

To: Dansville School Board Members

From: Andy Cox

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Re: DES update

- 5th grade camp was a tremendous success once again. The 5th grade teachers and staff always put a ton of effort into this worthy program to make memories for students and extend the learning into a new environment. Notably, this was Rose Underwood's final year of serving as a Camp Teacher. We thank her for her many years of service!
- We had tremendous parent involvement for last week's Parent Teacher Conferences at a 96% attendance rate.
- The fall Box Top Collection was raised \$729 for us to use for a variety of student programs including parent events such as Parent Literacy Engagement Night.
- The PTO Craft Show is coming up on Saturday, Nov. 17th from 9:00-3:00. This year it will all be held in the MS.
- Our first 7 Mindsets Awards Breakfast is Wednesday, November 14th at 7:30. This is a switch from our traditional Citizens' Breakfast as we looked for different ways to recognize more students and reinforce the mindsets that we have already been teaching. Two students per classroom are selected each month who live out the mindset that is the focus for that month. September's focus mindset was "Everything Is Possible" and October's focus was on "Passion First". This switch in student recognition will double the amount of students who receive an award.
- In compliance with the K-3 Reading Law, we are partnering with Nicole Greiter (ISD) and the local preschools to provide 5 nights of Parent Literacy Training. This will be a great time for parents to learn how to engage with their kids to not just read, but really learn how to help develop literacy skills at home. Our first PLEN night was November 12th with a significant turnout of about 35 parents and students.
- Mike Penn came and spoke to the elementary students on November 12th about his upcoming trip to Antarctica. Mike has been Angie St.Amant's consultant in getting the Aggie Steam Adventures simulator implemented. Mike engaged the students in facts and details of his trip. He plans on coming back for another visit after his trip to share his experiences.