



*A Review of the
Great Things
Happening in
Our Schools.*

Building Beat

March 24, 2016

Upcoming ...

Friday, March 25:

Good Friday
No school

Monday, March 28:

Thomson Elementary
Reading Month/Read With
a Stuffed Animal Day

Tuesday, March 29:

Central Elementary Read-
ing Month/Round Robin
Reading Day

Central Elementary Fourth
Grade Concert, 7 p.m.
DHS Auditorium

Hill Elementary Musical
Petting Zoo, 6:30-8 p.m.

Wednesday, March 30:

Davison High School
Mini-QAR, 4:15-5:15 p.m.

Thursday, March 31:

Early Release Day
for Grades K-8

End of 3rd Marking Period

Central Elementary
Read-a-thon

Hill Elementary
Read-a-thon

Friday, April 1:

No school for students

PD/Records Day for Staff

Welcome State Superintendent Whiston to DCS!

Davison Community Schools will have the privilege of hosting **Mr. Brian Whiston**, Superintendent of Public Instruction with the Michigan Department of Education, on Tuesday, March 29. Superintendent Whiston will be touring Davison High School, GSRP Preschool and Central Elementary and will have a chance to visit and interact with Career Technical Education (DTV, Auto Technology, Marketing and Robotics), instrumental and vocal music, Great Start Readiness Program pre-school and Challenging Academic Potential students and staff. We are looking forward to showing Supt. Whiston what it means to be #DavisonMade!

Science Olympiad students earn medals at regional event

Davison High School's Science Olympiad team was one of 16 teams competing in the 31st annual Region V tournament held Saturday, March 19, at Mott Community College. Davison High School placed fourth in the tournament and students received medals in 19 of the 23 events.

Science Olympiad asks students to build things, do science labs and take science tests in 23 different events. Students use their science knowledge and skills to complete tasks that require critical thinking, reasoning and the application of science. Davison's team is coached by DHS Teachers **Brent Prim** and **Tom Esper**.

"The success of these students is an indication of just how strong Davison's science curriculum is, not just in the high school, but K-12," said Prim.

"We're really proud of the effort put in by our students. Every team member worked hard in preparation for this event," added Esper.

Medaling for Davison were:

Cole Rutledge and **Bradley Skellinger** in Astronomy—1st Place



Science Olympiad team members from Davison High School.

Jacob Prim and **Joseph Luna** in Bridge Building—2nd place
Sam Tracey and **Tiffani Delong** in Electric Vehicle—3rd place
Rachel Brown and **Mariah Seybold** in Disease Detective—5th Place
Tiffani Delong and **Sam Tracey** in Write It, Do It—2nd place
Olivia Clark and **Rachel Brown** in Hydrogeology—3rd Place
Simon LeBeau and **Bradley Skellinger** in Dynamic Planet—5th Place
Chris Dorr and **Mariah Seybold** in Game On—5th Place
Courtney Kazor and **Sam Tracey** in Cell Biology—5th Place
Joseph Luna and **Chris Dorr** in Experimental Design—4th Place
Rachel Brown and **Courtney Kazor** in Anatomy and Physiology—5th Place
Sam Tracey, **Courtney Kazor** and **Tiffany Delong** in Protein Modeling—4th Place
Olivia Clark and **Jacob Prim** in Geologic Mapping—3rd Place
Rachel Brown and **Olivia Clark** in Green Generation—5th Place
Sasha Dudock and **Chris Dorr** in It's About Time—2nd Place
Zach Hathaway and **Simon LeBeau** in Wind Power—6th Place
Cole Rutledge and **Zach Hathaway** in Air Trajectory—4th Place
Jacob Prim and **Simon LeBeau** in Robot Arm—4th Place
Cole Rutledge and **Jacob Prim** in Wright Stuff—6th Place



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DMS, Central students compete at Flint Regional Science Fair

Scientifically savvy Davison Middle Schools students may have been so busy proving hypothesis at last week-end's Flint Regional Science Fair that they may have missed one observation.

"We had 129 projects at the fair this year," said Davison Middle School Teacher **Kirk Hansen**. "That is a record for Davison Middle School."

In addition to the Davison Middle School, several students from Central Elementary also competed in the 2016 Fair.

Finalists and special award winners included:

Abigail Arnes, "Comparison of Non-Sterile and Sterile Soil in a Microbial Fuel Cell," Broadcom MASTERS, \$400
Tia France, "Up On The Rooftops," Broadcom MASTERS, U.S. Navy Office of Naval Research; \$300
Mason Allen, "Helping Hydroponics," Broadcom MASTERS, Mehta Family Awards, \$200
Carsyn Bruns, "Which Cleat Will Give You Maximum Traction?" Broadcom MASTERS, \$200
Jackson Haw, "Comparison Between Biofuels and Non-Renewable Resources," Broadcom MASTERS, "\$200
Libby Olson, "Windturbines—A Wind Wind Solution," Broadcom MASTERS, \$200
Robert Walker, "Is Your Wi-Fi Wacky?" Broadcom MASTERS, Mehta Family Awards, \$200
Hope Cantrell, "Wow This Fire Is Hot," \$100
Ariana Dimaggio, "Chemical Oxidation in Apples," \$100

Madelynn Dunn, "Wind-Wind Solution," \$100

Brendan Fox, "Mag Wire," \$100

Rachel Hall, "Destructive Rain," \$100

Lillian Hathaway, "How Is Cell Phone Bacteria Affected By Ultra-Sound?" \$100

Ryley Hazen, "To Grow or Not To Grow: Effects of Aspartame and Sugar on Plants," \$100

Taylor Kalfayan, "Saddle Pad Science," \$100

Victoria Pyrett, "Does Fertilizer Really Make Grass Greener On The Other Side?" \$100

Madison Rose-Myers, "Air Pollution Worse Indoors or Outdoors?" American Meteorological Society, National Oceanographic Atmospheric Administration, \$100

Maleia Thompson, "Insulation," \$100

Jillian Tracy, "Aero vs Hydro, Which Works Better?" \$100

Trinity Waterson, "Winner, Winner, Chicken Dinner," U.S. Navy Office of Naval Research, \$100

Megan Parsons, "Is Your Counter Wiped Clean?" Explore Lab Science Program (Silver)

Gage Tuttle, "Empty the Algae," Flint River Watershed Coalition

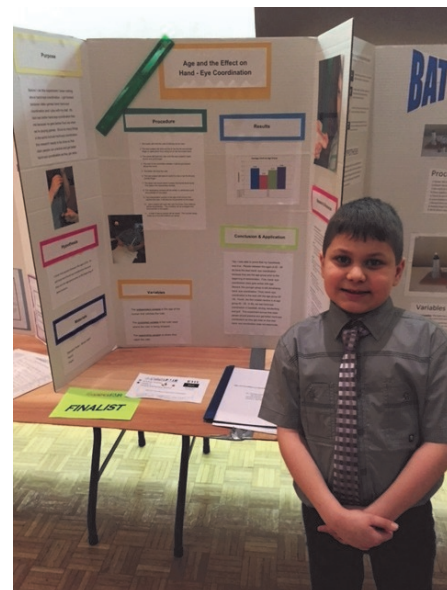
Hailey Vansteenburgh, "Water Filtration Comparison," Association for Women Geoscientists

From Central Elementary:

Andrew Shorkey, "Age and The Effect of Hand-Eye Coordination," McLaren Health Care Corporation (Medicine and Health Service), St. Mary's of Saginaw, Michigan, \$25

Jackson Smith, "What Is The Fastest Way to Cool a Soda?" \$25

Spencer Klanseck, "How Does Color Affect Memory?" Genesys Regional Health Center (Microbiology)



Central Elementary student Andrew Shorkey with his science fair experiment.



Davison Middle School students who were named as finalists in this year's Flint Regional Science Fair held at Kettering University.

Davison High School students become CPR-trained lifesavers

Did you know that each year, about 357,000 Americans have sudden cardiac



arrest outside of a hospital and only about 8 percent of these victims survive? CPR can nearly triple these victims' survival rates by providing assistance until the EMTs arrive. Some students at Davison High School are doing their part to reduce those statistics and recently became

CPR-trained lifesavers each year.

Davison School Nurse **Megan Rule** and trainer **Michelle Fasano** recently conducted the training and students not only learned CPR but how to use Automated External Defibrillators and inject Epi-Pens. Rule and Fasano volunteered their time so the class was free; students just had to pay \$5 to get their certification cards issued by the American Heart Association.

Rule said she hopes to offer more classes to students in the future.



Back row, left to right, Marina Masters, Nurse Megan Rule, Tyler Holmes, Zachary Simpson, Kane Symons, Logan Seeley, Michelle Fasano; Middle row, Sarah Tamalunas, Madison McFall, Justin Simpson, Callie Hogg, Andrea LaRocque, Kacie Love, Sarah Martini; Front row, Colette Walraven, Arionna Brownrigg, Mariah Seybold, Gabrielle Trembley, Samantha Kester. Not pictured is Landan Chomic.

DHS instrumental music students perform at Solo and Ensemble

At the State MSBOA Solo and Ensemble last weekend, the Davison High School Instrumental Program sent 10 events. Of those, seven received a Superior Rating (I) and three received an Excellent Rating (II).

Two students—**Katie Pulaski** and **Marleigh Matthews**—were also invited to participate in the Michigan Youth Arts Festival in May. DHS Instrumental Music Director **Jim Schuster** believes having two students selected for this is a first for Davison.

Katie was invited to apply to be an Outstanding Soloist for the Michigan Youth Arts Festival—another first for a Davison student. According to Mr. Schuster, this means Katie could potentially be the featured soloist who performs her solo with the entire ensemble.

“This is extremely rare,” Schuster said.



Katie



Marleigh

Hahn Heroes of the month named for February

Congratulations to the following students who were named Hahn Heroes for the month of February: **Joshua Arsenault, Jacob Baker, Nathan Carrell, Flynn Crystal, Charles Daunt, Caiden Diaz, Emma Gillian, Danny**

Gunnels, Kolby Howell, Jagger Laidler, Jessica Minto, Andres' Moritz, Jared Musser, Reily Musser, Arianna LaLonde, Danielle Marinco, Rylee Mitchell, Hope Scally, Carson Snyder, Marisa Stone and Elizabeth Swasinski.

Two elementary students members of state championship hockey team

Congratulations to **Andrew Pastor**, second grader at Hill Elementary, and **Nathan Polehna**, third grader at Central Elementary. The two play for the Flint Jr. Firebirds Squirt AA team, which earlier this month clinched a 3-2 win against the Livingston County Lightning to earn the Michigan Amateur Hockey Association's Squirt AA state championship. The team plays out of Iceland Arena.

Andrew is a defenseman and Nathan plays as a forward.



Andrew



Nathan

BPA team earns Davison a sixth place finish at state conference



Corey Williams, Josh Pfiffner and Trifon Bisbikis at state conference.

The Davison High School team that competed at the Business Professionals of America (BPA) state conference last weekend brought home a sixth place win.

The team consisted of **Josh Pfiffner**, **Trifon Bisbikis** and **Corey Williams**. Senior **Justin Simpson** was also a part of the group but could not attend due to baseball; however he did contribute to writing the paper.

"I am incredibly proud of the boys and how they represented Davison High School during the State Leadership Conference," said Davison High School Teacher **Amy Fanning**. "I was honored to be their BPA Advisor."

And Mr. Davison is ...

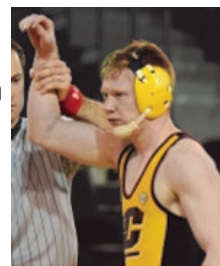
Congratulations to Davison High School junior **Corran Thornton** who was crowned "Mr. Davison" last Friday, March 18. Eleven Davison High School students competed for the title. The boys were judged on confidence, quality of talent and crowd appeal. This was the ninth year for the competition, which is a class fundraiser. teams.

Corran is the son of Jennifer and Kenneth Williams. He is a member of the football and track and field teams. He has been involved in youth football camps and enjoys rapping. After graduation he plans to become a teacher.

Alumni News

Congratulations to **Justin Oliver** (Class of 2014). The Central Michigan University freshman is an NCAA Division 1 All-American wrestler for CMU this year at 149 lbs. Great job!

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





More than 20 players competed in a Chess Tournament at Davison Alternative Education on Monday. Congratulations to winner Dante Dobbins!

