



# Building Beat

November 11, 2021



## Cool to Care Campaign continues thru December 8

We are trying something new for our Cool to Care fundraiser this year. Due to storage issues at Outreach East, we are asking for monetary contributions instead of having students bring in canned good/non perishable items.

Our K-4 buildings - Central Elementary, Gates Elementary, Hill Elementary, Siple Elementary and Thomson Elementary - have come up with some fun ways to raise those funds by holding a Hat Day, Crazy Sock Day, PJ Day and Dress Like a Candy Cane Day.

Monetary contributions can be sent or dropped off directly at your student's school or made online at: <https://pay-ments.efundsforschools.com/v3/districts/56436>

## Making a difference: World Kindness Day, Positivity Project

This Saturday, November 13, is World Kindness Day, a global event that promotes the importance of being kind to each other, to yourself, and to the world. The purpose of this day, celebrated on November 13 of each year, is to help everyone understand that compassion for others is what binds us all together. This understanding has the power to bridge the gaps we so sadly see between people today.

At Davison Community Schools, we try to promote kindness through the use of Cardinal Compliment cards and Cardinal Notes. Cardinal Compliments are postcard-sized notes sent to students by school staff members to give praise and share encouragement. Cardinal Notes, new this year, are forms that students can fill out when they want to thank a school staff member.

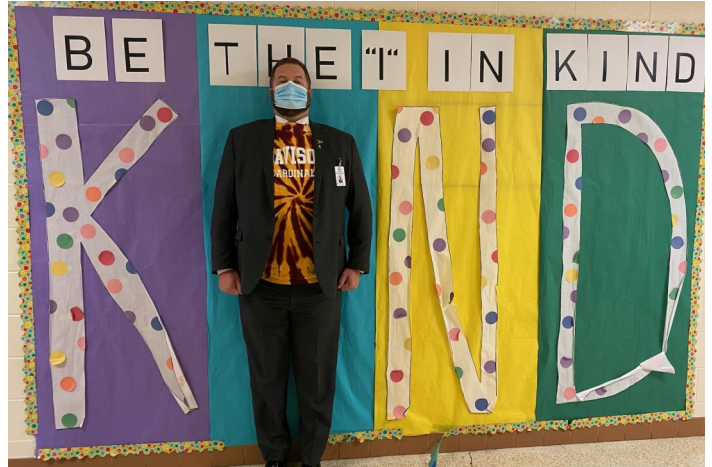
"We are celebrating World Kindness day by expressing gratitude to others by writing thank you notes," said Siple Elementary Principal **Mrs. Christy Flowers**. "Taking the time to write a thank you note helps us pause to think about the people we are grateful for and this is the perfect time of year to take a moment for this activity."



Siple students and staff are also being encouraged to wear their school shirts or school colors on Friday, November 12, to show their school pride and unity.

Members of the newly formed **Davison High School Key Club** will spend World Kindness Day collecting canned goods as part of its Cops and Cans campaign. The students, along with Davison Township Police, are collecting non perishable items for the East Michigan Food Bank. Look for students and the police car from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. near the main entrance of the Davison Meijer store.

This year, all students in grades K-8 are also participating in the Positivity Project, a curriculum offering digital resources, training and strategy to teach positive psychology's 24 character strengths and empower their students to build positive relation-



**Assistant Superintendent Matt Lobban models the example of being the "I" in a KIND display at Siple Elementary.**

ships.

At Davison Middle School, Assistant Principal **Mrs. Andrea Ferguson** said seventh and eighth graders have focused, so far, on the traits: curiosity, teamwork, open mindedness and integrity. Students receive two lessons a week and discuss the week's character trait during their community circle time.

"Parents often ask me how they can help teach their children about kindness," Flowers said. "My favorite recommendation is for parents to model it in words and action. Your children are learning from everything you say and do. They watch you interact with others. They listen to you speak to and about others. If you were to replay your conversations and watch them would you see kindness, compassion and empathy? Then that's what your children are seeing and learning from you. They are sponges and soak up everything they are exposed to. When we all choose kindness we help make our school, community and the world a better, kinder place for everyone!

To learn more about World Kindness Day, please visit: <https://inspirekindness.com/world-kindness-day>

To learn more about the Positivity Project, please visit: <https://posproject.org/>

## Gold out fundraiser nets nearly \$4,700 in fight against children's cancer

Our September "Gold Out" campaign to raise money for research and to assist children battling cancer netted \$4,694.75. Thank you to Hilton Screeners for donating a large portion of the T-shirt sales back to the cause.

In addition to the T-shirt fundraiser, DCS staff also participated in a District Jean Day and donated \$5 to wear jeans on a certain day.

The money is being sent to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital.



## Looking for individuals to share about careers for 7th DHS Career Expo

We are now making plans for our Davison High School 7th annual Career Readiness Expo on Wednesday, March 9, 2022. We are looking for business owners, professionals, skilled tradespeople and individuals who represent colleges/universities and military branches to share their knowledge and career experiences with our students to help them explore a variety of career pathways.



This is an opportunity to inspire our youth by sharing your career journey, a typical workday, education requirements and knowledge. The title "EXPO" is for our 9th-12th grade students to explore, interact, and evolve from participating in this event.

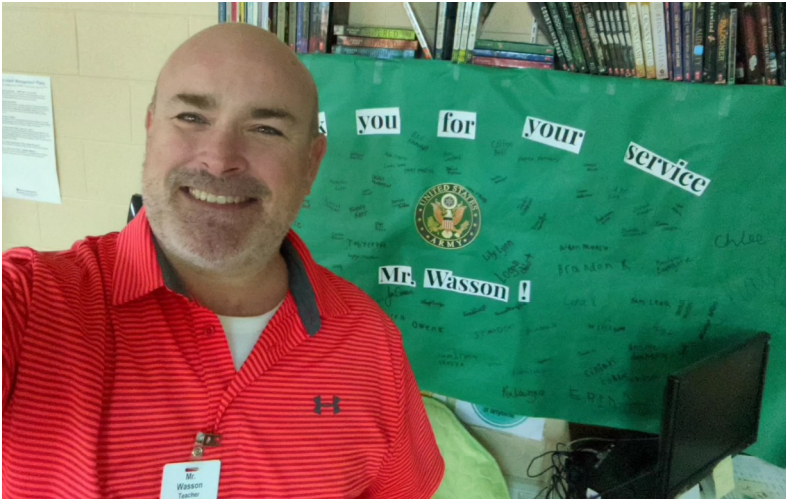
If you would like to participate, please reserve your spot by clicking on the link below. The Expo will take place from 9:30 to 11:40 a.m. in the Davison High School gymnasium.

<https://sites.google.com/davisonschools.org/dhscareerexpo/home>



# HONORING OUR VETERANS

On this Veteran's Day we would like to take the opportunity to recognize and honor our DCS family members who have served or are currently serving. Thank you for your service.



Davison Middle School Teacher Matt Wasson served in the U.S. Army from 1992-1996. He arrived to work this morning to find a poster made by staff and students thanking him for his service.

- ★ Hahn Intermediate Teacher **Bob Konzman** served 22 years, CPT, US Army and comes from a long line of military family members:
  - **Al Konzman** (father) - 26 years, MSG, US Army, Air Force
  - **Emil Konzman** (uncle) - 23 years, E-7, US Army
  - **Jerry Konzman** (cousin) - 2 years, PVT, US Army
  - **Luddy Konzman** (uncle) - 35 years, CSGM US Army
  - **Mike Konzman** (cousin) - 30 years, COL, US Army
  - **Carl Konzman** (uncle) - 20 years, E-5, US Army, Air Force
  - **Ed Konzman** (brother) - 7 years, E-6, US Army
  - **Rick Konzman** (brother) - 6 years, E-5, US Army
  - **Steve Konzman** (brother) - 6 years, 1LT, US Army
  - **Pat Konzman** (brother) - 4 years, E-4, US Army
  - **Joe Logan** (brother-in-law) - 21 years, WO3, US Army
  - **Austin Logan** (nephew) - 3 years, SPC, US Army



Savannah Siple, 2019 DHS graduate serving in Army National Guard.



MA1 Ronald Chouinard retired from the United States Navy after 22 years as a Master-at-Arms First Class. He served in both the United States Navy and United States Navy Reserves. He has been stationed at Lackland AFB; Misawa Japan; Rota Spain; Sigonella, Sicily, Bahrain; Italy; Erie, PA and Selfridge ANGB, Michigan. He is the current Positive Behavior Intervention Specialist at Davison Alternative Education High School.

- ★ Auditorium Supervisor and Retired DCS Teacher **Thomas Tuttle** served in the United States Army Reserve for 6 years (1969-1975); 323rd General Hospital Unit, Rank: Specialist 6 (E-6); MOS: 76J20 Medical Supply Specialist

- Immediate family of Tom who have served:
  - Father, National Guard and Coast Guard WWII
  - Brother Army Vietnam,
  - Two Uncles Navy WWII,
  - Grandfather Navy WWI,
  - Father-in-law Army WWII



Mitchell Rutkowski is serving in the Air Force and stationed in Spangdahlem, Germany.

- ★ A1C **Preston Hards**, United States Air Force. Active duty, Davison High School class of 2014.

- ★ Hill Elementary Teacher **Jennifer Galbreath** has several family members to recognize on Veteran's Day including:
  - mother-in-law, **Cecillia Gingell**- Army
  - brother-in law, **William Zic** - Navy
  - brother-in-law, **Kevin Zic** - Army.

