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FROM THE DESK OF TOD A. HUG, SUPERINTENDENT

Here we are once again looking forward to spring time, following what some have called a difficult winter. Due to the difficult weather conditions throughout this school year, we have missed 9 days of school. We have already made up two of those days, and have added two days to the end of the school year. Currently, our last day for students will be Friday, May 30. Graduation is scheduled for Sunday, May 25, beginning at 2:00 p.m. in the high school gym.

The month of May is a very busy one for all of the schools as we attempt to complete all extra-curricular and co-curricular programs, all in one month. As you will see in the schedule contained in this newsletter, there are numerous music programs and athletic events taking place. All you have to do is drive by the school in the evenings to see the multitude of vehicles in the south parking lot and you will become aware how much this facility is used by our community.

With the end of the school year we also have had a couple of retirements that have been recently announced.

Mrs. Kathy Rath announced her plans to retire at the end of this school year. Mrs. Rath has spent the past 31 years as a teacher in our school district.

Mrs. Joyce Rayle has also announced that this will be her last year as our elementary/middle school library aide, as she too, is retiring at the end of the school year. Mrs. Rayle has been an employee with the district for 31 years.

We wish these two veterans a long and happy retirement.

EVENT PARKING

Reminder concerning summer traffic behind the school: The fence is posted that only “Official Vehicles” are to be parking in the rear (east side) of the school, or driving back to the concession stand. These “Official Vehicles” are generally staff members and/or athletic boosters who are transporting concessions and other equipment back to the concession stand.

I wish to impress upon all who use this facility to understand that there are hundreds of children involved with the Summer Booster Ball program who may not treat the drive back to the concession stand or the drive behind the pool as a roadway and they do dart across to retrieve a ball, or run from field to field. For this reason I am pleading with everyone, “Please do not drive behind the fence to watch your child play baseball or softball. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

BUSY YEAR HAS BROUGHT MANY ACCOLADES

During the April 14 Board of Education meeting numerous accomplishments received official commendation from the Board. The following is a compilation of the numerous awards and accomplishments of our students. As you can see the students of Ayersville Local Schools have done quite well in all aspects of the educational opportunities provided to them. Congratulations to all of them!

Music commendations from February 2 Solo and Ensemble contest

Michele Doenges – Superior ratings (I) in soprano, mezza and alto solo performance
Aimee Wagner – Superior rating (I) in flute solo
Maura Graves – Superior rating (I) in flute solo
Maura Graves, Jamie Sandy, and Aimee Wagner – Superior rating (I) in flute trio

Scott Fisher, band director and the high school band for their overall Superior rating (I) in Class C at OMEA band contest.

Visual Arts

Chelsea Castillo was the overall state winner for her graphic design for YOUTH ART MONTH.

Trang Nguyen was first in the state for her design of a flag for the same contest.

Brian Zheng and Lauren Hammersmith placed 2nd and 3rd respectively in the Jerry Tollifson Art Criticism Open.

**All four students were honored in Columbus the weekend of March 1.

Trang Nguyen also earned both a Silver and Gold Key award at the Regional Scholastic Art. Her Gold Key piece will go on to New York City.

Athletics

Wrestling: Dylan Moore, Tyler Flory, and Bryce Hussey were all GMC Champions.

Swimming: Chelsey Young for her All-Ohio Swimmer status (2nd year). Chelsey placed 9th in the 200 free and 18th in the 500 free.

The 400 free relay team of Emily Ashbacher, Jessica Florence, Kelley Schroeder, and Chelsey Young achieved All-Ohio status with a 16th place finish at the state meet and the same group also finished 19th at the state meet in the 200 relay team.

Boys' Basketball Team:

Coach Retcher and the Pilot basketball team on earning hard fought GMC, Sectional and District Titles.

Logan Wolfrum was selected 1st Team District 7 and All-Ohio status.

Mathew Martin was selected 2nd Team District 7.

Demetrius Trapps received Honorable Mention District 7.

Anthony King received Honorable Mention District 7.

Mark Engel received District 7 Academic Achievement Award.

Preston Zachrich received District 7 Academic Achievement Award.

Joe Ewers received District 7 Academic Achievement Award.

Coach Retcher - District 7 Coach of the Year and Crescent News Coach of the Year.

Team was honored as "Great 8" Champion by the Crescent News.

Girls' Basketball Team:

Kristen Nicely received 2nd Team District 7.

Chelsea Mottashed received District 7 Academic Achievement Award.

Cassie Okuly received Honorable Mention District 7.

Kim Comden received Honorable Mention District 7.

Vocational Technology/FFA:

Ayersville Tractor Trouble Shooting Team of Scott Hoshock and Colin Mengerink placed 2nd at District FFA contest.

SIGN-UP FOR SUMMER SWIM LESSONS...will be on Tuesday, May 20, for Ayersville residents and Thursday, May 22, for people residing out of the district. Phone registrations will be accepted on your day after 7:30 p.m. The pool number is 419-395-1111 ext. 133.

SPORTS PHYSICALS...will be conducted once again by the Defiance Clinic Sports Medicine Department, Family Physicians, and Certified Nurse Practitioners on Wednesday, May 7. The physicals are available to any student in grades 6-11 who plans on participating in a school sport for the 2008-09 school year. They will begin at approximately 2:00 p.m. and continue until finished. The cost will be \$20.00 **to be paid in advance**. If you have any questions, please call the Athletic Office at 419-395-1111 ext. 5.

2008-09 SCHOOL CALENDAR

August 21	Teacher In-service
August 22	Teacher work day
August 25	First day for students
September 1	Labor Day - No School
November 6,7	Parent-Teacher Conferences
	No School for students on the 7th
November 27, 28	Thanksgiving Vacation - No School
December 24-January 2	Christmas Vacation - No School
January 5	Classes resume
January 19	Teacher In-service
March 23-27	Spring Break - No School
April 10	Good Friday - No School
May 25	Memorial Day - No School
May 28	Last day for students
May 29	Teacher work day

Make-up days: March 23, 24, 25, May 29, June 1, 2, 3, 4

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CALENDAR

- May 7 Sports physicals
- May 12 Board of Education meeting, 7:30 p.m. in high school library
- May 14-17 8th Grade Washington D.C. trip
- May 19 Grades 7-12 Spring Choir Concert, 8:00 p.m. in R.B. L. Auditorium
- May 20 Underclass Awards Assembly, 9:00 a.m. in R.B.L. Auditorium
- May 22 Senior Awards Assembly, 9:00 a.m. in R.B. L. Auditorium
- May 25 Graduation, 2:00 p.m. in high school gymnasium
- May 26 Memorial Day - NO SCHOOL
- May 30 Last day of school for students - ONE HOUR EARLY DISMISSAL