

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 great attendance both times, 44 and 57 respectively. Meals have been donated, NHS students are providing child care and the partnership with the local preschools and ISD have made the literacy activities a big hit with parents. For our next evening, Feb. 12th, CP Federal Credit Union has sponsored the meal and will also be participating with a money/saving activity to promote “financial literacy” so to speak. This is targeted for families of preschool through first grade aged students and is a component of the K-3 Reading Law passed in 2017.
- Our Student Council is busy brainstorming and representing their designated classrooms. The first project of the year has been to implement a “Share Table” during all of the elementary lunch times. The idea is that if a student has a food item they are not going to eat they can drop it off at the Share Table for other students to come and grab for a snack later or if they are still hungry in the moment. So far the feedback has been very positive as students can get some extra nourishment instead of it being thrown away. Some items are being save as well to be added to the Weekend Survival Kits as appropriate.
- FAST Bridge screening is in full force right now. 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 Power Hour, Summer School, classroom interventions, etc.
- Kindergarten and Begindergarten Round Up will be held on Wednesday, February 28th from 4:00-6:30 in the elementary gym, 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 26th 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 you their homemade products. This event is in the elementary gym at 2:00.