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THE BRAVE BEAT

AROUND THE DISTRICT

Dear Community Members:

As we welcome April, we want to take a moment to celebrate the many accomplishments of our students over the winter season. From athletics to extracurricular activities, our students represented Annawan with pride, determination, and success. We are incredibly proud of their hard work and the support shown by our families and community.

With spring now upon us, we are excited for the start of our spring sports and activities. This is always a busy and energetic time of year, and we look forward to seeing our students continue to grow.

As temperatures begin to rise, we know it can become more challenging for students to stay focused. We ask for your continued support in encouraging your students to stay engaged and finish the school year strong. The next month and a half will go by quickly, and every day counts.

We would also like to extend our sincere gratitude to three outstanding educators who will be retiring at the end of this school year: Lisa Spivey, Gina Peterson, and Wendi Johns. Their years of dedication, care, and commitment to our students and school community have made a lasting impact. We thank them for their service and wish them all the best in their retirement.

At the same time, we are excited to welcome new members to our team. Please join us in welcoming **Cameron Moe** and **Sheila Arnold** to Annawan Schools. We are thrilled to have them as part of our district and look forward to the contributions they will make.

Finally, as planting season begins, we remind everyone to be mindful of farm equipment sharing our roadways. Please use caution, stay alert, and help ensure a safe season for all members of our community.

Thank you for your continued support of Annawan Schools. Let's have a strong finish to the school year!

Sincerely,

Jamie Bryan
Superintendent



From the Office of Mrs. Heitzler

IAR & Science Testing

Please mark your calendars! IAR (Illinois Assessment of Readiness) testing will take place on **April 8th, 9th, and 10th** for students in grades 3–5 and junior high. Students will take two tests each day. Make-up testing will follow if needed.

We appreciate your help in making sure your child is present and well-rested. A light snack will be provided each morning, but please be sure your child eats breakfast at home. Encourage your child to do their best—we are proud of their hard work!

Science Testing

Students in **5th and 8th grade** will take their science assessments on **April 21st–23rd**.

Report Cards

Report cards were sent home on **March 13th**. Please take time to review them with your child and celebrate their efforts! We are now in the fourth quarter, and this grading period is important for final grades.

Congratulations to our junior high students who earned **Honor Roll and High Honor Roll**, and to our 4th and 5th grade **B.U.G. (Bringing Up Grades)** award winners—great job!

Spring Concert

Our Junior High Band and Chorus students are preparing for their **Spring Concert on May 14th**. We look forward to a wonderful performance—thank you to our music teachers for their hard work!

Scholastic Bowl

Congratulations to our Scholastic Bowl Team and their coaches on a fantastic season! Thank you to all staff and families who supported the team. They will compete in the **Lincoln Trail Conference matches on April 20th**. Good luck!

Track Season Is Here!

The Junior High Track Team is off to a great start with 26 athletes participating this season!

We are always looking for volunteers to help at meets. If you are interested, please contact the school office. Best of luck to all our athletes and coaches this season!

Reading Carnival

Our **Reading Carnival** will be held on **Monday, May 18th**! This fun event celebrates reading and encourages students to enjoy books. We look forward to another exciting and successful day. More details coming soon!

8th Grade Promotion

8th Grade Promotion will take place on **Monday, May 18th at 6:00 p.m.** in the high school gym. More information will be shared soon—please save the date!

DAR Award Winners

Congratulations to **Grear Gustafson and Peter Wied** for receiving the DAR Award! This honor recognizes leadership, service, courage, and patriotism. We are very proud of their accomplishments!

Thank you for your continued support of our school. Together, we make a wonderful learning community!

Kids Heart Challenge!

Thank you Annawan families for supporting the Kids Heart Challenge. Our school raised $3084.86 for the American Heart Association! The money raised will help fund lifesaving research.

Thanks again,

Mrs. Nelms



Front row: Scarlett Eden, Theo Gripp, Hayes Frank, Cole Dornfeld, Liam Sissel. Second row: Esme Roggy, Bryer Bair, Cora Dynes, Abigail Balfour, Mrs. Nelms, Maesie Kipp, Hadlie Hewitt, Wyatt Clementz. Third row: Autumn Brown, Layla Vinson, Weston Baele, Kolton VerStraete, Eli Dornfeld, Kynslee Hewitt, Harper Frank, Hadley Clementz.

2025-2026 High School Yearbook

Orders are due April 30th. The cost is $50 each. Please have money to Mrs. Douglas by cash or check or purchase online at walsworthyearbooks.com.

BUG Award Winners



Front row: Gabriella Specht, Kinley Wells, Knox Specht, Rhett Gilbraith, Ellie Wells, Rilynn DeMay. Second row: Sylis Kueter, Emma Nordstrom, Tate Ebbert, Blake Koning, Georgia Walls, Dominic Dudley. Third row: Carter Izral, Jase Wolf, Evan Anderson, Harper Hasbrook, Lily Koester. Presented by: Albert Hulting and Dick VanKerrebroeck.

We are so proud of these students for "Bringing up Grades" in the third quarter!



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Annawan Grade School
3rd Quarter Honor Roll 2025-2026
March 13, 2026

Honor Roll

6th Grade	Madison Childs	Alexandria Fleming	Madon Huber	
	Emilee Platt	Ellie Scott	Kenton Stoller	
7th Grade	Iyla Anderson	Olive Cervantez	Cole Dybek	Ava Hakes
	Kylie Klockenga	Anna Nordstrom	Jackson Wolf	
8th Grade	Adam Jones	Keaton Matney	Lyla McCauley	Kinley Rico
	Peter Wied			

High Honor Roll

6th Grade	William Earley	Charlie Frankenreider	Landry Koning
7th Grade	Matthew Smith		
8th Grade	Easton Ebbert	Mason McCadden	Abi Steele
	Kyler Witte		



Poetry Through Recitation

Poetry Contest

April 24th, 2026- 5:00pm

Annawan School Media Center

503 W South St, Annawan, Il 61234

Students from

Annawan HS

Bureau Valley HS

Princeton HS

United HS



April 25, 2026

AHS Prom 2026

@ Midland Golf Course

Schedule:

$20 per person

3:15 Prom Premiere *@High School*
5:30-6:30 Dinner *@ Midland*
6:45 - 9:45 Dance *@ Midland*
10:15 Bus Pickup *@HS Parking Lot*
11:00 - 2:00 After-Prom *@ Iron Tee*

$20 per person

Sign-Up in High School Office

Annawan Jr/Sr High School - April 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
			1 TBA NO SCHOOL SPRING BREAK	2 TBA NO SCHOOL SPRING BREAK	3 TBA NO SCHOOL SPRING BREAK	4
5	6 TBA NO SCHOOL SPRING BREAK 4:30 PM B V BB @ Henry-Senachwine High School 4:00 PM B V TR OPEN 4:00 PM G V TR OPEN	7 4:30 PM G V SB @ Chillicothe IVC 4:00 PM C JH TR Quad Meet - AlWood, Visitation and Neponset @ Wethersfield (Annawan Host) 4:15 PM Postponed to 04/21/2026*C JH BWL @ Bureau Valley Junior High/Elementary School 6:15 PM Cancelled G JV SB @ Chillicothe IVC	8 4:30 PM B V BB Farmington High School 4:30 PM B JV BB @ Geneseo High School 4:00 PM B V TR @ Sherrard Jr/Sr High School	9 4:30 PM G V SB @ Putnam County High School 4:30 PM G V TR @ Princeton High School 4:30 PM C JH TR @ Bureau Valley Junior High/Elementary School	10	11 10:00 AM B V BB @ Galva Jr/Sr High School 10:00 AM G V SB @ Galva Jr/Sr High School 9:30 AM B V TR @ Mendota High School 9:30 AM G V TR @ Mendota High School
12	13 4:00 PM B JV BB @ Galva Jr/Sr High School 4:00 PM Cancelled G JV SB @ Galva Jr/Sr High School 4:00 PM G V TR @ Bureau Valley Jr/Sr High School	14 4:30 PM B V BB @ Mendota High School 4:30 PM B V TR @ Princeton High School 4:00PM C JH TR @ Wethersfield Jr/Sr HS 6:15 PM B JV BB @ Mendota High School	15 4:00 PM C JH BWL @ Galva Jr/Sr High School 7:00 PM HS Spring Concert	16 4:30 PM B V BB West Central CUSD 235 4:30 PM G V SB West Central CUSD 235 6:15 PM B JV BB West Central CUSD 235 6:15 PM Cancelled G JV SB West Central CUSD 235	17 4:00 PM B V TR @ Orion High School 4:00 PM G V TR @ Orion High School	18 11:00 AM B V BB Stark County High School 11:00 AM G V SB Stark County High School
19	20 4:00 PM B JV BB Stark County High School 4:00 PM G JV SB Stark County High School 4:00 PM B V TR @ Bushnell-Prairie City HS 4:00 PM G V TR @ Bushnell-Prairie City HS 4:00 PM C JH BWL @ Alwood Middle-High School	21 4:00PM C JH TR @ Wethersfield Jr/Sr HS 4:15 PM C JH BWL @ Bureau Valley Junior High/Elementary School	22 4:30 PM B V BB CO-OP Brimfield/Elmwood 4:30 PM G V SB @ CO-OP Brimfield/Elmwood 4:00 PM B V TR OPEN 4:00 PM G V TR OPEN 6:15 PM B JV BB CO-OP Brimfield/Elmwood 6:15 PM Cancelled G JV SB @ CO-OP Brimfield/Elmwood	23 4:30 PM B V BB United Junior Senior High School 4:30 PM G V SB United Junior Senior High School 4:00PM C JH TR @ Wethersfield Jr/Sr HS 6:15 PM B JV BB United Junior Senior High School 6:15 PM Cancelled G JV SB United Junior Senior High School	24 4:30 PM B V BB @ Ridgewood Coop 4:30 PM G V SB @ Ridgewood Coop 4:00 PM B V TR @ CO-OP Erie/Prophetstown 4:00 PM G V TR @ CO-OP Erie/Prophetstown	25 PROM
26	27 4:00 PM B JV BB @ Ridgewood Coop 4:00 PM Cancelled G JV SB @ Ridgewood Coop 4:00 PM B V TR @ Elmwood JR/SR High School 4:00 PM G V TR @ Elmwood JR/SR High School	28	29 4:00 PM B V BB Princeville High School 4:00 PM G V SB Princeville High School	30 Grade School Open House 6:00-7:00 PM 3:30PM C JH TR @ Galva Jr/Sr High School 4:30 PM B V BB CO-OP ROWVA/Williamsfield 4:30 PM G V SB CO-OP ROWVA/Williamsfield 6:15 PM B JV BB CO-OP ROWVA/Williamsfield 6:15 PM Cancelled G JV SB CO-OP ROWVA/Williamsfield		

Menus

School: Annawan Grade School
Meal: All
Month: April 2026

Academic Year: 2025-26

April				
M	**Tu**	**W**	**Th**	**F**
30	31	1	2	3
6	7 **Breakfast:** BREAKFAST Waffles & Sausage Choice of Fruit Choice of Milk LUNCH Hot Dog on Bun Baked Beans or Fresh Veggies Peaches or Fresh Fruit Choice of Milk	8 **Breakfast:** BREAKFAST Cinnamon Roll Choice of Fruit Choice of Milk LUNCH Pepperoni Pizza Corn or Fresh Veggie Pears or Fresh Fruit Choice of Milk	9 **Breakfast:** BREAKFAST Pancake on a Stick Choice of Fruit Choice of Milk LUNCH Grilled Ham & Cheese Sand. Tomato Soup Or Fresh Veggies Mix Fruit or Fresh Fruit Choice of Milk	10 **Breakfast:** BREAKFAST Mini Donuts Choice of Fruit Choice of Milk LUNCH Hot Chicken Sand. Oven Fries or Fresh Veggies Applesauce or Fresh Fruit Choice of Milk
13 **Breakfast:** BREAKFAST Tornado Choice of Fruit Choice of Milk LUNCH Bosco Cheese Stick Green Beans or Fresh Veggies Mix Fruit or Fresh Fruit Choice of Milk	14 **Breakfast:** BREAKFAST Mini Cinni's Choice of Fruit Choice of Milk LUNCH B.B.Q. Pork Sand. Oven Fries or Fresh Veggies Peaches or Fresh Fruit Choice of Milk	15 **Breakfast:** BREAKFAST Breakfast Pizza Choice of Fruit Choice of Milk LUNCH Breaded Chicken Patty on Bun Steamed Broccoli or Fresh Veggies Pineapple or Fresh Fruit Choice of Milk	16 **Breakfast:** BREAKFAST Sausage, Egg & Cheese Burrito Choice of Fruit Choice of Mik LUNCH Corn Dog Baked Beans or Fresh Veggies Pears or Fresh Fruit Choice of Milk	17 **Breakfast:** BREAKFAST Biscuits & Gravy Choice of Fruit Choice of Milk LUNCH Tony's Cheese Pizza Side Salad or Fresh Veggies Applesauce or Fresh Fruit Choice of MIlk
20 **Breakfast:** BREAKFAST French Toast & Sausage Choice of Fruit Choice of Milk Lunch Max Cheese Stick Corn or Fresh Veggies Peaches or Fresh Veggies Choice of Milk	21 **Breakfast:** BREAKFAST Pop Tarts Choice of Fruit Choice of Milk LUNCH Tenderloin on Bun Oven Fries or fresh Veggies Pears or Fresh Fruit Choice of Milk	22 **Breakfast:** BREAKFAST Breakfast Pizza Choice of Fruit Choice of Milk LUNCH Chicken Nuggets Mashed Potatoes or Fresh Veggies Applesauce or Fresh Fruit Choice of Milk	23 **Breakfast:** BREAKFAST Pancake on a Stick Choice of Milk Choice of Fruit LUNCH Soft Shell Taco w/ Meat, Lettuce & Cheese Refried Beans or Fresh Veggies Mix Fruit or fresh Fruit Choice of Milk	24 **Breakfast:** BREAKFAST Sausage, Egg & Cheese Biscuit Choice of Fruit Choice of Milk LUNCH Pizza Hut (Sausage) Side Salad or Fresh Veggies Pineapple or Fresh Fruit Choice of Milk
27 **Breakfast:** BREAKFAST Pancakes & Sausage Choice of Fruit Choice of Milk LUNCH Hot Dog or Chili Dog on Bun Baked Beans or Fresh Veggies	28 **Breakfast:** BREAKFAST Breakfast Burrito Choice of Fruit Choice of Milk LUNCH Hamburger or Cheeseburger on Bun Oven Fries or Fresh Veggies	29 **Breakfast:** BREAKFAST Breakfast Pizza Choice of Fruit Choice of Milk LUNCH Chicken Strip Wrap W/ Lettuce & Cheese Corn or Fresh Veggies	30 **Breakfast:** BREAKFAST Biscuits & Gravy Choice of Fruit Choice of Milk LUNCH Cripitos W/ Lettuce & Cheese Refried Beans or Fresh Veggies	1 **Breakfast:** BREAKFAST Cook's Choice Choice of Fruit Choice of Milk LUNCH Pepperoni Pizza Green Beans or Fresh Veggies