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THE BRAVE BEAT

AROUND THE DISTRICT

Dear Community Members:

It is hard to believe how quickly this school year has passed. With May now here, the end of the academic year is in sight, there is a sense of excitement throughout our buildings. Whether students are looking forward to summer break or preparing for their next step, this is truly a meaningful and celebratory time of year.

For our seniors, this season marks an important milestone as they prepare to graduate from Annawan High School and begin the next chapter of their lives. We extend our sincere congratulations and best wishes to each of them. We are incredibly proud of their accomplishments and look forward to seeing all they will achieve in the future.

Our returning students are also finishing the year strong and eagerly anticipating both summer and the opportunities that come with advancing to a new grade level. It is an exciting time for all of our students and staff.

Congrats Graduates!

As we celebrate the conclusion of another successful school year, we are also looking ahead and preparing for the future. The district is currently seeking qualified candidates for several positions:

- Bus Drivers (CDL required)
- Substitute Teachers (substitute teaching certificate required)
- High School Basketball Cheer Coach
- High School Volleyball (Head and Assistant Coaches)
- Bass Fishing Sponsor and Volunteer
- Junior High Volleyball Coach

If you or someone you know may be interested in any of these opportunities, please feel free to contact me directly.

Looking ahead to the 2026-2027 school year, we are excited to welcome to several new members to our team:

- Ms. Cameron Moe, Elementary Teacher
- Mrs. Sheila Arnold, Elementary Teacher
- Ms. Kennedy Kloepping, High School Agriculture Teacher

We are thrilled to have these educators joining Annawan Schools and are confident they will make a positive impact on our students and community.

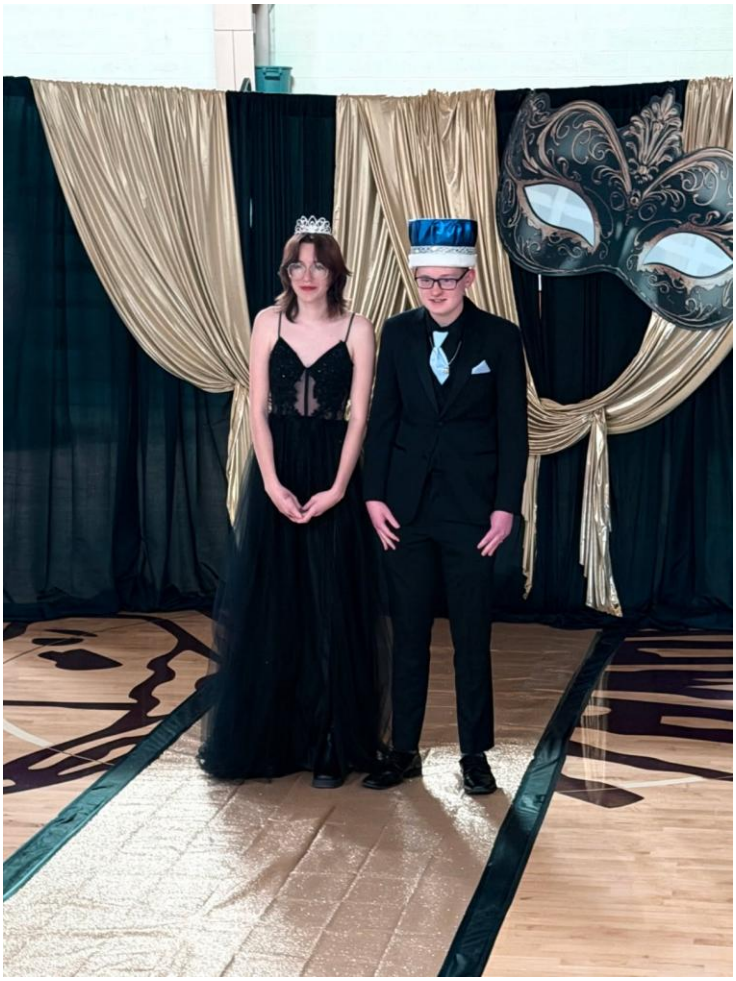
As summer approaches, I hope you are able to enjoy time with family and friends, find moments to relax, and create lasting memories. Thank you for your continued support of Annawan Schools.

Sincerely,

Jamie Bryan
Superintendent

Hello Summer!

Prom King and Queen



Makayla Smith and Caleb McCadden were crowned King and Queen of the Prom on April 25th!

From the Office of Mrs. Heitzler

Mandated Testing: IAR/ISA

Annawan Grade School completed IAR testing on April 10th. We are unsure when results will be available, but we are hopeful to have them by summer.

We have completed the Illinois Science Assessment. The fifth grade and eighth grade took the test on April 21-23rd. We are hoping they will arrive by summer as well.

Thank you for your cooperation in having students in school during testing and avoiding appointments during this time. It made the make-up testing very easy this school year and is greatly appreciated!

Junior High Band and Chorus

On April 15th, the Junior High Band and Chorus performed at the Spring Concert at 7:00 p.m. in the high school gymnasium. I would like to thank Mr. Flowers and Mr.Schehl for planning and presenting an entertaining evening for all.

Junior High Track

Our Junior High Track season has started and the team is working to prepare for up-coming meets and sectionals. Good luck to our athletes and coaches at the sectional meet on May 8th at Galva High School!

Third Grade Wax Museum

The 3rd grade class put together a Wax Museum for parents, staff, and students to enjoy on April 24th. The students chose their own famous historical character to research, present, and portray in the living Wax Museum that was on display in the Media Center.

Classroom Field Trips

May 8th 5th grade: Starved Rock
May 7th 2nd grade: Putnam Museum
May 1st 8th grade: Dubuque Museum
May 15 4h Kindergarten: Geneseo Park and Tier One Gym

Open House 6:00-7:00

Please join us on Thursday, April 30th to see all the progress from the students. Visit the classrooms, enjoy the successes from the school year on display, and listen to the 5th graders perform their instruments in the gymnasium. 4th grade recorder/5th grade band: 6:45 cafeteria/little gymnasium.

Reading Carnival

The Annawan Grade School Reading Carnival will be held on May 18th. The students have been reading to build points they may use at the activities available at the carnival.

Parents: please look for more information from teachers on volunteering and donations.

Eighth Grade Promotion

Eighth Grade Promotion will be in the High School gymnasium on Monday, May 18th at 6:00p.m. Congratulations to the eighth-grade class!

Grade School Athletic Physicals

Students planning to participate in school athletics next year must have a current athletic physical on file at the school (an athletic physical is good for 395 days). Students entering 6th grade next year will be required to have a school physical (letter and forms were sent to parents of current 5th graders in April) and this will count as their athletic physical for next year. Students entering 7th or 8th grades for the 2026-2027 school year will be required to obtain an athletic physical on their own if they plan to participate in school sponsored athletics. Athletic physical forms may be downloaded from our

website at www.annawan226.org (under “Health” click on “Sports Physical Form”). Students will not be allowed to practice or participate in school athletics until a completed athletic physical is on file at the school, so those students involved in fall school sports should have their physical completed and returned to the school by school registration.

Annawan will be offering free athletic physicals on May 7th from 1:30 – 3:00 p.m. at the Annawan Grade School Gym. A signed and filled out athletic physical form needs to be turned in to the school nurse **prior** to May 7th. Please contact the office for further information. The school has printed copies in both the grade school and high school office for students or parents to pick up at your convenience. The physical is also posted on the website.

Summer Fun & Learning

Don’t forget to keep those brains active! Check out our local library’s summer reading program and keep practicing those math skills with fun games and activities.

Thank YOU!

We are so grateful for our supportive school community. Thank you, parents, guardians, volunteers, and partners, for helping make this year such a success. We wish you a safe, sunny, and relaxing summer break!

Our last day of school attendance for the students will be Tuesday, May 19th with a 1:30 dismissal. The teachers will be in attendance on Wednesday, May 20th.

Have a wonderful summer full of great memories with your children. We will see everyone back in August!

Mrs. Heitzler





Free Sports Physicals

For: Next Year's Athletes (2025-2026) Students going into 7th, 8th, 10th, 11th, and 12th grades

Students going into 6th and 9th will need to have a School Physical on an Illinois State form.

When: Thursday May 7th, 2026

Time: 1:30pm-3pm

Where: Annawan Grade School

Place: Grade School Gym

Pick up forms in the Nurse's Office or download from the school website. Complete the first 4 pages prior to going. Students who do not have a completed form signed by a parent will be turned away.


Annawan High School
Class of 2026
Baccalaureate
Invitation
WHEN: Sunday, May 3rd
TIME: 4:30pm
WHERE: Annawan Community
Methodist Church
201 South Main Street, Annawan
❖ Refreshments will be served
afterwards
❖ Tony Gripp will be the 2026 Speaker

Annawan Jr/Sr High School - May 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
					1 3:30 PM G V SB (Practice) 4:00 PM B V TR OPEN 4:00 PM G V TR OPEN	2
3 1:00 PM Titan FB Cheer Tryouts - Clinic 5:30 PM Titan FB Cheer - Tryouts	4 3:00 PM B V TR @ United Junior Senior High School 3:00 PM G V TR @ United Junior Senior High School 4:00 PM Postponed to 05/04/2026*B JV BB Princeville High School 4:00 PM B JV BB Princeville High School 4:00 PM Cancelled G JV SB Princeville High School	5 3:30 PM G V SB (Practice) 3:00 PM C JH TR @ Wethersfield Jr/Sr HS 4:30 PM B V BB @ Rockridge High School 4:00 PM B V TR @ Kewanee High School 4:00 PM G V TR @ Kewanee High School 6:15 PM B JV BB @ Rockridge High School	6 3:30 PM G V SB (Practice) 3:30 PM C V TR (Practice) 7:00 PM Senior Awards Night	7 1:30 PM HHH Sports Physicals - JH GYM 3:30 PM C V TR (Practice) 4:30 PM B V BB Knoxville High School 4:30 PM G V SB Knoxville High School 6:15 PM B JV BB Knoxville High School 6:15 PM Cancelled G JV SB Knoxville High School	8 TBA FFA Chapter Banquet 2:00 PM C JH TR @ OPEN 3:30 PM G V SB (Practice) 3:00 PM B V TR @ Galva Jr/Sr High School 4:00 PM G V TR @ Galva Jr/Sr High School	9 11:00 AM B V BB Bureau Valley Jr/Sr High School 11:00 AM G V SB Bureau Valley Jr/Sr High School 5:30 PM FFA Chapter Banquet
10	11 4:00 PM B JV BB Bureau Valley Jr/Sr High School 4:30 PM G V SB West Central CUSD 235 4:00 PM G JV SB Bureau Valley Jr/Sr High School 4:00 PM B V TR @ Galva Jr/Sr High School 6:15 PM Cancelled G JV SB West Central CUSD 235	12 3:30 PM C V TR (Practice) 4:30 PM G V SB Mercer County High School 6:15 PM Cancelled G JV SB Mercer County High School	13 3:30 PM G V SB (Practice) 4:30 PM School Board Meeting 4:30 PM B V BB @ Morrison High School 4:30 PM B JV BB Geneseo High School 4:00 PM G V TR @ Erie High School	14 TBA G V TR @ OPEN 4:30 PM B V BB Sherrard Jr/Sr High School 4:30 PM B JV BB Sherrard Jr/Sr High School 4:30 PM Cancelled G V SB @ Princeton High School 4:30 PM Cancelled G JV SB Princeton High School 7:00 PM Junior High Spring Concert	15 TBA G V TR @ OPEN TBA C JH TR @ OPEN 4:30 PM B V BB Monmouth-Roseville High School 4:30 PM B JV BB Monmouth-Roseville High School 4:30 PM G V SB Monmouth-Roseville High School	16 TBA C JH TR @ OPEN 11:00 AM G V SB Abingdon-Avon High School 12:30 PM Cancelled G JV SB Abingdon-Avon High School
17 2:00 PM High School Graduation	18 Grade School Reading Carnival TBA G V SB @ OPEN 3:30 PM C V TR (Practice) 4:30 PM B V BB @ Princeton High School 4:30 PM B JV BB Princeton High School 4:00 PM Cancelled B V TR @ Oregon High School	19 Last Day of School if no emergency days TBA G V SB @ OPEN 3:30 PM C V TR (Practice) 4:30 PM B V BB Abingdon-Avon High School 6:30 PM B JV BB Abingdon-Avon High School	20 Teachers Institute if no emergency days TBA G V SB OPEN TBA C V TR @ OPEN 3:00 PM B V TR @ Mercer County High School 3:30 PM C V TR (Practice) 4:30 PM B JV BB @ Mendota High School	21 TBA G V SB OPEN TBA B V TR @ OPEN TBA C V TR @ OPEN 3:30 PM C V TR (Practice) 4:30 PM B V BB Mercer County High School 4:30 PM B JV BB Mercer County High School	22 TBA G V SB OPEN TBA B V TR @ OPEN TBA G V TR @ OPEN TBA G V TR @ OPEN 3:30 PM C V TR (Practice)	23 TBA G V SB @ OPEN TBA G V TR @ OPEN 11:00 AM B V BB Alleman Catholic High School 1:00 PM B JV BB Alleman Catholic High School
24	25 MEMORIAL DAY TBA B V BB @ OPEN 3:30 PM C V TR (Practice)	26 TBA B V BB @ OPEN TBA G V SB @ OPEN 3:30 PM C V TR (Practice)	27 TBA B V BB OPEN TBA G V SB @ OPEN	28 TBA B V BB OPEN TBA B V TR @ OPEN	29 TBA B V TR @ OPEN	30 TBA B V BB OPEN TBA G V SB @ OPEN TBA B V TR @ OPEN
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Menus

School: Annawan Grade School
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Meal: All
Month: May 2026
Academic Year: 2025-26

May				
M	**Tu**	**W**	**Th**	**F**
27 **Breakfast:** BREAKFAST Pancakes & Sausage Choice of Fruit Choice of Milk LUNCH Hot Dog or Chili Dog on Bun Baked Beans or Fresh Veggies Applesauce or Fresh Fruit Choice of Milk	28 **Breakfast:** BREAKFAST Breakfast Burrito Choice of Fruit Choice of Milk LUNCH Hamburger or Cheeseburger on Bun Oven Fries or Fresh Veggies Peaches or Fresh Fruit Choice of Milk	29 **Breakfast:** BREAKFAST Breakfast Pizza Choice of Fruit Choice of Milk LUNCH Chicken Strip Wrap W/ Lettuce & Cheese Corn or Fresh Veggies Pears or Fresh Fruit Choice of Milk	30 **Breakfast:** BREAKFAST Biscuits & Gravy Choice of Fruit Choice of Milk LUNCH Cripitos W/ Lettuce & Cheese Refried Beans or Fresh Veggies Mix Fruit or Fresh Fruit Choice of Milk	1 **Breakfast:** BREAKFAST Cook's Choice Choice of Fruit Choice of Milk LUNCH Pepperoni Pizza Green Beans or Fresh Veggies Pineapple or Fresh Fruit Choice of Milk
4 **Breakfast:** BREAKFAST French Toast & Sausage Choice of Fruit Choice of Milk LUNCH Max Cheese Sticks Peas or Fresh Veggies Applesauce or Fresh Fruit Choice of Milk	5 **Breakfast:** BREAKFAST Tornado Choice of Fruit Choice of Milk LUNCH B.B.Q. Pork Nachos Corn or Fresh Veggies Peaches or Fresh Fruit Choice of Milk	6 **Breakfast:** BREAKFEST Breakfast Pizza Choice of Fruit Choice of Milk LUNCH Tenderloin on Bun Oven Fries or Fresh Veggies Pears or Fresh Fruit Choice of Milk	7 **Breakfast:** BREAKFAST Breakfast Burrito Choice of Fruit Choice of Milk LUNCH Tony's Cheese Pizza Corn Or Fresh Veggies Pineapple or Fresh Fruit Choice of Milk	8 **Breakfast:** BREAKFAST Mini Cinni's Choice of Fruit Choice of Milk LUNCH- BEACH DAY! Hotdog on Bun Sun Chips Carrots Fruit Cup Choice of Milk REMEMBER YOUR TOWEL :)
11 **Breakfast:** BREAKFAST Waffles & Sausage Choice of Fruit Choice of Milk LUNCH Oven Fried Chicken Leg Mashed Potatoes or Fresh Veggies Mix Fruit or Fresh Fruit Choice of Milk	12 **Breakfast:** BREAKFAST Biscuits & Gravy Choice of Fruit Choice of Milk LUNCH Taco Salad w/ Doritos Corn or Choice of Veggies Applesauce or Choice of Fruit Choice of Milk	13 **Breakfast:** BREAKFAST Breakfast Pizza Choice of Fruit Choice of Milk LUNCH Chicken Patty On Bun Oven Fries or Fresh Fruit Peaches or Fresh Fruit Choice of Milk	14 **Breakfast:** BREAKFAST Pancake on a Stick Choice of Fruit Choice of Milk LUNCH Bosco Cheese Stick Mix Veggies or Fresh Veggies Pears or Fresh Fruit Choice of Milk	15 **Breakfast:** BREAKFAST Mini Donuts Choice of Fruit Choice of Milk LUNCH Pizza Hut (Cheese) Carrots or Fresh Veggies Pineapple or Fresh Fruit Choice of Milk
18 **Breakfast:** BREAKFAST Cook's Choice Fruit Choice of Milk LUNCH Turkey and cheese Wrap Sun Chips Carrots Apple Slices Choice of Milk READING CARNIVAL	19 **Breakfast:** BREAKFAST Cook's Choice Fruit Choice of Milk LUNCH Ham & Turkey Wrap Sun Chips Carrots Apple Slices Choice of Milk	20	21	22

Annawan Unit 226 Important Dates 2026-2027

(Bold dates indicate no student attendance)

Institute Day (No Student Attendance)	**Aug 10**	**Monday**
Meet the Teacher and 6th Grade Orientation 6:00-7:00	Aug 10	Monday
Freshman Orientation 7:00-8:00	Aug 10	Monday
PreK Back to School Night	Aug 10	Monday
(AM Class 5:30-6:00 pm and PM Class 6:00-6:30 pm)		
Institute Day (No Student Attendance)	**Aug 11**	**Tuesday**
1st Day of Student Attendance	Aug 12	Wednesday
Fall Anderson Enterprises Consignment Auction	Aug 21-22	Friday-Saturday
School pictures 9-12 (Including senior yearbook pictures)	Aug 19	Wednesday
Labor Day	**Sept 7**	**Monday**
K-8 School Pictures	Sept 23	Wednesday
Homecoming Parade (Dismissal 1:50)	Sept 18	Friday
Homecoming v. Knoxville	Sept 18-19	Friday-Saturday
K-12 Parent-Teacher Conferences (3:45 PM-7:15 PM)	Oct 7	Wednesday
K-12 Parent-Teacher Conferences (3:45 PM- 7:15 PM)	Oct 8	Thursday
No School	**Oct 9**	**Friday**
1st Quarter Ends	Oct 9	Friday
Columbus Day	**Oct 12**	**Monday**
Picture make-up date Grades K-12	Oct 21	Wednesday
(Teacher Inservice 11:35 Dismissal)	*Oct 30*	*Friday*
Grandparents' Days PreK – 8th Grade	Nov 5-6	Thursday-Friday
Veterans' Day Assembly 9:00 a.m.	Nov 11	Wednesday
(Teacher Inservice 11:35 Dismissal	*Nov 20*	*Friday)*
(Pre-break 1:50 Dismissal	*Nov 24*	*Tuesday)*
Thanksgiving Break	**Nov 25-27**	**Wednesday-Friday**
K-5 Christmas Program	Dec 11	Friday
High School Semester Exams	Dec 17-18	Thursday-Friday
(1st Semester Ends 1:50 Dismissal	*Dec 18*	*Friday)*
Christmas Break	**Dec 21-Jan 4**	**Monday-Monday**
Institute Day (No Student Attendance)	**Jan 4**	**Monday**
M.L. King Day	**Jan 18**	**Monday**
(Teacher Inservice 11:35 Dismissal	*Jan 29*	*Friday)*
Presidents' Day	**Feb 15**	**Monday**
(Teacher Inservice 11:35 Dismissal	*Feb 26*	*Friday)*
3rd Quarter Ends	March 5	Friday
Spring Anderson Enterprises Consignment Auction	March 19-20	Friday-Saturday
Spring Vacation	**March 22-29**	**Monday-Monday**
ACT,SAT, PSAT Testing 9-11	April	TBD
HS Prom	April 24	Saturday
Grade School Open House	April 29	Thursday
Senior Awards Night	May 5	Wednesday
HS Graduation 2:00 p.m.	May 16	Sunday
Grade School Reading Carnival	May 17	Monday
Last Day of School (dependent on emergency days)	May 18 - 26	
Memorial Day	**May 31**	**Monday**
Institute Day (No Student Attendance)	**(the day following last student attendance day)**	