

To: Dansville School Board Members

From: Andy Cox

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Re: DES update

- M-STEP testing has been completed for all students 3rd-5th grades.
- FAST Bridge screenings are wrapping up this week. This is our third screening of the year which collects data on reading growth.
- The 5th grade Honors Night program will take place Tuesday, May 28th in the Elem gym at 7:00. This is a nicely integrated program with music, art, performances and academic recognition. A lot of collaboration takes place between the 5th grade teachers, and Mrs. McNabb to make this a memorable night.
- Our very own Pat Kauffman is retiring this year from her paraprofessional position. There will be a district even on June 6th to celebrate her many years of excellent service to our Aggie Family.
- Training has recently begun related to the new Kindergarten Readiness Assessment mandated by the state. This assessment will measure incoming Kindergarten student's abilities across 4 domains: literacy, math, physical and social/emotional readiness.
- In partnering with the Dansville Public Library, a special assembly will be given to the elementary to promote the summer reading program on May 31st.
- There are many year-end field trips scheduled as a fun way to tie up learning for the year. Kindergarten visits the Minnis Farm, 1st grade attends the Woldumar Nature Center, 2nd grade visits MSU Childrens' Gardens, 3rd grade visits the Dewey School House/Farm, 4th grade will be in Mackinac, and 5th grade visits Henry Ford Museum/Greenfield Village.
- Aggie Academy is being planned to provide instruction during the summer from July 8-August 1 on Mondays-Thursdays from 8:30-11:00.
- Mrs. Provencal will be hosting her annual Literacy Breakfast on June 5th. This event is always well attended and a great resource for the parents.