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FROM THE DESK OF TOD A HUG

By the time this edition of the Ayersville Co-Pilot is in your possession, we will have completed another school year! The Class of 2010 graduated 66 on Sunday, May 30.

As always the month of May is extremely busy with many concerts, award programs, and athletic events culminating a year of activities that provide tremendous opportunities to all of our students who choose to take part.

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

Mrs. Susan Schlachter, Cafeteria Supervisor, announced her plans to retire at the end of this school year. Mrs. Schlachter has spent the past thirty years as a worker and cafeteria supervisor in our school district.

Mr. Dwight Dundore has announced his plans to retire at the end of the school year. Mr. Dundore has spent the past thirty-seven years in our district as both a teacher and high school counselor.

Mr. Ron Zachrich, the Ayersville Elementary Principal for the past 31 years, has decided to retire after more than thirty-five years in education. His services to the district will be sorely missed!

We wish these three veterans a long and happy retirement.

Additionally, Mr. VanArsdalen, AHS Principal, has decided to end his career as high school principal. We have begun the task of replacing Mr. VanArsdalen.

HIGH SCHOOL SCHEDULE CHANGE FOR 2010

This fall brings new challenges and changes.

Having studied the manner in which we schedule our school day, a decision was finalized this spring to move the high school from an 8-period, 44-minute day to a 7-period 50-minute period day.

This change was necessitated for many reasons. With ever-changing curriculum dictated by the Ohio Department of Education and with the decrease in the number of electives high school students are able to take, realigning to a 7-period schedule will help with the scheduling process.

Additionally, with the current 8-period day, lab courses need to have separately scheduled lab periods on Tuesday and Thursday, which creates many problems in our high school. By moving to the longer periods, the need to schedule separate lab times is eliminated. So each day of the week will have the same schedule without the need of these special lab periods. Teachers will be able to schedule lab times in any of their class periods, instead of having to prepare them on the Tuesday and Thursday schedule.

Another positive aspect of the 7-period day is that students will be spending more time throughout the year in "core" classes, also known as academic classes. If you consider that students will be spending 6 more minutes in the core classes over the span of a school year with 180 days, you can see that we have actually added over 18 period/days of instruction for each one of the classes without changing the length of the school day. This will allow more instruction to take place during the school year in all courses.

The decision was not made in haste. Since Mr. VanArsdalen's arrival to our district six years

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Band Concerts?

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band at
football games?

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Musical?

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- ♪ Award \$1,000 in scholarships to Ayersville senior students
- ♪ Donate \$3,000 to the Ayersville music programs (\$500 for Elementary music, \$500 for Middle school band and choir, and \$2,000 for High School band and choir)
- ♪ Help underwrite the cost of the Spring Musical
- ♪ Cover the cost of the bus drivers for transporting the band to football games

Your Ayersville Music Boosters membership costs only \$15 per family and your name will be listed on the Music Booster Patron Page in all the athletic programs for the 2010-2011 school year.

Just complete and return the bottom portion of this page, along with your check for \$15 (payable to Ayersville Music Boosters), by July 31, 2010 to:

Stacie Brown
Ayersville Music Boosters
13825 Harris Road
Defiance, OH 43512

Attention Parents of Students in the Class of 2011
In order for your student to apply for the Ayersville Music Booster Scholarship, your membership dues must be paid on or before July 31, 2010.

Ayersville Music Booster meetings are held in the Band Room on the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. We are in need of parent participation as many of our members will no longer have students in school. Your help is appreciated.

Yes, I am a supporter of the Ayersville Music Programs. Please list my name on the Patron Page as

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