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Aggie Nation



Commitment to Graduate

Dansville Schools Education Foundation Raises more than \$20,000

More than 100 people attended the 14th Annual Dansville Schools Education Foundation (DSEF) Dinner and Auction that took place at Walnut Hills on Saturday, November 12, 2016. The Dinner and Auction generated more than \$20,000 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 nearly \$350,000 for educational initiatives at Dansville Schools in the past 14 years. This year's proceeds will support the district's GoMath! curriculum and the Project Lead the Way initiative, which will continue to help set Dansville students apart as they prepare to become global citizens.

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, the band room piano and enhanced materials for the elementary Spanish

program. In addition, DSEF awards a competitive scholarship each year to deserving seniors.

"We at DSEF are continually inspired by the dedication and generosity of the Dansville community who answer the call to give again and again. The community's support has repeatedly played a key role in the success of Dansville's students and staff and we are humbled and thankful." said Becky Ames, DSEF president.

The 2016 event featured the recognition of two exemplary honorees: Distinguished Service Award winner Janeen Tkaczyk for her ongoing service to Dansville Schools; and Teacher of the Year Leah Braman, 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.

Six Dansville school groups competed for a chance to win money for school-related activities. Each group decorated and donated a themed basket. Winners were determined

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Dear Aggie Family,



It's hard to believe that we are already half way through the 2016-17 school year! One of the highlights of the beginning of the new semester has been the addition of several new students throughout the district. We are so proud of the passionate investment our teachers, secretaries, paraprofessionals, support staff and administrative staff make in our students every day and love that we have the chance to impact more lives as more students join the Aggie Family!

Current impact of the bond: While not every current student will attend school in the new building, the passage of the bond has already had a big impact on our district this school year. A new phone system, a new elementary PA system and other technology and equipment investments in each building have directly impacted the safety and learning environment for our current students. Thank you for making such a big difference in the lives of *today's* Aggies.

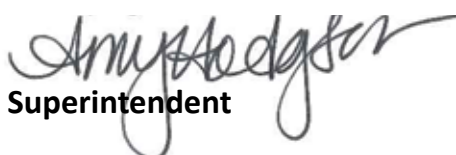
Exciting Progress for Dansville Schools! This was a very unique fall at Dansville Schools, as it was filled with the excitement of new possibilities because of the investment the community has made to build a new high school and several other improvements. The architects from Kingscott met with staff and community representatives in countless meetings to listen and learn in order to design both new and remodeled spaces that will best meet the needs of our students, both now and in the future. Thank you for making such a substantial investment in the lives of *tomorrow's* Aggies.

What is the Bond Project Update? As we shared at the Gratitude Reception in November, updated plans have been developed (found at www.dansville.org, then click on the Facilities button on the right) after much input from stakeholders. Schematic drawings were completed by Kingscott and Miller-Davis, our construction management company, is working on more detailed pricing that will eventually lead to the development of the bid documents. Bid documents will be ready by the end of February or beginning of March. We are hopeful to have a lot of participation from local contractors in this building process, so please be looking for opportunities for all of the various trades and help us spread the word.

Endless Gratitude The investment that we are all making in our school became very real as winter tax statements arrived in our homes over the last several weeks. Please know that everyone working on this project believes taxpayer investment is a sacred trust that must be honored. We will continue to strive to make the best decisions we can, keeping an eye on getting the best quality we can afford for the best price possible, just like you would for your own house.

What our community is doing brings to mind one of my favorite quotes by Nelson Henderson: **"The true meaning of life is to plant trees, under whose shade you do not expect to sit."** The Aggie legacy will remain strong because of the sacrifices we make now for students we may never personally know. Seems like a good reminder that someone in the past made an investment from which you, or your children, have benefited. So maybe it's a privilege to invest in students. I think so.

Please call or email or stop by any time to talk about anything related to Dansville Schools. We always have room to grow and want to make your experience with our school the best it can possibly be. We cannot fix what we don't know about, so we truly appreciate your honest and ongoing feedback.


Superintendent

Dansville Schools Education Foundation, continued

by the most votes cast during the evening and the baskets were sold during the live auction, raising \$745. This is just one of the ways that DSEF is able to support school-related activities at all levels in the district.

The 7th grade was the first prize winner in the basket contest and received \$750. The 8th grade was the second place winner and received \$500. The 5th grade was the third place winner and received \$250. In addition, the 4th grade, art program and elementary garden each received \$50. Thank you to all of the groups that participated.

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

- Brad Stoecker for providing auctioneering services
- Joe, Louis and Pennie Rutan and Donna Bushard for providing music
- Capital Imaging for assisting with catalog and sign printing

- Foresight Group for assisting with invitation printing

And our generous underwriters:

- Bill and Norma Sheathelm
- Kingscott Associates

Save the date for the 15th Annual DSEF Dinner and Auction, which will be held Saturday, November 11, 2017 at Walnut Hills in East Lansing, Michigan.

The Dansville Schools Education Foundation is a non-profit organization whose mission is to encourage high academic standards and excellence in teaching by underwriting new and/or innovative programs that the school may not otherwise be able to fund. DSEF is solely dependent on tax-deductible donations from the community and is governed by a volunteer board. Membership is drawn from the community-at-large. The Dansville Schools superintendent serves as an ex-officio member and each building's administrator serve as advisors. For more information about the DSEF, please visit our Facebook page or contact via email at dsef48819@gmail.com.

Janeen Tkaczyk, pictured here with sons Calvin and Carter, was recognized as DSEF's 2016 Distinguished Service Award recipient for her deeds and accomplishments that have had a significant, positive impact on the students of Dansville Schools.



Dansville High School teacher **Leah Braman** was recognized as Dansville Schools Education Foundation's 2016 Teacher of the Year for her dedication and contribution to Dansville Schools.

The **Dansville Middle School 7th grade's** "Baby It's Cold Outside" basket was selected as the winner of this year's contest. Winners were determined by the most votes cast during the evening and the baskets were sold during the live auction, raising \$745.

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Community Day 2016



Kaelee Foreman and Grace Ames



High School students help spruce up

Each year, Dansville Schools dedicates time to give back to the community. The main purpose of Community Day is to encourage a spirit of giving and volunteerism in our students and in doing so, build relationships between all Aggies. We identify needs by talking to local businesses and community members about how we can help. Projects have varied from volunteering at an animal shelter, sprucing up community parks or helping a neighbor in the community with a painting or landscaping project. In addition to this, our younger Aggies pair up with our older Aggies to make care packages for those in need and many other amazing projects. It truly is an awesome day and something we hold dear in our hearts. It has become an Aggie Family tradition.

As part of Community Day, we organize hat days, a coin drive, a food drive and a scrap metal drive to help raise funds for our Many Hands Survival Bags. These bags are filled

with food for families who need additional support but may otherwise not have the resources to feed their families. Currently Dansville Schools assists 25 families by supplying them with food bags. We also extended this help through the summer with additional food resources.

We were very successful this year raising funds for this cause and it is because of the help from our Aggie family! Our hat days brought in \$500; the coin drive raised \$1765. A pledge run conducted by our physical education teacher Mr. Felsing, helped raise \$700. The scrap metal drive helped multiple families by removing heavy, unwanted items and added \$302 to our Many Hands fund. Aggie Families also donated 2883 food items for the survival bags and local food bank. A grand total of \$3590 dollars was raised! Thank you Aggie Family for helping take care of our own!

Need Help with a Project?

Our school is committed to helping our community. Community Day is one way we give back to our Aggie community. We are always taking names of businesses and individuals who may be in need to extra help, so if you or someone you know could use some help with yard work or any other type of work, please contact Amy Hodgson at 517-623-6120, ext. 7250 and we will put you on the list to be helped on Community Day and/or do our best to partner you with the resources you need. We want to make sure all members of the Aggie Family have the support they need.

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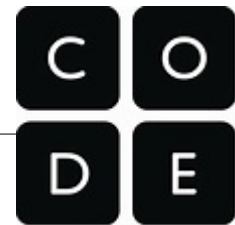
Coding at Dansville Schools

Coding is the process of giving instructions to a machine to control its actions. Languages include Java, HTML, Python and many others. In 2013 in Michigan alone, there were approximately 15,721 open computing jobs with only 1,513 computer science graduates.

It is important to Dansville Schools to expose our students to the idea of computer science and coding. To do so, we joined the national movement called the Hour of Code (www.code.org). We joined schools all over the world with the same goal of introducing computer science to students in grades K-12. This year, elementary students were given multiple lessons about coding during their technology classes. Middle school students had a chance

to go to the computer lab on the day before Winter Break to take part in a coding lesson from the Hour of Code website.

We continue to try to find opportunities for our students to open their minds to the multiple possibilities in the computer science field. Parents can also do this at home by visiting the Hour of Code website www.code.org/learn and helping your child explore the multiple lessons varying from Minecraft Hour of Code to Coding with Anna and Elsa!



Safe Routes to School Update

The Safe Routes to School program is going strong even with the onset of colder temperatures. On average, about 10-12 students walk to school as part of this program every day. Students are encouraged to join in, even through the winter months, as the program will be running with the exception of days with rain, very heavy snow and temperatures of less than five degrees actual or if the wind chill makes it “feel like” five degrees or below. If you are not sure if we will be walking, please feel free to text Michele Momberg anytime at 517-402-1198.

Drop off time is 7:20-7:40 AM at the Community Center and pick up is at 3:15 PM at the same location. There have been two special events this year. In October we participated in the National Walk to School Day and in November we had a

food drive. Coming up February 14, 2017, we will be “Walking for Hearts” where the students will be walking and collecting donations to give to the American Heart Association. It would be great to get a lot of kids walking and donating on this special day. Come join us!



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Middle School Mornings Get a Boost!

It is 7:45 AM in the morning and there are about 100 middle-school aged students in one area for 15 minutes before school starts. What would you do to keep them occupied? How about giving them options? Some wonderful high school volunteers come to the gym each morning to help our middle school students start their morning off on a positive note! Tenth graders Christian Argersinger, Henry

Chelf and Caleb Hodgson have given up their social time before school to help middle school students keep busy before their 7:56 AM bell. Students can shoot hoops, watch engaging videos in the computer lab and more. We are so excited about the impact it will have for our middle school students to get off to a better start each day!

Aggie Garden Club Started



We are pleased to announce the start of the Dansville Elementary Garden Club! This new club plans to build a school garden this spring. Three after school meetings have been held, covering various plant topics to help get the students engaged and excited about the new garden. The club's goals are to help students learn about growing food,

preserving our community's rural heritage and to develop healthy eating habits through hands-on learning experiences.

The garden will also provide an outdoor lab space for students and teachers to dig deeper into a wide variety of learning topics. To further this endeavor, Dansville Elementary School has partnered with the Greater Lansing Foodbank Garden Project for additional resources and support. Dansville's garden club leader, Danielle Griffes, participated in the Garden Project's Garden Leader's training and brings with her a wealth of personal knowledge. Kindergarten teacher Emily Dowd helps lead the direct instruction of the lessons at the club meetings.

The Dansville Elementary Garden Club will be looking for donations from the community to help us launch our first school garden. If your student organization is looking for a service project or if you are interested in donating any resources, including your time, please contact Danielle Griffes at daniellegriffes@gmail.com. Wish list items include: Lumber for raised beds, garden markers, a sign, mulch, compost, tomato cages and a small trellis for cucumbers. For additional information, watch Friday folders for upcoming meeting notices and "like" our Facebook page—

Dansville Elementary Garden Club.

The Garden Club is excited about the opportunity to add a school garden and look forward to working together with our community.



The Mannequin Challenge

Many of you follow us on our Dansville Schools Facebook page and may have seen some recent videos created by our students called The Mannequin Challenge. The Mannequin Challenge is a viral internet video trend where people remain frozen in action like mannequins while a moving camera films them. Our high school Leadership class came up with the idea of doing a Mannequin Challenge with high school students to help kick off our 7 Mindset Passion First.

Students “froze” themselves in a pose that demonstrated one of their passions. This created interest in both the middle school and elementary so they created their own Mannequin Challenge videos!

Students and staff had a lot of fun putting their passions into action! Make sure to “like” the Dansville Schools Facebook page and take a look at each video. Everyone did a great job of being creative while kicking off Passion First!

*Devin Ackerson,
Dylan Graf, and
Cody Ream
demonstrating their
passion of basketball*



High School Celebrations!



Congratulations to Dansville High School Junior **Addison Dunham** for being recognized by the Williamston Sunrise Rotary Club Student of the Quarter! Addison was selected by the high school teachers for this award because of her excellent academic work and the outstanding character traits that she displays each day.

Our **Dansville FFA chapter** was awarded the FFA Learning to Serve grant. The funds will be used to provide food for our weekend food backpacks, which are given at the end of each week to students in need.



Nicholas Resseguie was selected to participate in the Rotary Youth Leadership Academy camp, where he learned a variety of leadership skills to share with our other students. Thank you to the Williamston Sunrise Rotary for providing this special opportunity.

The **National Honor Society and Student Council** partnered to prepare food baskets and gifts for the holidays, which were given to Aggie Families in need. Thanks to everyone for who donated to our annual giving project!



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Fall Recap

It was a fantastic fall for Aggies athletics. The varsity **football team** made its third playoff appearance in a row, ending the season at 6-4 with a first round loss to Homer. Several players earned recognition for their individual performances. Junior Carter Frantz earned wide-receiver first team honors. Senior Johnny Stid earned running back and linebacker second team recognition. Junior Cole Minnis and sophomore John Dell were both recognized with second team honors for offensive line. Dell was also a second team selection at the linebacker position. Senior Clay Soule earned first team recognition as a defensive back. Josh Weldon (RB), Preston Graf (OL/DL), Gordon Bushard (OL), Cole Minnis (DL) and Clay Soule (QB) also earned CMAC Honorable Mention recognition at their respective positions.

The **volleyball team** earned the MIVCA All-Academic team award. Senior Erin Hunt earned CMAC Honorable Mention recognition. Hunt also earned the MIVCA Individual Academic Award along with Mallory Mays and Meghan Byars.

Cross-country had a record setting season. Olivia Grice moved into the 7th place spot on the all-time

Dansville record board with a time of 23:55.5. Junior Anthony Mack also qualified for states and received CMAC second team honors for his season best time of 17:20.7.

The **boys' soccer** team had an impressive season with a record of 13-6-1, including nine shutouts. Daniel Hartman, Andy Witchell and Adrian Schmidt were all named to the LSJ Division 4 All-Area team. Nathaniel Croegaert, Ethan Miller, Cody Luce and Andrew Smith received All-District honorable mention. Hartman, Witchell, Schmidt, Jason Brevick, Matthew Frantz and goalkeeper Myles Douglas were named All-District first team. Hartman and Witchell were also named to the All-Region and All-State teams.

Athletic Volunteers Receive Special Recognition

Dee, Don and Eva Brown were inducted into the Dansville Athletics Hall of Fame this fall for their outstanding contributions to our program. They have been taking tickets for a combined 46 years! We are so grateful for their service to our students and the community.



Preston Graf



Anthony Mack



Hunter Quinn, Curtis Miller & Gabe Dingley

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Erin Hunt

Hunt Headed to Hillsdale

Senior softball standout, Erin Hunt, recently signed her national letter of intent to play for Hillsdale College. Hillsdale is a liberal arts college located southwest of Jackson. The Chargers are a division II school that plays in the GLIAC alongside Ferris St and Grand Valley, Saginaw Valley and many other reputable schools. Hunt is one of nine student-athletes that will join the Chargers for the 2017-18 season. Hillsdale recruited Erin for a number of reasons. On their athletics website they had this to say: "Erin is an efficient right-handed pitcher from Dansville High School who led her team to a 2016 Regional Championship. In 2016, she rung up 486 batters, had a .810 ERA and batted

.459 to earn first-team all-conference, all-district, all-region, and all-state honors. She has played travel softball with Hurricanes Fastpitch and Firestix Fastpitch Academically, she is her class Valedictorian, the vice president of the Student Council, and a member of the National Honor Society."

Erin has proven herself to be one of the finest softball players and student-athletes to ever come through Dansville.

An Interview with Erin Hunt

Q: How did you decide on Hillsdale?

A: I chose Hillsdale because I loved the campus and I knew I was going to receive the best education possible to study pre-med. I want to be a cardio-thoracic surgeon.

Q: What are you most proud of so far in your career?

A: How the Webberville/Dansville team came together at the end of the season to accomplish something great. Winning the regional title for the first time in their school history was special.

Q: What are you looking forward to with the upcoming season?

A: I'm looking forward to getting back on the field. We have even more opportunities than last year because we're already united as one team.

Q: How do you think you were able to achieve your goals?

A: Always being the hardest worker on the field is important. I don't have an off-season. I play 12 months of the

year, which includes indoor tournaments and working on my own outside of practice.

Q: Who has been your biggest influence, role-model?

A: My parents (Don and Sandy) have always encouraged me to be the best I can be.

Q: What advice would you give younger athletes who want to play at the next level?

A: I've always lived by the quote "Hard work beats talent when talent doesn't work hard." It doesn't matter how much skill you have if you aren't willing to put in the time and effort to be great.

Q: You are not only an outstanding athlete, but also a 4.0 student. How do you balance school and sports?

A: I don't procrastinate; I just get it done.

Congratulations to Erin Hunt on all of her accomplishments! The Aggie Nation is proud of you and wishes you all the best at the next level.

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Kindergarten/Begindergarten Round-Up Coming Soon

We are excited to begin preparations for our newest Aggies! If you have an incoming kindergarten/begindergarten student for next year, mark your calendars for Wednesday, March 1, 2017. Round-Up will run from 4:30-7:00 PM in the elementary gym and kindergarten classrooms. In order to assist us with planning, please fill out the information on the form on page 11 and return it by email, mail or drop it off at the elementary office.

How Do I Know if My Child Is Ready for Kindergarten?

Dansville Elementary will work with families in a team approach to help make decisions about the skill level of incoming kindergarten students. Academic skills are primarily screened at Round-Up, but there are other factors to be taken into consideration as well including:

- **Maturity levels**—Some children seem too young or not ready for school in March. Just remember that children change a lot between March and September.
- **Ability to focus**—This is age appropriate, but there are things that can be implemented at home to help with this such as:
 - Maintain a daily routine including regular mealtimes, snacks and bedtimes.
 - Provide plenty of indoor and outdoor play time
 - Read and write with your child.
 - Introduce numbers and counting to your child.

Each of these ideas can be attempted five minutes at a time, gradually expanding the amount of time to build upon your child's ability to stay focused.

- **Behavioral concerns**—Something to consider as preparation for kindergarten is how much socialization outside of the home does my child experience? It can be overwhelming for a 5-year-old who has primarily been at home with little experience with other kids to be put into a classroom with other students. Some ideas to consider are:
 - Take your child to public places where there are other children (public library, parks, etc.)
 - Organize play groups with friends or family with other children close to the same age.
 - Join instructional sporting leagues such as those offered through local churches or area parks and recreation offices. This has an additional benefit of teaching the concept of team.

Please know that if you have any questions about the Kindergarten program here at Dansville Elementary, the registration process or your child specifically, you are always welcome to call the office at 623-6120 x7226. We look forward to meeting our future Aggies very soon!

Host Families Needed

Dansville High School is always interested in bringing students from different cultures together to learn and build lifelong memories. This year we had the pleasure of having two exchange students join us for the year and it has been a wonderful experience for everyone involved. The International Student

Exchange Program is looking for families to host students in Dansville next year. 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 623-6120 ext. 7234.

2017-2018 Kindergarten/Begindergarten Student Search

Any child who will be five years of age on or before September 1, is eligible to enroll in our kindergarten program for the 2017-2018 school year. If your child turns 5 before Dec. 1st please feel free to send in this form to learn more about our Begindergarten program for early 5's. Round-Up is scheduled for Wednesday, March 1, from 4:30 to 7:00 p.m. Additional information will be mailed to your home by the end of February. Please complete the form below and return it to our office or call 623-6120, ext. 7226.

Return this form to: Dansville Elementary School
P. O. Box 187
Dansville, Michigan 48819-0187

Child's Name: _____ Date of Birth _____

Address: _____
(number and street) (city)

Child's T-Shirt size: youth medium youth small

Mailing Address (if different): _____
(number, street, P.O. Box number) (city)

Parents' Name(s): _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

Signature: _____

Substitute Teachers Needed at Dansville Schools

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 substitute teacher, paraprofessional and food service substitute pools!

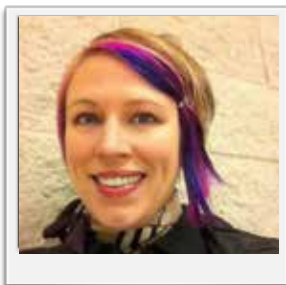
There are qualifications in order to be a substitute teacher in the state of Michigan, including having 90+ credit hours from a four-year accredited college or university. The other positions are less restrictive, with all positions being dependent on background check results. You would receive training and then have the ability to work when you are available.

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!

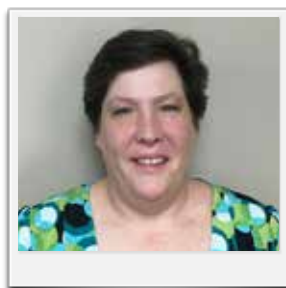
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Welcome New Aggie Staff



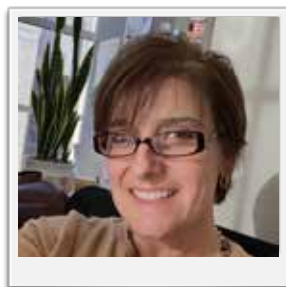
Kerry Shadbolt

Dansville High School is pleased to introduce art teacher Kerry Shadbolt. Kerry earned a bachelor's and master's degree from Michigan State University and previously served as the art teacher at Williamston High School for eight years. Kerry has earned many grants, honors and awards for her work, including being named the MAEA 2016 Art Teacher of the Year.



Andrea Gordon

Dansville High School is pleased to introduce our new agriscience/biology teacher and FFA advisor Andrea Gordon. Andrea worked for many years as a veterinary technician and assisted with teaching vet students at Colorado State University before returning to school to earn a teaching certificate. Andrea previously taught at Concord and has assisted award-winning FFA programs in Saline and Dundee.



Becky Ames

Becky joined Dansville Schools as executive assistant to Superintendent Amy Hodgson. Becky brings nearly 20 years of professional experience to her role. Most recently Becky worked for many years as a marketing manager for The Christman Company, a national construction management firm. Becky earned a bachelor's degree from Western Michigan University. Becky is mom to two current Aggies, Jon and Grace Ames.

PBiS Efforts Extended with New Focus Areas

Positive Behavior Intervention & Support (PBIS) continues to be a successful system for encouraging students to make positive choices throughout their school day. The elementary staff committed to extend PBIS programming this year and tie it directly with this year's building theme, "Learning to Grow." With extensive help from Mrs. Hekman and Ms. Barnett, posters have been made for each classroom to chart class progress in reaching a monthly goal that alternates between academic and behavior.

Goals have included coming into the building quietly after recess, student engagement during math class and soon to come for reading month...reading goals! Once the class achieves their goals for the month, the teachers provide the class rewards to celebrate their achievements. Bonuses have included game time, extra art activities and other similar incentives.

Science Olympiad Grant Awarded



Dansville Schools sought and was awarded \$1600 from the State of Michigan to be used to support the Science Olympiad programs at the middle and high school.

Science Olympiad gives our students a chance to study, experiment and then compete in a number of events. Both of our teams will compete at LCC in the next few months and get the chance to earn both individual and team recognition. We continually seek grants to help offset the cost of our programs. Many times we do not qualify for grants because of the size of our district or because we do not meet the criteria for the percentage of students who qualify for special assistance. We were very pleased to receive this grant, as this is a wonderful program for our students.

Sinking Fund Updates

The Dansville community has supported a sinking fund for Dansville Schools for the past several years. This has allowed us to replace the elementary and high school roofs, re-carpet classrooms and many other necessary improvements. The next big investments to be made using sinking funds will be the completion of the FFA building, a nearby maintenance building and possibly the replacement of the remainder of the high school roof. All of these

projects are important investments for our district. Both of the new buildings will be located near the back of the high school parking lot. We are very excited for these projects to go out for bids this spring, along with the other bond-related work. Thank you for your ongoing support of our district, as the sinking fund will continue to be a vital part of our district as we look to maintain our new facilities as well.

Who is on the Bond Steering Committee?

In addition to representatives from the construction management, architectural/engineering firms, our business office and our technology department, the following district staff and community members are on the steering committee and are available to be contacted if you have questions or thoughts you'd like to share:

Mike Kapp, school board president	517-242-6587
Chris Schmidt, school board vice president	517-204-0088
Chad Minnis, school board treasurer	517-749-9112
Julie Odom, secondary athletic director	517-623-6120, ext. 7211
Andy Cox, elementary principal	517-623-6120, ext. 7224
Erin Graf, secondary assistant principal	517-623-6120, ext. 7228
Tania Dupuis, secondary principal	517-623-6120, ext. 7235
Amy Hodgson, superintendent	517-623-6120, ext. 7250

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Aggies Become LINKS

Dansville is now participating in the LINK program, which is a research-based peer-to-peer support model for students with autism or other special needs. This program pairs up students to work together in classes in order to learn social skills. We currently have 10 students giving up an hour in their school schedule to learn about and then work directly with students who have a special need. Our students in the LINK program also partnered

with students in Mrs. Voss' class to have an Aggie tailgate prior to one of our football games. The supplies and food for the big event were funded with a grant from the Special Olympics—Project UNIFY program, which promotes inclusion of students at activities outside of the classroom. Thanks to Mrs. Voss for earning the grant and organizing the activity!

Crime Stoppers Partners with Dansville Schools

Dansville has joined up with the Crime Stoppers program in order to provide students an opportunity to anonymously share tips regarding crimes anywhere in Ingham County. Any student who reports a tip regarding a significant safety issue in Dansville or another Ingham County school will receive a \$50 cash reward. We are excited that Crime Stoppers offers this additional reporting avenue to help keep everyone safe. Thanks to the Elementary PTO and the Athletic Boosters for making donations to fund this project.



Online Safety

Are your children safe while online? Michigan families, especially minors, are becoming inundated with advertisements from alcohol, tobacco, pornography and gambling marketers through different internet and cell phone in boxes. Texting their advertisements is the newest marketing effort that many of these companies are using. Thankfully, the State of Michigan offers a free program to stop adult advertisements from reaching e-mails, mobile phones (text messaging ads) and instant messenger IDs. The Michigan Child Protection Registry, like the federal

Do Not Call List, is a free do-not-contact service for Michigan's families and schools and can be located at www.ProtectMIChild.com.

As a strong supporter of this registry, I would like to encourage you to sign your entire family up for the registry and inform your friends and colleagues about how they can protect children and families from unwanted adult advertising. To sign up only takes seconds. Just go to www.ProtectMIChild.com and keep your family safe.

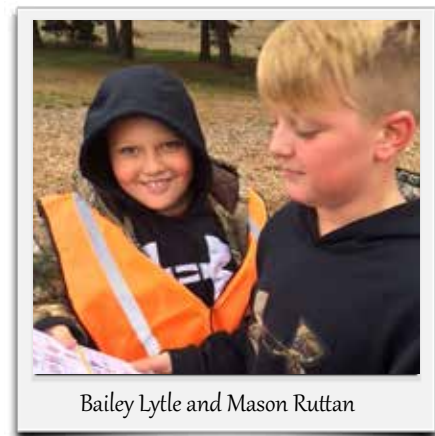
Accountable Aggies Make Recess Debut

A committee of elementary teachers has worked diligently this past fall to train a group of motivated third and fifth grade students to become Accountable Aggies. These students demonstrated a natural interest in helping their peers solve minor conflicts on the playground. Through an application and training process, students were equipped with strategies and procedures, documenting forms and very official orange vests.

Some of the issues that the Accountable Aggies have already been able to help resolve include name calling, disagreements about games/sports rules and students looking for someone to play with. These students are taking their roles very seriously. They provide extra eyes and ears which assists our amazing recess staff in keeping our playground safe and orderly. These students are to be commended for "Living to Give" in helping our playground be a fun place for all students.



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Bailey Lytle and Mason Ruttan

Middle School Box Tops



The Middle School staff wants to thank everyone who contributed to our Fall Box Tops collection! The middle school was able to raise \$304 in funds. These funds will go towards Aggie Buck rewards, to assist students in need and supplies.

The middle school is currently collecting Box Tops for the March submission date. Box Tops are due February 20, 2017. Thank you again for helping support our middle school students!

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