



September 13, 2018

Building Beat

Upcoming ...

Wednesday, September 19:

Delayed Wednesday schedule begins at Davison High School and Davison Alternative Education; school begins at 9:30 a.m. Dismissal at normal time of 2:36 p.m.

Friday, September 21:

School Spirit and Popcorn Day at Gates Elementary

Monday, September 24:

Homecoming Week!

Wednesday, September 26:

Early Release for All Grades K-12; School dismisses two hours before normal times. No Delayed Start for Grades 9-12; No PM Preschool

Powderpuff Football Game, 7 p.m. Cardinal Stadium. Tickets \$5. Sorry, no passes!

Friday, September 28:

Homecoming Parade, 5 p.m. Lineup begins at 4 p.m.

Game, 7 p.m. vs. Flint.

Fourth grader's persuasive essay gets ear of Taco Bell execs

Since learning how to write a persuasive essay from her “picky” teacher last year, **Kinsley James** has written on dozens of topics to convince others on her point of view. When she was grounded, for instance, she wrote a persuasive essay to her mom about why she should get her phone back. When she wanted to dye her hair purple, she penned points to her parents as to why she should be permitted to do so.



Siple Elementary fourth grader Kinsley James reacts as staff from YUM Brands invite her to Las Vegas to read aloud her letter about why Taco Bell should offer delivery service at a corporate conference.

So, when Kinsley, a fourth grader in Mrs. **Christy Turner's** class at Siple Elementary, wanted to sound off about the lack of fast food options and local restaurants' refusal to deliver near her rural Coldwater Road school, it was only natural she pick up her pen to voice her objections. A page and a half later, Kinsley had outlined five reasons as to why a local restaurant should begin delivering.

“Dear Taco Bell, Today I really wanted tacos but my mean mom wouldn't take me and I'm only nine so I can't drive to get some myself. I would like to give you some reasons why you should deliver.” (Read the full letter at end of article.)

Kinsley showed the letter to her mom, Cindy Prevo, who shared it on the Taco Bell Facebook site. Four days later, Kyle Hatfield, digital customer care coordinator for Taco Bell, reached out to Mrs. Prevo to send Kinsley some merchandise for being such a fan.

“He called and it was super cool,” Kinsley said. “I was really, really excited and proud of myself for

actually making a difference in the world.”

But the story doesn't stop there. Last Thursday, Kinsley and her mom gathered at Siple Elementary with Principal Mrs. **Christy Flowers** and her “picky” third grade teacher Mrs. **Alicia Eaton** to wait on a very important call from Hatfield and other key players from YUM! Brands, which in addition to Taco Bell, owns KFC, Pizza Hut and WingStreet. All she knew was that they had “big news” to share.

"I don't even care if it's cleaning the restrooms at Taco Bell," Kinsley said excitedly as she waited for the call.

Finally, at around 5 p.m. the phone rang. The big news? The YUM! Brands wanted to fly Kinsley and her mom out to Las Vegas later in the month so she could read her letter at a company conference for franchise owners.

"We loved (Kinsley's letter) so much--and were rolling out our delivery with Grubhub--that we wanted her to share her story with our franchisees," said Rob Poetsch with the Taco Bell Corp.

The company will take care of expenses so the two can have a little fun during their visit, too. (Watch the video of Kinsley taking the phone call by clicking on this link:

<https://animoto.com/play/YtDMJSEMTkaRquAqIKeJgg>).

A few details and tears later, the telephone conversation wrapped up and Kinsley shared hugs with Mrs. Flowers and Mrs. Eaton.

"I always say what you do matters," Mrs. Flowers told Kinsley. "Now, aren't you glad you had a picky teacher?"



"I am so proud," said Mrs. Eaton. "She did everything I taught her and I'm excited to see something come of it. I will use this story for the rest of my teaching career!"

The school will send Kinsley off with a pep assembly where she will practice for her upcoming gig by reading her letter in front of the student body.

"Other kids will look up to you," Mrs. Flowers told Kinsley. "They will know that because you did that, they can make a difference, too."

Kinsley's mom said her daughter has written hundreds of journals, including personal essays or jotting down things about how her day went. She also keeps notes in school, titled "for Yale or Harvard."

"I think it would be really cool to be there," said Kinsley, who aspires to be a journalist. "It's rare to get into that kind of school and I want to see me there when I get older. I want to be able to look back and see my dream come true."

Reading is Kinsley's "second priority" and she enjoys everything but non-fiction. She also has a penchant for Jo-Jo hair bows and has a collection totaling more than 80 of them in different colors and patterns to coordinate with her outfits. And if her passion for writing and reading wasn't enough to keep her busy, Kinsley also plays softball,



Kinsley is joined by her mom, Cindy Prevo, Siple Elementary Principal Christy Flowers and her third grade teacher, Mrs. Alicia Eaton as she takes the phone call from executives from Taco Bell and YUM! Brands.

acts with the Flint Youth Theatre and dances jazz, ballet and tap.

In addition to her mom, Kinsley's family includes dad, Jordan Prevo, and brothers, Kayden 6, and Kason, 4, as well as a chocolate lab named Moose and a golden doodle, Paddington.

Here is Kinsley's letter:

Dear Taco Bell,

Today I really wanted tacos but my mean mom wouldn't take me and I'm only nine so I can't drive to get some myself. I would like to give you some reasons why you should deliver. One reason I believe that Taco Bell should deliver is because what if someone just had surgery and can't drive and they have no family to bring them any. Reason 2. What if someone doesn't have a car but really wants to buy your stuff but can't get their (sic). Reason 3 or if your (sic) feeling lazy but really want nacho fries? Reason 4 what if someone is too sick and just needs a taco but don't feel like leaving their house. Reason 5 Think about the people who have too much to do or are on a lunch break and don't have an extra 20 minutes to drive their (sic). In conclusion, this is why I believe that Taco Bell should have delivery. This is a good way to make more money.

Sincerely,

Kinsley Lynn James

Alumni news ...

Kailee Tubbs, a 2016 graduate of Davison High School and member of the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater women's bowling team, is one of 346 Warhawk student-athletes representing all 20 of the institution's varsity sport programs to be named to the 2017-18 Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Honor Roll. Tubbs, a sophomore at UW-Whitewater during the 2017-18 year, is majoring in international business. The Warhawks' 11 women's teams had 197 honorees, while 149 student-athletes from the nine men's teams garnered Scholastic Honor Roll accolades. The Honor Roll is part of the "WIAC Scholar-Athlete Recognition Program." To be eligible for the list, student-athletes must have carried a 3.0 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

Jenna Bearup, a 2017 graduate of Davison High School, was named to the spring 2018 dean's list at the University of Findlay. To earn this achievement, a student must attain a grade point average of at least 3.5 on a 4.0 scale.

Katlin McNally, a 2014 graduate of Davison High School, was one of more than 500 students from Saginaw Valley State University whose determination and commitment to academic excellence earned them a spot on the winter 2018 semester President's List. To be eligible for the President's List, a student must take at least 12 credit hours and earn a 4.0 grade point average.

More than 1,800 students from Saginaw Valley State University earned a spot on the winter 2018 semester Deans' List including Davison graduates: **Payton Steinhaus** (Class of 2016), **Briana Kloeckner** (Class of 2015), **Tia Hodges** (Class of 2014), **Shelbe Cahill** (Class of 2016) and **Kenneth Mize** (Class of 2013).

We love to hear from our staff, students and alums! If you have a story or accomplishment to share, or would like to let us know what you are doing since graduation, please email us at: medwards@davisonschools.org

The first official meeting of the Siple Stardinals Robotics Club was held Tuesday night. According to Club Co-Mentor and Kindergarten Teacher **Rita Jones**, there are 20 student members and a waiting list of nearly 40. The club, which is funded through a grant from the **Davison Educational Foundation**, will meet every Tuesday after school in the Siple gym and will be attending an area EXPO once dates are set.

“It is so important that children plug into activities like LEGO clubs at an early age because this is when their imagination, curiosity for learning and enthusiasm are at a high,” Mrs. Jones said. “Those elements, coupled with the curriculum provided from LEGO education and core values from First Robotics make for a powerful learning experience. The ideas the students had for this year’s challenge (to build a viable home base on the moon) were incredible!! I’m so impressed with our students!”

Principal **Christy Flowers** also co-mentors the club.



Photos by Rita Jones

