As I write this update it's hard to believe that the end of the school year is almost upon us. The 55-degree temperatures we've had most of this week certainly do not feel like it's almost June! Regardless of the temperatures, it's equally hard to believe another year has flown by and our seniors will soon graduate and move onto the next phase in their lives. We couldn't be more excited for them and the opportunities they have before them – good luck to all and Go Hornets!

Congrats!

Speaking of graduation, our Kindergarteners will be "graduating" on Tuesday, May 23...kudos to our youngsters!

A huge round of applause goes to Ethan Cawley for receiving 1st place in the Congressional Art Competition! Ethan's work, *Lola*, will be on display in Representative Bob Latta's office for one year. Congrats Ethan!

Brittany Boehm was recently recognized at the Hancock County Scholastic Recognition Luncheon as the Cory-Rawson nominee for the Franklin B. Walter All-Scholastic Award. Kudos to Brittany and her most influential teacher (Mrs. Tina Bils, HS Spanish)!

Congratulations, also, to all of our students who were recognized at the HS Awards Assembly on Wednesday. Countless students received outstanding honors and scholarships that will further their education. The students truly deserved this recognition and affirmation of their many years of hard work and dedication!

Good Luck!

With all the rain we've had sports teams are scrambling to get in the remaining league games/matches. Hopefully, the weather will hold out for a few more days! Track will be at Liberty-Benton tonight for the BVC Meet, while Softball looks to finish up a previous game against Van Buren. Baseball will take on Pandora tomorrow morning.

On Saturday we will have Prom and the busy week continues with the HS Band/Choir Awards Concert on Monday, Elementary Spring Program on Tuesday, and the MS Band/Choir Concert on Wednesday! The Track team will travel to Findlay to Districts on Thursday and Saturday. In between we will host the annual breakfast for our graduating seniors on Friday and on Sunday our seniors will officially graduate!

Lockers

A chance to purchase memories or add storage to your garage! As part of a Permanent Improvement Project, we will be replacing the High School lockers this summer. When we get closer to removing the old lockers we will send out a listserv notification advising of the opportunity to purchase, price, quantities available, and dates for pick-up.

Strategic Planning

You may remember that early on in this school year we put out a call for parents and community members soliciting involvement in an existing student/staff group as a subcommittee who would explore strategic planning for our school district. Unfortunately, we did not have sufficient responses to our request to move forward. We are again putting out a call – very early this time – for anyone interested in being part of the long-term strategic planning for the district. Our goal is to convene a committee after July 4th, but before the school year begins, and to meet several times throughout the school year. The goal of this committee is to explore and help us answer a number of questions before us and to help make recommendations to the Board of Education about longer term goals for the district. For right now there is nothing you need to do – we simply want to get the word out as early as possible to allow for sufficient planning. We will provide additional updates after the school year closes so please keep an eye out!