

To: Dansville School Board Members

From: Andy Cox

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Re: DES update

- The winter FAST Bridge screening was completed in January. Data has been analyzed within our grade level teams to determine which interventions need to be intensified or scaled back as appropriate especially when determining flexible small group instruction. This data is also used to help determine students who should receive Aggie Academy invitations (summer school).
- Kindergarten and Beginndergarten Round Up is coming up Wednesday, March 4th from 4:00-6:30. This is an important date for us to get an idea about enrollment numbers for next year's newest Aggies. Please help spread the word!
- Mrs. Provencal's student-adult book club begins this month with 30 families signed up to participate. Sue does a tremendous job with this project which incorporates deep level discussion and arts integration activities that Mrs. Hekman will help lead.
- Big plans are under way to make Reading Month a major success throughout the month of March. Special guest visits, reading trackers, prizes, mystery guest readers and special dress up days are all a part of the festivities of Reading Month. Our theme this year is "Read Like It's Your Job" and will be focused on careers. A Read-A-Thon fundraiser is also happening during this busy month. Students can ask friends and family for donations to read during specific reading sessions at school.
- Elementary parent teacher conferences and book fair will be held next Wednesday and Thursday.
- Preparations are taking place for students to gain some familiarity with the MSTEP test which will be in mid-April for 5th grade and in May for 4th and 3rd grades. Practice questions are available for teachers and students to learn about the various tools that will be available to all students during the testing window.
- The Elementary Student Council is currently working on conducting brief presentations for classrooms that they represent. This also involves a suggestion box in each upper elementary classroom to collect feedback from students on ways to make our school an even better place to be.