

FROM THE DESK OF TOD A. HUG

For the third consecutive year ~ The Ayersville Local Schools receive "Excellent" status from Ohio Department of Education.

Our school district has once again been notified of its "**Excellent**" status by the Ohio Department of Education. Due to the addition of the Value Added criteria on this year's District Report Card, we are actually considered "**Excellent With Distinction**." This is the highest level that a school district can achieve.

As you can see from the previous page, our school met all 30 of the 30 state indicators and also had a "Performance Index" of 102.3. For more information or for specific scores, the Ohio Department of Education website is: <http://ilrc.ode.state.oh.us/>

Once again this is a tremendous achievement, of which our students, teachers, administrative staff, Board of Education and community should be very proud. It is the culmination of much professional development by our teaching staff to help our students be prepared to succeed on these accountability measures as developed by the Ohio Department of Education and the state legislature. Additionally, parents deserve credit for the support and reinforcement that they give to the teachers and to their children emphasizing the importance of a quality education.

This recognition of an "**EXCELLENT**" school district is a community achievement. The sign in the lawn of the school will be updated to denote the 2007-2008 achievement and new banners will be hung in each school building.

It is our goal and passion to strive to continue this status in the coming years. We will continue to seek your support so that we are able to maintain the status of an "**Excellent School District – With Distinction**."

We do have areas of concern that we must address in order to maintain our current high-ranking status. Specifically we must analyze the Average Yearly Progress (AYP) problem. This is a complicated aspect of the ODE's accountability system. In our case it refers to a small group of students, who have not met specific assessment criteria.

NEW STAFF MEMBERS (revisited):

When the last district newsletter was written in early August, we had not yet finalized our school staff. During the regular August Board of Education meeting, the Board hired Mrs. Julie Gustwiller as a second grade teacher, replacing Mrs. Denise Wright who had moved on to a principal's position in the Northeastern School District. Mrs. Gustwiller, (formerly Julie Brown), is a 2004 graduate of Ayersville High School and recently graduated from Otterbein College with a degree in early childhood education. Julie is also serving as the Head Varsity Volleyball Coach.

Mr. Tim Harlos has been hired by the Board as a regular route bus driver to replace Mr. Bob Rohn who retired. Mr. Harlos is driving bus #6. Tim is also the youth pastor at First Baptist Church in Defiance.

Mr. Shane Patacca was hired by the Board as the District Technology Coordinator. Mr. Patacca replaces Mr. Gary Wyse, who moved on to work in a similar position at Bryan City Schools. Mr. Patacca has his Masters Degree in Computer Technology from Kent State University. Previously, he was assistant Technology Director at Rossford Exempted Village Schools.

School Delay Information

I would like to remind everyone that last spring we implemented a 3-hour delay schedule. Schools that delay 3-hours must extend the day one hour in order to have the appropriate amount of time for a full school day. In the event that we delay school for three hours, we must extend the school day one hour.

Instant Alert Notification System

Last January we began using the "Instant Alert" notification system. It is imperative that you maintain your profile. If you have changed your home phone, cell phone, e-mail address, etc., you must also change your profile so that you can continue to receive information via Instant Alert. Please access the following website to make any changes to your profile information: <https://instantalert.honeywell.com>

The Defiance County Business and Education Cooperative (BEC)

All the Defiance County school districts are participants in the BEC. The primary function of the BEC is to provide school-based mentoring to the children of Defiance County. The BEC is in constant need of adult mentors to help children make better choices in their lives.

If you would be interested in giving one hour a week during the school day to help a child, then please contact Mrs. Cathy Davis, the BEC Program Coordinator at 419-782-0070. All volunteers receive 4 hours of mentor training so that you are prepared to help children in the best ways possible. Mentors are placed according to the district in which they are interested.

SCHOOL WEBSITE HAS BEEN REDESIGNED

One of the difficulties with emerging and current technology initiatives is keeping up with changes and continuous maintenance. This is true of websites as well. Mr. Phil Liebrecht, our high school computer technology teacher and Mr. Gary Wyse, our former technology director, completely changed the look and operation of our district website. In the future, under the direction of Mr. Liebrecht, high school students enrolled in the Web Page Design class will be providing the necessary time and effort in maintaining our school website. Many school districts have hired outside vendors to provide this continual maintenance. However, we believe that by providing students with realistic experience in performing this task, we will better serve the students of our district.

As students progress through the various aspects of web design in the classroom setting, they will provide the necessary maintenance to our website. Until the class is fully prepared to provide this service, we will continue to do our best at keeping the district website up to date.

THE AYERSVILLE EDUCATION FOUNDATION

The Continuing Mission of the Ayersville Education Foundation

The Ayersville Education Foundation (AEF) was established in 1995 as a non-profit, community trust. The purpose of the Foundation is to further enhance the quality education of the Ayersville Local Schools. Contributions to the AEF are used to prepare Ayersville students for future endeavors through relevant educational programs and activities and through improvement of facilities and equipment. Your contributions are tax deductible and can be made in any amount, throughout the year. Additionally, the AEF provides 2 - \$1000 college scholarships each year to a male and female graduate of AHS.

The AEF needs your support. If you would like to contribute to the AEF, you can do so in many ways:

- *OUTRIGHT GIFTS: such as cash, stock securities or property to be used for general purposes*
- *DEFERRED GIFTS: bequests, life insurance, annuities and trusts*
- *SPECIAL GIFTS: funds to be made to a specific subject area, extracurricular program, visiting lecturer, or to underwrite other educational programs of the donor's choice*
- *INCREMENTAL GIFTS: gifts made in planned stages over a specific period of time*
- *MEMORIAL GIFTS: if you have lost a loved one, or a friend and you would like their legacy to live on in the form of memorial fund or a special scholarship with or without special specifications. This is an excellent way to remember them, at the same time helping to further the education of an Ayersville graduate. These scholarships are announced during commencement exercises each school year.*

Current members of the Board of Trustees of the AEF include: Rick Edmonds, President, Wayne Erickson, Treasurer, Susan Hanenkrath, Craig McKibben, Kathy MacDonald, Lynn Davis, Sue Thiel, Greg Corbitt, Dean Schlachter, and Tod Hug. Please contact any of the trustees if you would like to make a contribution or establish any of the gifts listed above.

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POSTAL PATRON

THE AYERSVILLE ATHLETIC BOOSTERS... are hosting a "Community Social" on Saturday, November 22, at the Limber Barn located east of Ayersville on Ayersville-Pleasant Bend Road. The meal, which is being catered by Charlies Down Under, will begin at 6:00 p.m. with the band "Country Side" providing music from 8:00 p.m. to midnight.

Tickets in advance are \$20.00 per person while tickets at the door will be \$25.00. To purchase tickets in advance contact Dave Delano at 395-1106.

FROM MRS. FEDDERKE AND THE YEARBOOK STAFF

~ Attention 2008 Graduates ~ You may pick up your 2008 yearbook in room 201 anytime.

~ Attention Parents of 2009 Graduates ~ Please submit a senior picture and baby picture by March 1 to Mrs. Fedderke, room 201. Please include a self-addressed, stamped envelope so the baby picture can be returned to you.

Own the first ALL COLOR SOHIRAY in Ayersville High School history! Orders for 2009 yearbooks can be made online @jostensyearbooks.com, or use the form you received in the mail the week of September 10. Your students may also request an order form from Mrs. Fedderke. The cost will be \$45 for the ALL COLOR book. Added options include \$5 for one line of personalization, \$8 for two lines, and \$4 per icon. Checks should be made payable to Ayersville Local School and brought to room 201 for those who do not want to order online.

To order online, you must choose the STATE and the CITY (Defiance) and THEN choose Ayersville High School in the drop-down choices. The rest of the steps should be self-explanatory.

CALENDAR

Nov. 6 -7	Parent Teacher Conferences, NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS ON THE 7 TH
Nov. 13	Board of Education meeting, 7:30 p.m. in the high school library
Nov. 14-15	Variety Show, 7:30 p.m. in the auditorium
Nov. 27-28	Thanksgiving Vacation
Dec. 8	Board of Education meeting, 7:30 p.m. in the high school library
Dec. 11	Grades 7-12 Vocal Concert, 8:00 p.m. in the auditorium
Dec. 14	Grades 6-12 Band Concert, 3:00 p.m. in the auditorium
Dec. 24-Jan. 5	Christmas Break - <u>1-hour early dismissal on the 23rd</u>

The following are dates for "Boys' and Girls' Future Pilots Basketball": Dec. 6 and 13, Jan. 10 and 24 with times running from 9:00 - 10:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon. All dates are Saturday mornings and the program is open to all boys and girls in grades 4 through 6.

Ayersville FFA Fruit Sales - 2008

28046 Watson Rd Defiance, Ohio 43512

Sales start Oct. 13, 2008, and ends Nov. 18,2008

FFA Member _____

Oder # _____

Customer Name: _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

City

Zip

ID#	Item Description	Price	Quantity	Total		Quantity	Total
Fruit					Mixed Fruit		
101	Navel Oranges - Half box	\$14.00	_____	_____	201	Holiday Gift Trio	\$18.00 _____
102	Navel Oranges- Full box	\$24.00	_____	_____	202	Mix Box	\$15.00 _____
103	Navel Oranges 10 lb bag	\$9.00	_____	_____	203	Citrus Trio	\$15.00 _____
104	Tangelos - Half box	\$14.00	_____	_____	204	Premium Variety	\$15.00 _____
105	Tangelos - Full box	\$24.00	_____	_____			
106	Tangelos - 10 lb bag	\$9.00	_____	_____	Nuts		
107	Red Grapefruit - Half box	\$14.00	_____	_____	301	Whole Cashews 1 lb can	\$8.00 _____
108	Red Grapefruit- Full box	\$24.00	_____	_____	302	Butter Toffee Peanuts 12 oz. can	\$4.00 _____
109	Red Grapefruit - 10 lb bag	\$9.00	_____	_____	303	Chocolate Nut Gift Pack	\$10.00 _____
110	Tangerines - Half box	\$17.00	_____	_____	304	Honey "Krunch" Peanuts 11 oz. can	\$4.00 _____
111	Tangerines - Full box	\$33.00	_____	_____	305	"Southern Fried" Skinless 20 oz. can	\$4.00 _____
112	Tangerines - 10 lb bag	\$12.00	_____	_____	306	Peanut Brittle Bites 12 oz. can	\$4.00 _____
113	Red Delicious (Ohio-Half box)	\$15.00	_____	_____	307	Chocolate Covered Pecans 1 lb.	\$9.00 _____
114	Red Delicious (Ohio- Full box)	\$26.00	_____	_____	308	Mixed Nuts 2 lb. can	\$11.00 _____
115	Red Delicious (Ohio 10 lb bag)	\$8.00	_____	_____	309	Holiday Nut Case	\$10.00 _____
116	Golden Delicious (Ohio-Half box)	\$15.00	_____	_____	Meat and BBQ items		
117	Golden Delicious (Ohio-Full box)	\$26.00	_____	_____	401	Beef Snack Sticks 1.9 oz.	\$2.00 _____
118	Golden Delicious (Ohio-10 lb bag)	\$8.00	_____	_____	402	Honey Ham Stick 1.9 oz	\$2.00 _____
119	Di Anjou Pears - Half box	\$18.00	_____	_____	403	Pepperoni Stick 1.9 oz	\$2.00 _____
120	Di Anjou Pears- Full box	\$30.00	_____	_____	404	Dried Beef Steak Slices 2 oz.	\$3.00 _____
121	Di Anjou Pears - 10 lb bag	\$11.00	_____	_____	405	19.5oz Mildly Spicey BBQ Sauce	\$3.50 _____
122	Fuji Apples Ohio - Half box	\$15.00	_____	_____	406	21.5 oz Sweet and Smokey BBQ Sauce	\$3.50 _____
123	Fuji Apples Ohio - Full box	\$26.00	_____	_____	407	Hunter's Pack	\$16.00 _____
124	Fuji Apples Ohio - 10 lb bag	\$8.00	_____	_____			
	Totals		_____	_____		Totals	_____

You may pick up your fruit any time from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. or call to make arrangements.

(419) 395-1111 Ext.119

Check the box once entered in the computer.

Total Dollar Amount = _____