



ANTWERP LOCAL SCHOOLS

Home of the Archers

November 2024



SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

MS. ARNOLD - HS/MS

MR. BILLMAN - ELEMENTARY

ATHLETIC CALENDAR

As we enter the month of November, our students and staff have settled into daily routines and procedures associated with attending school and advancing learning opportunities. With the daily routines established, it is an appropriate time to share some of the demographics associated with our school. There are currently 704 students in grades PK-12. Our pre-school class includes 60 students. Our largest K-12 class is the tenth-grade class with 62 students. Our smallest class is the third-grade class with 38 students. We have 42 students from the Junior and Senior classes attending Vantage Career Center in Van Wert, Ohio. Our school district also has five students attending the Paulding County Opportunity Center and six students participating in an internship or work study program.

Our school bus and van fleet transport an average of 366 students to school and home each day logging an average of 519 miles per day. The district's yearly expense for diesel fuel is \$50,079 and \$11,018 for gasoline. Our cafeteria staff serves an average of 32 breakfasts and 278 regular lunches per day. Approximately 36% of our students are designated as Free/Reduced Meal recipients. On the academic side, 15% of our students receive special education services. The school district's average monthly electric bill is \$16,582.21 and our gas bill is approximately \$4,753.45 per month.

Veterans Day is an opportunity to educate our students about the important role our Veterans have played in the history of our nation. Antwerp Local Schools will honor our Veterans with a Veterans Day Assembly on Monday, November 11th at 10 a.m. in the main gymnasium. To Veteran's: We thank you for your dedicated service to secure our freedoms. We are free because of the brave.

November 18-22, 2024, has been designated as *American Education Week*. This is the 103rd observance of the event, which began in 1921 as a joint venture between the National Education Association and the American Legion. This event presents all Americans with a wonderful opportunity to celebrate public education and honor individuals who are making a difference in ensuring that every child receives a quality education. The employees of Antwerp Local Schools are proud to be part of a quality public school system and appreciate the partnership with the community. Together we can accomplish great things for our students.

Antwerp Local Schools has received several donations and grants recently. A \$15,562 Tree Assistance grant was awarded by the Paulding County Soil and Water Conservation. The funds will be utilized to plant Arborvitae trees near our baseball/softball complex. Additionally, the Antwerp VFW and Antwerp Community Development Corporation donated \$6,000 and \$1,000 respectively for the purchase of a vending machine that distributes books in exchange for tokens students receive as part of a reward for demonstrating positive behaviors and character traits.

Dr. Martin A. Miller, Superintendent

We have officially ended the first quarter of the school year and are quickly advancing through the second quarter! With the completion of the first quarter of the year, I would like to remind students and parents about our Credit Recovery process. High School students who fail at least one semester of a class, and subsequently become credit deficient, will be required to attend Summer School. Middle School students will be required to attend if they fail a course for the entire school year. This will begin right after the school year and run for two or three weeks, depending on the number of credits that need to be recovered. If your student failed a class during our first quarter, please continue to encourage him or her during the 2nd grading period to earn the credits required for graduation.

Thank you to all of the parents who plan to attend our upcoming Parent-Teacher Conferences. We appreciate our working relationships with the families in our community and the collaborative effort in helping all of our students be successful.

As we finish up the fall season of extracurricular activities, I wanted to thank everyone for a smooth and successful season. These activities operate due to the people who dedicate countless hours to provide our students with a high-quality experience. A huge thank you to those who volunteered their time to our athletic and music programs. We truly could not do it without you!

~ Ms. Jessie Arnold, MS/HS Principal

HS/MS GUIDANCE NEWS

Students planning to take an AP exam at the end of the 2024-25 school year should turn in their \$40 exam deposit to Mrs. Hammer by Friday, November 1.

Our annual College Credit Plus Information Night will be held on Monday, November 4 at 6:00 p.m. in the auditoria.

The annual 8th grade tours of Vantage will take place on Tuesday, November 5. Students will tour all of the programs that Vantage has to offer.

RENEWAL INCOME TAX LEVY

On November 5, 2024, Antwerp Local School District will ask the Antwerp community to vote on a Renewal Income Tax Levy. The .75% income tax levy generates approximately \$580,000 per year, which equates to nearly 10 percent of the district's budget. This five-year levy was first approved in 2005. The funds from the levy are used to pay the day-to-day operating expenses of the school. Passage of the Renewal Income Tax Levy **will not** increase taxes. Passage of the levy is necessary in order to maintain the district's current services and programs for our students. During the past few school years, funds from the levy have been utilized for a variety of needs including the offering of full day every day Kindergarten, the purchase of exterior and interior security cameras, providing for a full-time on-site School Resource Officer, & providing professional development opportunities for our staff.

There will be plenty going on in our building during the week of November 4th. On November 4th and November 7th we will be having our first round of Parent-Teacher Conferences. Also, all week we will be having our Fall Book Fair, and finally on Wednesday, November 6th we will have Grandparents Day here at Antwerp Elementary.

A/R REWARDS

Many students have been working towards their A/R Goals for the 1st Quarter. Students are being rewarded with Mrs. Grant and creating different images and characters with Perler Beads.

AUG./SEPT. STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to our Students of the Month. Keep up the great work!

- KA: Vivian Sensabaugh
- KB: Theo Koenn
- KC: Gemma Bermejo
- 1A: Melody Bidlack
- 1B: Waylon Parisot
- 1C: Juliet Dillon
- 2A: Stella Gaisford
- 2B: Lane Zuber
- 2C: Adalind Muir
- 3A: Irenia Hand
- 3B: Nash Zartman
- 4A: Maddie Hogans
- 4B: Addie Straley
- 4C: Carter Taylor
- 5A: Greyson Smith
- 5B: Lucas Phillips
- 5C: June Zuber

~ Mr. Doug Billman, Elementary Principal

ELEMENTARY GUIDANCE

This month in elementary guidance, Mrs. Lichty presented a lesson on listening to kindergarten classes. Students listened to *David Goes to School*, and then they followed the directions given out by Mrs. Lichty's magic wand.

Second and third graders listened to the book, *Don't Laugh at Me*, and then talked about how everyone is different, which is what makes us all so special. The students then created a craft to go along with the lesson.

Fourth grade learned to put themselves in other's shoes while fifth graders watched the music video, "This is Me," from *The Greatest Showman* to focus on self-esteem. Then they discussed the lyrics and the video. To end the lesson, students wrote down everything they like about themselves.

As always, Mrs. Lichty is available to meet with students individually. Please contact her at 419-258-5421, extension 2204, with any concerns about your child.

BOYS VARSITY BASKETBALL

Nov 29	6:00	vs. Kalida
Nov 30	6:00	vs. Holgate
Dec 6	6:00	vs. Ft. Jennings
Dec 10	6:00	vs. Ottoville
Dec 14	6:00	vs. Continental

BOYS FRESHMAN BASKETBALL

Nov 29	4:45	vs. Kalida
Dec 10	4:45	vs. Ottoville

BOYS JUNIOR HIGH BASKETBALL

Dec 2	5:00	@ Lincolnview
Dec 5	5:00	@ Delphos Jefferson
Dec 10	5:00	vs. Bryan
Dec 12	5:00	vs. Parkway

GIRLS VARSITY BASKETBALL

Nov 22	6:00	vs. Hilltop
Nov 23	6:00	@ Ft. Jennings
Nov 26	6:00	vs. Edon
Dec 3	6:00	vs. Stryker
Dec 5	6:00	vs. Holgate
Dec 9	6:00	@ Miller City
Dec 14	12:00	vs. Parkway

GIRLS JUNIOR HIGH BASKETBALL

Nov 19	5:00	vs. Fairview
Nov 21	5:00	@ Woodlan
Nov 25	5:00	vs. Tinora
Nov 26	5:00	@ Holgate
Dec 2	5:00	vs. Paulding
Dec 3	5:00	@ Edon
Dec 5	5:00	vs. Wayne Trace
Dec 9	5:00	@ Lincolnview

HIGH SCHOOL BOYS WRESTLING

Dec 7	9:00	@ Hicksville
Dec 14	9:00	@ Lincolnview Invite

HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS WRESTLING

Dec 8	9:00	@ Bryan Invite
Dec 14	10:00	@ Archbold Invite

JUNIOR HIGH WRESTLING

Dec 7	9:00	@ Wayne Trace Invite
Dec 14	9:00	@ Bryan Invite

UPCOMING EVENTS

Nov 3	Time Change
Nov 4/7	P/T Conferences
Nov 8	Inservice - 2-Hour Delay
Nov 11	Veterans Day Assembly
Nov 12	Winter Sports Pictures
Nov 21	Board of Education Meeting
Nov 27-29	Thanksgiving Break

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

The Scholastic Book Fair will take place Monday, November 4 through Friday, November 8. The book fair will close on Friday at 12:30 p.m.

Parents are welcome to visit during the school day and during Parent/Teacher conferences on November 4th and 7th from 4:00-7:30 p.m.

Grandparents' Day at the book fair will take place on Wednesday, November 6 from 8-11:30 a.m.