



March 6, 2020

Building Beat

Cardinal Country

Upcoming

Saturday, March 7:

House of Cards competing at Kettering University, qualifying rounds 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.; elimination rounds after lunch

Monday, March 9:

DMS Choir Pre-Festival Concert, 7 p.m. DHS Auditorium

Tuesday, March 10:

Bond Election, Polls open 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Please remember to vote.

Hill Elementary 3rd and 4th Grade Concert, 7 p.m. DHS Auditorium

Thursday, March 12:

Hahn Intermediate Parent Teacher Conferences 4-7 p.m. by appointment

DMS Parent Teacher Conferences, 4-7 p.m.

Thomson Elementary: Family Reading Night 5-7 p.m.

Friday, March 13:

Davison Alternative Education: 1/2 Day for DAE students ONLY, End of Trimester 2

Hahn and Hill students participate in national ReadBowl

Hahn Intermediate students have been named State of Michigan Reading Champions for their participation in the national ReadBowl Challenge.

For the month of January, students at Hill Elementary and Hahn Intermediate competed in the national reading competition sponsored by Malcolm Mitchell, a former NFL football player.

"My favorite part of this contest is that it was started by Malcolm Mitchell, a former NFL player for the New England Patriots," said **Ann Curatti**, a Literacy Specialist and Coach at Hahn and Hill.

"He talks in videos about how playing football came naturally to him, but learning to read was a struggle. He entered college in Georgia with a seventh grade reading level. He met a woman in a Border Bookstore and talked to her about suggestions for books. This amazing lady—who was about my age—invited Malcom to join her book club. Malcom would go to post game celebrations and not talk about football with reporters but talk about the books he was reading."

Curatti said Mitchell talks about this in a [video](#) that she shared with students.

"It is a great video, especially for boys who struggle with reading.," she said.

In the ReadBowl contest, students (and teachers) calculated the number of independent reading minutes in class for each week. The minutes were entered into the contest to represent each quarter in a football game.

"All Hahn students competed in this contest by grade level, not individual teacher," Curatti explained. "Hahn 5th and 6th graders were in different divisions. "The fifth grade was in the 3-5th grade elementary division and Hahn sixth graders were in middle school division."

Hahn fifth graders read a grand total of 190,261 minutes, or approximately 426 minutes per student. Hahn sixth graders read a total of 143,286 minutes, or approximately 323 minutes per student.



Hill Elementary students read a total of 175,527 minutes.

JV Powerlifting Team brings home five medals from state

Congratulations to the JV Powerlifting Team, which came home with five medals at the state championship held at Lake Orion High School. The young team is just in its second year and is coached by DHS alum **Chad Williams**.



On the women's team, **Lammy Yomes** placed third in her weight class with a total lifetime weight of 630 pounds. **Sydney Schneider** came in fifth place in her weight class with a total lift weight of 580. **Bella Norton** placed second in her weight class with a total lift weight of 540.

On the men's team we had **Cy Stavros** come in third place in his weight class with a total lift weight of 585. **Barrett Tefft** came in third place in his weight class with a total lift weight of 715.

DMS Symphony Orchestra earns "I"s from every judge at Festival

It was a great weekend for the DMS Symphony Orchestra! Student musicians earned straight "I"s during the festival performance at Swartz Creek High School last Saturday.

"Frankly, it was more dramatic than I normally expect and I couldn't be more proud of how well our students performed despite less than ideal circumstances," said DMS Teacher **John Marttila**. "The orchestra faced an uphill battle because of the snow days that followed intersession week. This caused us to only have three rehearsals in the two weeks leading up to the festival, and the second snow day forced us to cancel our Thursday evening concert that is used as our "dress rehearsal" for the festival performance. Despite these unexpected challenges, our exceptional DMS Symphony Orchestra students still managed to put on a nearly flawless performance at the festival, earning the highest possible scores from all of the festival judges, all straight 'I's."

The judges gave the orchestra many enthusiastic, glowing, and positive comments such as, "You play with a lot of confidence and musicality!", "Cool Program!", "Very musical, good dynamics and good articulations," "Excellent work! You play very musically!" and "Thanks for doing an outstanding job!"

Overall, there were 46 bands and orchestras that played at the district festival. The DMS Symphony Orchestra was one of only 11 bands and orchestras earning the highest possible rating of all "I"s from every judge for this weekend's festival performances.

Siple STARs recognized for consistently following Cardinal Code

The Siple STAR of the Month program is a way for staff at Siple Elementary to recognize students who consist-

ently follow the Cardinal Code in an exemplary way at Siple Elementary. Each month classroom teachers nominate one student from their class to be entered into the grade level drawing for the STAR of the MONTH for that grade. Each grade level STAR of the Month receives a certificate and medal, and their photo is on display in the hallway during that month.

Stars of the Month for January are:

- Kindergarten: **Levigh Blackledge**
- 1st grade: **Carson Unger**
- 2nd grade: **Miles Turner**
- 3rd grade: **Brecken Kale**
- 4th grade: **Kellan Riley**



Congratulations to the other outstanding nominees for the month of January, which includes: kindergarten student **Maizen Kingsland**, first graders **Richard McLain** and **Carter Schlaud**, second graders **Emma-Leigh Fredericks**, **Ava Herron** and **Jaxon Vanderwerken**, third graders **Lauryn Lee** and **Ainsley Perry** and fourth graders **Dylan Sanchez**, **Logan Schlink** and **Madison Sutton**.

Congratulations to these outstanding young learners!

Student athletes compete at state indoor track finals

Congratulations to the following Davison High School track stars qualified to participate in the state finals held recently at Eastern Michigan University:

Jesse Mallette 60 meter dash

Jason Millis 1600 meter run & 3200 meter run

Kenny Minto 800 meter run

Makenzie Brownrigg 800 meter run

While indoor track is a club sport that is not affiliated with MHSAA, students do have the opportunity to compete at qualifying meets all winter so that they can meet standards to qualify for the state finals. That is a lot of hard work and dedication and we are proud of their efforts!!

Hahn Heroes named for February

Congratulations to the following students named as Hahn Heroes for the month of February: **Juventino Alvarez**, **Samantha Beller**, **Shelby Croft**, **Maveric Elliott**, **Arthur Farrington**, **Georgianna Fike**, **Jimena Flores**, **Alexis Gartee**, **Raycelyn Hart**, **Eleanor Herron**, **Jaiden Howe-Bernadel**, **Chloe King**, **Kendall Martin**, **Kyra Maygar**, **Piper Maygar**, **Jack McGlashen**, **Leah Pilcher**, **Fallon Simpson**, **Clark Tan**, **Aiden Walls** and **Logan Wheat**.

Talented DMS Choir students have successful outing at Solo and Ensemble

Out of 16 events, 14 Davison Middle School Choir students came away with the highest rating and two with the

second highest rating at Solo and Ensemble held on a recent weekend. **Caleb Ashley** received a perfect score on his solo, and the Cardinal Men trio which includes **Caleb Ashley**, **Dustin White** and **Connor Norman** also received a perfect score! Congratulations to all of these students!

Davison High School/Alternative Education names Students of the Month

Congratulations to the following students who were named Student of the Month for February:

9th - **Asa Corlew**

Nominated by: **Mr. James Wilcox**

Asa is a stellar Algebra student. He is consistently in the "top tier" of students on the assessments in Algebra 1, and continues to strive to learn more and compete to be the best. In addition to that, he brings great ideas to the Freshman Student Council.



Asa

10th - **Ava Arnes**

Nominated by: **Mrs. Darcey Kondel**

Ava constantly helps those around her better understand the material in class while working. She is the most hardworking student and is always striving to better understand content. She is always willing to help with things in class and does it with a smile. As a student athlete she is always staying up to date on assignments and has amazing attendance.



Asa

11th - **Joseph Nickell**

Nominated by: **Mr. Martin Quertermous**

Joseph exhibits all attributes of CARDS in third hour gym. He takes the initiative to be inclusive to all students in the class, more specifically those with special needs. Joseph is always the one who sees students sitting out, and asks them to participate and help them out. Joseph is extremely respectful toward all students in that class, and supportive to the students where the task might be challenging. He is very encouraging for the students when they are struggling with the activity. Joseph is also dependable as a leader amongst other general education students to be inclusive for the special education students in the class for the activity of the day.



Joseph

12th - **Holly Bartholomew**

Nominated by: **Mrs. Shaun Kovatch**

Holly is a Cardinal LINK to a student with very high needs. This student was getting support by teachers and paraprofessionals last year, but that was having little affect or changing in behaviors. This year, with Holly's patience, kindness and sweet smile, the student is learning social skills and independent skills. Her friendship puts a smile on the student's face and has created other friendships for him, as he has become more included in the activities going on in the classroom. Holly is a naturally loving and caring individual that we are all fortunate to know.



Holly

DAE - **Braelyn Leese**

Nominated by: **Mrs. Connie Trombley**

Braelyn asks me every day if I need help with anything. She volunteers on a daily basis to help behind the scenes of the DAE office and she can be trusted to work quietly and efficiently. She is courteous and polite at all times. She is willing to learn whatever task is set before her, and she only has to be shown one time. It is with great pleasure that I nominate her for Student of the Month.



Braelyn

Davison High School students participate in Career/Technical competitions at GCI

Several Davison High School students participated in Career and Technical Student Organizations competitions held last weekend at the Genesee Career Institute. Students attend the GCI during the school day.

Competing were:

Baylei Cameron, who competed in the Michigan State JROTC Championship. Baylei earned a fourth place in the First-Year Cadet Individual Drill Competition.

Joslyn Chandler's Public Health Team earned a gold medal in the 2019-20 HOSA Regional competition.

Ellary Darling was named State Champion in the First-Year Cadet Individual Drill Competition.

Erica Hasiak is a state qualifier in the Forensic Science contest in the 2019-20 HOSA Regional competition.

Alexander Jackson earned fourth place in the Graphic Design Promotion and was a state qualifier in the T-shirt Design competition in the SkillsUSA Regional Competition.

Emily K. Smith was a state qualifier in the Commercial Baking event in the SkillsUSA Regional Competition.

Hannah Walker's CPR team earned a bronze medal in the 2019-20 HOSA Regionals.

In addition, Baylei's and Ellary's JROTC team placed first in the overall state championship and First-Year Drill competition in the Michigan State JROTC Championship.

Preschool Registration Information; Cardinal's Nest Open House set for April 8

If you or someone you know has a child that will be turning 3 or 4 on or before September 1, 2020, then Davison Early Learning programming surely has the right fit for your child's preschool needs. Come visit the Cardinal's Nest Open House from 6-7:30 p.m. April 9 to check out the tuition-based 3- and 4-year-old programs we have to offer.

Davison Preschool Round Up will be held during the week of April 20-24. You can make an appointment for round up beginning April 1 by calling 591-0821 between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Families will need to pre-register online for 3- or 4-year-old tuition-based programs in order to schedule a preschool round up appointment. Links for pre-registration will be available on the Davison Schools website under the Early Childhood tab on the Cardinal's Nest web page beginning April 1. <https://dcer.davisonschools.org/CourseActivities.aspx?id=25&cat=20>

You will need to bring the following to your preschool round up appointment:

- Driver's license or Valid picture ID
- Health Appraisal (physical)
- Immunization record
- Birth Certificate

Online pre-registration must be done prior to your round up appointment.

There is a \$50 pre-registration fee. Detailed information regarding preschool cost is on the Cardinal's Nest web page. There are 10 preschool sections throughout the school year. Both half and full day programs are available for 2, 3 or 5 days per week. The following sections will be offered according to demand on a first come, first serve basis:

- ½ day 3-year-old tuition-based preschool
- Full day 3-year-old tuition-based preschool
- ½ day 4-year-old tuition-based preschool
- Full day 4-year-old tuition-based preschool

Davison GSRP 4-year-old preschool information

GSRP (Great Start Readiness Program) state funded preschool for 4-year-olds is located at Central/GSRP and The Cardinal's Nest. Pre-applications for GSRP can be filled out now for the 2020-2021 school year. Eligibility will be determined by the GSD once your pre-application is submitted online @ www.geneseepreschool.org. If eligible, families will be notified and scheduled for an intake/registration appointment starting in April. Don't wait to apply. Spots fill fast! Placement at Central Elementary vs. Cardinal's Nest will be placed according to transportation needs.

Appointments now being accepted for Kindergarten registration

Registration: For all kindergarten and developmental kindergarten age students who reside within the district's residential boundaries

Location: Davison High School Athletic Meeting Room (South Door # 12), 1250 N Oak Rd, Davison

Dates/Times: Monday, April 20–Friday, April 24. Appointments are available from 8:30-11 a.m. and 12:45-3:15 p.m.

Please call Thomson Elementary at (810) 591-0911 BETWEEN March 2 and APRIL 13 to schedule your child's registration appointment. Plan to allow approximately 30-45 minutes for your scheduled appointment.

Please bring the following with you to your registration appointment:

1. The child to be enrolled. The registration process will include a brief basic skills screening of your child. A child must be 5 years old on or before September 1, 2020, to register. If your child's 5th birthday falls between September 2 and December 1 and you are interested in enrollment, a waiver is required. Please inquire with the school secretary when scheduling your child's registration appointment.
2. The child's official (with the raised seal) birth certificate.

3. Davison residency verification. Verification of Davison residency must include the following three valid proofs of residency:

Valid driver's license with the current Davison address.

Utility bill (i.e. electric, gas, water, cable, landline phone). The "service" address must be indicated on the bill provided. If you pay your bills online, PLEASE PRINT YOUR ONLINE BILL.**

An additional utility bill, bank or credit card statement, tax bill OR Mortgage/lease agreement.**

**Proofs above must be in the same name/address as the parent/legal guardian listed on the valid driver's license submitted. All proofs must be dated within the past two months.

Parents/Legal Guardians: In order to complete registration for your child, you must bring the required proofs of residency listed above to your appointment. If you are unable to provide or have any questions regarding the required documents, please discuss this with the school secretary when scheduling your child's registration appointment. If the required proofs of residency are not provided at the time of registration, your child will not be enrolled in a school building or assigned a teacher until received.

We will print your child's most up-to-date immunization record. A physical is not required.
ALL IMMUNIZATIONS MUST BE UP TO DATE PRIOR TO THE START OF SCHOOL.

Kindergarten classes will be offered at Siple Elementary, Thomson Elementary and Hill Elementary. Currently, developmental kindergarten classes are only available at Thomson Elementary. Representatives from each building will be available during registration to process your child's enrollment documents and answer any questions you may have. If all required documentation listed above is received, you will be notified of your child's school building placement, kindergarten orientation date and time, and teacher assignment in early August.

We're excited to meet you and your child and look forward to having your child join Davison Community Schools!

Alumni news ...

Maddison Luebke (DHS Class of 2016), an Alma College student from Davison, will perform her senior recital at 4 p.m., Saturday, March 14 in Dunning Memorial Chapel at Alma College. Admission is free and open to the public. Luebke, an alto/mezzo, will sing "Alto's Lament," "Wie Melodian," "I'll be Here," "You Belong to Me," "Fine" and "Weight of the World." She will be accompanied by faculty pianist Tony Patterson. Luebke plans to graduate from Alma in December 2020 with majors in music and English. She is the daughter of Michael and Megan Luebke of Davison.

Kaden W. Walworth, (DHS Class of 2019) was named to The University of Alabama President's List for fall 2019. A total of 12,050 students enrolled during the 2019 fall term at UA were named to the Dean's List with an academic record of 3.5 or above or the President's List with an academic record of 4.0 (all A's). The UA Dean's and President's lists recognize full-time undergraduate students. The lists do not apply to graduate students or to undergraduate students who take less than a full course load.

Morgan Deckrow (DHS Class of 2018) was named to the Albion College Fall 2019 Dean's List. Students named to Albion College's Dean's list must have a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or above, while taking four graded courses. Deckrow is majoring in kinesiology-exercise science and is a member of the Lisa and James Wilson Institute for Medicine. Deckrow is the child of John and Stefnie Deckrow of Davison.

The Class of 1938 included 45 seniors. Class officers were **James Elliott**, President; **Kathryn Brovont**, Vice President; **Geraldine Harrison**, Secretary; and **Margaret Goodrich**, Treasurer. Class Representatives were **Carrie Shannon**, **Bill Farrow** and **Francis Skinner**, The Senior Play that year was "Polishing Papa."





Recognizing staff members who go above and beyond in creating connections with students and living out our Kids First Mission. The staff member featured here was nominated for the monthly Kids First award but not randomly selected to win the \$100 gift card from the Mark Owen MEEMIC Insurance Agency. These stories still deserve to be told!

Tracy Hackman

Nominated by Josie Paquette, DMS Principal and Andrea Ferguson, DMS Assistant Principal

"Tracy Hackman serves as a special education parapro at Davison Middle School. Tracy is a team player who is always willing to be flexible and help out where it is needed. Tracy often provides one-on-one attention and support for our students with disabilities as well as our general education students. She is a consistent presence in many classrooms allowing teachers to continually count on her to provide accommodations when needed. Outside of the classroom, Tracy represents that safe adult presence. Each morning, Tracy is stationed just inside one of our main doors. You can count on Tracy to greet students as they walk in the school allowing them to start off on a positive foot for the day.

Tracy represents our "Kids First" philosophy well. She is willing to do what is needed to insure that our students and staff receive the attention and support needed to be successful."



Left to right: DMS Assistant Principal Andrea Ferguson, Principal Josie Paquette, Tracy Hackman and Superintendent Kevin Brown.