

**To: Dansville School Board Members**

**From: Andy Cox**

**Date: November 21, 2019**

**Re: DES update**

- All of the elementary classrooms have had their Promethean Boards installed with ongoing training provided by the ISD on effective instructional uses. The teachers are thrilled and appreciative of this new teaching tool.
- We had tremendous parent involvement for last week's Parent Teacher Conferences at a 95% attendance rate.
- The fall Box Top Collection raised \$569 for us to use for a variety of student programs including parent events such as Parent Literacy Engagement Night.
- The PTO Craft Show is coming up this Saturday from 9:00-3:00. It will be held in the MS.
- Our first 7 Mindsets Awards Breakfast was Wednesday, November 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:30. Students were recognized for "The Time Is Now" and "Everything Is Possible."
- In compliance with the K-3 Reading Law, we are partnering with Nicole Greiter (ISD), our local library and the local preschools to provide 5 nights of Parent Literacy Training for our 3<sup>rd</sup> year. 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. Our first PLEN night was November 5<sup>th</sup> with a significant turnout of about 35 parents and students.
- Elementary teachers are getting some intensive training in the updated Literacy Essentials provided by the General Education Leadership Network. All teachers K-3 are getting this 4 day training which is spread throughout the school year. In addition, during our own district provided professional development time, Heidi Gascon from the ISD provides deeper dives into specific small group instructional techniques. Heidi provides literacy coaching for 3-5<sup>th</sup> grade teachers while Sue Provencal coaches our K-2 teachers.