

**Dansville School Board**  
**December 2010**  
**Dansville Elementary School Report**  
**Sara Oesterle, Elementary Principal**



*"The mission of Dansville Elementary School is to educate and ensure the proficiency of all students as measured by district, state, and national standards. We will utilize comprehensive, evidence-based methods to engage learning and support student success."*

**Enrollment: Total Students: 391**

**I. Teaching for Learning:**

- Mrs. Barnum, Mrs. Greiter, Mrs. Oesterle and teachers from the middle school and high school all attended Positive Behavior Support training at the end of November. The purpose was to work as a K-12 team to develop common language about behavior expectations and how those expectations will be taught district-wide.
- Second grade students attended the Nutcracker Ballet at the Wharton Center on November 29, 2010 as an extension of their music curriculum.
- "Little Aggie Power Hour" will begin on January 4, 2011 and go until May 26, 2011. Children in grades 1-5 who are struggling academically and meet the State criteria for "at risk" are invited to attend. The focus this year will be on math and reading. There are seven teachers and one paraprofessional teaching this program this year. Invitations were mailed out the week of December 6, 2010.
- Fourth grade students visited the Michigan Historical Museum on December 6, 2010.
- Mrs. Ream and Mrs. Weber attended an Accelerated Reading conference on December 2, 2010.

**II. Leadership:**

**Collaborative Time/Shared Leadership:**

- The professional development day on November 24<sup>th</sup> included work in four different committees. Each staff member participated on an "Aggie Improvement Team" in one of the following areas: data, literacy, PBIS, and assessment. Each team looked at where we currently are in each of these areas and then looked at how to improve in each area as well.

- Mrs. Jones has been holding workshops after school to help teachers learn how to “progress monitor” students who are struggling using our AIMSWeb program.

### **Mentoring:**

- All mentors and mentees have been given a copy of Robert Marzano’s The Art and Science of Teaching. A reading plan will be put into place and any staff member who would like to read this professional resource is encouraged to join.

### **III. Personnel Update:**

- Ms. Barve welcomed a grandson the first week in December.

### **IV. Facilities:**

- Thanks to the generosity of the DSEF, five document cameras have been purchased for the elementary school. The elementary school also had enough money in Box Tops to purchase an additional five cameras. Our teachers are very excited about this new technology to enhance teaching and learning.

### **V. School and Community Relations/Highlights:**

- The annual PTO Craft Bazaar was a success again this year. Our elementary school sincerely appreciates the financial support the PTO gives our school.
- Mobile Dentists came November 29, 2010 and checked/cleaned 15 students’ smiles.
- The PTO is again sponsoring “Santa’s Secret Shop” in order to allow students to do some shopping for family members. The organization is using a new vendor this year who guarantees the products sold.

### **VI. Upcoming Events**

- The 2<sup>nd</sup> grade Christmas Program will be on Tuesday, December 14, 2010 at 7p.m. in the Middle School Gym. Please come join us for a festive evening.