

To: Dansville School Board Members

From: Andy Cox

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Re: DES update

- Thanks to an additional NHS Food Drive and the NHS students' efforts to organize packing, the Weekend Survival Kits supply was bolstered nicely back in October. Mrs. Haselby's class provided the most amount of food earning a pizza party. For the Thanksgiving season the NHS is leading another food drive for Dansville families in need.
- We had tremendous parent involvement for Parent Teacher Conferences at a 91% attendance rate which I feel pretty good about considering it was our first ever Parent Teacher Conference that was all virtual.
- Elementary teachers are still receiving opportunities to meet for coaching with Heidi Gascon from the ISD. The Aggie Tech Academy teachers meet with her once a week for brainstorming around instructional strategies that can be used in an online setting. New staff that are face-to-face teachers are also meeting on a regular basis with Heidi for coaching focused on the Literacy Essential training that the rest of the staff has already received the past couple of years.
- Dr. McKee trained the elementary teachers on how to administer a social/emotional screener that helps identify students who may need some support in dealing with trauma, such as life during a pandemic. This screener, called SAEBRS, is already a part of our FAST Bridge screening tool. It asks teachers a series of questions about each student related to social behavior, academic behavior and emotional behavior.
- Lisa Krejcik, our new PE/Art teacher, is getting creative with how to provide movement activities for elementary students. She is a certified yoga instructor for children and is bring her passion into her PE instruction. Students bring their own towel or yoga mat and learn some new poses. The kids are really enjoying it!