



AGGIE NEWS

Winter 2019

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Distinguished Service Award Recipient Judy Soule and DSEF President Nancy Rotarius.



Teacher of the Year Linsey Ebert and DSEF Secretary Tabitha Cox.

Education Foundation Raises More Than \$30,000

More than 100 people attended the 16th Annual Dansville Schools Education Foundation (DSEF) Dinner and Auction that took place at the English Inn on November 3, 2018. The event generated more than \$30,000 from sponsors, attendees and supporters.

DSEF coordinates with the district each year to determine where the money can best be used within the areas of technology, reading, science/agriculture, math and the arts.

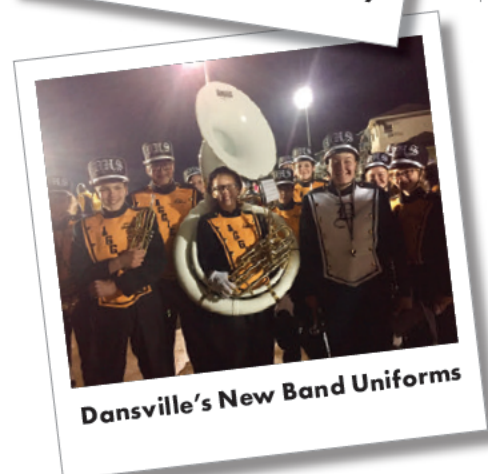
Through the generosity of the Dansville community, DSEF has been able to raise more than \$400,000 for educational initiatives for Dansville Schools in the past 16 years.

"The DSEF Board is grateful for the support of the Dansville community which allows us to provide the schools the funding necessary to sustain and expand quality learning opportunities for Dansville students," said Nancy Rotarius.

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3rd Grade Consumers' Day



Dansville's New Band Uniforms

Dear Aggie Family,



After a long winter that had a big impact on our ability to have school, we are excited for more daylight and the first signs of spring!

We are still working through the "snow day" waiver process with the state, as well looking for potential legislation, to determine how our calendar will be impacted at the end of the school year. It would be a safe bet to plan on being in school until June 16, just in case.

It has been an exciting year to be an Aggie! The new school and all of the grand opening events has brought many alumni, retired staff and community members into the school and helped to reconnect all of us. There have been many wonderful stories and fond memories shared, as well as great feedback about the new spaces.

We are very thankful for our partnership with the Dansville Historical Society and in particular, Kelen Gailey, who worked hard over the last several months to get our class composites beautifully restored. They are now prominently displayed in our new building.

Our students have been making great progress over the course of the year, which has been evident in their Spring Math data, as well as in the tracking done by the teachers.

We are working on pushing our students to reach their full potential through goal setting, increased rigor and high expectations.

We have so many amazing examples of Aggies who have gone on from here to make a huge impact on our world; we are inviting some of those folks back on our upcoming Community Day to help inspire our elementary Aggies!

We want every student to learn what it means to be an Aggie Achiever, so watch for more as we stretch our Aggies to set high goals and dream big dreams!



New High School Commons with Restored Composites

Mental health has also continued to be a focus for our school as we recognize the diverse needs of our students. Our staff has engaged in training during professional development time about student trauma and how to create trauma-sensitive classrooms and schools. We are learning to recognize trauma and strategies for how to best interact with students who have experienced trauma so we can do everything we can to help them be successful.

As we look at all that has happened over the course of this school year, the overwhelming sentiment from all of the staff and students here is deep and sincere gratitude.

We are so thankful for the beautiful new high school and gym, the performance center/elementary gym, the new secured vestibules and security cameras, the renovated middle school science rooms, the new technology... but most of all we are thankful for the generous people in this community who have made the future of Dansville Schools bright because of your investment in our school. *Thank you.*

We will continue to work hard every day to make our school the best it can possibly be in every way. We love this Aggie Family and believe there is great power in what this school and community can do together.

Thank you to those of you who have reached out with questions, as we appreciate the chance to address rumors and wonderings and thank you for allowing me the chance to serve here.

Sincerely,

Amy Hodgson

Superintendent

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GUN/KNIFE EXPULSION POLICY CORRECTION

Before expulsion of students for possession of a gun (including look-alike toy guns or facsimiles of guns) or knife (with a blade of three inches or longer) legislation requires the district to consider seven mandated factors prior to establishing consequences.

This protocol has been in place at Dansville Schools since the legislation was enacted.

STEM Endorsement

On November 18, 2019 the Dansville Schools Board of Education approved offering a STEM endorsement for students to earn on their diploma and official transcript beginning with the Class of 2019.

In order to earn this special distinction, which was recently passed by the Michigan Department of Education, a student must earn at least six credits in math, six in science, half a credit for course work involved technology activities and half a credit for engineering activities.

Dansville High School has added several new classes over the past few years including Project Lead the Way engineering classes, AP Computer Science and advanced math classes, and we are pleased to be able to acknowledge the STEM pathway many students have chosen.



Dansville Welcomes New Staff Members



Mike Sykes has joined Dansville Schools as a member of our maintenance and grounds staff. Mike, a retired police officer, is also our varsity baseball coach and serves as a middle school basketball coach. Mike and his wife are the parents of two Aggies, an eighth grade son and a fourth grade son.



Leigh Ann Whipple has joined Dansville Schools as a member of our food service staff. Leigh Ann recently retired from the Ingham County Circuit Court after 35 years. She has one daughter and also helps care for her parents.

We are so fortunate to have Mike and Leigh Ann as a part of the Aggie Family!

Sinking Fund Updates and Upcoming Election

Dansville Schools has been very grateful for the past support the community has shown over the past several years of its sinking fund, which is a fund that is totally different from the bond or the general fund that traditionally has allowed the district to make needed repairs and renovations. The district developed an asset management plan several years ago and has a prioritized list of sinking fund projects that included the replacement of nearly all of our roofs over the past seven years and most recently, construction of the maintenance and FFA barns.

The district has had a 1.0 mill sinking fund since 2000, which was last renewed in 2009. The current sinking fund millage is set to expire in 2019, so the district will be seeking voter consideration of a 10-year sinking fund renewal on May 7, 2019.

Sinking fund dollars cannot be used for any operating expenses such as salaries, benefits or routine maintenance. In addition, the money cannot be used for textbooks or bus replacement. Due to a change in legislation, the potential use of sinking funds has been expanded to now include technology and school security improvements. The parameters for sinking fund use are well-established and great care is taken by multiple school personnel to ensure its proper use.

If approved by voters, the district anticipates using the sinking fund to replace technology and invest in additional safety and security items over the next ten years. In addition, the district will explore adding elementary air conditioning, parking lot resurfacing and replacing the last of the district's roofs.

Community Fitness Center and Track

We recognize that the community is anxious and ready to utilize our new fitness center and track and we are working hard to get both of these areas ready for roll out!

We have remained focused from the beginning of this project on the completion of all of the spaces that directly impact students and student learning. This meant a priority on not only opening the entire new school, but also the completion of all of the renovated spaces. We gained occupancy of all of our new and renovated school spaces late in January and have been actively working on punch lists and balancing of heat, as well as overall mechanical systems since then.

In spite of our best efforts in the planning process, one of the unanticipated barriers was that some of the security features we planned in the design process had to be changed as a result of the inspection process.



We have been working hard with the architects to come up with new plans to help secure the building while also allowing the community access to the track and fitness center.

We have completed training on the new security system and also have the secured vestibule features in place. This was another critical step leading to the opening of these spaces. We have researched other community fitness centers in Michigan to make sure we are well-prepared to open. We need to ensure that everyone who uses this space passes a security screening and also have to plan for maintaining both the consumable and equipment portions of this space. We have worked on developing time schedules and assigning personnel to handle various aspects of these areas as well.

We are so sorry that there has been a delay in getting this process complete, but please know that we are erring on the side of safety. If we were to rush to open and something happened that jeopardized student safety in any way, we cannot undo those types of mistakes. The community fitness center and track will open soon. The track is complete and the equipment is ordered and related protocols were presented to the Board of Education in March.

Thank you specifically to those of you who have reached out to ask for updates and expressed your patience and understanding as we work towards the opening.

Aggies Benefit from Full-Time School Psychologist and Therapy Dog

Dansville Schools is so pleased that both Dr. Eileen McKee and Zander are now full-time members of the Aggie Family. Eileen came to Ingham Intermediate School District as an independent evaluator in 2001 and has been full-time with the ISD since 2004. Eileen has worked with Dansville since 2012. As part of the district's partnership with the ISD, Eileen is now assigned full-time to Dansville Schools. Eileen has a doctorate in clinical psychology and has completed an internship in pediatric psychology at Michigan State University, followed by a fellowship in pediatric psychology at Hurley Medical Center. She remained on faculty at Hurley following her fellowship, eventually becoming the fellowship program director and psychology department chair prior to working full-time at the ISD, though she continues to do clinical work at Hurley and at an outpatient practice. As such, she has a background with both mental health/clinical issues and school/learning issues. Zander, who is a student and staff favorite, is trained as a therapy dog and is Eileen's fifth such trained dog.



Community Day May 3, 2019

Dansville Schools values being an Aggie Family and we want to ensure all members of the Aggie Family have the support they need. In addition to doing service projects on Community Day, we hold events and activities to raise funds to help in purchasing supplies for the Aggie Weekend Survival Kits.

If you, or someone you know, could use help with yard work or another project this spring, please contact Erin Graf at 517-623-6120, Ext. 1114 or grafe@dansville.org.

FOOD DRIVE April 15 - 26, 2019

Donate non-perishable food to our school (3-4 month shelf-life). Examples include Mac n' Cheese, breakfast items, canned ravioli, canned soup/veggies/fruit, granola bars, ramen noodles, peanut butter, two gallon Ziploc bags. *No expired food please.*

COIN DRIVE April 22 - May 2, 2019

Students "vote" with their coins and decide which teacher participates in a "special" activity. Last year staff members kissed a pig, got a pie in the face or were noodled by pounds of spaghetti!

SCRAP METAL DRIVE May 3, 2019

Your scrap metal can mean big dollars for the Many Hands program! Please bring any scrap metal you would like to donate to Dansville High School on May 3, 2019 or call Tania Dupis at 517-623-6120 ext. 1106 and we will arrange for a team of students to pick it up.

Please watch the district's website and Facebook page for more information about recycling paint, electronics, etc. on Community Day as well!

One out of every four children struggle with hunger outside of school, making them two times more likely to have to repeat a grade or need special education services. On



average, these children are one to two grade levels behind their peers.

The Aggie Weekend Survival Kit Program is used to serve the children that are

food insecure during non-school hours, specifically the weekend. Food is organized into meals and Dansville Schools' families in need receive backpacks with three meals for all three days. The program runs throughout the year and into the summer ensuring that no member of the Aggie family struggles to have food.

FREE AND REDUCED LUNCH PROGRAM

Applications can be submitted anytime during the school year as the need arises. Please visit our website for more information or to confidentially apply.

**Please contact Chris Salmon,
Dansville Schools Food Service
Director, at 623-6120 ext. 7237
or salmonc@dansville.org with questions.**

THANKS FOR YOUR **DONATIONS**

Dansville Schools was able to help 65 students with lunch account donations.

We so appreciate your generosity!



Specials thanks to Clean Team USA who donated \$1,000 to our students' lunch accounts as part of their 12 Days of Christmas celebration! We are so thankful for our new partnership with CleanTeam.

DANSVILLE SCHOOLS EDUCATION FOUNDATION, Cont.

This year's proceeds supported the district's GoMath! curriculum and the Project Lead the Way initiative, which will continue to help Dansville students discover and explore interests, imagine and design solutions to real-world challenges and become independent, confident problem solvers.

Previous initiatives have included the high school iPad program, the K-6 Reading Street curriculum, middle school science kits, LCD projectors for classrooms, the kindergarten reading program, contributions to computer labs in each building, and the music room piano. In addition, DSEF awards a competitive scholarship each year to deserving seniors who have made an impact on our community.

The 2018 event featured the recognition of two exemplary honorees: Distinguished Service Award winner Judy Soule for her ongoing service to Dansville Schools; and Teacher of the Year Linsey Ebert who was honored for her dedication and contributions to Dansville Schools.

Distinguished Service Award and Teacher of the Year recipients are nominated by the community and selected for their deeds and accomplishments that have had a significant, positive impact on the students of Dansville Schools.

DSEF would like to thank the following for their special contributions:

- Sheridan Auctions for providing auctioneering services;
- Maynards Industries for providing auction checkout services; and
- Our generous sponsors and donors.

Download the **AGGIE APP!**

Up-to-date information is available at your fingertips with Dansville Schools' new Aggie App!

Download our FREE Aggie App from Google Play or the Apple App Store by searching for "Dansville Schools."





Alumni Spotlight



MORAN EARNS SPOTS ON AMERICAN IDOL

Jacob Moran (Class of 2012) is a featured contestant on the current season of American Idol. He auditioned in Louisville, Kentucky last fall, after show representatives saw videos of him singing on social media and sought him out.

After years of watching American Idol and thinking about but never trying to audition, Moran said this was the nudge that pushed him out of his comfort zone and inspired him to go for his dream. Jacob is a registered nurse and loves caring for people, but music is what he believes he was meant to do.

MUSOLF EARNS AMERICAN FFA DEGREE

Lauralee Musolf (Class of 2015) received her American FFA Degree at the 91st National FFA Convention in Indianapolis on October 27, 2018. This is an honor that less than one percent of the national membership receives every year. Students who receive this award have shown achievement in the Agriscience classroom, FFA and in their Supervised Agricultural Experience.



Laura was able to achieve this degree through her employment in custom hay businesses, as well as through her employment at M&J Millworks and by raising dairy animals in her 4-H projects. In addition, Laura participated in four years of Agriscience education while at Dansville High School and participated in Career Development Events where she twice won state competitions and competed at the national level.

**HAVE INFORMATION ABOUT ALUMNI TO SHARE?
Please send to Becky Ames at amesb@dansville.org**

Substitutes Needed

Looking for a way to earn extra income but want to be on the same schedule as your kids? Consider working as a substitute during the school day. We would love to add to our teacher, paraprofessional and food service substitute pools!



If you are interested in ANY of these positions, please contact EDUStaff, the company that hires and trains our substitutes, at www.edustaff.org to start your application today!

If you have any questions, would like more information or need help during the application process, please call 1-877-974-6338 and one of the EDUStaff representatives would be happy to help you! **Be sure to mention that you were referred by Dansville Schools.**

We so appreciate your consideration of supporting our school in this way! Dansville Schools values the importance of hard work and diligence and understands how challenging working as a substitute teacher can be.

We are pleased to offer \$90 per full day to our substitute teachers. In addition, if a substitute teacher works 10 or more full days we issue a \$25 gas card as an additional incentive.

Dansville Athletics Hosts Successful Dinner and Auction

Thank you to everyone who came to our first-ever Dansville Athletic Dinner and Auction.

Because of your generosity we raised more than \$4,000 for our athletic programs!

We want to send our sincere thanks on behalf of every student-athlete, coach and Aggie staff member to everyone who came out and showed their support!

Special thanks to Abbey Bacon, Julie Stoner-Gay, Ciera Smith and Bobbie Jo Whipple for donating their time and culinary talents by preparing our meal and to every athlete and coach who donated their time and items for our auction!

We hope everyone who attended had a great time and we hope to make this an annual tradition!

Local Farmer Directs America's Farmers Grow Communities Donation To Dansville Schools

Ingham County farmer Aaron Graf directed \$2,500 to Dansville Schools through America's Farmers Grow Communities, sponsored by the Monsanto Fund, a philanthropic arm of Bayer. Dansville Schools will use the funds to help fund the Aggie STEAM Adventures program.

Celebrating its 10th year, America's Farmers Grow Communities partners with farmers to support nonprofit organizations strengthening rural communities. The program offers farmers the chance to direct a donation to a nonprofit of their choice. It has awarded more than \$33 million to more than 8,000 nonprofits across rural America.

"A better life is Bayer's goal. Farmers are invested in their communities, they root for their neighbors, and they know when and where there is a need," said Al Mitchell, Vice President Corporate Engagement, Bayer. "Farmers are one of America's best resources, which is why Grow Communities partners with them to direct donations to the organizations they are passionate about and that make a positive impact and a better life in communities."

To learn more about the America's Farmers Grow Communities program, visit www.AmericasFarmers.com or follow on Facebook at facebook.com/AmericasFarmers.

Aggie Athletics

FALL SPORT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Cross Country

- Jalen Nelson
 - Seventh on the Dansville record board
 - Second team all-league
 - 81st at MHSAA Cross Country State Championship
- Adrienne Rector
 - First on the Dansville record board
 - Second team all-league
 - 43rd at MHSAA Cross Country State Championship

Football

- Finished season 7-4 overall and 6-1 in CMAC
 - Team was second in the league and won their predistrict match
- Kurt Gay
 - Second team running back
 - Honorable Mention linebacker
- Preston Graf
 - First team offensive line and defensive line
- Riley Hawkins
 - First team defensive back
 - Honorable Mention running back
- Nathan Mack
 - First team wide receiver and linebacker
- Devin Patrick
 - Second team defensive back
 - Honorable Mention quarterback
- Logan Ruckel
 - Honorable Mention offensive line and defensive line
- Hayden Voss
 - First team running back
 - Second team defensive back

Boys Soccer

- Finished season 18-7-1 overall and 5-0 in CMAC
- All-District First Team
 - Manuel Fajardo
 - Charles Foster
 - Matthew Frantz
 - Cody Luce
 - Jayden Mayhew
 - Ethan Ryder
- All-District Honorable Mention
 - Miguel Fajardo
 - Dakota Gochis
 - Colin Graf
 - Michael Malthaner
 - Julian Simpson
- All Region First Team
 - Matthew Frantz
 - Cody Luce
 - Ethan Ryder
- All-State Honorable Mention
 - Matthew Frantz
 - Ethan Ryder
- All-State First Team
 - Cody Luce

Volleyball

- Finished season 5-32-8 overall and 0-2 in CMAC
- All-League Honorable Mention
 - Alexis Krumbach



Athletic Boosters

Dansville Athletic Boosters' purpose is to raise funds to support, promote and stimulate interest in Dansville Schools' middle and high school sports. Their goal is to provide funds to support sports programs for which no other provisions have been made. They also provide an annual athletic scholarship to two Dansville graduating seniors. The boosters raise these funds through the concession stands at Dansville High School home games, the annual Memorial Day Big Foot Challenge Race and advertising signs around athletic fields and other events.

The Dansville Athletic Boosters are currently looking for those who are interested in making a difference in Dansville School's athletic programs. There are plenty of areas for you to be of help — from volunteering in the concession stands to assistance with the Big Foot Race to helping with 50/50 raffles or half court shots — they have a spot for you!

Coaching Updates

CHEERLEADING

Dansville Schools is pleased to introduce Alyssa Dent our Varsity Cheer Coach starting Fall 2018. Coach Dent was a cheerleader at Holt High School and also cheered her freshman year of college. She currently works as an administrative assistant and is a trained firefighter.



GIRLS' SOCCER

Dansville Schools is pleased to introduce Kailey Watson as our Girls' Varsity Soccer Coach. Coach Watson is a Dansville graduate and as a soccer player, she was a team captain, earned All-State Honorable Mention recognition as a junior and was an All-State Second Team selection as a senior. In addition to coaching and refereeing youth soccer, Coach Watson has mentored at-risk students, worked with teens in our community and trained students for 5K runs.



SOFTBALL

Dansville Schools is pleased to introduce Bill Sherwood as our Girls' Varsity Softball Coach. Coach Sherwood has been very involved in our community for many years, including extensive coaching experience with DCAA softball. Coach Sherwood has also served as an assistant coach for the Mid-Michigan Chaos Travel Softball team for the last two years.



VOLLEYBALL

Dansville schools is pleased to introduce Rashonda Schild as our Varsity Volleyball coach, starting in Fall of 2018. Coach Schild comes to us with previous experience both as a player and as a coach. She coached in both Brighton and Webberville, as well as with the Attack Volleyball Club.



WRESTLING

Dansville Schools is pleased to introduce Glenn Adkins as our Varsity Wrestling Coach, starting in the Winter of 2018. Coach Adkins was a successful wrestler throughout his high school and has experience building a varsity program. His coaching experience includes working as an assistant coach at Holt High School and as a head coach at Pinckney Community Schools and South Lyon Community Schools.



Dansville Athletics Welcomes New Athletic Trainer

Brittany Kruse has joined Dansville High School as a Certified Athletic Trainer. She attended Michigan State University where she obtained her Bachelors of Science in Athletic Training and Kinesiology. She also attended Clemson University where she obtained her Master's of Science in Athletic Leadership. She is nationally certified and licensed in the state of Michigan and Colorado. Brittany is excited to be back living in the Lansing area and working with the Aggies!



Being an athletic trainer means that Brittany is a medical professional who is trained in the initial response and clinical evaluation of any injury, post injury treatment, and injury prevention. She is required to complete continuing education courses to stay on top of any developments in the profession so she is able to continue with the best treatments possible.

Brittany is an employee of Orthopaedic Rehab Specialists (ORS), a local physical therapy company. ORS has seven physical therapy locations, as well as the Total Performance Training Center. The different aspects of ORS allow us to provide initial care, therapy and post-injury care to those of all age and activity levels. We are very excited to welcome Brittany to the Aggie Family.



Aggie Family Update

HIGH SCHOOL GYM GETS NICKNAME

The district sought school and community-wide input to come up with a nickname for the new high school gym.

There were several entries and all were given hours of scrutiny and consideration by the naming committee. The committee was comprised of outstanding men's and women's basketball alumni Adam Jones and Lindsay Bowen, as well as the current basketball coaches Cole Feldpausch (men's coach) and Shawn Walter (women's coach). Sandy Hunt was also a member of the committee to represent volleyball. Sandy helped establish the volleyball program in Dansville and coached the varsity volleyball team several years ago and also currently serves as a middle school volleyball coach.

The committee met many times and rolled out the names at the Winter Homecoming basketball game on January 11, 2019. The current middle school gym (former high school gym) was formerly nicknamed "The Barn." The committee received several suggestions that pointed back to that history. In the end, the new high school gym was dubbed The Big Barn at the DAC (Dansville Athletic Center). They also named the middle school gym The Little Barn.

The Dansville Schools Board of Education will be adopting a formal protocol before naming any part of the facility after a person. This is an involved process and must be done with intentionality to ensure the protocol applies to each different situation that arises.

DISTRICT TECHNOLOGY IN FULL SWING

Dansville students are increasingly using new technology throughout the district.

We are excited that the new elementary computer lab is now open and students in grades K-8 have been using the new Chromebooks that were purchased as part of the bond. High school students continue to use iPads and the staff is using both SmartBoards and Promethean boards to help make learning easier and more interactive.

We are working on training our staff to create content for the new display panels that were installed mid-January. We will use them to display information and eventually the



ones in the new high school commons will display class composite pictures starting from the year 2000 after which time physical prints were no longer produced. We have to go back and assemble the composites from individual pictures in some cases, so this is a longer-term project.

THE AGGIE FAMILY CAME BACK TO SCHOOL

Dansville Schools was so happy to be able to open up all three schools to the community on the evening of September 4, 2018 to celebrate our new facilities as The Aggie Family Came Back to School.

We had hundreds of visitors throughout the district and distributed maps with relevant info for each school. Thank you to the community for coming to check everything out and for many of our staff members who stayed to help that evening!

PERFORMANCE AREA/ELEMENTARY GYM GRAND OPENING

On December 17, 2018, Dansville Schools held the Winter Band Concert as a Grand Opening for the new Performance Area/Elementary Gym.



Hundreds of parents and community members came to see the facility and support the performers. The middle and high school bands all played separate pieces and then came together for the grand finale

to end the concert. It was wonderful to see the performers enjoying a new space that has proper acoustics as well as to hear the positive feedback from those in attendance.

We look forward to the upcoming spring drama performances that will debut in this new area as well!

Please join us on in May for Dansville Drama's presentation of *Princess Alexandra isn't Very Happy*.

HIGH SCHOOL GYM GRAND OPENING

Dansville High School's gym opened for the first time for a home boys' basketball game on December 21, 2018. Hundreds of fans and community members attended the game to check out the new space and support the team.

Thank you to the Athletic Boosters who provided free popcorn to all who attended the event!

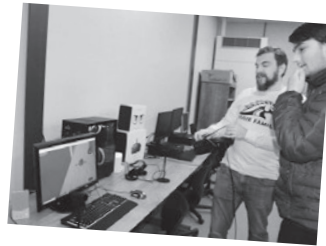
WINTER HOMECOMING AND COMMUNITY OPEN HOUSE

Dansville Schools held a Winter Homecoming and Community Open House event on January 11, 2019 as a celebration of the completion of more of the renovations associated with this massive facilities project. Community members poured in to see all three buildings and then many stayed to see the Winter Homecoming basketball game.

We are thankful for the great community turnout and received many positive comments about each aspect of the project.

It was very exciting to give everyone a preview of the Aggie STEAM Adventures simulator in the elementary as well as the new elementary flex Chromebook lab.

Community members also enjoyed seeing the work of the high school AP Computer Science and Architecture students that was on display in the computer lab, including a chance to tour student-built homes in virtual reality!



DISTRICT AUCTION RAISES FUNDS FOR COMPOSITES

To do our best to be good stewards of the district's resources we partnered with Maynards Industries, who donated their online auction platform, and held a district auction on August 25, 2019. Many thanks to the hard work of Aggie staff members who helped move and sort through a wide assortment of items.

Very special thanks to Judy Soule and Mary Fran Reed who volunteered (again!) for the three day auction distribution period and to Becky Kuznicki for supporting the online auction process.

The district raised approximately \$4,000 between the online auction and the selling of remaining items over the distribution period. After the class composites are all restored, we will use additional funds to support school activities. It is important to note that the district did not contract with any outside services or vendors to plan all of the logistics of the move or for the move itself.

This is a great example of employees working far above and beyond and the community coming together to make this all happen. Thank you so much to everyone who made what seemed impossible, possible.

GREG MACK MEMORIAL GAME

On February 7, 2019, Dansville Schools hosted a memorial basketball game to honor former coach, parent and community member Greg Mack. Greg's life was tragically cut short on February 15, 2017 when he suffered a heart attack while supervising students in the district's weight room.

Greg was extremely active in the community and coached baseball, softball, football and wrestling for many years, touching the hearts of many Aggies.

The district created a video that was played that night featuring a powerful message that was written and recorded by Greg's wife, Julie. The Aggie Family made generous donations and the gate from the sale of tickets for that night



was all donated to the Mack family. We were all urged to consider the legacy we

are leaving in light of the amazing legacy Greg left behind.

MARY CHATTAWAY NAMED ULTIMATE AGGIE FAN

On February 18, 2019, the Aggie Family took time at the halftime of the basketball game to recognize an Aggie that embodies what it truly means to be an Aggie Fan.



Mary Chattaway has faithfully attended hundreds of her brothers games and events over the past 14 years and has not been a passive bystander.

She has brought passion, enthusiasm, pink outfits, pink nail polish, positivity and a sincere love of all things Aggie to game after game.

Mary is a basketball player herself and often encourages the boys to "Play Hard," but anyone who has ever sat near her knows that she is yelling for our boys throughout the entire game. In Mary's eyes, every possession should go to the Aggies, which she makes clear through her arm motions. She also recognizes when things aren't going our way, usually indicated by a sad face and thumbs down. No matter what the score, Mary cheers her heart out for the players, makes signs, waves signs, writes notes of encouragement and even passes out treats to various players each and every season. She waits to talk to players after every game and no matter what the outcome, she greets them with a smile and doesn't leave until she gets a

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AGGIE FAMILY UPDATE, Cont.

high five. Mary's dedication and commitment to our Aggie teams has made an impact and the Aggie Family thanked her by presenting her with The Ultimate Aggie Fan Award.

A special video featuring Mary was shared at halftime of the game. She also received a special certificate of recognition, a bag of treats to thank her for all the treats she has given to the players through the years and a special hot pink scrapbook filled with pictures of each player on this year's team along with a personal note of thanks from each player.

SPRING MATH FOUNDER VISITS DANSVILLE SCHOOLS; DISTRICT SEEING MATH IMPROVEMENT K-12

Spring MATH

development day on November 28, 2018. Amanda met with our math coaches and administrators, as well as had special sessions with our elementary teachers and our secondary teachers.

Dansville benefited from her analysis of our data, as well as the ability to seek clarification and advice about our implementation of this program throughout the district. This special visit was made possible by the support of Ingham Intermediate School District.

We are able to monitor not only class, but individual progress of students via the Spring Math program. We saw huge gains in all of the math subskills students have been working on in every grade after examining the results of the winter benchmark screening.

We are very excited to see the impact of this program in all areas of math for all Dansville students, as we are one of the few schools in the country to pilot the new high school version of the program.

FACILITIES UPDATES

The district's indoor spaces are in the punch list phase and as spring arrives, the project focus will turn towards the remaining outdoor projects. The outdoor concessions and press boxes are nearing completion, while the baseball and softball fields will be finished this spring. Significant efforts have been made by the district to try to get these home fields ready for this spring, but unfortunately we will play baseball and softball off site

for one last season. We greatly appreciate the generosity of our neighboring districts and White Oak Township for allowing us to use their fields during this interim period.

We are very pleased that both the maintenance and FFA barns are nearly complete as well. Our FFA students were out tapping trees to rev up maple syrup production and baby bunnies may soon occupy the barn.

We look forward to opening this area up for the community to check out in the coming weeks, so be on the lookout for an Open House announcement!

In addition, we look forward to completion of the final grade work across the district, general landscaping, the hard surface of the playground, the paving of the bus loop, outdoor signage and overall pavement repair as we head into spring! It will be so nice to get all of these final touches in place and to see everything wrapped up!

SECURITY UPDATES IN PLACE THROUGHOUT THE DISTRICT

An important improvement that was made as part of the bond was the creation of secured entrances at each building. The security features are now working and there are new procedures for everyone who is entering a building during the school day.

All visitors will enter through the outer doors and will find a call system. The visitor will "buzz" the office via the intercom in the secured vestibule.

Office staff will see the visitor on a video monitor, ask for additional information if they are not known and if they are cleared, will be buzzed in to the office. The visitor must wait a moment for a click sound to then enter the office. In the office, the visitor will fill out a visitor badge and then will be granted entry to the school.



In addition to this, the district's extensive security camera system is in place and staff have been trained to access the cameras. The system provides much more coverage and greater clarity than has ever been available in the past. This system has already proven to be very useful to help the district investigate various concerns.

Elementary Celebrations

FIFTH GRADE CAMP CELEBRATES 40TH YEAR

Fifth Grade Camp provided another incredible learning experience and memory making opportunity as it has for the past 40 years. The students traveled to Mystic Lake Camp, located 15 miles west of Clare. Each day the students participated in a variety of classes that provided new learning experiences with a special focus on social studies, science, the arts and physical education. Examples of classes include shelter building, survival, orienteering, photography, native American history, bog walk, drama and many more. A big thank you goes out to the many parents and community volunteers that participate in this week long experience as it could not be done well without your support!



FOURTH GRADERS ENJOY LEARNING ABOUT MICHIGAN

Fourth graders in Dansville take several field trips throughout the school year to deepen their understanding of what they have been learning in Social Studies. Students spend three days at the Michigan Historical Museum to learn from the exhibits and docents. The docent led tours for mining, lumbering and immigration have many hands-on opportunities for students to experience what life was like for the people in our state many years ago. Students go to the Capitol to learn about the history of our Capitol and what goes on in the senate and house. Students also visit the Hall of Justice, also known as the Michigan Supreme Court Building. The Hall of Justice has a Learning Center where students receive a tour and experience a gallery that is filled with activities and exhibits that offer many hands on learning opportunities including a mock courtroom, computer games, quizzes and challenges, as well as traditional text panels.



PARENT LITERACY ENGAGEMENT NIGHTS PROVIDE FUN AND TRAINING

Dansville Schools has partnered with local preschools, daycare providers and the Ingham Intermediate School District to help give families a leg up on literacy instruction to support future success. Five Parent Literacy Engagement Nights were scheduled to provide parents of preschool aged students through first grade additional tools and techniques to use at home to support literacy growth. Parents and kids interact side-by-side with various tasks that can then be taken home and enjoyed again and again. It is easy to see that the children enjoy the quality time with their parents and the parents have commented on how simple, yet purposeful the activities are. This is the second year for this training series to be provided at the elementary. Community partnerships have been deepened this year with the Dansville Branch of the Capital Area District Library and CP Federal Credit Union actively participating in these evenings to provide additional opportunities for students and families.



ELEMENTARY STUDENT COUNCIL LEARNS TO SERVE

The 2018-2019 Elementary Student Council includes two students from each class from third through fifth grades. These students were chosen by their peers after interested students wrote and presented a speech as to why they should be chosen for this important role as a student representative. Their first task this year has been to learn about the process of representing others, parliamentary procedure and the various positions of a student council. Future projects include fundraising, classroom presentations to gather feedback and forming committees to complete small projects to make our school a better place to learn and have fun.



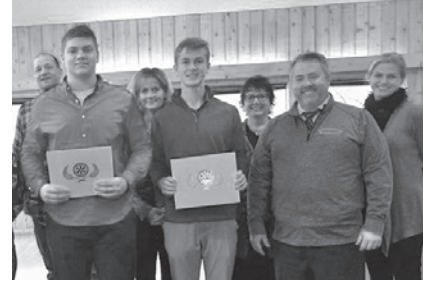
ELEMENTARY STUDENTS RECOGNIZED FOR LIVING OUT 7 MINDSETS

Dansville Elementary has enjoyed recognizing students for excellent citizenship on a monthly basis for the past several years. This year, in order to reinforce the 7 Mindsets that are taught each month, elementary students who most clearly reflect the Mindset of the month are recognized at a 7 Mindsets Awards Breakfast. These events highlight students who exemplified a deep understanding of the mindset of "Everything Is Possible" and "Passion First." The number of students recognized has doubled in an effort to acknowledge even more of the excellent decisions our elementary students are making to live out the 7 Mindsets.

Middle School and High School Celebrations

GRAF AND HODGSON NAMED WILLIAMSTON SUNRISE ROTARY CLUB STUDENT OF THE QUARTER

Congratulations to Dansville High School seniors Preston Graf and Caleb Hodgson, for being recognized by the Williamston Sunrise Rotary Club's Students of the Quarter. Both students were selected by the Dansville High School teachers for this award because of their outstanding academic work and excellent leadership skills.



DANSVILLE'S FFA COMPLETE IN ANNUAL BROILER CONTEST

Dansville's FFA competed in the annual broiler contest. The group split into two teams and each had to care for 25 birds from birth until processing day. They then chose their best five birds to be judged on uniformity and finish. Our students' birds scored a 97 percent in uniformity, which is excellent. Dansville represented two of 700 entries in this year's contest.

Several of Dansville's FFA students had outstanding performances at District Leadership Contest. Two teams received Gold Award and alternate to Regionals. Students participating included: Gaby Ankney, Olivia Calderone, Lexi Krumbach, Sybella Leverton Michael Malthaner, Megan Sorenson Bethany Wilkins, and Levi Zeitz.



NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY AND PALS PARTNER TO HELP

The National Honor Society and PALS partnered to prepare food baskets and gifts for the holidays, which were given to Aggie Family members in need. Thanks to everyone for who donated to our annual giving projects!

MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL BAND STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN MSBOA SOLO AND ENSEMBLE FESTIVAL

Congratulations to the Dansville Middle School and Dansville High School band students who participated in the MSBOA Solo and Ensemble Festival. These 7th and 8th grade students performed a solo or duet at the festival, where they received a rating and comments from a judge: Abby Flynn, Camden Graf, Dylan Graf, Reeghan Griffith, Sophie Hahn, Bailey Lytle, Alex Newcomb, Katie Meade, Halle Service, Karlie Troia, Madi Stec and Calvin VanHartesvelt.

Dansville High School's band students also participated in the MSBOA Solo and Ensemble Festival. Ed Hahn, Logan Rodriguez-Robinson, Hugh Service, Tyler Sutfin, Elizabeth Troia and Liz Wahl earned Division 1 ratings, which qualified them for the State Solo & Ensemble Festival. Other students participating included: Megan Ahlers, Bonny Brownridge, Silvia Grice, Katelynn Karkau and Danielle Miller.

We'd like to congratulate the members of the Dansville band on their performances at the MSBOA District Band Festival. Each group performed three selected pieces and sight-read a selection they had never played for a panel of judges. This was a great learning experience for our Aggies!

DANSVILLE HOSTS PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT

Dansville's Parent Information Night included several mini-sessions that featured a variety of presenters on topics including: planning for college or a trade school, using Khan Academy, talking with your kids about social media, learning about trends in drug use, financial aid for post-secondary education, and dual enrollment opportunities at the high school level.



DOORWAY TO COLLEGE TRAINING HELD AT DANSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

Dansville High School invited Doorway to College to do a presentation to help our students boost their testing skills for the PSAT 8/9, PSAT 10 and SAT. Students who attended the Saturday session highly recommended fellow students come to this interactive training session. Thank you to Heather Lloyd and Kelly Ryder for organizing and assisting with this event.

VETERAN'S DAY PRESENTATION

Dansville High School students in Mrs. Braman's American Literature class prepared a special presentation to honor Veterans Day. Students shared poems and other writings at an assembly and a veteran spoke, all of which was followed by a special luncheon. We were honored to have several veterans join us for this event. Thank you veterans for your service to our country.

COMMITMENT TO GRADUATE

Dansville School's Class of 2022 participated in a Commitment to Graduate ceremony on October 30, 2018. Commitment to Graduate is an initiative to address the growing student dropout rate across America. It encourages students to strive for their high school diploma and set a goal for the next stage of life.

We'd like to give a special thank you to our keynote speaker, Vance DeCamp, for encouraging us to never give up no matter what challenges we face in life.



DANSVILLE SCHOOLS Partnership Program

THE OPPORTUNITY TO SUPPORT AGGIE ATHLETICS

Sponsoring Dansville Schools' digital scoreboards is a unique and high-impact opportunity to invest in your business and make a difference for Dansville Schools' students.



THE CHANCE TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Advertising on our boards enables you to make a difference by:

- Increasing your company's brand awareness
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- Showcasing your commitment to supporting the Dansville community and Dansville Schools' students

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HOST FAMILIES NEEDED

Dansville High School is always interested in bringing students from different cultures together to learn and build lifelong memories.

The International Student Exchange Program is looking for families to host students in Dansville. Host families do not need to have kids in the district; they only need to be willing to open their home to a student.

If you are interested in hosting or have questions, please contact the high school office at 517-623-6120 Ext. 1105 for more information.

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