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FROM THE DESK OF TOD A. HUG, SUPERINTENDENT

INCOME TAX INFORMATION

With the passage of the 1% School District Income Tax in the November general election, questions have arisen concerning the collection of the funds through business and industry payroll systems. The income tax deduction began January 1, 2008. Please review the deductions on your check stubs to determine if your employer is deducting the school district income tax. Ohio employers are required to make this deduction. If they have not begun this deduction, it is important to catch this oversight sooner rather than later, as the income tax will be due for the entire 2008 calendar year. If your employer has questions regarding the tax, information is available from the Ohio Department of Taxation via their website at: http://tax.ohio.gov/divisions/school_district_income/index.stm.

For self-employed or retired district residents, or for anyone with questions regarding the payment and collection of the income tax, please contact your accountant, tax preparer, or call the Ohio Department of Taxation "Help Line" at the following phone numbers: 1-800-282-1780 or 614-466-0090.

INSTANT ALERT SYSTEM

By the time this newsletter is in your mailbox, the Ayersville Local Schools, along with many of the other school districts in the four-county area, will have implemented a new, state-of-the-art instant alert system. This system will allow the school to make almost instantaneous contact with parents concerning most aspects of the school operation, most importantly, in the case of an emergency impacting the district.

Examples of an emergency situation include early closings or evacuations during the school day. In addition, this system can be used to notify parents, and others stipulated by the parents of our students, of delays and cancellation of school. Finally, as we train teachers and coaches in the use of the system, they will be able to contact their classes or their teams to communicate important events or last minute cancellation of games or practices. These are just a few ways this system can help provide communication to parents in a timely fashion.

This instant alert system not only contacts phones and cell phones, but it will also make contact via the following devices: a text message on your cell phone, a call on your pager, and an e-mail on your computer and/or your PDA.

As a parent, it is imperative that you keep the information in your "profile" up to date. If you have a change in any of the contact devices, please visit the school website (www.ayersville.k12.oh.us) and click on the Instant Alert Link or go directly to the Honeywell website: <https://instantalert.honeywell.com>. Parents have the ability to make changes to their profiles at any time.

If you are having difficulty registering with Instant Alert, please call Gary Wyse, District Technology Coordinator, at 419-395-1111, ext. 503.

THE AYERSVILLE EDUCATION FOUNDATION

"Russell B. Leuthold Scholarship Endowment Fund"

This past summer, former Superintendent Russell B. Leuthold passed away. Mr. Leuthold was the superintendent in our district from 1957 until 1983. His legacy as an educator who cared deeply for children and community will continue to be a part of the Ayersville community and the Ayersville Local Schools for many years. Shortly after his passing, an anonymous donor made a generous offer to the Ayersville Education Foundation to give up to \$50,000 in matching funds for the creation of the Russell B. Leuthold Scholarship Endowment Fund. Since reporting this event in the October district newsletter, the \$50,000 has been donated to the AEF along with additional donations for this new scholarship fund.

The Foundation is continuing to seek district residents and AHS alumni support of the Russell B. Leuthold Scholarship Endowment Fund. Your donation is tax-deductible and the interest from the endowment fund is used to help future graduates of Ayersville Local Schools to further their education. The Ayersville Education Foundation Board of Trustees would greatly appreciate your donation. Please send your donations to the following address:

Ayersville Education Foundation
Russell B. Leuthold Scholarship Fund
28046 Watson Road
Defiance, OH 43512

SPRING SWIM LESSONS

Following are the dates and times for spring swim lessons at Ayersville pool. The cost is \$26.00 for Ayersville residents and \$31.00 for the public. Children must be three (3) years to six (6) years old for the pre-beginner class. They must be six (6) years old or 48 inches tall for the beginner class.

1st Session – March 3-14

4:00 – 4:50 p.m.	Beginner & Advanced Beginner
5:00 – 5:50 p.m.	Pre-beginner & Beginner

2nd Session – March 31 – April 11

4:00 – 4:50 p.m.	Beginner & Advanced Beginner
5:00 – 5:40 p.m.	Pre-beginner & Advanced Beginner

You may call 419-395-1111 ext. 133 during public swim times to register your child. Those times are: Tuesday and Thursday from 7:30 – 9:00 p.m. with 9:00 – 9:30 p.m. for adults only and Sunday from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. Admission for public swim is 50¢ for preschool, \$1.00 for students K-12, and \$1.50 for adults. Rentals are available when the pool is not in use.

Please Note: The pool will be closed on Easter Sunday, March 23, and Memorial Day weekend.

SOHIRAY NEWS FROM MRS. FEDDERKE

Attention parents of seniors: If your senior does not want the composite picture also used in the yearbook, please submit a picture from another photographer by March 15 to Mrs. Fedderke.

There is still time to order your 2008 yearbook by either ordering on line at jostenyearbooks.com or by picking up an order form in Room 201 in the high school. Orders will be accepted until May 1.

Kindergarten Clinic for 2008-09

Thursday, April 17, 2008

Children must be five (5) years of age before September 30, 2008

Call the Elementary Office to schedule a time

419-395-1111, ext. 3

MAUMEE VALLEY MATH TEST WINNERS

Congratulations to the following students who placed in the Maumee Valley Math Test competition.

8 th grade:	George Roth – 2 nd place	Advanced Math:	Brian Zheng – 3 rd place Matt Steece – 5 th place
Algebra I:	Joshua Kieffer – 2 nd place Jordan Flory – 2 nd place	Senior Math:	Trang Nguyen – 2 nd place
Geometry:	Dillon Flint – 3 rd place		

THURSDAY, MAY 29, 2008 - MAKE-UP DAY

Due to inclement weather, it is necessary to make up a day of school on Thursday, May 29. At the time of this writing, we are two days over the five calamity days allowed. We made up one day on February 18, and the second day will be made up at the end of the year.

CALENDAR

March 10	Board of Education meeting, 7:30 p.m. in H.S. library
March 14	High School Band Contest
March 20-24	NO SCHOOL (Spring Break)
March 21-28	Four-County Spring Break
April 4, 5	School Musical, "Pajama Game," 8:00 p.m. in R.B.L. Auditorium
April 6	School Musical, "Pajama Game," 2:00 p.m. in R.B.L. Auditorium
April 12	Jr. Hi Solo and Ensemble Contest at Defiance High School
April 17	Kindergarten Clinic
April 19	Prom
April 27	Grades 7-12 Band Concert in R.B.L. Auditorium, 3:00 p.m.
May 1	Academic & Attendance Awards Night, 8:00 p.m.
May 12	Grades 7-12 Spring Choir Concert, 8:00 p.m. in R.B. L. Auditorium
May 13	Underclass Awards Assembly, 9:00 a.m.
May 21	Senior Awards Assembly, 9:00 a.m.

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