

To: Dansville School Board Members

From: Andy Cox

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Re: DES update

- 5th grade camp was a tremendous success once again. The 5th grade teachers and staff always put a ton of effort into this worthy program to make memories for students and extend the learning into a new environment.
- We had tremendous parent involvement for last week's Parent Teacher Conferences at a 96% attendance rate. Parents and students alike enjoyed our annual PTO Book Fair where nearly \$3700 of merchandise was sold. This means we receive half of that in Scholastic books for our library.
- The fall Box Top Collection was successful in that we earned approximately \$800. This is exciting but still significantly down from past years where we used to be able to bring in \$2000-\$3000. This decrease has forced our hand a bit to pursue additional fundraisers during the year like last year's Read-A-Thon which was very successful.
- The PTO Craft Show is coming up on Saturday, Nov. 18th from 9:00-3:00.
- Our first Citizens' Breakfast is coming up Wednesday, November 15th at 7:30.
- I attended the Illuminate Ed User Conference in Grand Rapids on Nov. 6 and 7 along with a team from the ISD. This conference provides opportunities to see other ways in which we can benefit from our Illuminate Ed data program.
- Aggie Power Hour begins on Tuesday, Nov. 14th and runs two days a week until the end of April. We have approximately 37 students signed-up to participate in this important intervention. Reading and math skills will be focused on along with time for homework support. The teachers for this after school program are Mrs. Provencal, Ms. Main, Mrs. Barnett, and Mrs. Smith.
- We have completed this year's Student Council Election process and have moved into some training sessions on parliamentary procedure. The 4th and 5th graders are eager to start representing their constituents and brainstorm some great new ideas for our school.
- Kim McNabb will be presenting a 3rd grade Christmas program this year on Dec. 13th at 7:00.
- In compliance with the K-3 Reading Law, we are partnering with Nicole Greiter (ISD) and the local preschools to provide 5 nights of Parent Literacy Training. This will be a great time for parents to learn how to engage with their kids to not just read, but really learn how to help develop literacy skills at home.