer Activities

From auditions to zoology camps, and everything in between, [Flyer Central](#) is the spot to find activities offered to children, teens, adults, and families in our community. This service is offered to school groups and area organizations as a convenient, one-stop resource to explore opportunities, stay informed, and get involved year-round.

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### **RECAP: Coffee with the Superintendent**

Many thanks to the parents and community members who attended the March 11 event. The discussion centered around the District's proactive efforts to create a safe and positive learning environment along with how bullying and other inappropriate actions are reported, investigated and mitigated.

[The presentation is available on the website](#) and stakeholders are encouraged to call the superintendent's office at 419-877-5377 with questions.

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR: NEW DATE FOR DISTRICT ART SHOW

Adapting to meet the needs of spring testing, the [District Art Show](#)—now in its 54th year—will take place in April for the first time. A bonus of this new timing is that it also aligns with the AWHHS spring musical.

What's  
**NEW?**

Students in grades 3–12 will have their artwork on display in the AWHHS Gymnasium from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on April 25. The exhibition is free and open to the community.



Each semester, AWHHS students in the Community Engagement class host a number of service projects that make a difference locally. Recent projects include [collecting formal wear for a prom closet](#) and a [student vs. staff basketball game](#) to raise funds for Neighborhood Bridges. We invite community members to support our students as they put their skills and compassion into action.

### Generals Gear Drive

Donate your gently-used AW logo clothing at each district school between April 6 and May 8 or from 1:00-4:00 p.m. on Gear Collection Day, April 25 in the AWHHS Parking Lot.

### Sports Equipment Drive

Support student-athletes in need by donating your unwanted athletic equipment from 1:00-4:00 p.m. on April 25. Students will be stationed near the baseball field for collection.

### Strike Out Cancer

Enter a chance to win a prize basket and show your support for a teacher battling cancer at the second annual Strike Out Cancer softball game on Saturday, May 16 at noon.



### **MR. MIKE SCHNEIDER**

*AWHS Science Teacher and Multi-Sport Coach*

For Mike, this year marks 40 years in education, including 34 at Anthony Wayne. As he closes a chapter in his career by stepping away from coaching wrestling, he reflects on the lessons that student-athletes carry with them long after they leave the mat—self-confidence, resilience, and the value of hard work. [Read more >>](#)



### **MRS. JEAN MCINTYRE ('94)**

*Art Teacher at Waterville Primary School*

Jean brings creativity to life turning her classroom into a vibrant art studio. Students explore, experiment, and problem-solve, making choices about what and how they create. Her flexible classroom embraces STEAM learning and fosters skill-building and confidence.

[Read more >>](#)



### **MISS ERICA BLACK ('17), MRS. ROBIN BUFFY & MS. EMILY ESSIG ('19)**

*AWHS Cheerleading Coaches*

By leaning into their individual strengths and working seamlessly together, Erica, Robin and Emily became a dynamic coaching team, inspiring students through collaboration, creativity, and perseverance. Their efforts paid off with the team bringing home state and national championships. [Read more >>](#)

## **MR. DUSTIN WYSE**

*District Maintenance Specialist*

Over the past 10 years, Dustin has played a vital role in keeping our Campus facilities looking good and running smoothly. His dedication, flexibility, and passion for outdoor work help ensure our students and staff have safe, well-maintained spaces every day. [Read more >>](#)



## **MRS. AMY ECKERT**

*Fallen Timbers 6th Grade Science Teacher*

Amy recently demonstrated a commitment to lifelong learning and adaptability by stepping outside her comfort zone to switch from ELA and social studies to sixth-grade science. Her willingness to embrace new challenges shows students that growth and change can be motivating and joy-inspiring. [Read more >>](#)



## **MONCLOVA PRIMARY AIDE TEAM**

*Miss Bonnie Stone, Mrs. Teri Windom, Mrs. Megan Lewis and Miss Lorrie Bayer*

They have many different responsibilities—but one shared purpose: to make sure students have a safe and enjoyable school day on the bus, in the cafeteria, and on the playground. This team's flexibility, teamwork, and shared love for students shines through in everything they do. [Read more >>](#)



## **RALEIGH DUSHANE, AWHs Senior**

*Preparing for final curtain and next chapter*

Raleigh's years in theatre, music, and writing have shaped his confidence and creativity as he prepares for his final high school performance in Newsies and looks ahead to college. These experiences have guided his growth both on stage and beyond AWHs.

[More >>](#)

## **CALINA CHAO, AWHs Senior**

*Service project making a difference for children*

Calina helped to lead a teddy bear toss to collect stuffed animals for kids served by Lucas County Children's Services. "Knowing that I can help other people have a better quality of life drives me to get involved in community service," she said.

[More >>](#)



## **SULLIVAN LEWIS & BLAKE WERNER**

*OMLA Breakfast of Champions Honorees*

The Ohio Middle Level Association selected Sullivan and Blake, both 6th graders as Breakfast of Champions honorees for the Northwest Region. They were recognized for their character, leadership, scholarship and service.

[More >>](#)

In addition to being recognized at the Breakfast of Champions, Blake Werner also represented Anthony Wayne Local Schools at the Northwest Ohio Championship Spelling Bee held March 19 at the Maumee Indoor Theatre.

Photo Courtesy: The Blade





After a record-breaking state conference, 18 DECA students will advance to the International Career Development Conference in Atlanta this month. In addition to their successes, Advisor Becky Stutz was presented with the Ohio DECA Honorary Life Membership Award after more than three decades of leadership with the student organization. [See the full list of award winners.](#)



When the long-time architecture teacher stepped away due to retirement, participation in the AIA Toledo High School Design Competition was in jeopardy. Thanks to quick critical thinking, adaptability and flexibility, Anthony Wayne's participation has expanded to include AW Junior High students. [Read more about the challenge.](#)



AWJH students created traffic safety posters as part of the FCCLA FACTS project. Camille Russell (not pictured) Bella Figy, Avery Flores, Lillian Zaciek, Bryn'Taya Carter and Madelyn Frigmanski's designs were selected as winners by their classmates. [View their posters and see the full list of finalists.](#)

## AWHS PRESENTS SPRING MUSICAL *Disney's Newsies*

Based on a true story, watch as a group of determined newsboys take on acclaimed publisher, Joseph Pulitzer in a fight for fair wages and proving that even the smallest voices can spark a powerful revolution.

Show times:

Thursday, April 23 7:00 p.m.  
Friday, April 24 7:00 p.m.  
Saturday, April 25 2:00 & 7:00 p.m.



[Purchase reserved-seat tickets online.](#) Remaining tickets are first come, first serve at the door.



### 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.

### GENERALS TECH TIPS

#### The Basics of Artificial Intelligence (AI)

The District Technology Department will present a [free lunch and learn workshop for AW community members](#) at the Central Administrative Offices at Noon on Wednesday, April 22.

This session will provide an introduction into Artificial Intelligence (AI), an overview of several AI tools and their uses, and insight into the ways that AI can be used to make us all more productive, efficient and successful.

Space is limited. Please RSVP to [chamady@anthonywayneschools.org](mailto:chamady@anthonywayneschools.org).

## EVENTS CALENDAR

### MARCH 30 - APRIL 3

District Closed: Spring Break

#### APRIL 6

2-Hour Delay  
Staff Professional Dev.

#### APRIL 13

Board of Education Meeting

#### APRIL 14

State Testing Begins

#### APRIL 22

Community Event:  
Generals Tech Tips

#### APRIL 23-25

AWHS Musical: Newsies

#### APRIL 25

District Art Show

#### APRIL 29

Whitehouse Primary  
Kindergarten Music Program

#### APRIL 30

Monclova Primary  
First Grade Music Program

#### MAY 1

Military Signing Ceremony

#### MAY 2

AWHS Prom

### [VIEW THE DISTRICT CALENDAR](#)

### [VIEW THE ATHLETICS SCHEDULE](#)



Monclova students got an up-close biology lesson by [observing how chicks develop in an incubator](#). They candled the eggs to closely monitor their growth throughout the 21-day process.



Sixth grade science students got a close up look at how scanning electron microscopes work thanks to a [hybrid class demonstration from The University of Toledo's SCOPE Program](#).



Seniors Arjun Jayaraman, Aradhya Muthumula, AJ Rea, Billy Dean, Alex Bischoff and Seth Gregory made school history at the state conference as part of the AWHIS-Penta DECA program. [Read the full story in the Anthony Wayne Free Press](#).



## Generals In the News

[Matt Dewitz - Rising Star and Portrait of a General](#)

[Retiring Anthony Wayne teacher's Zombie Seagulls set for release](#)

[Bright Side: AW Students collect teddy bears for Lucas County Children Services](#)

[Bright Side: AWHIS Community Engagement's Project Prom](#)

[Photo Gallery: AWHIS students vs. staff basketball game](#)

[Anthony Wayne Schools adds new courses](#)

[AW senior gets in-depth tour of Washington, DC](#)

[Anthony Wayne senior Pike earns All-Ohio First Team honors](#)

[Athlete of the Week: Eli Donawa of Anthony Wayne High School](#)

[2026 area softball preview: Anthony Wayne ... among top state contenders](#)

[AW's Jackson Urenovitch Is Ready To Take The Reins As The Generals' Ace Pitcher](#)

Have a story idea?

Send it to [Communications@AnthonyWayneSchools.org](mailto:Communications@AnthonyWayneSchools.org).



# Pay online for school meals with MySchoolBucks

Visit website



The Food Services Department recently purchased a new point of sale (POS) system for the cafeteria. We will be making the switch from PaySchoolsCentral to **MySchoolBucks**, effective **Tuesday, April 14, 2026**.

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## **GETTING STARTED WITH MYSCHOOLBUCKS**

Each parent/guardian may set up an account to see a student's balance, make payment, set up automatic payments, and get low balance notifications.

- Go to [www.MySchoolBucks.com](http://www.MySchoolBucks.com) or download the MySchoolBucks mobile app.
- Click on "Sign Up for Free."
- Create a user profile with your email address, choose a password, and set up your security questions.
- Add a student to your account using the student's name, date of birth, and/or student ID number. You may find your child's ID number in [PowerSchool](#), or by contacting the Food Services Department at [419-877-1229](tel:419-877-1229).

## **ADDING FUNDS TO YOUR CHILD'S MYSCHOOLBUCKS ACCOUNT**

- Log in to MySchoolBucks and click on the green "Make a Payment" button on your homepage.
- On the next page you will be prompted to select a payment amount or you can add your own amount in the "Other" field.
- Add a credit/debit card to your account.
- Click continue to visit the review page and then click "Fund Now" to complete your purchase.

Any remaining funds in your child's PaySchoolsCentral account will be automatically transferred to [MySchoolBucks](#).

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## **NEED HELP?**

Questions may be directed to the AWLS Food Services Department at [419-877-1229](tel:419-877-1229) or by email to Megan Menchaca, *Food Services Director* at [mmenchaca@anthonywayneschools.org](mailto:mmenchaca@anthonywayneschools.org).