



The CO-PILOT

Linking the Community & PILOTS of the Ayersville Schools

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FROM THE DESK OF TOD A. HUG

School District Income Tax Filing

In November 2007, residents of the Ayersville Local School District approved a levy for a one-percent (1.0%) school district income tax. This new tax was effective January 1, 2008.

During 2008, many of you had this tax payroll-deducted by your employer. Others made quarterly deposits with the State Department of Taxation, and there are some residents that have not yet submitted any taxes on income earned in 2008. As you prepare your taxes for this year, please remember to file a return for Ohio School District Income Tax Form SD-100. This return is due by April 15.

Following are some other helpful reminders:

- Ayersville's School District Number is 2001.
- You will need to complete your Ohio Income Tax return before completing your School District Income Tax return.
- Senior citizens are entitled to a \$50 credit per return.

If you have any questions, please contact your tax preparer or the Ohio Department of Taxation at 1-800-282-1780. Additional information is also available at: <http://tax.ohio.gov/>

Click on Individuals

Click on Ohio Taxes

Click on School District Income

School Construction: When Will Ayersville Be Given The Opportunity?

With the amount of publicity generated by the two new school construction projects in our county that have just been completed, I have had many questions concerning a possible building project for the Ayersville Local Schools.

During the Christmas holiday, both Defiance City Schools and Hicksville Exempted Village Schools moved into their newly constructed facilities. Defiance built a new elementary combining four elementary schools, while Hicksville built a new PK-12 facility.

Our district will soon be offered the opportunity for funds through the Ohio School Facilities Commission (OSFC). In January of 2008 our state share was 25%. Due to changes in the state law that defines the OSFC ranking criteria, we are now at 42% state share. This means that whatever the district decides to build, the state would be paying for 42% of the cost of the new facility as long as we build the facility to the specification of the OSFC.

Working with the district's architects and representatives of the OSFC, we are now in the process of determining our district's master plan, which is based upon the number of students K-12 that we are serving. We will soon be announcing community meetings to determine the wants and needs of the community.

Community Partnership

The Ayersville Local Schools and the Ayersville Telephone and Cable Company are working together to provide the first **Senior Breakfast** to all senior citizens of the Ayersville Local school District. This first Senior Breakfast will be held on **Thursday, March 19, 2009**, in the school cafeteria beginning at **8:30 a.m.** The breakfast will be **free** to all Ayersville senior citizens as the Ayersville Telephone and Cable Company is sponsoring the meal and the school will be providing a music program following the breakfast.

Additionally, there will be opportunity for seniors to learn about technology opportunities in the school and at home. It is hoped that participation will be strong enough to continue to provide this event on a monthly basis to the senior citizens of the school district.

Instant Alert System

The Ayersville Local Schools, along with many of the other school districts in the four-county area, continue to use the "Instant Alert System." This system allows the school to make almost instantaneous contact with parents concerning most aspects of the school operation. This is most important in the case of emergencies impacting the district.

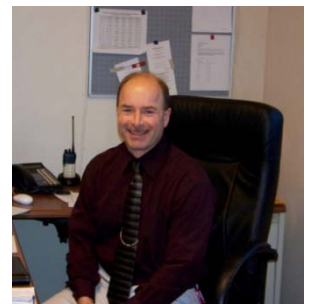
This instant alert system not only contacts phones and cell phones, but also contacts the following devices: text message to your cell phone, call your pager, and e-mail your computer and/or your PDA. Parents have the ability to make changes to their profiles at any time. As a parent, it is imperative that you keep the information in your "profile" up to date. If you have a change in any of the devices of contact, 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>

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

Make-up Day

As of this writing, we have experienced six calamity days. Therefore, we will be attending school on Monday, March 23, as a make-up day.

DR. MARTIN MILLER BEGINS AS MIDDLE SCHOOL PRINCIPAL – Dr. Martin Miller began his tenure as the Middle School Principal on February 2. Dr. Miller previously served as the PK-5 Principal at Paulding Elementary; and prior to that, he was the Elementary Principal at Continental Elementary. Dr. Miller received his Bachelor's and Master's Degree in Education from Defiance College, and received his Master's Degree in Administration from BGSU. This past December, he received his Doctorate Degree in Leadership Studies from BGSU.



Dr. Miller lives in the district with his wife, Nancy (Wiseman), and four children, Emily, Jake, Simon and Marcy.

SOHIRAY NEWS FROM MRS. FEDDERKE...

If you haven't submitted your senior picture to Mrs. Fedderke, please do so immediately (before March 1); or the composite picture will be used. Also, please bring your baby picture as soon as possible to the yearbook staff so they can scan it and return it to you. You can still order your all-color 2009 yearbook online or by sending the order form back to Mrs. Fedderke. The deadline for ordering is also March 1.



Congratulations to Chelsea Fockler, 8th grade, (on right) the 2008-09 Spelling Bee Champion. Samantha Stewart, 6th grade, (on left) was runner-up. They both represented Ayersville in the County Spelling Bee held at Ayersville School on February 2.

Kindergarten Clinic for 2009-2010
 Thursday, April 16, 2009
 Call the Elementary Office
 to schedule a time.
 419-395-1111, ext. 3
 Children must be five (5) years of age
 before September 30, 2009.

HIGH SCHOOL ACCOMPLISHMENTS

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FALL HOMECOMING COURT

King: *Blake Miller*
 Queen: *Aya Wakashima*

Senior Escort: *Bruno Bechtluft*
 Attendant: *Sarah Mutchler*

Junior Escort: *Bryce Hussey*
 Attendant: *Alexandria Ferland*

Sophomore Escort: *Austin Carr*
 Attendant: *Ashley Kelly*

Freshman Escort: *Jared Lamb*
 Attendant: *Arica Rohn*

AYERSVILLE ACADEMIC DAY WINNERS

Top Physical Science Project: *Robbie Schwiebert*
 Top Life Science Project: *Marla Erickson*
 Top Social Sciences Project: *Katie Weber*
 NW Ohio Epilepsy Center Scientific
 Method Award: *JJ Erickson*
 Outstanding Project in Ecological
 Conservation from the Black Swamp
 Audubon Society: *Chris Colwell*
 NW Ohio Granges' Community
 Originality & Creativity Award:
Melanie Hoshock & Ashley Roon
 Retired Teachers of NW Ohio
 Presentation Award: *Dylan Moore & Britni Scott*

GOVERNOR'S AWARDS	
<i>Trevor Duryea</i>	Water Resources Research
<i>Bryce Hussey</i>	Agriculture and Food Sciences Research
<i>Jennifer Zachrich</i>	Manufacturing Science Research
<i>Nick Lamb</i>	Biotechnology Research
<i>Maura Graves</i>	Materials Science Research
<i>Kayla Conley</i>	Information Science & Technology
<i>Caleb Mahlman</i>	Environmental Sciences Research

CONGRATULATIONS TO CHELSEA CASTILLO...as her artwork was selected as the overall winner in the State of Ohio's Youth Art Month competition for an unprecedented third year!

SPRING SWIM LESSONS... will again be offered at the Ayersville pool. The first session will be March 9-20; the second session will be April 13-24. 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.

Please 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, April 12, and Memorial Day weekend.

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POSTAL PATRON

Summer Booster Ball...registration will be Saturday, March 7, in the high school gym lobby from 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon. Registration forms have been sent home with students, and registration forms will be available on the 7th. Please call Dave DeLano, 419-395-1106 or Brad Schlachter, 419-783-7648 if you have any questions. This is for ALL levels of play, T-ball through high school Acme ball.

Elementary

419-395-1111 x 300
Ron Zachrich, Principal

Middle School

419-395-1111 x 200
Martin Miller, Principal

High School

419-395-1111 x 100
Cameron VanArsdalen,
Principal

Board of Education

Craig McKibben,
President
Denny Martin,
Vice President
Lisa Brown, member
Mark Diller, member
Bob Luderman, member

CALENDAR

March 7	Booster Ball Sign-up 10:a.m. – 12 noon in the high school gym lobby
March 9	Board of Education meeting, 7:30 p.m. in the high school library
March 16	Athletic Boosters meeting, 7:00 p.m. in study hall
March 19	Senior Breakfast, 8:30 a.m. in cafeteria
March 23	Make-up day – SCHOOL IS IN SESSION
March 24-27	Spring Break – NO SCHOOL
April 3 & 4	School musical “Wizard of Oz” presented at 8:00 p.m. each evening
April 5	School musical “Wizard of Oz” presented at 2:00 p.m.
April 6-10	Spring Break for Four County Career Center
April 10	Good Friday – NO SCHOOL
April 13	Board of Education meeting, 7:30 p.m. in the high school library.
April 16	Kindergarten Clinic
April 26	7-12 Band Concert in the auditorium, 3:00 p.m.