

To: Dansville School Board Members

From: Andy Cox

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Re: DES update

- The winter FAST Bridge screening was completed in January. The next phase is to analyze the data within our grade level teams and determine which interventions need to be intensified or scaled back as appropriate. This data is also used to help determine students who should receive Aggie Academy invitations (summer school).
- Kindergarten and Beginndergarten Round Up is coming up next Tuesday February 26th from 4:00-6:30. This is an important date for us to get a pretty good idea about enrollment numbers for next year's newest Aggies. Please help spread the word!
- Mrs. Provencal's student-adult book club began this month with 30 families signed up to participate. Sue does a tremendous job with this project which incorporates deep level discussion and arts integration activities that Mrs. Hekman will help lead.
- Our most recent Parent Literacy Engagement Night had a record breaking turnout with nearly 80 parents and students present to learn more about how to encourage literacy at home. We have just one more of these parent evening events scheduled this year on March 11th.
- Big plans are under way to make Reading Month a major success throughout the month of March. Special guest visits, reading trackers, prizes, mystery guest readers and special dress up days are all a part of the festivities of Reading Month. We are continuing our theme from the fall with a slogan of "Get Your Game On and Read". A Read-A-Thon fundraiser is also happening during this busy month. Students can ask friends and family for donations to read during specific reading sessions at school.
- Elementary parent teacher conferences and book fair will be held on March 26-27.
- Preparations are taking place for students to gain some familiarity with the MSTEP test which will be in mid-April for 5th grade and in May for 4th and 3rd grades. Practice questions are available for teachers and students to learn about the various tools that will be available to all students during the testing window.
- The Elementary Student Council is currently engaged in their first fundraiser for this year. Smencils are very popular in the elementary (scented pencils) and they sell for \$1.00. The Student Council will be making recommendations on how to use the profits based on suggestions from their peers of which they represent.

