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# The CO-PILOT

Linking the Community and Pilots

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## FROM THE DESK OF BETH HENCH

It is hard to believe that we have already begun the 4th quarter of the 2021-2022 school year! We have so much to look forward to during these next few months: an exciting spring sports season, Ayersville Community Day (see p. 4), Kindergarten Screening, prom, elementary field days, and graduation to name a few. I hope you enjoy reading through this newsletter and learning about all the amazing things we have to be proud of in Pilot Nation.

**Full Scale Safety Drill** - On March 18, Ayersville worked with the Defiance County Sheriff's Office, 911 Center, and Highland Township Fire Department to complete a state mandated full scale safety drill. The purpose of our drill was to practice the next step of accountability if an emergency situation ever arises. Close to 100 staff and student volunteers participated in the drill and learned a lot about behind the scenes safety precautions. As we worked through the planning and execution of the drill, we realized ways our plans can be tweaked in order to improve safety of students and staff.

One suggestion that was made after past safety drills was to increase security around the various glass vestibules leading into the district. Ayersville was awarded just over \$3,700 from the Ohio School Safety Training Grant. These funds were earmarked for the purchase and installation of perforated vinyl window film to cover our glass vestibules. The window films not only look great, but more importantly, they increase the safety of our students and staff.

**Natatorium and Income Tax Levy Information** - Ayersville Local Schools will again have 2 levies on the ballot during the 2022 Primary Election:

- 1% income tax renewal (no new taxes)
  - Raises about \$1 million annually to support general fund expenses
  - Will cost \$500 for an income of \$50,000
- 1.3 mills current expenses levy (natatorium)
  - Will raise about \$130,000 annually to support the pool
  - Will cost \$45.50 for a home valued at \$100,000

If you have questions about the levies and/or the financial situation of the district, please visit the "Menu" tab of the district webpage ([ayersville.org](http://ayersville.org)), under "Community", click "Levy". In that same spot, you can also find a link to electronically submit a question or request for more information. During the past November General Election, the income tax renewal failed by 89 votes and the natatorium renewal levy failed by 2 votes. When Election Day comes, please take the time to cast an informed vote. Every vote matters.

### FROM THE DESK OF ABBY SHARP:

I would like to introduce the two new staff members in the Treasurer's office this year. Melissa Kern started July 2021 as our new Assistant Treasurer. Her main responsibilities include processing payroll, adding new employees to the financial system, processing insurance information, quarterly and yearly reporting, along with all other payroll-related issues. This position was reduced to 20 hours per week down from 40 in 2020. Melissa and her husband are alumni of Ayersville; they have two students in the district and a third that is a future Ayersville Pilot.

Jen Baldwin Noaker has taken over as the Fiscal Specialist. This position was recently reduced from 32 to 20 hours per week. Jen's husband is an alumnus of Ayersville; they have two grown children that are also alumni and one that is currently a student in the district. Jen's responsibilities include processing purchase orders, sending invoices for approval, entering invoices to be paid, cash collection and daily deposits, receipts, as well as many other duties associated with the finances of the district.

In an effort to be more transparent, the district is now providing financial information on the Ohio Checkbook which serves as the singular and most trusted resource for Ohioans to obtain both local and state financial information. The Ohio Checkbook is a result of a joint initiative from two first-of-their-kind sites, Ohiocheckbook.com and Ohio's Interactive Budget. The collective effort enhances government transparency by providing real-time state financial and transactional data. Users can view online government spending, as well as how revenue is allocated. This website can be accessed at <https://checkbook.ohio.gov>.

Did you know that a monthly financial report is posted to our website each month? This report provides easy-to-understand information regarding the district finances. You can find these reports by clicking on "Documents" and going to the "Treasurer" folder.

You should also visit the website to check out our three new weekly features: Miscellaneous Monday, What's Happening Wednesday, and Finance Friday. Each week we will be sharing information about our district with our community.

Ayersville Local School District				
2021 Seniors Average Cost to Educate per Student				
Fiscal Year	Grade	Ayersville Cost	Similar District	State Average
FY09	K	\$ 8,156.00	\$ 9,003.46	\$ 10,253.57
FY10	1st	\$ 9,345.77	\$ 9,188.92	\$ 10,564.85
FY11	2nd	\$ 9,436.24	\$ 9,261.05	\$ 10,696.94
FY12	3rd	\$ 9,643.32	\$ 9,351.58	\$ 10,597.21
FY13	4th	\$ 9,793.00	\$ 9,416.87	\$ 10,445.61
FY14	5th	\$ 10,845.80	\$ 10,266.41	\$ 10,912.65
FY15	6th	\$ 10,447.00	\$ 10,199.23	\$ 10,984.86
FY16	7th	\$ 11,058.93	\$ 10,359.66	\$ 11,164.17
FY17	8th	\$ 11,511.16	\$ 11,105.19	\$ 11,603.12
FY18	9th	\$ 12,616.28	\$ 11,618.06	\$ 11,953.14
FY19	10th	\$ 13,116.43	\$ 11,655.03	\$ 12,472.40
FY20	11th	\$ 12,780.43	\$ 12,004.12	\$ 12,691.85
FY21	12th	\$ 12,277.74	\$ 12,834.20	\$ 13,386.70
<b>Total Cost to Educate</b>		<b>\$141,028.10</b>	<b>\$136,263.78</b>	<b>\$ 147,727.07</b>

Source: Ohio Department of Education Cupp Report



*Sharing information about our District with our Community!*

Have you ever thought about what it costs to educate a student for their entire career as a student? This was the average cost per year for a student that graduated in 2021. It is important to keep in mind that this is an average as some students cost more than others to educate.

## ELEMENTARY UPDATE

We sure have been busy at Ayersville Elementary! Most recently, we celebrated Right to Read Week. The theme was “Saddle Up and Read.” Students participated in various daily activities that sparked the love and joy of reading. We want to give a big thank you to the volunteers from the United Way for coming out and reading to our students to help celebrate Dr. Seuss.

We continue to focus our social and emotional learning around the 7 Mindsets. Our March Mindset was Live to Give. Students learned about small ways they can make a difference in the lives of others and how to receive kindness from those around them. Our April Mindset is The Time Is Now. The students will focus on what it means to embrace every moment and to act with purpose.

Kindergarten screening is coming up quickly. If your child will be 5 years old on or before September 30, he/she is eligible to participate in our kindergarten screening for the 2022-2023 School Year. Kindergarten screening will occur on Wednesday, April 27<sup>th</sup>, and Thursday, April 28<sup>th</sup>. Please call the Elementary Office at 419-395-1111 ext. 300 to schedule an appointment.

*Pictured to the right:*  
The first graders celebrating Dr. Seuss during Right to Read Week.



## HIGH SCHOOL UPDATE

The school year coming to an end brings along state testing. Below is the testing schedule for the administration of the Spring 2022 End of Course Exams:

Any 7-12 students that are **not** taking a test on a given day will follow a 2-hour delay schedule. Transportation will be running at normal times. Students that ride the bus will report to Study Hall until testing has finished for the day.

- April 5: ELA Part I - Grades 7, 8, and ELA II
- April 7: ELA Part II **and** ASVAB - Grades 7, 8, ELA II, and all Juniors
- April 26: Math Part I - Grades 7, 8, Algebra I, and Geometry
- April 27: Math Part II - Grades 7, 8, Algebra I, and Geometry
- April 28: Science/Social Studies Part I - Science 8, American History, Government, Biology (9<sup>th</sup> grade only)
- April 29: Science/Social Studies Part II - Science 8, American History, Government, Biology (9<sup>th</sup> grade only)
- May 3: Science Parts I & II - Biology (10<sup>th</sup> grade only) **\*NO 2-hour delay schedule, all students report on time\***

## ATHLETIC UPDATE

Congratulations to our Pilot Athletes that had fantastic winter seasons! We will honor all of our winter teams at the April board meeting. Great job, Pilots!

### Important Spring Sport Dates:

April 16<sup>th</sup>: baseball and softball tournaments at home starting at 9 a.m. (admission for event online)  
 April 23<sup>rd</sup>: 44<sup>th</sup> annual Diller Track Invitational starting at 9 a.m. (admission for event online)  
 May 13: GMC Track Championships starting at 3:30 p.m. (admission for event online)  
 May 19 and May 21: DIII District Track Championships (admission for event online)

## AYERSVILLE COMMUNITY DAYS

Ayersville Local Schools is implementing an Ayersville Community Day that will take place on Wednesday, April 13, 2022.

What is Ayersville Community Day, you ask? It is a day for the school and the Ayersville community to come together to help our students learn about careers, community members, and how they can be a part of something bigger! "Let's join together today to create a successful tomorrow!" (Motto created in Mrs. Manriquez' digital art class).

Our K-4 classrooms will focus on career exploration in the classrooms. Parents/grandparents are welcome to come share about their careers! Contact your child's teacher for more information.

As a part of morning activities on this day, we are going to offer a career, college, and resource fair for our students grades 5-12 to interact with. Many area community employers, businesses, and resources will be present to share information with our students! If you are interested in being a part of this resource fair, please contact [aniese@ayersvillepilots.org](mailto:aniese@ayersvillepilots.org).

Grades 5-12 will also partake in a Digital Empowerment presentation given by the renowned speaker, Scott Frank, in the morning. Mr. Frank will also provide a FREE presentation for the community in the evening on April 13. Please save the date!

During the afternoon, K-12 students will be participating in various service projects around the school including random acts of kindness, beautification projects, volunteering, etc.

We are looking forward to connecting with the community during this day!



*Images created by students in Mrs. Manriquez' Digital Art Class.*

## ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

"Where have our Pilot graduates landed?" Big dreams can originate in small places. Many former graduates of Ayersville High School have spread their Pilot wings and flown far beyond the cornfields to broader horizons, making their big dreams a reality. Our intent is to highlight where these former Pilots have landed by creating a visual display so that our students can see the successful career destinations of our Ayersville alumni. We want our students to know that anything is possible with hard work, determination, and a clear flight plan—even if they come from a small town.

We need your help to gather information for this project. Please help us by contributing your information or information on behalf of a loved one who has graduated from Ayersville High School. Please consider submitting to the Alumni Spotlight.

Featured on a world map display in the school and on social media, this info will be used to highlight chosen alumni each month, handpicked by a select group of students.

## TECHNOLOGY UPDATE

It's everything Ayersville Local Schools, in your pocket.

The Ayersville Local Schools mobile app helps community members, parents, and students know what is happening, right from their phones. On the app, you can keep up with athletic schedules, school events, and classroom activities. From the district office to the classroom, new information is posted weekly in the Live Feed and News articles. You can download the app for free from the Apple App Store or Google Play.

### Grant Funding Awarded:

Ayersville was recently awarded \$11,760 through the Emergency Connectivity Fund Program (ECF). This program provides funding to schools for the reasonable costs of laptop and tablet computers. The district is using the grant to purchase iPads to help support learning throughout the district.

**Attention:** Due to 6 calamity days used this year, we must make up a day of school in May. The last day of school is now May 31<sup>st</sup>, with a 1-hr. early dismissal.

## MUSIC BOOSTERS UPDATE

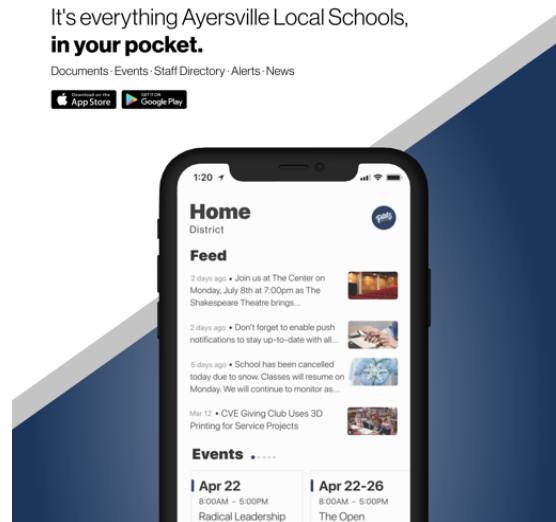
Our Band, Choir, and Theater Departments have been working very hard this year! We, as booster members, have been honored to help these kiddos achieve greatness in the musical arts.

During band camp, we supplied and served the band meals while they worked hard learning their music and formations. During football, not only did we do multiple 50/50 raffles, we also fed the Jr. High and High School bands dinner prior to Jr. High Night so they could practice after school. Our biggest adventure was fundraising for the band trip, including our beef raffle, to offset the cost of the trip to our band members and their families. We also provided each band member a t-shirt for the trip. For OMEA Large Group band contest, the boosters paid the fees and offset the cost of dinner out at Spaghetti Warehouse for our "bandies." Well-deserved after their earning of a Superior (1) at Contest under the amazing direction of Mr. Luthy.

The Boosters would like to again welcome Miss Stehura to Pilot Nation! Miss Stehura has been extremely busy right out of the gate here in Pilot Nation! Boosters paid the fees for both Honors Choir and OMEA solo and ensemble contest. Boosters also paid for new music for contest for the Choir. Miss Stehura directed her first absolutely incredible musical theatre production for Ayersville, which the boosters paid for roses for the participants.

If you would like to become a Booster, please follow our Facebook page, Ayersville Music Boosters, for updates and meeting times. Our next meeting is April 4, at 5:30 p.m., in the Board Room.

**2021-2022-** President: Melissa Miles, Vice President: Michelle Bowers, Treasurer: Jill Hinojosa, Secretary: Heather Froelich



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## POSTAL PATRON

### UPCOMING DATES

Apr. 14-18	Spring Break – No School
Apr. 27-28	Kindergarten Screening
May 4	2-hour delay for Staff Professional Development
May 15	Grades 5-6 Band Concert in the RBL Auditorium at 1:30 p.m.
May 15	Grades 7-12 Band Concert in the RBL Auditorium at 3:00 p.m.
May 22	Grades 5-12 Choir Concert in the RBL Auditorium at 2:00 p.m.
May 29	Graduation in the HS Gymnasium at 2:00 p.m.
May 30	Memorial Day – No School
May 31	<b>1-hour Early Dismissal – Last Day of School</b>



### Summer Office Hours:

The District Office (Superintendent & CFO/Treasurer) will be open June, July, and August from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Mr. Luderman (at ext. 101) and Mrs. Inkrott (at ext. 301) will be in their respective offices in June and August. The principals' offices are closed in July.