

To: Dansville School Board Members

From: Andy Cox

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Re: DES update

- 5th grade camp is underway this week at Mystic Lake Campground.
- A 4th grade parent meeting was held Monday, October 8th to discuss details related to the end of year Mackinac trip. At the conclusion of the Mackinac meeting parents were invited to visit each of the 4th grade classrooms where Ms. Main, and Mrs. Henderson presented information about classroom procedures, routines, and a deeper look at the 4th grade curriculum. This was well attended and well received.
- Dads & Donuts had a stellar turnout last week for the first Dads meeting of the year. Moms & Muffins also kicks off the school year with their first meeting this week.
- Parent Literacy Engagement Nights will be making a return this year. This is a parent enrichment/engagement program designed to give them practical activities and strategies to do at home with their children related to literacy skills. The target audience for this program is parents of Pre-K, Kindergarten and 1st grade. Our first meeting is Monday, November 12th.
- Teachers have completed the collection of fall screening data in FAST Bridge and Spring Math. This information will now guide instructional decisions including small group formations for targeted instruction to the groups' specific needs.
- Power Hour began on October 9th this year which is about a month early compared to previous years. This is one adjustment to our intervention routine to try to get a bigger return on investment with our students. This year's Power Hour teachers are Ms. Barnett, Ms. Main and myself. We are targeting 1st-3rd grade students in an attempt to make a larger impact in student achievement related to the K-3 Reading Law.
- School wide Halloween parties/parade will take place on Wednesday, October 31. The parade will still happen in some form depending on the status of the bus loop. Weather will also play a factor.
- Fall parent-teacher conferences will be coming up on Nov. 7 & 8 from 4:00-7:00 both nights.
- The PTO Craft Show is coming up on Nov. 17th.