

To: Dansville School Board Members

From: Andy Cox

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Re: DES update

- Our Parent Literacy Engagement Nights have been a big success so far this year. We have held two out of five with good attendance both times. This is targeted for families of preschool through first grade aged students and is a component of the K-3 Reading Law. Most of our attending families are coming from the local preschools which is a great way to begin those relationships with incoming Kindergarten or Beginndergarten students.
- Mid-year goal meetings are being conducted this month with each teacher and paraprofessional. This is a valuable time to check in on the progress that each staff member is making on the goals they set for themselves in the fall.
- FAST Bridge screening is in full swing this week. This is an important time to get a quick check on student progress as we compare their results to their fall data. Decisions will then be made about additional interventions needed to support student growth such as Summer School, classroom interventions, and or time with an Instructional Aide. An additional Instructional Aide is currently being hired this month to support individual student interventions needed as diagnosed by our Spring Math program.
- Kindergarten and Beginndergarten Round Up will be held on Wednesday, March 4th from 4:00-6:30 in the elementary cafeteria, hallway and a few classrooms. This is a big night to give us an idea of how many sections to plan for during the next school year. Please spread the word to anyone you know who may have a student turning 5 by September 1st or turning 5 before Dec. 1st.
- Friday, January 24th will be our annual Consumers' Day that the third grade teachers and students put on to demonstrate their learning of economics. This is a fun event that has a Science Fair feel to it as each student attempts to sell their homemade products. This event is in the elementary cafeteria at 1:00.
- The new books are rolling in almost daily now that the teachers have been able to order due to the Dollar General grant that was awarded to us this past fall. Each teacher was provided \$133 to purchase high interest fiction and non-fiction books for their classroom libraries.
- I will be attending a "Learning Walk" at a Wilcox Elementary in Holt on January 30th with the purpose of seeing how their school culture promotes reading and learning throughout their building. There will be another similar event at a Mason elementary on March 18th that I hope to attend as well.