

**To: Dansville School Board Members**

**From: Andy Cox**

**Date: October 19, 2021**

**Re: DES update**

- A big thank you to Stacy Hallock as she organized a Box Tops Dime Drive for our school. It was a one-week coin drive that the students participated in to potentially win a bonus recess for their class. The top 3 classes earning the reward were Mrs. Ream, Miss Ulch, and Mrs. Bush. We were all winners though as \$1715 was raised for our building. This money will be used for the ongoing support of PBIS prizes, materials/supplies that teachers may request, refreshing our playground ball supply, etc.
- Elementary students worked hard this week creating cards and posters of appreciation for our Food Service staff and Bus Drivers as we recognize them for their efforts each October. They have also had to make incredible efforts and adjustments during the pandemic and we appreciate them greatly.
- Teachers have completed the collection of fall screening data in FAST Bridge and Spring Math. This information will now guide instructional decisions including small group formations for targeted instruction to the groups' specific needs. This information also guides decisions on which K-3 students need an Individualized Reading Intervention Plan (IRIP). This is a major piece of the Read by Grade 3 Law.
- Our first Marcos Pizza Night was last month where 30 families participated. This yielded Dansville Elem a check for \$166! We are hoping to build momentum with this fundraiser each month. Mark your calendars for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month and feel free to participate. Just mention that you are Dansville Elem family when you call your order in to the Mason Marcos.
- Individual classroom Halloween parties will take place on Friday, October 29th. Teachers are planning to have students wear costumes if they choose and enjoy snacks, crafts and games. No parents or visitors will be permitted. However, if weather allows, parents will be allowed to view a portion of our costume parade that will run outside along the building from the bus loop to door #1 at the west end of the elementary.
- Fall parent-teacher conferences will be coming up on Nov. 3 & 4 from 4:00-7:00 both nights. All meetings will be held by Zoom unless there is a unique family situation that we need to consider making an exception for.