

To: Dansville School Board Members

From: Andy Cox

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Re: DES update

- Elementary Science teachers had a work day on September 7th with Rob Stephenson from the ISD. This productive session gave the teachers a strong direction to move in for aligning our instruction to the Next Gen Science Standards. This is a more discovery and inquiry based approach to teaching science where student dialogue, idea sharing and experimenting are the focal point.
- Constitution Day will be recognized on Monday, September 18th with all of our students wearing red, white and blue with grade level specific lessons and activities planned by the teachers.
- PBIS rotations occurred at the beginning of the school year to refresh for all students the expectations at various locations around the school and bus. Each station lasted 15-20 minutes with a brief description of the expectation with examples of how to be safe, respectful and responsible as well as non-examples.
- MSTEP data has been received from the state along with helpful parent guides and fact sheets on helping students prepare for state tests. The parent reports and resources will be provided at fall conferences with a brief explanation from the teachers.
- A Kindergarten/Begindergarten Parent Night was held to help answer any questions families had after their first few days of school. Attendance was mostly made up of parents who are new to the school district.
- 5th grade camp is coming up on October 9-13th.
- The first Dads & Donuts was held on September 7th with a great turnout for the first session of the year. There were many dads of kindergarten students who came to see what it was all about. For the first time, donations are being accepted based on feedback from dads who wanted to pitch in. \$185 was collected.
- The elementary is striving to earn the trophy of the biggest "Live to Giver"ers. The students are engaged in a food drive competition to earn that title. All food will be sorted and bagged during Community Day to help start our Weekend Survival Kit program. A coin drive has also been started to supplement the food drive. A portion of the coin drive proceeds will be going to help with hurricane relief in Texas and Florida.