

To: Dansville School Board Members

From: Andy Cox

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Re: DES update

- Elementary Conferences, Book Fair and Art Show are all scheduled for March 27 & 28 from 4:00-7:00.
- M-STEP schedules and practice activities have been distributed. 5th grade will have the most testing that lasts from shortly after spring break until the end of April. 3rd and 4th grade will complete their testing in May.
- Kindergarten and Beginnergarten Round Up took place on Feb. 28th. It's always an exciting event to see the energy, enthusiasm in the form of future Aggies. At this point we have 47 new students registered.
- PTO STEAM night was a huge success with nearly 100 students and their families in attendance on Feb. 22nd. A big thank you needs to go to Janeen Tkaczyk for organizing this.
- Elementary Student Council continues to be the eyes and ears of the school looking for student feedback and suggestions. Currently the council is planning for what has turned out to be a successful annual fundraiser of selling Smencils.
- March Is Reading Month has had a great start this week under the title "Building Learners Book by Book." Rob Stephenson, host of "The Curious Crew" on PBS and Ingham ISD STEM Consultant, will be providing an interactive assembly for our students making direct connections to the importance of literacy.
- The HS Leadership Class has asked to provide a Movie Night as a fundraiser for a local family associated with the Make-A-Wish Foundation. I have appreciated the initiative of the HS students who are taking this on and looking to provide a fun night for our elementary families while raising funds for such an important cause.
- The 4th grade Living Wax Museum took place Wednesday, Feb. 28th throughout the day. This year, Mrs. Henderson added an evening program that extended the students' work on their project by adding a Core Democratic Value assignment that the students could associate with their historical figure. We had a great turnout for that event.
- Our Read-A-Thon fundraiser is moving along nicely with nearly \$1500 in profits raised. This has been a great opportunity for friends and family outside of our area to support their students as this fundraiser is online.