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THE BRAVE BEAT

AROUND THE DISTRICT

Dear Parents, Guardians, and Community Members,

As we turn the calendar to November, it is hard to believe that the first quarter of the school year is already behind us! It has been a wonderful start to the year at Annawan Schools, filled with student accomplishments, exciting activities, and countless examples of the pride and dedication that make our district such a special place.

I would like to begin by congratulating our students who earned Honor Roll recognition during the first quarter. Their hard work, commitment, and dedication to academics are certainly deserving of recognition. I also want to thank the many parents and guardians who participated in our recent parent-teacher conferences. Maintaining strong communication between home and school is an important part of student success, and we appreciate the opportunity to work together in supporting our students.

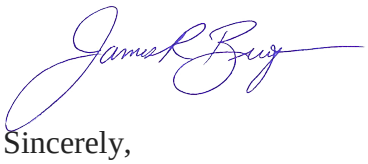
Our student-athletes and extracurricular participants have also given us plenty of reasons to be proud this fall. Beyond the wins, performances, and accomplishments, I am continually impressed by the sportsmanship, teamwork, and character our students demonstrate. They represent the District exceptionally well, and I am grateful to our coaches, sponsors, and families who dedicate so much time and energy to these programs. As our fall activities conclude and winter activities get underway, I encourage everyone to continue supporting our students.

November also provides an important opportunity to recognize and honor the men and women who have served our country. We look forward to our upcoming Veterans Day Assembly, a meaningful tradition that allows our students and community to express their appreciation for the sacrifices made by our veterans. We hope you will join us for this special occasion.

As we move further into the second quarter, our focus remains on providing students with meaningful learning opportunities, encouraging their involvement, and maintaining the positive school environment that makes Annawan Schools such a great place to learn and grow. None of this happens without the commitment of our teachers, support staff, families, and community members. Your continued involvement and encouragement make a tremendous difference.

Finally, with harvest season still underway, I encourage everyone to remain mindful of farm equipment on our rural roads and to allow our local farmers the time and space they need to work safely.

As Thanksgiving approaches, I am especially grateful to serve a district and community that place such a high value on education and supporting our young people. On behalf of Annawan CUSD #226, I wish you and your families a safe, relaxing, and enjoyable Thanksgiving holiday.



Sincerely,
Jamie Bryan

From Mrs. Heitzler's Office

November News and School



Updates

Dear Annawan Families,

As we move further into the fall season, there are many exciting activities and events taking place at Annawan Grade School. From celebrating our grandparents and honoring our veterans to preparing for the holiday season, this is a wonderful time to recognize the connections that make our school community so special. Thank you for your continued support and partnership!

Grandparents' Days – November 5th & 6th

Annawan Grade School is excited to welcome grandparents for our annual Grandparents' Days on November 5th and 6th! This is a special tradition that creates lasting memories for both our students and their grandparents. We also welcome designated senior friends who volunteer to attend when a student's grandparents are unable to join us.

Grandparents may arrive with their grandchildren at 8:00 a.m**.** Coffee, juice, water, and donuts will be available in the grade school gym. At 8:15 a.m., grandparents may accompany their grandchildren to their classrooms to begin the school day. We also extend a warm welcome to the grandparents of our preschool students!

To help preserve the special purpose of this event, we kindly ask that Grandparents' Days remain an opportunity for grandparents or designated senior friends rather than parents. We understand that grandparents are not always able to attend, and we appreciate your help in honoring the spirit of this tradition.

We ask that grandparents say their goodbyes by 10:45 a.m. so students can continue with their regular school day. We hope everyone enjoys a wonderful morning filled with smiles, stories, and special memories!

Our Book Fair will also be open in the Media Center both days. Grandparents are welcome to browse with their grandchildren or purchase a book as a special gift. Thank you for supporting our school library and encouraging a love of reading!



Report Cards

Report cards were distributed on October 16th. Please take a few moments to review your child's progress together and recognize the effort, growth, and accomplishments reflected in their work. Encouragement at home can make a meaningful difference in helping students stay motivated and continue striving for success.

Our school's report card will also be available on the school website soon. It will provide additional information about school performance and our Illinois Assessment of Readiness (IAR) results.

If you have questions or concerns about your child's report card or the state report card, please reach out to your child's classroom teacher. We value open communication and are committed to working together to support every student.

Fall Concert

Our students showcased their talents during the fall concert on Thursday, October 15th, in the high school gymnasium. The fall decorations, thoughtfully prepared by the Music Boosters, created a beautiful setting for the evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Schehl did an outstanding job directing the band and choir, and we are proud of our students for their hard work and wonderful performances. Thank you to everyone who helped make the concert a success!

A special congratulations to Brandon French, Ava Hakes, and Matthew Smith on their selections to the Illinois Music Education Association (ILMEA) Junior High ensembles. This is an exciting accomplishment, and we are proud of you!

Fire Prevention Week



A big thank-you to the Annawan-Alba Fire Department for visiting our school on October 8th in recognition of Fire Prevention Week. Students were excited to see the fire trucks and learn important lessons about fire safety and prevention.

This year's visit was especially memorable because firefighters brought their own firefighter training house, giving students an opportunity to practice using a water hose. What a fun and engaging way to learn valuable safety skills!

We sincerely appreciate the firefighters who generously shared their time, knowledge, and equipment with our students. Thank you for helping keep our school and community safe!

Veterans Day Assembly – November 11th

Annawan School District will honor the brave men and women who have served our country during our Veterans Day Assembly on Wednesday, November 11th, at 9:00 a.m**.** The Pre-K through 12th-grade students will gather in the high school gymnasium to recognize and celebrate our veterans.

Veterans are invited to join us early at 8:30 a.m. for coffee and rolls before the assembly. Community members are also welcome to attend this meaningful celebration.

We look forward to coming together as a school community to express our gratitude to those who have served and sacrificed for our freedom. Students, staff, and guests are encouraged to wear red, white, and blue!

Dress for the Weather

Cooler temperatures have arrived, and winter weather will be here before we know it! Please make sure your child comes to school dressed appropriately for outdoor conditions. Unless it is raining or the temperatures are extremely cold, students will continue to enjoy outdoor recess.

Coats, hats, gloves, and other warm clothing are important for keeping students comfortable while they play outside. Thank you for helping your child come prepared each day.

Lost and Found Reminder**:** Our lost-and-found items are located on the table in the hallway near the junior high. If your child is missing a coat, sweatshirt, hat, or another personal item, please encourage them to check the table. We hope those missing belongings find their way home!

Junior High Girls' Basketball

Our junior high girls' basketball teams are working hard as they continue through their season. As a reminder, Annawan follows the Illinois Elementary School Association (IESA) schedule and requirements to remain eligible for postseason competition.

The Junior High LTC Tournament begins November 13th, and we wish both teams and their coaches the very best as they prepare for tournament play!

The junior high girls' volleyball season will begin in January. We look forward to another exciting season and appreciate the continued support of our student-athletes and coaches.

Junior High Boys' Basketball

Please watch the school website for additional information about schedules and upcoming games. We encourage everyone to come out and support our student-athletes and coaches!

As we begin another basketball season, we ask everyone to continue demonstrating good sportsmanship and respect for players, coaches, officials, and fellow spectators. Athletics provide valuable opportunities for students to learn teamwork, perseverance, and respect.

The concession stands will be open during halftime and between games. We ask spectators to remain seated in the gym during contests so they can enjoy the games and show their support for our teams rather than gathering in the hallways.

A reminder for parents: Please help us keep our gym safe and welcoming by reminding children to remain seated during games and to stay off the gym mats after games have ended. Jumping on the mats has caused damage to the stage mats, and we appreciate your help in keeping our school facilities in good condition.

Best of luck to our junior high boys' basketball teams and their coaches. Go Braves!

Holiday Program – December 11th

The holiday season is just around the corner, and we are looking forward to our annual Holiday Program on Friday, December 11th!

Our kindergarten students will begin performing at 1:00 p.m**.** Each class will sing two songs before returning to their parents or classrooms. Additional information regarding clothing requirements, dismissal, and pickup procedures will be shared with parents through ClassDojo.

Please remember that junior high and high school students will follow their regular schedules and will not be dismissed early that day. We appreciate your help in planning accordingly.

We look forward to celebrating the season with our students and families!

Annawan Junior High Student Council

Congratulations to our newly selected Annawan Junior High Student Council officers!

- **President:** Jackson Wolf
- **Vice President:** Cole Dybeck
- **Secretary:** Caden Baele

We are proud of these students for stepping into leadership roles and representing their classmates. Student Council provides wonderful opportunities to develop responsibility, teamwork, communication, and school pride. We look forward to seeing the positive contributions they make throughout the year!

As we enter this busy and exciting time of year, I want to thank our families, staff, and community members for everything you do to support Annawan students. The partnership between home, school, and community is an important part of what makes our district special.

I hope you and your family enjoy a wonderful November filled with gratitude, learning, and special memories. Thank you for being part of the Annawan Brave family!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Heitzler
Annawan Grade School Principal



Homecoming King and Queen



Pictured left to right: Alexis Wilson (Queen), Kasen Specht (King), and Crown Bearer Hunter Hasbrook.



Annawan

SCHOOL THEMED ORNAMENT

Order Form

$10



Designed and made by ♡ FCS students ♡

ORDER DATE: _____ **PROMISE DATE:** _____

CUSTOMER INFO

NAME: _____

PHONE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

ORDER DETAILS

ITEM	HOW MANY? (QUANTITY)	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL PRICE
School Themed Ornament	_____	**$10**	$ _____

METHOD OF DELIVERY

☐ Pickup ☐ Home (with student)

PAYMENT

☐ Cash

☐ Check (made out to Annawan)

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: $ _____

Thank you!

All money raised will go to Angel Tree Gifts and other student needs.

For more information or to order by email, please contact
aattig@annawan226.org

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Annawan Grade School
1st Quarter Honor Roll 2026-2027
October 16, 2026

Honor Roll

6th Grade

Harper Hasbrook	Everett Kuelper	Kinley Wells	

7th Grade

Ethan Brants

8th Grade

Iyla Anderson	Caden Baele	Cole Dybek	Kylie Klockenga
Easton Shrum			

High Honor Roll

6th Grade

Evan Anderson	Carter Izral	Lily Koester	Noah Lang
Gabriella Specht			

7th Grade

Madison Childs	William Earley	Alexandria Fleming	Charlie Frankenreider
Madon Huber	Landry Koning	Emilee Platt	Ellie Scott
Kenton Stoller			

8th Grade

Amarah Drinkall	Ava Hakes	Olive Nimrick	Anna Nordstrom
Matthew Smith	Jackson Wolf		

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2026-2027 Junior High Student Council

President: Jackson Wolf

Vice President: Caden Baele

Secretary: Cole Dybek

Homeroom Representatives

Matthew Smith 8th Grade

Cash Anderson 8th Grade

Landry Koning 7th Grade

Madison Childs 7th Grade

Carter Izral 6th Grade

Noah Lang 6th Grade

ANNAWAN PARKS & REC AND BANKORION PRESENTS

CHRISTMAS TOY DRIVE

HELP US SPREAD JOY THIS YEAR BY DONATING A TOY FOR THE CHILDREN IN NEED!

COLLECTING ITEMS UNTIL

DECEMBER 11TH

DROP-OFF LOCATION:

ANNAWAN PARKS & REC OFFICE

200 NORTH MEADOW LN, SUITE 1
ANNAWAN, IL 61234

BANKORION

302 W FRONT STREET
ANNAWAN, IL 61234

FOR MORE INFORMATION EMAIL/CALL:

ANNAWANPARKSANDREC@GMAIL.COM
309.935.6264

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Poinsettias

Annawan Travel Club Europe Trip Fundraiser

$20.00 EACH

Orders Due November 30th



Name and Phone Number	Pink	White	Red	Total Qty	Total Price



These flowers will make a great addition to the Christmas Season!



The hanging baskets are coming from **Floralcrest Greenhouse in Mendota**. Their baskets are always beautiful. All orders need to be paid at the time of order.

Please make checks payable to: Annawan Unit 226

Please have your orders and money turned into Amanda Attig no later than Monday, November 30th, 2026. You can contact her at 309-935-6623 or at aattig@annawan226.org.

The scheduled pickup will be on December 5th, 2026 at the Annawan Grade School @ the Blue hallway door from 9:00 am to 10:00 am.



ANNAWAN HS-HEALTH CARE CLUB

BLOOD DRIVE

November 4th

8:30 am-1:30 pm

Annawan High School Gym

The blood drive is fast approaching and we need your help! We are teaming up with

Hometown Haven

Specialty drinks will be available during the blood drive. All donors will receive $1 off their drink. Cash & Venmo will be accepted. Roll up your sleeves, help save lives, and enjoy a refreshing drink. Free samples of our fundraiser puff pastries will also be available while supplies last.

For an appointment, please visit redcrossblood.org
Or AHS School Nurse at dgray@Annawan226.org

1-800-RED CROSS | RedCrossBlood.org | Download the Blood Donor App

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LUNCH MENU—NOVEMBER 2026

November				
M	**Tu**	**W**	**Th**	**F**
2 **Breakfast:** Pancake on a Stick Choice of Fruit Choice of Milk Lunch Hamburger on a Bun Oven Fries or Fresh Veggies Peaches or Fresh Fruit Cup Choice of Milk	3 **Breakfast:** Sausage/Egg& Cheese Burrito Choice of Fruit Choice of Milk LUNCH Spaghetti w/ Meat Sauce Green Beans or Fresh Veggies Pears or Fresh Fruit Cup Choice of Milk	4 **Breakfast:** Breakfast Pizza Choice of Fruit Choice of Milk LUNCH Chicken Strip Wrap w/ Lettuce & Cheese Corn or Fresh Veggies Applesauce or Fresh Fruit Choice of Milk	5 **Breakfast:** NO BREAKFAST GRANDPARENT'S DAY LUNCH Bosco Cheese Stick with Marinara Sauce Peas or Fresh Veggies Mixed Fruit or Fresh Fruit Choice of Milk	6 **Breakfast:** NO BREAKFAST GRANDPARENT'S DAY LUNCH Tony's Cheese Pizza Carrots or Fresh Veggies Pineapple or Fresh Fruit Choice of Milk
9 **Breakfast:** Pancake on a Stick Choice of Fruit Choice of Milk LUNCH Hot Dog or Chili Dog on a Bun Baked Beans or Fresh Veggies Peaches or Fresh Fruit Choice of Milk	10 **Breakfast:** French Toast Sausage Choice of Fruit Choice of Milk LUNCH Grilled Cheese Sand. Tomato Soup or Fresh Veggies Pears or Fresh Fruit Choice of Milk	11 **Breakfast:** VETERANS DAY Breakfast Pizza Choice of Fruit Choice of Milk LUNCH Chicken Nuggets Mashed Potatoes or Fresh Veggies Applesauce or Fresh Fruit Choice of Milk	12 **Breakfast:** Sausage/Egg & Cheese Biscuit Choice of Fruit Choice of Milk LUNCH Tenderloin on Bun Broccoli or Fresh Veggies Mixed Fruit or Fresh Fruit Choice of Milk	13 **Breakfast:** Biscuits & Gravy Choice of Fruit Choice of Milk LUNCH Crispitos w/ Lettuce & Cheese Corn or Fresh Veggies Pineapple or Fresh Fruit Choice of Milk
16 **Breakfast:** Pancake on a Stick Choice of Fruit Choice of Milk LUNCH Max Cheese Sticks with Marinara Sauce Green Beans or Fresh Veggies Peaches or Fresh Fruit Choice of Milk	17 **Breakfast:** Tornado Choice of Fruit Choice of Milk LUNCH Corn Dog Baked Beans or Fresh Veggies Pears or Fresh Fruit Choice of Milk	18 **Breakfast:** Breakfast Pizza Choice of Fruit Choice of Milk LUNCH Crispy or Spicey Chicken Sand. on Bun Broccoli or Fresh Veggies Applesauce or Fresh Fruit Choice of Milk	19 **Breakfast:** Pancakes & Sausage Choice of Fruit Choice of Milk LUNCH Pizza Hut (Cheese) Peas or Fresh Veggies Mixed Fruit or Fresh Fruit Choice of Milk	20 **Breakfast:** Cinnamon Rolls Sausage Choice of Fruit Choice of Milk LUNCH - TO GO 11:35 OUT P B & J Carrots Apple Slices Choice of Milk
23 **Breakfast:** Pancake on a Stick Choice of Fruit Choice of Milk LUNCH Taco in a Bag (Doritos) Meat, Lettuce,& Cheese Corn of Fresh Veggies Peaches or Fresh Fruit Choice of Milk	24 **Breakfast:** Waffles & Sausage Choice of Fruit Choice of Milk LUNCH BBQ Chicken Sand. on Bun Oven Fries or Fresh Veggies Pears or Fresh Fruit Choice of Milk	25	26	27
30 **Breakfast:** Pancake on a Stick Choice of Fruit Choice of Milk LUNCH BBQ Pork Nachos Corn or Fresh Veggies Peaches or Fresh Fruit Choice of Milk	1 **Breakfast:** Tornado Choice of Fruit Choice of Milk LUNCH Mini Corn Dogs Mac & Cheese Peas or Fresh Veggies Pears or Fresh Fruit Choice of Milk	2 **Breakfast:** Breakfast Pizza Choice of Fruit Choice of Milk LUNCH Chicken Nuggets Mashed Potatoes or Fresh Veggie Cup Applesauce or Fruit Cup Choice of Milk	3 **Breakfast:** Sausage & Egg Biscuit Choice of Fruit Choice of Milk LUNCH Taco N Bag (Doritos) Meat, Cheese, & Lettuce Refried Beans or Fresh Veggie Cup Mixed Fruit or Fresh Fruit Cup Choice of Milk	4 **Breakfast:** Cinnamon Roll Sausage Choice of Fruit Choice of Milk LUNCH

FCA Christmas Store

December 8th-10th

What: Gift options for your child's family and friends for $1-$5. FCA members will help your child shop and wrap the gifts!

When: Tuesday, December 8th through Thursday, December 10th during school hours! Each class will have a sign-up time!

Gifts for:

- Parents
- Grandparents
- Siblings
- Friends
- Pets
- And More!



Gift tags will be sent home with students. If you need more tags, contact Mrs. Huber or Mrs. Attig.

Our annual Candy Canes Sale will be at the store for $1!

November 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 LTC Choral Festival **5:30p** Basketball (Girls MS) - Wethersfield Jr/Sr HS (A)	3 Volleyball (Girls V) - IHSA Sectional (A)	4 **5:30p Basketball (Girls MS) - Kewanee Central School (H)**	5 Grandparents Day (PreK - 8) Volleyball (Girls V) - IHSA Sectional (A)	6 Grandparents Day (PreK - 8)	7 Cross Country (Coed V) - IHSA XC State Final (A) Football (Boys V) - IHSA Second Round FB Playoff (A)
8	9 Volleyball (Girls V) - IHSA Supersectional (A) **5:30p** Basketball (Girls MS) - Visitation Elementary School (A)	10	11 **9a** Veteran's Day Assembly **5:30p** Basketball (Girls MS) - Co-Op ROWVA/Williamsfield (A)	12 **5:30p** Basketball (Boys MS) - Kewanee Central School (A)	13 Basketball (Girls MS) - LTC GBB Tournament (A) Volleyball (Girls V) - IHSA State Finals (A)	14 Basketball (Girls MS) - LTC GBB Tournament (A) Football (Boys V) - IHSA Quarterfinals FB Playoff (A) Volleyball (Girls V) - IHSA State Finals (A)
15	16 Basketball (Girls MS) - LTC GBB Tournament (A)	17 **5:30p** Basketball (Boys MS) - Costa Catholic School (A) **5:30p** Basketball (Girls V) - Galesburg Thanksgiving Tournament vs Sprinfield (A)	18 Basketball (Girls MS) - LTC GBB Tournament (A)	19 Basketball (Girls MS) - LTC GBB Tournament (A) **5:30p Basketball (Boys MS) - Henry-Senachwine Grade School (H)**	20 **11:35a** 11:35 Dismissal - Teacher Inservice	21 Basketball (Girls MS) - IESA 7 GBB Regional (A) Football (Boys V) - IHSA Semifinals FB Playoff (A) **1:30p** Basketball (Girls V) - Galesburg Thanksgiving Tournament vs Morton (A)
22	23 Basketball (Girls MS) - IESA 7 GBB Regional (A) **5:30p Basketball (Boys MS) - Alwood Middle/High School (H)** **5:30p** Basketball (Boys V) - Wally Keller vs Elmwood (A)	24 1:50 Dismissal Basketball (Girls MS) - IESA 7 GBB Regional (A) **5p** Basketball (Boys V) - Wally Keller vs Fulton (A) **5:30p** Basketball (Girls JV) - Sherrard High School (A) **7p** Basketball (Girls V) - Sherrard High School (A)	25 Basketball (Girls MS) - IESA 7 GBB Regional (A) No School - Thanksgiving Break **3:30p** Basketball (Boys V) - Wally Keller vs Rockridge (A)	26 No School - Thanksgiving Break	27 Football (Boys V) - IHSA State Final FB Playoff (A) No School - Thanksgiving Break **9a** Basketball (Boys F/S) - Wally Keller vs Rockridge (A) **11a** Basketball (Girls V) - Galesburg Thanksgiving Tournament vs Metamora (A) **12p** Basketball (Boys F/S) - Wally Keller vs Putnam County (A) **3:30p** Basketball (Boys V) - Wally Keller vs Putnam County (A)	28 Basketball (Boys F/S) - Wally Keller (A) Basketball (Girls MS) - IESA 8 GBB Regional (A) **4p** Basketball (Girls V) - Galesburg Thanksgiving Tournament vs Marmion (A) **6p** Basketball (Boys V) - Wally Keller vs Wethersfield (A)
29	30 Basketball (Girls MS) - IESA 8 GBB Regional (A) **5:30p** Basketball (Boys MS) - Stark County Jr/Sr High School (A) **5:30p Basketball (Girls JV) - Marquette High School (H)** **6:45p Basketball (Girls V) - Marquette High School (H)**	1 Basketball (Girls MS) - IESA 8 GBB Regional (A) **5:30p** Basketball (Boys F/S) - Alleman Catholic High School (A) **7p** Basketball (Boys V) - Alleman Catholic High School (A)	2 Basketball (Girls MS) - IESA 7 GBB Sectional (A) **5:30p** Basketball (Boys MS) - Cambridge Junior/Senior High School (A)	3 Basketball (Girls MS) - IESA 8 GBB Regional (A)	4	5 Basketball (Girls MS) - IESA 7 GBB State Finals (A) Basketball (Girls V) - Galena Shootout (2V/2FS) (A) **4p** Basketball (Boys F/S) - Brimfield High School (A) **5:30p** Basketball (Boys V) - Brimfield High School (A)