

**To: Dansville School Board Members**

**From: Andy Cox**

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**Re: DES update**

- Our Aggie Academy for the summer will be continuing its impact to reach Kindergarten students all the way through exiting 5<sup>th</sup> grade students. As of right now we have 39 students signed up. This summer school opportunity will provide students a jump start to the upcoming year as we meet three days a week, three hours at a time, for four weeks in July and August. Another learning opportunity provided was the discounted sale of the Summer Bridge Activity book. For \$10 parents could purchase this resource to provide skills practice at an appropriate level for their student. Teachers also sent home practice sheets of Spring Math! Facts to give kids practice opportunities over the summer with math fact fluency.
- The hiring process is in full swing as we consider candidates for the 5<sup>th</sup> grade position.
- There were many special field trips at the end of this year including:
  - Kindergarten to Minnis Farms
  - 1<sup>st</sup> grade to Woldumar Nature Center
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> grade to MSU Childrens' Garden & Dairy Store
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> grade to the Dewey School House
  - 4<sup>th</sup> grade to Potter Park Zoo and Mackinac overnight trip
  - 5<sup>th</sup> grade to Henry Ford/Greenfield Village
- Michele Momberg did a great job this year in organizing age appropriate Field Day activities for both the lower elementary students and upper elementary students on separate afternoons. Everything was very well organized allowing the students to have a fun and safe experience. There was a new twist this year with it being held at the village park, but she handled that change well.
- The 5<sup>th</sup> grade staff presented an Honors' Night/Graduation mid-May for our outgoing 5<sup>th</sup> graders. Academic awards were presented to those who met the achievement criteria as well as a diploma for all 5<sup>th</sup> grade students. Mrs. McNabb led the students in a brief musical performance. Student writing and artwork was on display as well making this a nicely balanced showcase of student talent.
- Each year during the last week of school, Sue Provencal puts on an elaborate Title I Literacy Breakfast to celebrate the growth of her students and to encourage parents to fully engage with their students reading development. She had a tremendous turnout this year and did a spectacular job of preparing all of her students for their presentations. She also puts in a ton of time to provide summer long learning experiences for her students which the parents have really appreciated.
- With Moving Day being the final day of the year, we still moved forward with our traditional all-school sing with a patriotic theme, just earlier in the final week. Mrs. McNabb did a great job with teaching the 5<sup>th</sup> graders how to play ukuleles this year

and they performed this new skill at the All-School Sing as well as 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation.

- Attached you will find behavior data for the 17-18 school year. Physical aggression and disrespect are the two areas that elementary students struggle with the most as they continue to learn appropriate ways to deal with disappointment, accountability, and operating within boundaries.