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FROM THE DESK OF TOD A. HUG

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.

A most important activity soon to take place will be the graduation of the members of the Class of 2011, which is scheduled to begin at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, June 5, in the high school gymnasium. The ceremony will involve the graduation of 68 students.

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

Mrs. Elaine McBride, Kindergarten Teacher, announced her plans to retire at the end of this school year. Mrs. McBride has spent the past 37 years as a teacher in our school district.

Mrs. Deb Kennedy has announced her plans to retire at the end of the school year. Mrs. Kennedy has spent the past 39 1/2 years as a teacher, with 37 of those years in our district.

Mrs. Phyllis Healy, the Central Office Secretary for the past 30 years, has decided to retire. All will sorely miss her services! Mrs. Lori Wagner-Wenner, the current high school secretary, has accepted the duties of Central Office Secretary to replace Mrs. Healy.

We wish these three veterans a long and happy retirement.

EVENT PARKING

This is an annual 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 Vehi-

cles" 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.***

At no time will anyone be allowed to drive a vehicle behind the fence to drop off another person. The danger to children is too great. Please do not attempt to do this.

For the safety of our children, your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

ONE TO ONE COMPUTER PROGRAM TO EXPAND IN 2011 SCHOOL YEAR

One year ago, I reported to the Ayersville School Community, via this district newsletter, of the commitment by the high school teaching staff and the Board of Education made to implement the One-to-One Laptop Initiative for students in the 10th and 11th grades. I am pleased to tell you that this program is enjoying success in its initial year. Students are now able to use technology to accomplish educational tasks that were not possible a year ago.

The second phase of this implementation will see next year's students in grade 9 and 10 also receiving laptop computers for the daily use during school and at home. So, during the 2011-2012 school year, all students in the high school will be a part of this program.

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If you have not yet heard, schools have changed over the past few years! Instructional delivery systems utilized by teachers have continued to change due to the availability of evolving technologies. Technology is no longer considered to be an extra tool for students and teachers in the PK-12 curriculum. Technology has become a necessity in the workplace and in the schools.

As technology evolves, three things are reality: 1) The devices become smaller; 2) The devices become more powerful; and 3) The devices become less expensive. In order for our school district to financially afford the change to laptops, we are not replacing some of our desktop computers in the computer labs in the high school. With the use of laptop computers, any room can be considered a computer lab. Additionally, students are able to take their laptops anywhere they go so that they all can have access to the internet for their school homework and projects in addition to having access to the Ayersville High School teachers' websites which contain daily lessons and access to class notes and demonstrations as they happened during the school day. Although we do not control if students have internet access in their homes, they will have it throughout our school campus as we have been able to place wireless hubs throughout our buildings so students can be connected to the internet wherever they are located in our buildings.

Safety is built into all of our computers whether they are on our network or at home as the computers will be limited to access to sites that are appropriate for student use. Students will not be able to access sites not previously approved through our filters on the network and on the computers.

If you have questions concerning the On-to-One Laptop Initiative, please feel free to call our technology coordinator, Shane Patacca or me.

SUMMER MAINTENANCE ISSUES

Many facility repair projects are in the process or soon will be. For this reason, access to certain areas of the school will be affected. Some of these projects are made possible through the use of the Permanent Improvement Levy. This levy allows the district to effect repairs and renovations without using General Fund moneys .

Painting and plaster repair: Sections of the 1937 building were originally constructed below grade. As there is no moisture barrier, the plaster on the lower portion of the interior walls begins to crumble. Every few years these areas need attention.

Sealing of Pavement: Additionally, we need to pave/seal on the north side of the K-8 building along Watson Road. This pavement is badly checked and in need of a thin layer of pavement to fill in the cracks and provide a uniform surface.

Roof Replacement over the Cafeteria and Kitchen area: Another project soon underway will be the replacement of the roof over the cafeteria and kitchen areas. This is routine roof maintenance. As roofing material ages, it begins to shrink and pull away at the seams. The roof will then develop recurring leaks that need constant spot repairs. Due to these factors, the roof covering is now in need of replacement.

Summer Office Hours

The Central Office (Superintendent & Treasurer) will be open June, July and August, 7:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. although the building will be locked at 3:00 p.m.

Dr. Miller (ext. 301) and Mr. Wolfe (ext. 101) will be in their respective offices in June and August. (The principals' offices are closed during July.)

2011-12 SCHOOL CALENDAR

August 25	Teacher In-service day	February 20	Presidents' Day
August 26	Teacher work day		No School
August 29	First day for students	April 6-9	Easter Break
September 5	Labor Day - No School		No School
November 23	Parent-Teacher Conferences	May 24	Last day for students
	No school for students	May 25	Teacher work day
November 24, 25	Thanksgiving Vacation	May 27	Graduation
December 23 - Jan 2	Christmas Vacation		
January 3	Classes resume		
January 16	Martin Luther King Day		
	No School		
			Make-up days: May 25, 29, 30, 31, June 1

STUDENTS' WRITINGS PUBLISHED

Two of Mrs. Teresa Edmonds' junior English students were published in the March issue of *Teen Ink* Magazine. *Teen Ink* is a national teen magazine which publishes only writings or artwork from teenagers. Over 5,500 schools from every state in the U.S. subscribe to the magazine. Thousands of students submit their work to the magazine each year, but only some are selected for publication. Every year AHS junior English students write an essay on a topic of their choosing. The selections are proofed and polished and sent in to *Teen Ink*. Congratulations to **Madeline Carnahan** and **Abby Willitzer** for having their writings chosen for publication.

SUMMER SWIM LESSONS

Sign-up days for summer swim lessons will be Tuesday, May 24, for Ayersville residents, and Thursday, May 26, for the public. Registration will be at the pool from 5:00-7:00 p.m. each day. Phone registrations will be accepted after 7:30 p.m. on your respective day. Please call the pool office at 419-395-1111 ext. 133 during public swim times (listed below) for more information. The cost is \$26.00 for Ayersville residents and \$31.00 for the public. Checks should be made payable to Ayersville Pool.

Session dates are as follows:

1st session - June 13-24 2nd session - July 11 - July 22 3rd session - July 11 - July 22

Public swim times starting June 6 are: Monday through Friday, 12:30 - 3:30 p.m. and 7:30 - 9:00 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, with 9:00-9:30 p.m. adults only. Admission for public swim is 50¢ for pre-school, \$1.00 for students K-12, and \$1.50 for adults. Early morning swim times for adults are: 5:30 - 6:30 a.m. Monday through Friday. Costs are \$1.50 per day, \$5.00 per week, or \$20.00 per month.

Rentals are available when the pool is not in use. Please call the pool office during public swim times for more information.

- ◆ The pool will be closed on Sunday, May 29, and also Sunday June 5.
- ◆ The pool will close after public swim on Friday, August 5. It will reopen for public swim on Tuesday, August 30, at 7:30 p.m.

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Permit No. 254

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

POSTAL CUSTOMER

Fitness Center Summer Hours

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday
7:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Superintendent

Tod A. Hug
419-395-1111 x 401

CFO/Treasurer

Connie Nicely
419-395-1111 x 403

Elementary (K-6)

Martin Miller, Principal
419-395-1111 x 300

Jr./Sr. High (7-12)

Kevin Wolfe, Principal
419-395-1111 x 100

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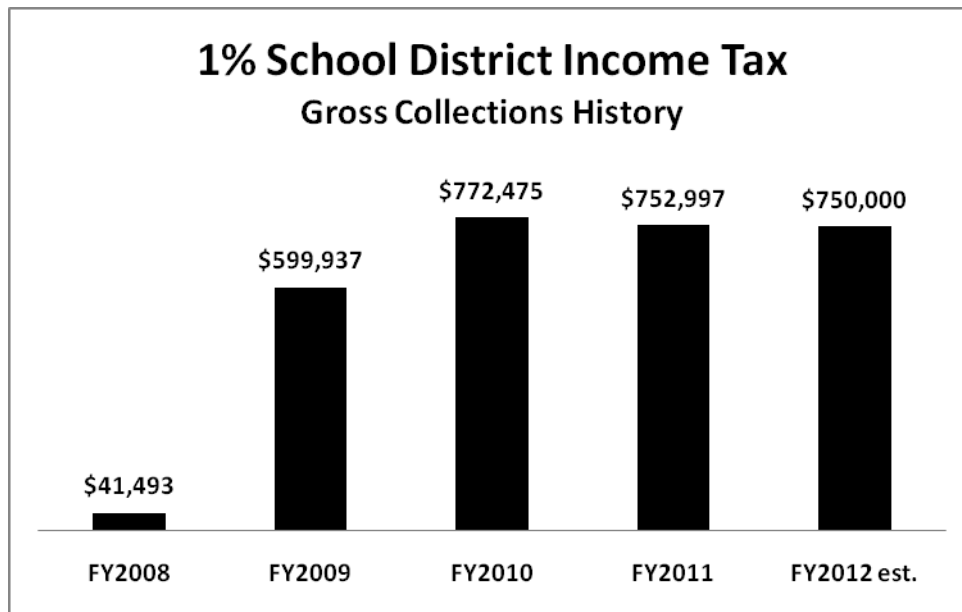
Calendar

May 22 Grades 5-12 band concert, 3:00 p.m. in the R.B.L. Auditorium
May 26 Seniors' awards program, 9:00 a.m. in the R.B.L. Auditorium
May 30 Memorial Day - No School
June 3 Last day of school for students - **1 hour early dismissal**
June 5 Graduation, 2:00 p.m. in high school gym
June 6 Teacher work day
June 20 Board of Education meeting, 7:00 p.m. in the high school library
July 6,7,8 D.A.R.E. camp
July 18 Board of Education meeting, 7:00 p.m. in the high school library

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Income Tax Update

With the passage of House Bill 66 in July 2005 which caused the loss of tangible personal property valuation in school districts, our district was faced with losing approximately \$600,000 from payments in lieu of taxes from enterprise zone agreements with local industry. To address this issue, In November of 2007, district residents passed a 5-year, 1% income tax levy, effective January 1, 2008. The levy was originally projected to raise \$800,000 per year. The graph below shows the actual collections to date.



As you can see, as of our current fiscal year, we have not been able to collect \$800,000 annually, and are not projecting \$800,000 as we plan for FY2012.

This 5-year levy will expire December 31, 2012, if not renewed. As there continues to be a need for these collections for the operations of our school district, the Board of Education is currently studying options for renewal. It can be placed on the ballot yet this year in 2011, or wait until 2012. Regardless of the timing of placing it on the ballot, the renewal would begin January 1, 2013. The Board is also considering the option for continuing status, rather than a 5-year renewal, to ensure a stable revenue stream.

The income tax is an important part of our school district operating revenue. Funding cuts that will affect our state revenue are proposed with the current state budgeting process, including reductions in state aid, and an earlier phase-out of the tangible personal property replacement funding. Although we will not have final information on these proposals until the budget bill is through the legislative process, we continue to keep a close eye on both the proposals and expenditures as we plan for the upcoming school year and beyond.

AYERSVILLE ATHLETIC BOOSTERS MEMBERSHIP 2011

Booster membership is \$15.00 per family and includes your name printed on the Booster Member page of the Fall and Winter sports program. These dues help support all athletics at Ayersville. Without your membership the Booster organization cannot continue to support the great athletic programs and facilities that we have. In order for any student to participate in any Booster-sponsored activity, a paid membership is required. A paid family membership is also required for any senior participating in Ayersville Athletics to apply for the Athletic Booster Scholarship. Membership expires March 31st so all seniors wishing to apply for the scholarship must be a paid member.

Our meetings are held on the 3rd Wednesday of each month in the high school study hall. All members are encouraged to attend to help decide the direction and scope of the organization.

Please return this form with your check made payable to the Ayersville Athletic Boosters to:

Doug Zimmerman
11479 Hire Road
Defiance, Ohio 43512

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____ E-mail _____

Booster Membership Fee = \$15.00

Amount enclosed = _____

Check Number = _____

Were you a member last year? YES NO

How do you want your names to appear in the programs? Write on line below.

Examples: The John Doe Family
 John & Sue Doe and family
 John, Sue, Michelle & Tommy Doe

Office Use:
Membership Number _____
Check Number _____
Cash _____